



NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Proclaiming the Good News with great joy to all people

December 28, 2025



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DAILY MASSES

7:00 a.m. (M, T, W & TH)
8:00 a.m. (M, T, TH & F)
8:15 a.m. (Wednesday)
7:00 p.m. Español (Viernes)
8:30 a.m. (Saturday)

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. (ASL) (Church)
4:00 p.m. Español (Capilla)

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. English (Church)
8:30 a.m. English (Church)
10:30 a.m. English (Church)
12:30 p.m. Español (Iglesia)
5:00 p.m. English - LifeTeen (Church)

CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY

9:00-9:30 a.m. & 2:45-3:45 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Church Office

(813) 681-4608

Nativity Catholic School

(813) 689-3395

Faith Formation

(813) 689-9101

Youth Ministry

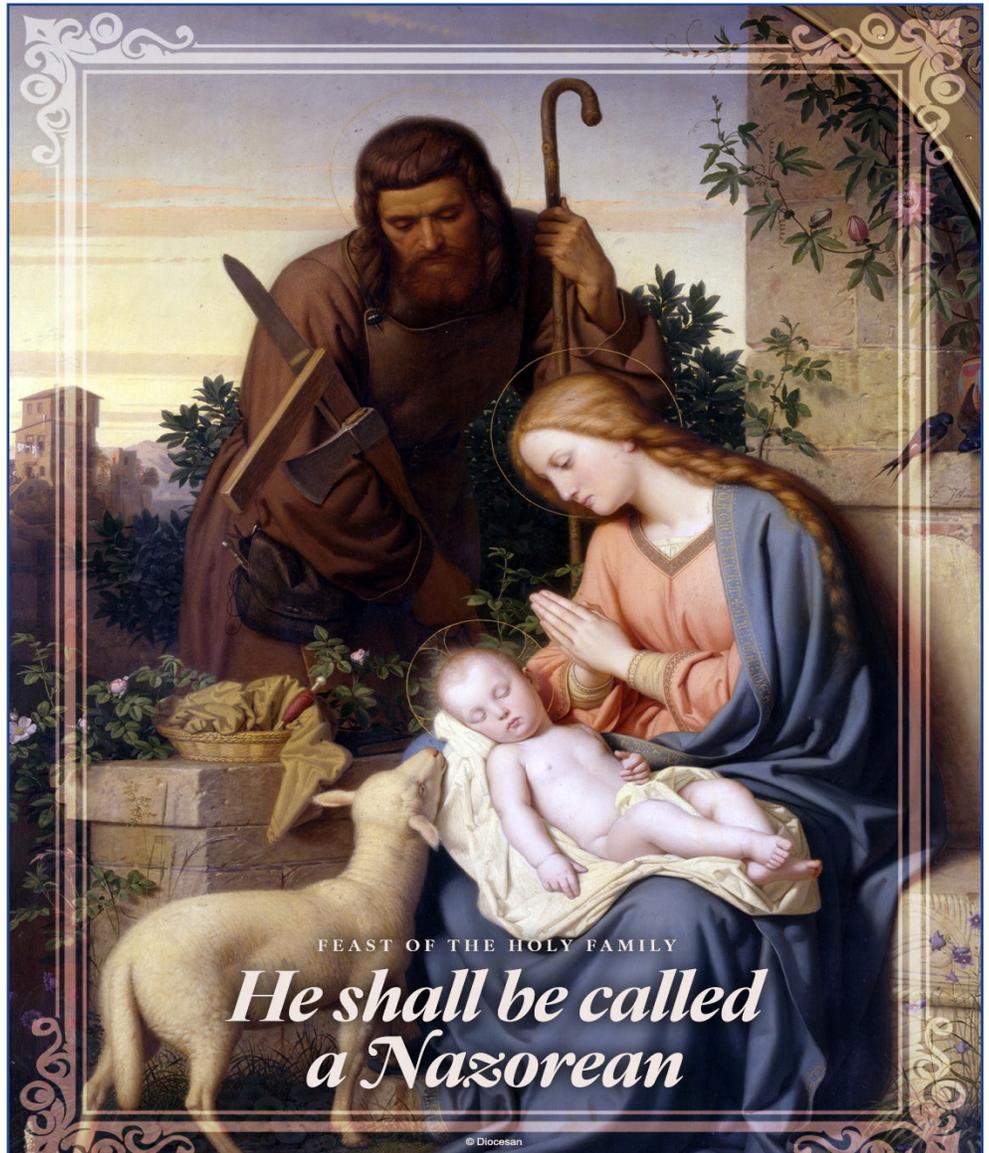
(813) 689-4147

Pastoral Care

(813) 413-8351

Food Pantry

(813) 694-0541



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*He shall be called
a Nazorean*

