



The Herald

November 2025



From the Rector ...

Starting at the Beginning

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Think about something you once started. Maybe it was a job. A marriage. A degree.

Your first day you were nervous because you didn't know what to expect.

Your first year you began to settle in knowing there was so much you didn't yet know, hadn't yet experienced. You were patient because that is the nature of starting something new.

The start of my ministry at Nativity seems to have gotten off to a good start. That's my experience, at least, and that is what I have been told. My first three months living in Port St. Lucie has been fabulous. It kind of feels like home already.

Someone asked me one of my first weeks, "Father Brian, what is your vision for our church?" I responded, "do the Gospel."

By "do the Gospel" I mean:

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Demonstrate it with my life
- Proclaim it in my teaching and preaching
- Share it with unbelievers
- Encourage it among church-goers

If we do the Gospel, everything else - church growth, church budgets, church what-ever - will fall into place. That's my perspective on my part in being a faithful minister. And that's my prayer for the church's part in being a faithful parish.

The Gospel is the beginning. Start with the Gospel.

As I looked at the early weeks of the lectionary, I saw a lot of basic teachings lining up. It made sense to me to focus on the basics of the faith. Perhaps God even ordained the timing of my arrival to coincide with basic Christian teaching, as if to say, "Hey, Nativity, here is a reminder of who you are, who I am, and what the church is."

The basics on which I have taught on Sunday mornings include:

Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m.

and

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist

& Healing

10:00 a.m.

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Rector's letter cont'd ...

- God is our **creator**. He knit you together in your mother's womb.
- God is our **judge**. He sovereignly rules and reigns.
- We **suffer** in life because we are human and sometimes as a result of our sin.
- God gives us a new heart and **hope**, which is the expectation that he will keep his promises.
- God gives us a place in life, and in the church, and desires for us to **fulfill** those purposes.
- An attitude of **gratitude** goes far in life.
- Jesus wants us to **pray** always and to never give up.

And so my friends, I have started at the beginning with some basic Christian teaching. I will love to build off it when the time comes, keeping in mind that Advent is coming. Advent is the season we start to consider Jesus' first visit to earth, the beginning of his revelation.

It seems everything always goes back to the beginning.



Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, November 9, 2025
Bshop's Visit
ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:00 a.m.



Work Crew Setting Up Wolfe Hall



Youth & Families Ministry Corner

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Friday, November 7th:

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

Friday, December 5th:

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Parents Night Out

*Please contact Elaine Clem
or the church office (office@nativitypsl.com)
for additional information.*

Fr. Brian Greet's All Visitors 😊



Blessing of the Animals



Harvest Sunday is November 23rd



All are invited to participate by donating gifts of fresh fruits, vegetables and baked goods to decorate the church. *Please bring your donations to the church on Saturday, November 22nd, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.* Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Sanctuary. Questions? Please contact Vivienne Salkey, Norma Mesias or Eula Bryan



Outreach

We are at the beginning of the busiest time of the year for the Outreach ministry. We will be delivering 38 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families in need. We are again collaborating with school Social Workers, and our monthly community members.



As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Baskets, our Outreach Pantry is in need of canned yams or sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, boxed or dry milk, and pasta sauce. We also need paper goods, bath soap, and dish soap. Monetary donations or Aldi or Publix gift cards are also gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Blessings,

Outreach Committee



Annual Halloween Fest 2025

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help with our Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25.

We had a great time!



November Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1: Terry Garman
- 1: Lee Sherman
- 1: Stanley Brimm
- 9: Melvin Flournoy
- 14: Kenneth Bridges
- 15: Joan Garman
- 16: Elsa Craig
- 17: Victor Cyrus
- 19: Cheryl Wynn
- 21: Calvin Lewis
- 23: Starr Coulter
- 28: Arlene DeRoy



- 21: Robert & Kate Smith
- 23: Larry & Annette Jennings



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.

Thank you for helping us stay connected as a church family!

Picture Acton Academy Book Give Away



Picture Nativity ... Worship in Wolfe Hall and Blessing of the Animals



Picture Nativity ... Trunk or Treat



Weekly Emails

We send a weekly email that includes a weekly calendar and announcements, and other important information.

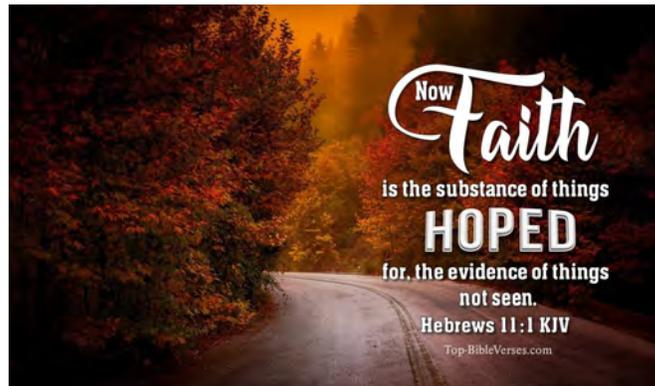
If you would like to receive emails from Church of the Nativity, please submit your email address to office@nativitypsl.com.



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*



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.



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