

**Nativity of Our
Lord Catholic
Church**

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**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

NATIVITY NEWS



**April 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY**



REFLECTION FROM FR. FRANCIS

ALLELUIA: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, AND DO NOT BE AFRAID (John 14:27)

The Feast of Easter is the central pillar of our Christian Faith. Easter reassures us that the Christian God is a God whose promises are always fulfilled. Easter proves to us that God never rescinds His plans. Indeed, Easter affirms that God never leaves us in the middle of the road.

Christian Theology teaches that God created the human person in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:27). Unfortunately, even with the love and comfort accorded to the human person, humanity betrayed God by choosing fame and vain glory over God (Genesis 3:1-6). But because God cannot go against His nature, His loving attribute, He sent His only begotten son to come and redeem the world (John 3:16). God-man entered into human history to begin the work of our salvation (John 1:14). However, as we know from our experiences, starting a project and finishing the project are two different things. While Christmas is a celebration of the beginning of our salvation project, Easter is a celebration of its completion. As St. Paul rightly captures it, “by taking the very nature of a servant,” Christ “humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2: 7-8). He puts it even better when he says, “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). Easter, therefore, is an expression of our profound gratitude to the Triune God. It is a thanksgiving for a mission accomplished.

The message of Easter is one of triumph. It is the triumph of life over death, the triumph of good over evil, the triumph of light over darkness, the triumph of love over hatred, the triumph of peace over hostility, and the triumph of hope over despair. Easter reminds us that God is both loving and powerful. It reminds us that, out of love, God created us; out of justice, God condemned us; but out of mercy, God has redeemed us through Christ, who has conquered both sin and death.

Our hope, thus, is in the resurrection. We are no longer afraid of death because death no longer has victory over us. The words of Jesus to the women at His tomb on the first Easter morning, “Do not be afraid...for He is risen” (Matthew 28:5-6) summed up the significance of Easter. So, let us not be afraid, but remain hopeful even as we face life’s challenges. May the risen Christ make us channels of peace, agents of reconciliation, beacons of hope, instruments of love, and bearers of good news. Ken Iti i Ter, man Wan, man Chian Jijingi. Amen.

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

Easter Sunday

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading:

John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading:

John 20:19-31

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Hallelujah! In today's Gospel we read the tomb is empty! Mary of Magdala has discovered the empty tomb and ran to tell Simon Peter and John. ***"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."*** They run to the tomb and find the burial cloths but the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was rolled up in a separate place. This would be unusual if Jesus' body had been stolen. The Gospel passage concludes that the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. If we read further, we learn the disciples returned home but Mary remained. Jesus appears to her and says, ***"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"*** *She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."* Jesus said to her, ***"Mary!"*** *She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni,"^{*} which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me,^{*} for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"* Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day journey on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. How will you use this time to transition from the agony of Jesus' death to His glorious resurrection? Will you take time to hear Him speak to you as Mary of Magdala did? Will it be a time to have greater understanding of His love for you and call to discipleship?

References: [Jn 20:1-9](#); [Jn 20:10-18](#)

Christ is Risen!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PANTRY NEEDS

We are so grateful for your continued support of the pantry. This week we need cereal, peanut butter (regular size,) and vegetables. 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

REGISTRATION FOR PARISH LISTENING SESSIONS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
5900 McClellan
Detroit, Michigan 48213

DATES & TIMES
April 27 & April 29
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

What is a Parish Listening Session?

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit will hold two listening sessions open to the public in the spring of 2026. These listening sessions are intended to gather feedback from parishioners about potential pastorate models — or groupings of parishes led by a pastor — involving their parish. Feedback during these listening sessions will be shared with the Core Planning Team and with Archbishop Weisenburger for his discernment.

Your voice matters. Come share your thoughts, experiences, and hopes for our parish community.

To Register or For More Information Call:
(313) 922-0033

All Parishioners and Community Members



Scan to Register

YOUR VOICE MATTERS – ALL ARE WELCOME

<https://restructuring.aod.org/faqs-about-listening-sessions>

[Parish Listening Session Registration](#)

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

MASS Intentions

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

The Nativity Family

The Detroit Eastside Family of Parishes

Justin Carnaghi (Frances Carnaghi)

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

Judy Danielak (The Nativity Family)

Rita Kelly (Lenore Mondalek)

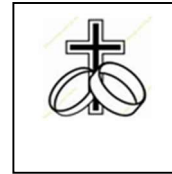
Glennis Deisinger (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

04-05: Coleman Ward and Chevonne Wheeler

04-07: Ruby Gatson

04-10: Raymond Hardaway, Jr



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. 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.