© Diocesan

CLERGY OF NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Mike Smith, *Pastor*

Father Izzie Hernandez, *Parochial Vicar*

Father George Gyasi, *Assisting*

Deacon Joe Allison

Deacon Robert Harris

Deacon Dr. Mark Taylor

Deacon Rick Zeitler

**LIVE
STREAM**

Daily Mass

8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass

10:30 a.m. (English)

12:30 p.m. (Español)

705 E Brandon Blvd., Brandon, FL 33511



A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! As we move forward into 2026, we look to the future with great hope and to the past with fond memories of 2025! One of the greatest ways that we can celebrate the New Year is with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on Thursday, January 1. This solemnity is a holy day of obligation but also is a great way to celebrate the new year!

The Jubilee Year of Hope established by Pope Francis for 2025 will be ending on January 6. Throughout this past year, Catholics throughout the world made pilgrimages to Rome while many others journeyed to designated locations in their dioceses. On December 28, the Holy Doors at St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls will be closed. The Jubilee Year of Hope will end on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, when Pope Leo XIV officiates at the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's.

We've just finished our fourth year of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. The Catholic Ministry Appeal is based on a best-effort goal which we are highly encouraged to meet. The funds raised in the Catholic Ministry Appeal support ministries that assist the parishes, such as Youth Ministry and Vocations. As of December 11, we reached 93% of our goal of \$398,337. So far \$371,706 has been pledged. I'm confident that we can meet our goal before the end of the year. For more information about the Catholic Ministry Appeal, please go to <https://www.dosp.org/catholicministryappeal/>. Thank you so much for your generosity! Your contribution goes a long way in the support of seminarians studying for the priesthood; marriage and family life programs; as well as those ministries that support the least, the lost and the lonely.

May God's blessings be with you always!

Fr. Mike Smith, Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29

7:00 a.m. John, Luke & Carmela Libuano

8:00 a.m. Sheryl Pathyil

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 a.m. George Anthony

8:00 a.m. Kassandra Hoffman

Wednesday, December 31 (New Year Eve)

7:00 a.m. Mary Gostola

8:00 a.m. Lynn, Linda, Alfredo DeVera

4:00 p.m. **(English)(ASL)(Church)** NPF

4:00 a.m. **(Español)(Chapel)** NPF

Thursday, January 1 (New Year)

7:00 a.m. Shirly Pathyil

8:30 a.m. Sandy & Rey Reyes

10:30 a.m. Nativity Parish Family

12:30 p.m. **(Español)** Nativity Parish Family

Friday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Carl Redderson

7:00 p.m. **(Español)** Manuel Limon

Saturday, January 3

8:30 a.m. **(Church)** Mathew, Arun, Elizabeth

4:00 p.m. **(Church)** Mary & Peter O'Neil

4:00 p.m. **(Español)** Nativity Parish Family

Sunday, January 4

7:00 a.m. **(Church)** Nativity Parish Family

8:30 a.m. **(Church)** Evelyn Hamilton

10:30 a.m. **(Church)** Nativity Men's Emmaus

12:30 p.m. **(Español | Templo)**

Fernando Rodriguez-Lamberty

5:00 p.m. **(Church)** Jeffrey Charles Miltner

* NPF - Nativity Parish Family

A Mass may be offered for any person, living or deceased. A Mass Intention is requested usually for a specific date and time. Announcement of the intention may be made verbally, published in the bulletin, or posted on a notice board. Every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) one Mass Intention must be celebrated pro populo (for the people.) Please contact the Church Office at (813) 681-4608 for more information on scheduling a Mass Intention at Nativity.



