

When they saw the **STAR**,
they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.

Matthew 2:10, KJV



The Herald

December 2025



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Join us for Advent Studies led by Fr. Brian!

“Right on Time:

The Coming and Going of Life and Death”

Sundays during Advent

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. | Wolfe Hall

Christmas Cookie Baking and Fun!

Father Brian and Deborah are hosting a
Christmas Cookie Exchange & Bake Off

Saturday, December 20th
from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.!

Bring your favorite cookie(s) recipe and ingredients and
join the fun. We will be baking, eating cookies, sharing
stories and having lots of fun. Extra cookies will be
shared at the Ingathering coffee hour.



Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist

& Healing

10:00 a.m.

Join us Online!

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or

youtube.com/nativitypsl

or

Instagram.com/Nativitypsl

Christmas 2025

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Service

10:30 p.m. Carols

11:00 p.m. Midnight Christmas Service

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Service



Stewardship Thought



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

Friends, our stewardship letters have gone out along with a pledge card. Will you review your budget and pray for guidance to determine your ability and desire to give toward the ministry of Church of the Nativity in 2026? Completing a pledge card will enable us to better plan and present to you a budget.

Who knows how God will use our financial gifts next year and what harvest he may bring? We won't know unless we give.

One of my favorite thoughts from Scripture on giving to the Church is this:

*Each of you should give what you
have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*
2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

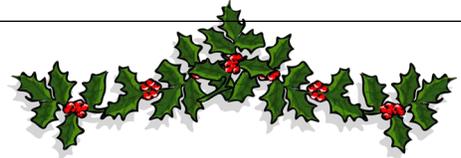
Here are two important dates related to pledge cards:

- December 14th at 9:15:
Brief Stewardship Meeting
- December 21st:
Gathering of the Pledge Cards

Thank you for sustaining Nativity with your tithes and offerings.

Fr. Brian+

Greening of the Church



Greening of the church will take place on
Sunday, December 21st,
immediately following the 10:30 AM service.

Please join us to ensure our campus looks BEAUTIFUL for the visitors we will receive at our Christmas services. Many hands make light work! Contact Elaine Clem or the church office with any questions.

Angel Tree

The Angel trees are located in the Narthex on the outreach cabinet.

***Please return your wrapped gift,
with Angel Tree tag attached, to
the Church no later than***

December 10th. Thank you in advance for your support.



Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Flowers, forms are available in the Narthex or the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity!

The deadline is Tuesday, December 16th.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas Card Box for parishioners will be in Wolfe Hall this Sunday for those who want to place their Christmas cards for parishioners. The box will be in abc order.



Youth & Families Ministry Corner

Upcoming Dates & Events:

Friday, December 5: Parents Night Out
(7:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

Friday, January 2: Parents Night Out
(7:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

Friday, February 6: Parents Night Out
(7:00 PM – 9:30 PM)

Please contact Elaine Clem or the church office
for additional information.



Outreach

Thank you to everyone that helped with decorating baskets, packing baskets, food donations, gift cards and money for the Thanksgiving food baskets. The families were very thankful!

We will be packing 28 to 30 Christmas food bags this December for families in need. All donations of canned meats, canned veggies, canned fruit, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and holiday napkins are greatly appreciated. We also accept Aldi gift cards, Publix gift cards and monetary donations.

We will again be packing Christmas gift bags with toiletries, pens and note pads for the families.

Blessings,

Outreach Ministry



- 2: Wilfred Craig
- 3: Mary Mosley, Carol Cyrus
- 7: Charles Gaspard, Vivienne Salkey
- 8: Karen Pender
- 9: Eleese Brimm
- 17: Frances Hendertilo
- 19: Carol Young
- 20: Polly Green, William Shaver,
Laureen Dalessandro
- 23: Pete Szelwach, Thelma Taffee,
Jacqueline Gaynor
- 24: Maureen Nickel, Jonathan Clem
- 25: Walter Edwards
- 27: Viola Gittens, Annette Jennings,
Sadie Chin
- 29: Michael Gaynor
- 31: William Biebusch, Steven Siss



- 7: Robert & Carol Young
- 26: Melvin & Alvie Flournoy
- 27: Keith & Sonia Cummins

Playing a card game
with Mr. Greg at PNO ...



