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Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:30 AM and 05:00 PM

Saturdays 08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)

Weekdays 07:30 AM and 05:30 PM

Holy Days 07:30 AM, 05:30 and 07:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Opus Dei priest)

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM (parish priest)

(also by appointment)

BAPTISMS 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

(contact rectory 2 months in advance)

WEDDINGS Saturdays 11:00 AM and 02:00 PM

(contact rectory at least 6 months in advance)

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FIRST READING

The Lord ... said to me, *Go, prophesy to My people Israel.*

AMOS 7: 12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

PSALMS 85

SECOND READING

He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before Him.

EPHESIANS 1: 3-14

GOSPEL

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick.

MARK 6: 7-13



Jesus Sends Out the Twelve - Johann Christoph Wiegell

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 JULY 2018

They went off and preached repentance.
The Twelve drove out many demons.

MARK 6: 12-13

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 15 - 21 JUL

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Antonio Gumboc; † Donate Gumboc; † Genevieve Gumboc; † Perpetua Gumboc; † Basilisa Unilongo; † Vincente Unilongo
TUE	07:30 AM	Don Smith
	05:30 PM	The Delaney and Massouras families
WED	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	† Alfredo, Marvin and Henry Beltran
THU	07:30 AM	† Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	Special intention
FRI	07:30 AM	† Shirley Karkas
	05:30 PM	† Claire Cote
SAT	08:00 AM	Paul Rudolph & Madeleine Thompson; † Danny Olin; † David Chaves; † Antonio Hojas

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

Deadline: 12:00 PM (noon) Friday by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

EXAMPLE: For inclusion in the **29 JUL 2018** bulletin, submit by **Friday, 20 JUL 2018** at noon.

SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
TUE	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
THU	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
SAT	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
SAT	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

15 JUL (Sunday)

16 JUL (Monday)
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

17 JUL (Tuesday)
01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society
07:00 PM H⁴

18 JUL (Wednesday)

19 JUL (Thursday)

20 JUL (Friday)

21 JUL (Saturday)
09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class



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PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 30 JUN-01 JUL
TOTAL:	\$12,321
Peter's Pence:	\$2,771
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$56,400
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

16 JUL (Monday):

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sacred Scripture celebrates the beauty of Carmel, where the prophet **Elijah** defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the 12th century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the **Carmelite Order**, devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. The Carmelites celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary, and in **1726** it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**.



20 JUL (Friday):

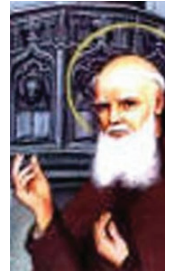
SAINT APOLLINARIS, Martyr (d. ~79)

Disciple of **Saint Peter**, he was the first **Bishop of Ravenna, Italy**. He was tortured and martyred under the persecutions of **Vespasian**.

21 JUL (Saturday):

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, Priest and Doctor of the Church (1559-1619)

St. Lawrence was a **Capuchin** and theologian who became famous throughout Europe for his inspirational preaching, his work against Lutheranism, and the founding of several friaries. He helped raise an army that successfully drove back the Turks from Hungary, and was often called upon to settle disputes among the European monarchies.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 JUL 2018** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

HUMANAE VITAE CONFERENCE

A **California Humanae Vitae Conference** will be held from **25-28 JUL 2018** in **Ontario, CA**. Many noted state and national speakers, including **Janet Smith, Patrick Coffin** and **Chris Kaczor**, will talk on a range of topics.

<https://celebratehv50.com/hv50-conference>



FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 AUG 2018**, we will continue with our celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **101** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will start at a **new time: 07:00 PM**.

All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 21 JUL 2018**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact **Finola, 650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Nativity Church is open 24x7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won't you join us by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour? When you sign up, you and your intentions share in the grace of everyone who comes to visit. Come and experience the dramatic presence of God in our lives. Please consider the following hours as there is no one currently assigned to them (or pick an hour that works for you):

Monday: 12:00 AM, 02:00 AM

Tuesday: 02:00 PM (prayer partner)

Wednesday: 02:00 AM

**Thursday: 12:00 AM-02:00 AM (twice per month),
11:00 AM (prayer partner),
01:00 PM**

Friday: 12:00 PM (noon)

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The God who is not outdone in generosity will certainly bless you and your intentions. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)** to sign up.

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the **Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008)**, the **Gabriel Project (800/910-0191)**, or **San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152)**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.



