



# *Glad Tidings*

May 14, 2026



Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

Parish Life



## Let the Children Come

Nativity has been accepted into the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's *Let the Children Come* discernment and grant process, an initiative focused on imagining and experimenting with intergenerational worship and prayer that honors the gifts and spiritual lives of children. Over the coming months, we will work with The Rev. Canon Kathy Walker as our guide to explore new ways children and adults can worship and grow in faith together. Nativity's discernment team includes Jeremy Clos, Anne Krouse, and Keri Parker, all of whom are excited to begin this learning journey and discern where God is leading our parish.



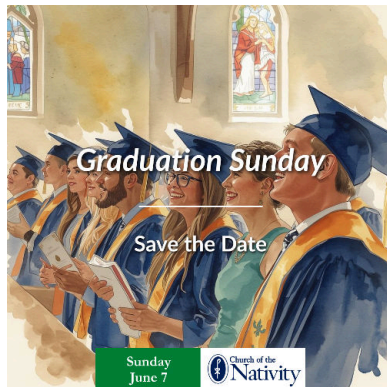
## Softball Season is Here!

The Softball Season schedule is out, and we're excited for the season ahead! Our next game is **Tuesday, May 19** at 6 pm. Come cheer on the team and enjoy fellowship. There's still time to join! Player dues are **\$30**, and personalized jerseys are about **\$50**. This team is a ministry focused on fellowship and outreach, fully supported by its players. Help spread the word, we'd love to have you on the field or in the stands! [Contact us](#) if you're interested.



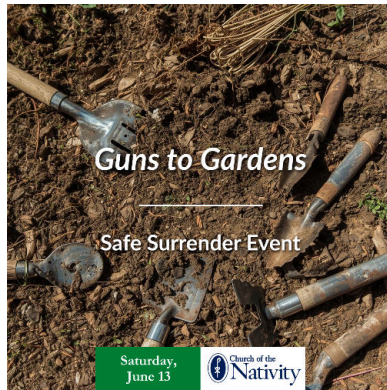
## Senior Luncheon

Happy May, Seniors! In case you missed your Cinco de Mayo celebration, join us for a festive lunch gathering on **Sunday, May 17** at 12 pm at Carajillo's Mexican Restaurant - 6675 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh 27615. Our host this month is Ed Mussman! Please [let him know](#) you're joining. Come enjoy great food, warm fellowship, and time together as a community. We look forward to sharing this special time with you!



## Graduation Sunday and Cookout

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 7**, as Nativity celebrates Graduation Sunday after the 10:30 service, honoring both our eighth-grade students and graduating seniors. Eighth graders are invited to wear school colors, and seniors are encouraged to wear academic regalia. Graduates will join the procession, receive a special blessing, and be celebrated at a cookout following the service. Families and friends are warmly invited! We're also seeking [volunteers](#) to help with setup, grilling, food stations, kids' activities, and cleanup. Please register using the [Eighth-Grade form](#) or the [Senior form](#).



## Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event

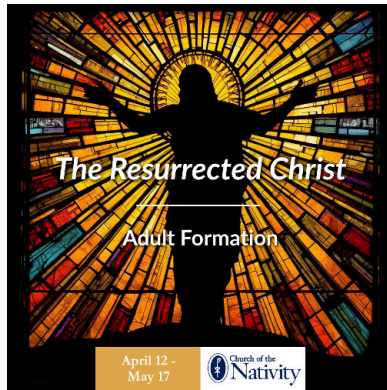
Nativity is partnering with local congregations to sponsor a Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender event on **Saturday, June 13**, at Umstead Park United Church of Christ. Individuals can anonymously surrender unwanted firearms at no cost. Weapons are safely disabled on-site and later repurposed into garden tools. This effort responds to concerns raised by our youth. Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event for setup, greeting, assisting participants, and cleanup. (Event-day volunteers must be 18 or older.) [Sign up here](#) to volunteer, [click here](#) for more information, or contact [Matt C.](#)



## Get Your Camera Ready

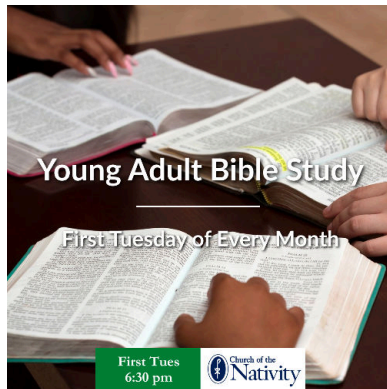
We are looking for any volunteers to capture “Nativity Activity” moments to share in our archives and with the Raleigh community on Facebook and beyond. You don't have to be a pro to capture the moment. Interested? Please [let Josh know](#). Our Communications and Social Media teams thank you!

