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We are a **praying, learning and caring** community
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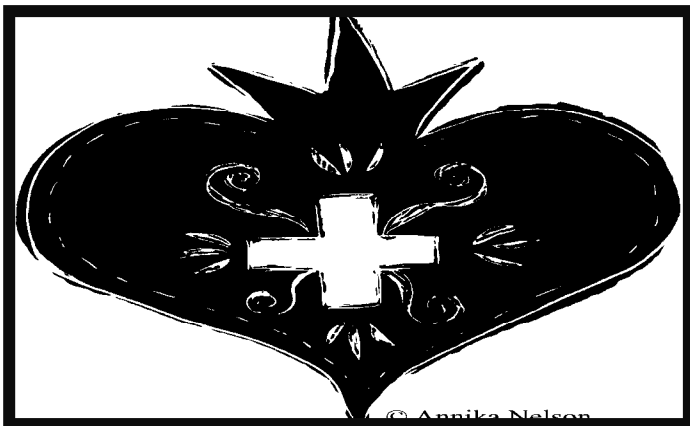
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"WITH YOUR SPIRIT"**

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The LORD tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4

SPEAK LIFE

A group of frogs was traveling through the woods looking for a bigger pond when two of them fell into a very deep hole. The other frogs crowded around, and when they saw just how deep the hole was they shook their heads and started calling to the two frogs at the bottom that they were as good as dead. The two frogs ignored the shouting and with all their might kept trying to jump up out of the hole. The other frogs jeered at them and told them to give up as their efforts were useless. Finally, one of the frogs stopped jumping and, panting heavily, fell on his side. He lay still and soon died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. The crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just give up and die. He jumped even harder, and finally made it out of the top of the hole. When he got out, the other frogs were astonished and asked him, "Didn't you hear us?" The frog look puzzled and asked them to repeat what they had just said because he was a bit deaf. He thought they had been shouting encouragement to him! There is power in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone in difficult circumstances can lift them up and help them to make it through another day. Destructive words, on the other hand, can be all it takes to deprive them of hope and life. The power of words is much greater than we may think. Be careful what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The person who makes the effort to encourage another is special indeed.

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PALABRAS DE VIDA

Un grupo de ranas iban por todo el bosque en busca de un charco más grande cuando súbitamente dos de ellas caen dentro de un hoyo bien profundo. Las otras ranas rodearon el hoyo y cuando vieron lo profundo que era hicieron un gesto de frustración con su cabeza y le gritaron a las ranas que estaban en el fondo que era imposible sacarlas. Las dos ranas, ignorando toda la gritería de sus compañeras, seguían intentando saltar fuera del hoyo con todas sus fuerzas. Las otras ranas se burlaban de ellas diciéndoles que se dieran por vencidas, pues todos sus esfuerzos serían inútiles. Por fin una de las ranas dejó de saltar y jadeando fuertemente cayó de lado; unos segundos más tarde murió. La otra rana continuó saltando tan alto como podía. Las demás ranas le gritaban que dejara de sufrir, se diera por vencida y se resignara a morir; pero la rana en el hoyo trataba aún más hasta que por fin su salto la sacó afuera. Las ranas quedaron asombradas y le preguntaron: "¿Es que no nos oías?" La rana estaba un tanto confundida y les pidió que repitieran lo que acababan de decir pues estaba un poco sorda. ¡Ella pensó que las ranas que estaban arriba le gritaban para darle ánimo! La lengua tiene mucho poder. Una palabra de aliento a alguien que pasa por una situación difícil puede levantarle su espíritu para poder seguir un día más. Las palabras destructivas, por otro lado, bien pueden descorazonar y quitarle toda esperanza a una persona. El poder de las palabras es mucho mayor de lo que podemos imaginar. Ten cuidado con lo que dices. Ofrece palabras vivificantes a aquellos con los que te cruces en el camino. La persona que hace un esfuerzo para animar a otra es verdaderamente especial.