INTO YOUR HANDS

Into your hands O Lord, we commend the souls of our recently departed. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAY FOR THE SICK, SUFFERING, AND SHUT-INS TO WELCOME THE STRENGTH OF GOD'S LOVE, ESPECIALLY:

Victoria Cruz, Susan Addisson, Monica Colon, Stephen Smaldone, Baby Joe Mestas, Liz Palmisano, Sam Kroll, Barbara Kroll, Georgette Nelson, Alexander Brooks Petrilli, Joan Bartlett, Padre Gustavo Alejandro Cunill, Penka Gilart Marinova, Mara Luisa Rodriguez Sanchez del Rio, Michael Bateman, Florence Purse, Rafael Paneque Alvarez, Miriam de La Caridad Verdicia-Blanco, Leslie Lynn Irvin, Blanca Alionuska Barrios-Peregrin, Juan Thomas Sanchez, Linda Kalen, Angel Luis Domecq Moreno, Gordy Vrooman, Ed Epps, Debbie Console, Mary Restivo, Maribelis Lopez de Peralta, Armando de Armas, Tania Domecq Galano, Vanessa Hansen, Angel Luis Domecq Gilart, Mel Obasi, Joanna Barbolla, Lauren, Perfecto Arrocho, Andre Jr., Dajane Russell, Mary Keenan, Jack Clifton Elliott, Wanda Perez, Owen Bennett, Paula Fernandez de Garza, Danny Sodre, T.J. Parker, Michael Barrett, Irma Barrett, Angela Hall

This bulletin was printed in advance. Updates to the Prayer List will be included in the next available bulletin.

Mary

MOTHER OF GOD

MASSES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00 p.m. English/ASL (Church)

4:00 p.m. Spanish (Chapel)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

7:00 a.m. English (Church)

8:30 a.m. English (Church)

10:30 a.m. English (Church)

12:30 p.m. Spanish (Church)





AROUND THE PARISH

MARIAN SHRINES



WITH FR. NATHAN AND FR. IZZIE

\$6,599 per person

September 12-24, 2026

13 days in 5 countries: Ireland, Portugal, France, Poland, Bosnia and Herzegovina

DESTINATION

Knock-Galway- Lourdes -
Medjugorje - Fatima - Krakow -
Our Lady of Czestochowa

Trip includes: flights from anywhere in the US, transfers as per itinerary, daily Mass, stays at 5 or 4-star hotels, all breakfast and dinners, all tips, guided tours and tour fees, luggage handling (1 suitcase & 1 carry-on)

SCAN TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFO.



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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

BY THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

In today's second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:17). "Whatever you do" that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything "in the name of the Lord." Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.



OUR HOLY FAMILY



We celebrate the Holy Family and their faith in God's plan. In this New Year, let's reflect on our family's journey of faith, trust and our commitment to listening for holy guidance each day. Are you being called to help minister to our neighbors in need of assistance? Prayerfully consider donating your time & talent to a ministry of service to others. Thank you to all who support us by financial donations in the Poor Boxes!. **Contact us at 813-376-8901 for assistance information.**

CALENDAR | STEWARDSHIP

Church Office Hours

December 29 - 31: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

January 1 & 2: Office will be closed

Sunday - 12/28/2025		
Family Promise Host	7:00AM-9:00PM	Sr Jackie House
Hispanic Legion of Mary	10:00AM-11:30AM	Oakwood Room
Monday - 12/29/2025		
Family Promise	7:00AM-9:00PM	Sr Jackie House
St Vincent de Paul	9:30AM-3:30PM	Pastoral Care Building
Tuesday - 12/30/2025		
Family Promise	7:00AM-9:00PM	Sr Jackie House
Legion of Mary English	9:00AM-11:00AM	Pastoral Care Building
Millions of Monica's Prayer Group	10:00AM-11:00AM	Chapel
KofC Officers Planning Mtg.	5:30PM-9:00PM	Oakwood Room
Wednesday - 12/31/2025 (New Year Eve)		
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN WILL BE OPEN 9:00AM - 12:00PM		
Meals on Wheels	10:30AM - 11:30AM	Social Hall D
Thursday - 1/1/2026 (Mary, Mother of God)		
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
Friday - 1/2/2026		
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
Come as You Are Al-Anon Family Group	10:30AM-11:30AM	Adult Ed Building



