

Nativity Catholic Church
Celebration of the Eucharist
5pm, October 31, 2026

╬ Introductory Rites ╬

Processional Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy NICAEA



Text: 11 12 12 10; Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876.

Penitential Rite

Gloria *Mass of Renewal* Stephan

Collect

╬ Liturgy of the Word ╬

First Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6



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Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28



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Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Homily

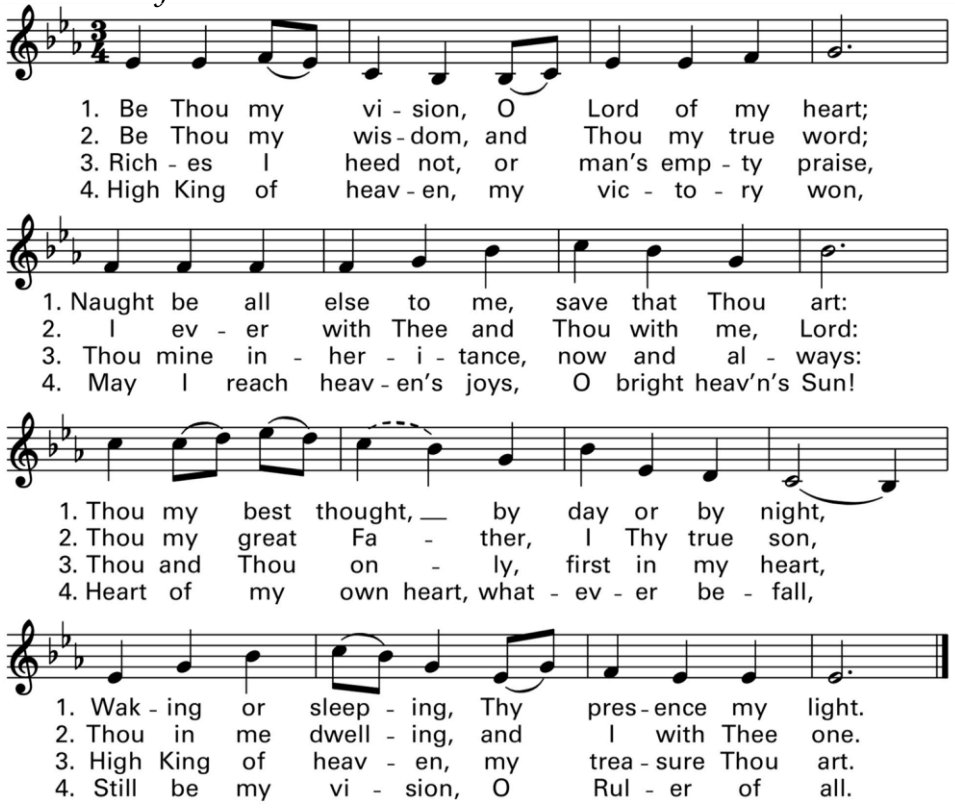
Profession of Faith

Universal Prayer

╬ Liturgy of the Eucharist ╬

Preparation of the Gifts

Be Thou My Vision SLANE



Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael,* 1912, alt.
Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary,* 1927.

Prayer over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy	*Mass of Renewal*	Stephan
We Proclaim Your Death	*Mass of Renewal*	Stephan
Amen	*Mass of Renewal*	Stephan

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

The Sign of Peace

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God	*Mass of Renewal*	Stephan

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Music during the Communion Procession

I Am the Bread of Life Toolan



Text: John 6:35, 44, 53-54; 11:25-27; Suzanne Toolan, RSM; rev. by Ronald F. Krisman.
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Meditation

O How Blessed Schutte



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Prayer After Communion

╬ Concluding Rites ╬

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

Sing with All the Saints in Glory HYMN TO JOY



Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812–1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796–1867.

"We are God's People"

1 Peter 2:10

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Lord our God
we come before you and implore your help
as we strive to defend and protect
the lives of the unborn
and the sacred bond of marriage.

Hear our plea and grant that,
united in faith
and under the protection of Mary our Mother,
we may be fearless in defending
any attack against human life and the family
as we vote “no” in Virginia’s elections
to the amendments
that threaten these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon government leaders,
especially upon those in our Commonwealth, and
inspire within them a profound respect for the
dignity of all human life
and the good of marriage and family.

Father in Heaven,
we cannot do this without Your help,
in Your mercy we beg You
to hear and answer our prayers.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.