BAPTISMS • Cruz, son of
Ruben and Ruby Ruiz

MARRIAGES • Joseph Merto and Jan Roselyn Sablad

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Lucienne Woods



NOVENA FOR OUR NATION

For the third year in a row, the “*Novena for Our Nation*,” a **54-Day Rosary Novena**, will run from **15 AUG 2018** (the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**) to **07 OCT 2018** (the **Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**) and will end with a National Rosary Rally in Washington DC. Endorsed by Cardinal Raymond Burke and other eminent Catholics, the project invites participants to pray the Rosary for 54 consecutive days, in a particular order and for particular intentions. For complete information visit the website: www.novenaforournation.com

LOST AND FOUND

“I once was lost, but now I’m found...”

- FOUND:**
- black Banana Republic sweater
 - burgundy square shawl
 - colorful shawl with burgundy and blue flowers and birds
 - (2) black scarves
 - gray small child’s jacket
 - pink toddler jacket
 - burgundy watch cap
 - gray watch cap
 - key ring with various tourist mementos (Tower of Pisa, Alcatraz key)
 - child’s butterfly ring
 - costume jewelry ring with large center white stone surrounded by smaller stones
 - glasses of all sorts

If any of the above items are yours, please claim them from the rectory by **03 AUG 2018**, otherwise they will be donated. Call **650/323-7914**.

Glasses not reclaimed are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony’s or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MONTHLY GATHERING FOR MEN DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

The *Office of Vocations* of the Archdiocese offers monthly meetings for men who may be hearing a call to the priesthood. The next meeting is **Thursday, 02 AUG 2018**, from **06:15-08:30 PM** at **St. Cecilia Church**, 2555 - 17th Ave., San Francisco. Food will be provided. Contact **Fr. Patrick Summerhays**, Vocation Director at **415/614-5684** or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org, for information or to RSVP.

MEN’S RETREAT WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Come and learn about the manhood of Christ, the God Man. “*I am the Good Shepherd*,” says Jesus, “*A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep*.” This retreat is designed for all Catholic men. The theme is ***Into the Breach***. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, 11 AUG 2018**, from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM** at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. Leading the retreat are three clergy of the Cathedral staff: **Fr. Arturo Albano** (pastor); **Fr. Sebastine Bula** (parochial vicar); and **Rev. Mr. Christoph Sandoval** (deacon). The cost is **\$25**, and includes lunch. Fathers: Bring your sons (under age 18 is free). Free parking at the Cathedral. Early-bird registration (by **01 AUG 2018**) is only **\$20**. To register online visit <https://tinyurl.com/KoCretreat>. For registration assistance: **Jolie Velazquez**, 415/567-2020 x228. For more information, contact **Alexei Lukban**: alexeilukban@yahoo.com.

TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, “*My Sunday Mass*” on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit www.mysundaymass.org.

EWTN also broadcasts (cable and on-line) the daily and Sunday Masses at **05:00 AM** (Pacific), with encore broadcasts at **09:00 AM**, **04:00 PM** and **09:00 PM** daily (www.ewtn.com/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp#).

For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County** (SVdP) invites you to ***We Rock***, a Happy Hour and Fashion Show in Trinity Church’s beautiful courtyard on **Tuesday, 14 AUG 2018**, from **05:30-07:30 PM**, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP’s **Catherine Center** blossoming into new life. Trinity Church is located at 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. The women will model fashions from SVdP’s thrift stores. The evening, produced by Kim Selby, includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are **\$75** and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/werock2018svdp>. For more information, contact **650/343-1272**, visit www.svdpsm.org or email: klang@svdpsm.org. Thank you for supporting SVdP’s Catherine Center!

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **July 2018**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: Priests and Their Pastoral (Evangelization) Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a **Holy Hour** at the Church of the Nativity (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

15 JUL (SUN)	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
16 JUL (MON)	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 JUL (TUE)	
18 JUL (WED)	
19 JUL (THU)	
20 JUL (FRI)	
21 JUL (SAT)	
22 JUL (SUN)	FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
23 JUL (MON)	SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
24 JUL (TUE)	THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (WED)	FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
26 JUL (THU)	FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
27 JUL (FRI)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
28 JUL (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.htm>

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

"COME AND SEE" DAY WITH DOMINICAN NUNS

Making summer plans? Plan to discern God's will for love in your life. The **Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** are hosting a *Come and See Day* on **Saturday, 21 JUL 2018**, from **08:00AM-05:30 PM** at **Corpus Christi Monastery**, 215 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 years are invited to learn more about discerning God's call and to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. There is no cost for the day and breakfast and lunch are provided. To learn more or to register for this, or any of our other upcoming day retreats, contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., 650-322-1801 Ext. 19, vocations@opnunsmenlo.org, or visit our website: www.OPnunsmenlo.org or facebook.com/Dominican.Nuns.Menlo. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns have limited accommodations for overnight guests, but they fill quickly. Contact them to confirm availability before registering online.

