

**Nativity of Our
Lord Catholic
Church**

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**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS



March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent



REFLECTION FROM FR. CHARLES

“GO TO JOSEPH”

In the Catholic Church, the month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. In 1621, Pope Gregory XV established March 19th as the Feast Day of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This date was chosen because of a tradition which believed that St. Joseph died on March 19, but there is no certainty to this claim. The oldest celebration of the feast of St. Joseph was found among Coptic Christians, who celebrated it on the 20th of July, which some apocryphal writings regarded as the date of his death. The feast of St. Joseph was celebrated by some Eastern Churches shortly after Christmas (either on December 26, or the Sunday between December 25 and January 1.)

The expression “*Go to Joseph*”, depicts our trust in Saint Joseph. It is gotten from Genesis 41:55, when during the famine in Egypt, “the Egyptians cried out to the king for food. So, he ordered them to go to Joseph and do what he told them.” Here, Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, and was later appointed the governor over all Egypt. We can then say that by his appointment as governor, Joseph assumed the role of a father figure over all Egypt; for he provided for their daily physical or bodily needs, especially through food.

Fathers are not born but made. And a man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but rather by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Men become fathers when they accept responsibility for the life of another, whether biologically related to them or not. St. Joseph accepted responsibility for the only begotten Son of God conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Being a father entails introducing children or those under your care to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive of them, but instead making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. St. Joseph taught the young Jesus carpentry and guided him through the daily realities of life. St. Joseph guided, protected, and provided for the daily needs of Jesus and Mary. He is the patron of the Universal Church, and as such, he guides and protects the Church like he did Jesus and Mary.

Are we faced with the burden, difficulties, and challenges of life? Are we shy of taking on some responsibilities? Are we drained by the struggles of fatherhood, motherhood, or parenthood? Are we pained by the seemingly eroding nature of world peace? Let us turn to St. Joseph that he may direct, provide, and protect us just as he did to Jesus and Mary. When hit by the fears and difficulties of daily living, the uncertainties of the future and the after-life, the Church seems to say to us, “*Go to Joseph*”.

Fr. Charles Nwamadi, SSJ.

DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of Our Lord: Sunday, 9:30AM, live-streamed.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven: Sunday, 9:00AM

Sacred Heart: Saturday, 5:00PM, Sunday, 8:00AM & 10:00AM

St. Augustine and St. Monica: Sunday, 10:00AM

St. Charles Borromeo: Sunday, 11:30AM

St. Elizabeth: Sunday, 12:00PM

St. Jude: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM

St. Raymond: Saturday, 4:00PM, Sunday, 10:30AM

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs? Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall
want.,.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading:

John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-24

Responsorial Psalm

*With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of
redemption.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading:

John 11:1-45

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus' healing of a man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals the man on the Sabbath. *"So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. The man born blind comes to believe who Jesus is and what it means to be His disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.* There is a lot to consider from today's Gospel including judging others based on their circumstances. Jesus' disciples thought the man born blind was due to his or his parent's sinfulness. How does this Gospel speak to you about your physical and spiritual sight as it relates your journey as a disciple of Jesus? Are there areas of blindness? Deeper revelation?

Reference: [John 9:1-41](#)

The Strangers No Longer Annual Banquet will take place on **Sunday, April 12** at the **Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren** from **12:30 to 4:00**. Tickets are **\$30**. You can purchase your tickets from **Mary Traub** this Sunday.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week, we are asking for items for the Easter bags that will be prepared for the children whose families come to the pantry. We need Filled Easter eggs, Easter Stuffed Animals, and Easter Candy, there is an Amazon Wish list on our Facebook page for those who don't like to shop and it was emailed this week.. Once again, we thank you for all that you do to help us.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. CHARLES!

Now that it is staying light longer, lets really try to support this program.

Monday, St. Augustine/St. Monica, Wednesday, St. Charles, at 6:00PM. On Friday, St. Raymond at 5:00 during Lent.

Liturgical Dance Program

Join us every Saturday for our Liturgical Dance Ministry:

- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM — Youth Session
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM — Adult Session

All are welcome to participate as we praise God through movement and worship. Please see Joseph Taylor for more information on both programs.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WITH SOUP SUPPER

6:00PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20th: St. Augustine/St. Monica
and

Lenten Penance Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th: St. Elizabeth



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Laura Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Judy Bartnik, Judy Brooks, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Fran Carnaghi, Brian Cavanaugh, Erin Cronin, Kingsley Croul, Teri DeHem, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra & Mia Halthon, Jackie Hoskins, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, Allan Patterson, Helen & Keith Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, the Benigni and Chida Families, the Gracey Family, Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, Wilma Wilmer, and all those who need our prayers. **(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)**



Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you, there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety, or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care, knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength. Amen

On the Rise Bakery Cafe

At the Solanus Casey Center
1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO

REMINDERS:

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>
Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we>
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of the church.
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in the front of the church.
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org>
Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



Online Giving

[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026

Donna Hodell (The Nativity Family)

Barbara Gabriel & Pearl Lee
(Lenore Mondalek & Carol Frattini)

Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

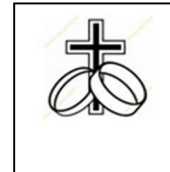
Third Sunday in Lent March 15, 2026

Michael Schram (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

JoAnn Conrad (Kathy Penridge)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-19: Jessica Awan & Debra Marshall



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**ARE WE MISSING YOU? PLEASE LET US
KNOW IN THE OFFICE IF YOUR BIRTHDAY
OR ANNIVERSARY WAS MISSED.**

PARISH DIRECTORY

Fr. Frances Asomkase, SSJ, Moderator-Priest in Solidum

Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Charles Nwamadi, SSJ, Priest in Solidum

Deacon John Wright

Deacon Justus Ihemawuloto

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Norma Danzie

Mashauna Adams

Willie Lewis

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Chris McLaughlin

Jerry Burns

Kim Milligan

Tish Colett

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

Sharon Mudloff

Linda Cunningham

Charvala Wheeler

Nativity's Mission Statement

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's Eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through a commitment to social justice and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.