

## NATIVITY CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

The contest seeks to promote the beautiful custom of displaying the birth of Jesus through art and culture. It is also meant to showcase the talent of local community members and the diversity of nativity displays. Contest entries can be simple or elaborate and made using any artistic techniques. Scenes from daily and modern life can be included with the nativity figures. You can use any materials and any features particular to any culture, race, or ethnicity.

1. The contest is free and open to anyone from anywhere, regardless of religion.
2. Deadline for entries is Monday, November 21, 2022.
3. Individual and group entries are acceptable.
4. Any size or dimension is permissible.
5. All entries (with exception of stationary outdoor ones) must be delivered to the Rectory (Parish House at 133 School Street, Waltham). Please call or email before coming to ensure that someone will be available to accept your entry.
6. Entries can be made from any materials.
7. Entries must be durable enough to be transported to Waltham businesses by car.
8. Outdoor stationary entries in Waltham are acceptable and will be visited by the judges.
9. A panel of judges will award prizes.
10. Awards will be given based on three categories: Quality of Craftmanship, Creativity, and Fidelity to historical accounts of the Birth of Jesus.
  - a. Three First Prizes: \$250 each
  - b. Three Second Prizes: \$100 each
  - c. Three Third Prizes: \$50 each
11. Entries will be displayed together for public viewing on November 26-27, 2022 in the lower hall of St. Mary Church.
12. Entries will be displayed in various Waltham businesses from December 8-January 8.
13. Nativities will be returned to their owners after January 8, 2023.
14. Nativities not picked up by February 1, 2023 will become property of St. Mary's.
15. Neither St. Mary's nor Waltham businesses are responsible for damage caused by accident.
16. Participants will be informed where their entry is on display.
17. St. Mary's reserves the right to not accept an entry.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The nativity scene is a representation of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. For more information about the nativity, read the following: [The Gospel of Matthew, Chapters 1 & 2](#), [The Gospel of Luke, Chapters 1 & 2](#), and Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter [Admirabile Signum](#).

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