DID YOU KNOW ???

MOUNT CARMEL

Monday is the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. But what and where exactly is **Mount Carmel** (hint: it's not a small eclectic art colony just south of Monterey)? We must begin in the Old Testament, with a major prophet whose feast day is also celebrated this week: **Elijah** (July 20th).

Elijah was sent by God to King Ahab of Israel, because at the urging of his wife Jezebel, the king had erected a temple to the god Baal. God's punishment was a drought of three years on the land of Israel. During the drought, Elijah lived by the side of a stream, being fed by ravens, until the stream dried up. Elijah then lived with a widow in Sarepta, and finally went to confront Ahab and the 450 "prophets of Baal". Elijah challenged them to a contest on the top of Mount Carmel, where he built an altar to God and Baal's prophets built an altar to their god. The contest was to call upon their god and have the altar lit and the sacrifice consumed without any human intervention. The prophets of Baal moaned and wailed and cried all day, but nothing happened. Then Elijah ordered his altar and sacrifice to be soaked seven times with water, with a trench of water around it, and then when he called upon God, fire from heaven consumed everything: the sacrifice, the water, the altar, and even melted the rocks.

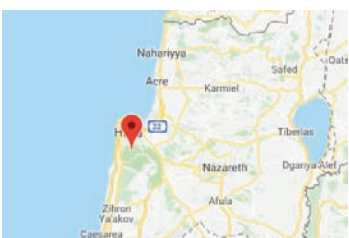
(great story: read it for yourself in **1 Kings 18-40**).

Many years later (in **1155**) a group of devout men (former pilgrims and Crusaders) decided to model their lives on Elijah and established the **Carmelite Order** on Mount Carmel. It later became unsafe for them to remain on the mountain in Palestine, so around **1240** they left for Cyprus, Sicily, France and England.

On **July 16, 1251**, Our Lady appeared to **St. Simon Stock** and gave him the *brown scapular* with all of its attendant graces and blessings. Somewhere between **1376** and **1386** the Carmelites began to celebrate the *Commemoratio B. Mariæ Virg. duplex* (Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and in **1609** **Cardinal St. Robert Bellarmine** declared this day as the patronal feast of the Carmelite Order.

References to Mount Carmel in the Bible speak of it as a symbol of beauty (the "*splendor of Carmel*" in **Isaiah** and "*your head crowns you like Mount Carmel*" in the **Song of Solomon**). *Karmel* is "*garden*" in Hebrew.

(Oh, and Carmel (the city) was named after the Carmel mission (on the Carmel River), whose official title is *Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo*)



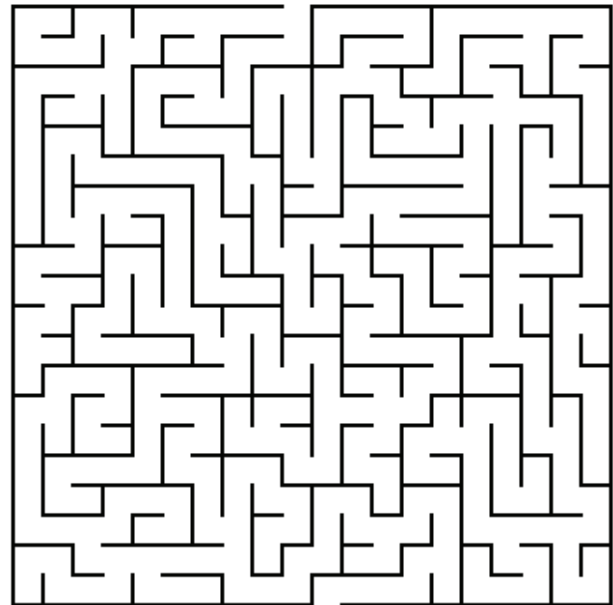
Mount Carmel is located south of Haifa. The lake on the right is the Sea of Galilee



The 1500-foot limestone southern face of Mount Carmel



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