A new 6-week session of the Bereavement Support Group

Will begin on Friday, January 9th, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

201 South Oakwood (across from the Church)

The group is led by JoAnn Buffington, LMHC, LLC

And Howard Baum, LMHC

For more information or to register

Contact the Pastoral Care Office at 813-413-8351



5 REASONS TO USE ONLINE GIVING



1. Tailor your donations

You determine the amount of the gift, the schedule of donation, and from the source you choose.

2. You Chose

Give by credit card or by transferring from your bank. Your funds, your choice.



3. Consistent Support

Be assured that Nativity received continued support even with life's interruptions.



4. Safe and Secure

Your online giving and credit information is safe and secure. You are in control.



5. Faithful Stewardship

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Cor 9:7*



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AROUND THE PARISH

an **EMMAUS** experience

Step away from the distractions of daily life and into a space of **spiritual renewal.**

WALK WITH US



Men of Nativity are invited to experience an Emmaus Retreat, a powerful opportunity to pause, reflect, and deepen your relationship with Christ through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. The retreat will be held January 16–18, 2026, at the Franciscan Retreat Center, with transportation, lodging, meals, and all materials included. Registration will be available after all Masses from December 21 through January 11. For details, contact John Mazuchowski at jmazucho@gmail.com or 813-927-0983, or Jonathan Lodrigues at jrlodrigues@gmail.com or 813-495-7272.

Thank You, Nativity!

As we look back on 2025, we extend our **heartfelt gratitude** to you for supporting our mission in La Victoria. Through your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure, Partners with La Victoria was able to:

- Build 5 safe, secure homes for families in greatest need
- Bring Hermana Natividad to Brandon
- Help educate, nourish, and provide medical care for nearly 150 students enrolled at the Nutrition Center
- Send donations of tablets, shoes, and clothing
- Offer construction classes
- Promote our Catholic faith

Looking Ahead to 2026 we hope to:

- Support completion of the Nutrition Center’s 2nd floor
- Continue to provide funding to provide education, meals, and medical care for Nutrition Center students
- Keep building homes
- Support our sister parish, St. Anthony of Padua

Thank you, Nativity, for being a true reflection of Christ’s love in action.

To help continue this life-changing ministry, please visit: pwlv.org



Pwlv.org

AROUND THE PARISH

 You are Invited
January 24, 2026

The Women's Guild Presents: Annual Tea Party "Once Upon a Story"

\$25 per ticket | Open to ages 5+ | Tickets on sale
January 11th & 18th in the social hall. We accept cash, check & credit card. If you would like to order between December 15 & January 17th please contact Paula at (813)760-6245.

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"FOLLOW THE NEWS"

STAY CONNECTED

Get all the latest news, current events in and around the parish and stay informed on all that is happening here at Nativity.

-  **FACEBOOK:** Facebook.com/NativityBrandon
-  **INSTAGRAM:** Instagram.com/NativityBrandon
-  **YOUTUBE:** YouTube.com/NativityBrandon
-  **E-NEWSLETTER:** NativityCatholicChurch.org/Newsletter
-  **WEBSITE:** NativityCatholicChurch.org

Ignite Your Faith at the Catholic Women's Conference.

On February 7, 2026, Join women from Tampa Bay for a day of faith, fellowship, and inspiration at the Spirit FM Catholic Women's Conference! Enjoy speakers, Mass, music, vendors, and meals. Tickets: MySpiritFM.com/WomensConference





AROUND THE PARISH



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN

ST. CARLO ACUTIS



NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2026-2027 ENROLLMENT

JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 13

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
APPLYING, PLEASE SUBMIT AN
INQUIRY TODAY!**

NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCAN TO INQUIRE



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**SPACES ARE LIMITED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION DURING THE ENROLLMENT WINDOW.**

The mission of Nativity Catholic School, in partnership with our families, is to prepare and inspire each student academically and spiritually to serve the Body of Christ.