



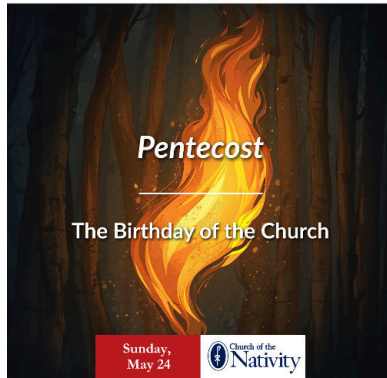
Glad Tidings

May 21, 2026



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

Parish Life



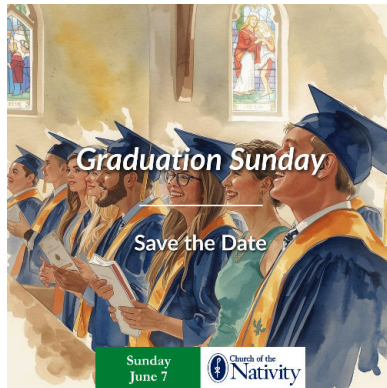
Celebrate the Birthday of the Church!

Sunday, May 24, we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost: the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church in wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the Gospel to the world. If you desire, wear red as a sign of the Spirit's fire and the Church's joy. Following the 10:30 service, stay for birthday cake and fellowship as we celebrate the birthday of the Church together.



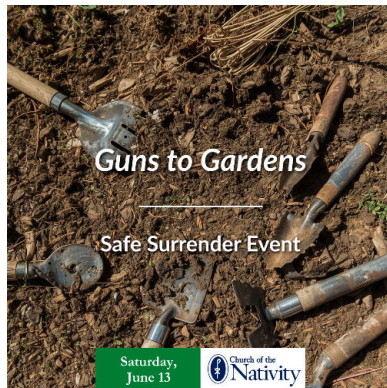
Let the Children Come

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.



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.](#)

Youth and Children

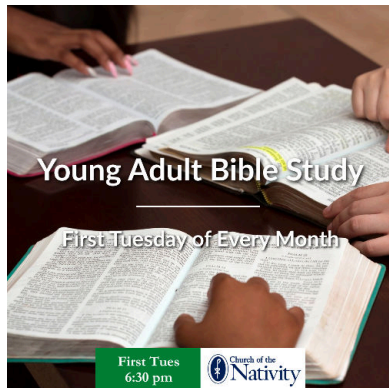


VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a great week of faith and fun. VBS will be held on their campus this year. Mark your calendars now and watch for the theme and registration details coming soon.

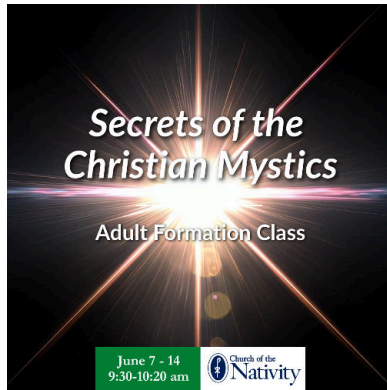
We look forward to another wonderful week together!

Adult Formation



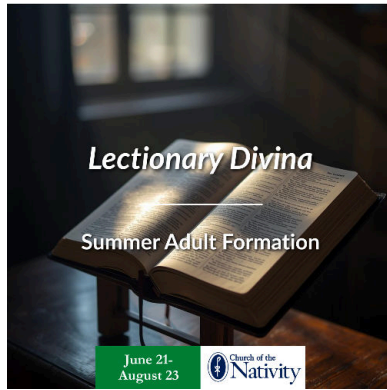
Young Adult Bible Study

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 Meetings and Upcoming Actions

How has the affordable housing crisis affected you or those you know? Your story matters. Join the conversation virtually on Zoom **June 10** from 7-8 pm or in person in Corlett Hall on **July 12** following the 10:30 am service. All are welcome. If you would prefer to share privately, please contact Nativity's ONE Wake [core team](#).

Consider volunteering as a "shield" at Out! Raleigh Pride Family Day on **Saturday, June 27** and save the date for the ONE Wake Statewide Candidate Forum on **Saturday, September 19**. 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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