Happy Holy Hookers

125 baby hats, 96 baby bibs, 1 baby blanket and 5 stuffies were donated to Tradition in November, bringing the total number of items donated in 2025 to 411!



Making these items is definitely a labor of love. If you crochet/knit, we would love to have you join us. You can make an item(s) and when finished, bring it to church and leave it on the outreach shelving with my name on it. If we can do 411 items with three people just think how many we can donate with four or five people.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas,

Dotti Johnson

Harvest Sunday



Help us stay connected!

We're updating our church directory and want to make sure we have your current contact information. Please share your address, phone number, and email address with us. We'd also love to know your birthday and wedding anniversary so we can celebrate these special occasions with you!

How to update your information:

- Contact the church office directly
- Complete a data form available in the Narthex

If you prefer not to be included in the directory, simply let the church office know.

Weekly Emails

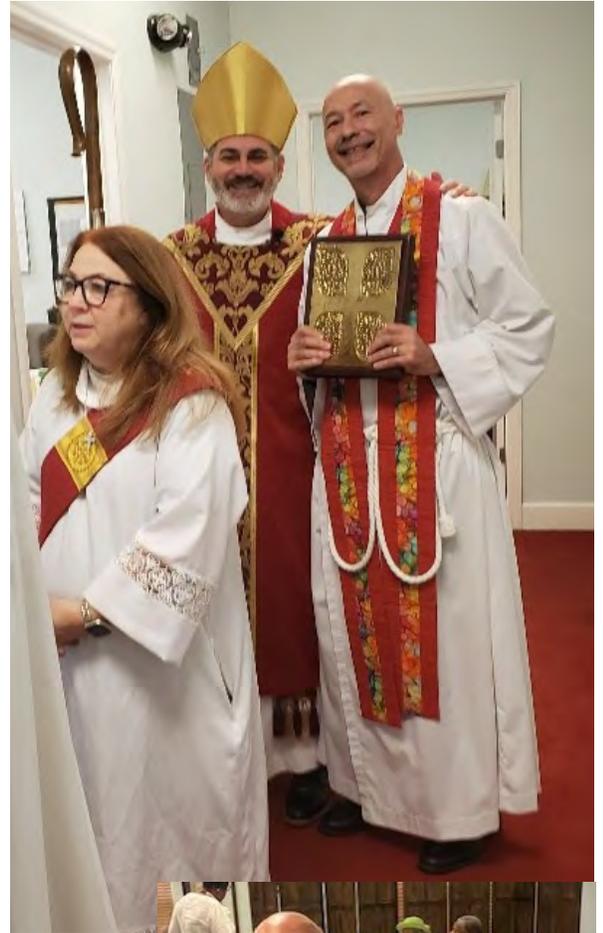
We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information. If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



Would you like to make a donation using a credit card? Please scan the QR Code to donate online!

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Help us update our records!
Please contact the church office at 772.343.0401
or office@nativitypsl.com*

Picture Nativity ...



OUR MISSION:

UNITED BY GOD'S GRACE

Loving and Serving ALL People in Christ's Name

OUR VISION:

As a Christ-centered oasis, the Church of the Nativity will be a place to experience acceptance and love. We will invite ALL people to come, be spiritually replenished, and leave eager to do the work God has called each of us to do. We will reflect God's love and limitless possibilities through our commitment to meaningful worship, spiritual formation, sweeping outreach, and robust growth.

Church Leadership

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb,
Bishop of Central Florida

The People of the Church of the Nativity,
Ministers

The Rev. Brian Stankich, *Rector*

Mrs. Hazel Graham, *Minister of Music*

Mrs. Melissa Lewis,
Bookkeeper & Communications

Vestry Members

Deborah Benway, *Sr. Warden*

Pete Szelwach, *Jr. Warden*

Wendy Chadbourne, *Treasurer*

Audrey Coombs

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