## Adult Formation



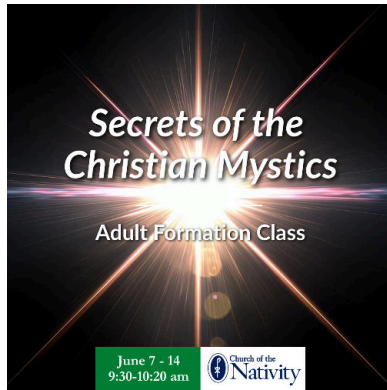
## The Resurrected Christ

The final session of our Sunday morning study, *The Resurrected Christ*, will meet **May 17**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, led by The Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk. The class begins with a brief practice of Lectio Divina, followed by discussion reflecting on how these stories shape our understanding of resurrection, recognition, and response. All are welcome to join in the last session.



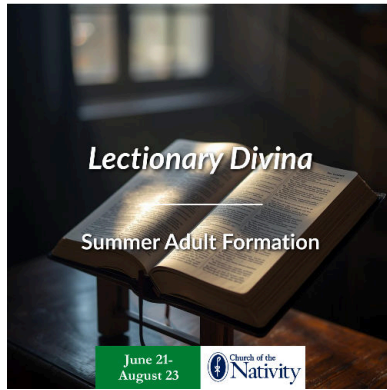
## Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8 pm, led by The Rev. George Black. Our next gathering is on **June 2**. This is a relaxed, welcoming space to explore scripture, ask questions, and grow in community. Whether you're new to Bible study or have lots of experience, you're invited. And who counts as a "young adult"? That's up to you. To obtain the Zoom link, please contact [The Rev. George B.](#)



## Secrets of the Christian Mystics - Part 2

Join The Rev. Nancy Titus as we conclude our exploration of Christian mysticism in *Secrets of the Christian Mystics*. Due to winter weather cancellations, we will complete the series by focusing on Thomas Merton and Cynthia Bourgeault. Meeting **Sunday, June 7 and 14**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. This continuation offers a rich introduction to these modern voices in the mystical tradition. All are welcome, whether or not you attended Part 1.



## Lectionary Divina

This summer, we invite you to join a new adult formation offering: Lectionary Divina. Meeting Sundays from **June 21 to August 23**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, this group will engage one or more of the lectionary readings appointed for the day through a reflective, discussion-based approach. Sessions will be led on a rotating basis by The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano, Jeremy Clos, and others. All are welcome to come as you are for a time of scripture and shared insight.

# Community Engagement/Outreach



Church of the Nativity Volunteers  
At Habitat ReStore

### Outreach Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity Greater Raleigh

Your pledge dollars help support Nativity's annual Episcopal Habitat Build through both financial support and volunteer hands helping build homes for local families. You can also support Habitat by donating gently used furniture, books, household items, and more to local Habitat ReStores, where proceeds help fund future homes. Volunteers are always welcome to greet customers, organize donations, and lend a hand in the stores. Three Nativity members already serve at the Glenwood location, consider joining them in this meaningful ministry!



### ONE Wake Upcoming Actions

Join ONE Wake on **Tuesday, May 19**, at 1 pm for Raleigh's affordable housing budget discussions. We hope to have a strong turnout to show support for affordable housing priorities. RSVP with [ONE Wake](#) and the [Nativity group](#) if you'd like to carpool.

Also, save the date for the ONE Wake Statewide Candidate Forum on Saturday, September 19, and consider volunteering as a "shield" at Out! Raleigh Pride Family Day on Saturday, June 27. Additional details and sign-ups are available through the Nativity group page above. Complete the volunteer application [here](#). You can access the entire [calendar](#) anytime too!

“Education is the Most  
Powerful weapon  
which you can use to  
change the world.”

*Nelson Mandela*

### **It's Not Too Late to Support the 2026 Nativity NAACP Scholarship Fund!**

Since launching in December, we've raised about \$5,700 toward our goal of \$8,000—matching what we've achieved each of the past five years and helping over 30 students attend college. The campaign runs through May. To give, visit our [website](#) and click “donate,” or write a check to Church of the Nativity with “NAACP” in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or mail it. Thank you for your support!



### **Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger**

On **Sunday, September 20**, following the 10:30 service, Nativity will host its 14th annual intergenerational Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event in Corlett Hall. Sponsored by the Outreach Ministry Team, this will be our fourth year partnering with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for this meaningful ministry opportunity. As a reminder of the impact of this work, the meals packaged at last year's event were shipped to Ukraine. More details and registration information will be shared soon.

## Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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