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Some Thoughts on “The New Translation”

Now that we are well on our way in the use of different wording than we have been used to in prayers at Mass, I would like to share with you what it has been like at my side of the altar!

Like all pastors in our Catholic parishes, I gave a great deal of thought to the way I presented the changes. I wanted to avoid getting people all worked up by the very thought of change. From my perspective, that part has worked well.

You have been great! I really admire the openness and full response of the congregation at Mass. Congratulations!



Our mantra has been
“the way we pray shapes what we believe
 /and/
our beliefs are the reason we pray the way we do.”

For example, we Catholics are “catholic” – that is, universal. The Church includes people of all times and cultures. In our lifetime, English is the most common language around the world. More and more ethnic groups were using the English text of the Mass to translate the Mass prayers into their local languages. Because there are so many varieties of English the way people were expressing their faith was getting less clear and precise.

Pope John Paul II for the Year 2000 Millennium of our Savior’s birth published a new official text of the Roman Missal in the Latin languages that has remained the same through the centuries. Many Popes have kept this Missal up to date with new liturgical feasts and celebrations.

It has taken eleven years for the many English speaking countries to agree upon a shared translation of the Roman Missal. The benefit has been our using the same words in prayer. The downside is English text is the work of a committee!

Consubstantial is not to be confused with Constantinople,
 the original name for the city in Turkey now called Istanbul!

God bless you,

Fr. Lawrence Purcell, Pastor



FEBRUARY 4 - 11

MASS

SATURDAY

5 pm 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Karen Fannigan, RIP

SUNDAY

7:30 am For All Parishioners
9:00 am Melvina Valletti, RIP
10:30 am Regan Family Special Intention

MONDAY

8 am 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Bill Lewis, RIP

TUESDAY

8 am 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Sheila Duffy, RIP

WEDNESDAY

8 am 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Elaine & Doug Perrin, RIP

THURSDAY

8 am 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Barbara Sutherland, RIP

FRIDAY

8 am 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Carlo Resta, RIP

SATURDAY

5 pm 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Mary Schertler, RIP

Mass cards for your intentions for 2012 are now available in the Parish Office.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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SUNDAY'S MUSIC

The **Call to Worship** is set from Psalm 95 by Sid Ferantelli of La Jolla: *Come, let us worship the Lord, let us bow down in the presence of the Lord, for he is the Lord our God.*

The **Offertory** is Adoramus te, Christe (We adore thee, O Christ) by Giovanni Pierluigi (1525-1594) known as da Palestrina after his birthplace near Rome. He was a prolific composer of masses and motets and a giant among the native Italian musicians of the 16th century, none of whom were more skilled in realizing the functional and aesthetic aims of Catholic church music in the age of the Counter-Reformation. The Adoramus te translates: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the World.*

The **Communion at 7:30 and 9** begins with *Jubilate Deo* by Orlandus Lassus (1532-94), a Franco-Flemish composer, born in Mons, who represents the culmination of Renaissance musical art. The text is from Psalm 99: *Let all the earth rejoice in God, serve him with gladness, enter his presence with joy, for the Lord is God indeed.*

The **second piece at 9** is by Thomas Mudd who was born before 1619 and died in 1667. His career was somewhat checkered; he was employed by several cathedrals, but was dismissed from one for refusing to take holy orders, and by another for unruly behavior and drunkenness. He managed to hold an appointment at another for a year before being dismissed, and then was appointed to a new position before dying two weeks later. The text is: *Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

The **third piece** is by the Irish composer Charles Wood (1886-1926): *The eyes of all hope in you, O Lord, and you give them meat in due season. You open your hand, and fill every living creature with your blessing.*

The **Communion at 10:30** begins with the motet *Veritas mea* by George Malcolm (1917 - 1997) who was accepted at the Royal College of Music at age seven. After graduating from Oxford, he was on the threshold of his career as a professional pianist when the onset of war drastically changed the direction of his life. After national service, a distinguished career began as a harpsichord virtuoso, chamber music pianist, and conductor. He had a deep affinity with Catholic church music and from 1947-1959 was the Director of Music at Westminster Cathedral. He enjoyed great success there, and the sound of his choir so impressed Benjamin Britten that he wrote his *Missa Brevis* especially for it. Malcolm later left the Cathedral to enable him to accept the ever increasing demands on him for concert performances. The text of this piece is from Psalm 89, verse 8 and translates: *My truth and my love shall be with him: by my name his might is exalted.*

The second piece is the Wood *Oculi omnium*, above.



PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family through the waters of Baptism the following:

Jax Michael
Child of Kristin and Joel Bertrand

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning? Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in *Faith Direct* for automated giving to Church of the Nativity. *Faith Direct* is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is CA288. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call *Faith Direct's* toll-free number, 866-507-8757, for more information. I hope you will consider taking advantage of this new way of giving. Your generosity means a great deal to our parish family.

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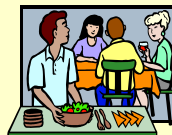
Please sign-up for our Disciples in Mission small groups today in the Narthex. For more information you may contact Kathy Alameda at (858) 756-9755 or kathyalameda@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!



NEW BIBLE STUDY SESSION

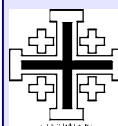
We hope you will join us for our study on the Book of Revelation. We meet each Monday in the Commons from 9:15-11:00 a.m. for video lectures and small group study. No experience is necessary just your desire to explore the Word of God. Questions? Call Terri Matthews 858-759-1475
Question of the Week: *What makes John's revelation as "prophetic" message? Rev 1:3*



WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

Please join us for our February Lunch on Sunday, February 19th at 12:15 pm at Paradise Grille, 2690 Via de la Valle (Flower Hill), Del Mar, 92014.

The price is \$25 per person. For reservations/information call Pat Smart at 858-259-7794 or Mary Lou Matthews at 858-481-6255 by February 16th.



STAY INFORMED

If you would like to stay informed about Nativity Parish, please access our website at:

www.nativitycatholic.org

There is information about the Church and School, an audio file of Father's homily from the previous Sunday as well as an archive of the past 52 weeks of our bulletin.

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858-756-6763**Administrative Assistant:** Jodee Ann Moore, 858-756-1911**Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon;
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm****Pastoral Council:** Joel Bertrand, Kristin Bertrand,
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John & Kathleen Urquhart, Call the Parish Office,
858-756-1911**PASTORAL CARE:****Nativity Samaritans:** Patti Smiley, 858-756-1911.**Childcare:** Attended care is provided in the play room off
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September to June. Mary Lou Matthews, 858-481-
6255**Men of Nativity: Meet First Thursday of the month**
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Contact Marlynn McCullogh 760-436-1924.**Eucharistic Adoration:** First & Third Fridays, after 8:00 am Mass.**Perpetual Help Novena:** Tuesdays, after 8:00 am Mass.**Rosary:** Weekdays, after 8 am Mass**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:**

Classes meet September through June

PRESCHOOL THROUGH JUNIOR HIGHContact: Patti Smiley, 858-756-1911, ext. 6.
Preschool to 6th Grade: Sundays, 8:50 - 10:05am
at Nativity SchoolK-6 Classes will have their first semester testing today.
No class for students next week as Parent Teachers
Conferences will be conducted during the usual class
time.**HIGH SCHOOL**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext 5.

High School Youth Group (9th thru 12th Grade):
Meet Sundays from 5:00 to 6:15There will be no class on February 5. We resume on
February 12 at the normal times.**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RCIA):**Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext 5. A new
class starting in the Fall.The Rite of Election will be Sunday February 26
from 2pm-7pm. We will meet at Nativity and carpool to
Golden Hall and get something to eat afterwards.**HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**Confirmation Class Invitations for eligible
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Class #1 will be on February 12 from
3:30-4:30pm in the Commons. Please bring
a pen and 3 ring binder to all classes and
have the Registration Forms turned in by February 8.
The Confirmation Mass is May 13 at 10:30am with Bishop
Brom.