

**Nativity of Our
Lord Catholic
Church**

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**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS



March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent



REFLECTION FROM FR. DAVID

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus answered: "Are there not twelve hours of Daylight? If a man goes walking by day, he does not stumble because he sees the world bathed in light. But if he goes walking at night he will stumble since there is no light in him." After uttering these words, he added, "Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him."

Jesus uses the events of our lives to instruct us and help us to see his path; and to understand what he wishes to do in our lives. We are in a world of uncertainty and darkness. Will the Iranians, in anger, find new methods of warfare to punish Donald Trump and the United States? Is our economy about to crash? What will happen to our churches during the Archdiocesan reorganization? What will happen with my health and that of my loved ones?

Jesus knew that Lazarus' death would be an opportunity to demonstrate his power over life and death. On hearing of Lazarus' sickness, he purposely does not immediately go to Bethany but waits several days so that their friend would be long buried. Jesus desires that his power to raise the dead be absolutely clear. Jesus was not in the dark; he knows what was about to happen for Lazarus (and for us in our struggles). "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, so that they may believe that you sent me."

Well, Jesus is sent to us in the midst of griefs and uncertainties. Our response should be: "Lord I wish we could have felt your loving power sooner, but with confidence we believe that you will raise all believers on the last day. Until then, hold our hands and lead us through the trials of this life. Fr. David



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
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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Palm Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm
My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 26:14-27:66

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Our Gospel today recounts the miracle of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. His sisters, Mary and Martha had sent word to Him saying, ***“Master, the one you love is ill.”*** When Jesus heard this he said to his disciples, ***“This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”*** Jesus delayed and arrived when Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. No doubt the sisters were heart-broken over their brother's death. They thought it was too late and said to Him, ***“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”*** When Jesus tells Martha her brother will rise, she replied, ***“I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.”*** Jesus told her, ***“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*** In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death. As we approach the Easter Vigil, this Gospel calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in Him may have eternal life. How does the following statement by Jesus speak to you? ***“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*** During difficult circumstances of your life when God does not act as quickly as you want, how do you respond?

Reference: John 11:1-45

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.

LAST STATIONS OF THE CROSS-SOUP SUPPER

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th 6:00PM

HOSTED BY ST. ELIZABETH @NATIVITY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need pork & beans, noodles, and Cake mix and frosting. 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.



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

THE DETROIT EASTSIDE FAMILY OF PARISHES

2026
HOLY WEEK &
Easter Sunday

MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – April 2, 2026
Sacred Heart – 5:00 PM
Nativity, SASM, St. Charles, and St. Elizabeth at Nativity – 6:00 PM
St. Raymond – 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY – April 3, 2026
Nativity, SASM, and St. Elizabeth at Nativity 12 Noon
Sacred Heart – 12:00 Noon
St. Raymond – 12:00 Noon
St. Charles – 6:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL – April 4, 2026
SASM, Nativity, St. Charles, and St. Elizabeth at SASM – 8:30 PM
St. Raymond – 6:30 PM
Sacred Heart – 9:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5, 2026
Sacred Heart – 8:00 AM
Our Lady Queen of Heaven – 9:00 AM
Nativity – 9:30 AM
SASM – 10:00 AM
Sacred Heart – 10:00 AM
St. Raymond – 10:30 AM
St. Jude – 10:30 AM
St. Charles – 11:30 AM
St. Elizabeth at Nativity – 12 Noon

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026

Michael Schram (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

JoAnn Conrad (Kathy Penridge)

Palm Sunday March 29, 2026

Carol Clemons (Norma Danzie & Patty Adams)

Doris & Alfred Pelham (Francis Carnaghi)

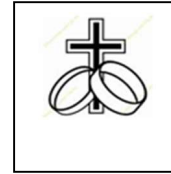
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-23: James Turnbull

03-24: Gail Urso

03-26: Sarah Awan & Judy Dupre

03-27: Rosanne Schwartz



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

03-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy

**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.