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The Church of the Nativity

MASSES

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)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Alner Nambatac

PERMANENT DEACONS

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Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 APRIL 2015

He said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?"

LUKE 24: 38



The Resurrected Lord – Del Parson

FIRST READING

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.

ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Know that the Lord does wonders for His faithful one.

PSALMS 4

SECOND READING

The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments.

1 JOHN 2: 1-5

GOSPEL

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

LUKE 24: 35-48

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19-25 APR

SAT	08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Lemuel Southorn
	09:00 AM	† Elizabeth Bette Sever
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
TUE	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	† Simon Matoba
WED	07:30 AM	† Terri Mersereau
	05:30 PM	† Andy Simonds; † Hugh Hodges; † Peter Erlin; † Charles Accurso
THU	07:30 AM	† Aida Freitas
	05:30 PM	† Janet Newman
FRI	07:30 AM	† John Gertridge
	05:30 PM	† Terry and Jim Young
SAT	08:00 AM	Alexander Sassi; † Denise Civetti; † John Ortega-Jimenez; † Victoria Taylor

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

19 APR	(Sunday)	02:00 PM	Confirmation
20 APR	(Monday)	09:00 AM	Bible Group
		07:30 PM	RCIA
		07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
21 APR	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM	H ⁴
22 APR	(Wednesday)		
23 APR	(Thursday)	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
24 APR	(Friday)	09:30 AM	Nativity Moms' Group
25 APR	(Saturday)	07:00 PM	Marriage Encounter Evening

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions** and the **Black and Indian Home Missions**. These collections help to fund over 80 mission dioceses in the United States, including the Church in the African-American, Native American and Alaskan Native communities. Seminarians, schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's collection.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Home Missions*.



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	28-29 MAR
TOTAL:	\$11,756
Altar Society:	\$3,396
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020
2015 ADA Goal:	\$121,400

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 APR (Tuesday):

SAINT CONRAD OF PARZHAM, Religious (1818-1894)

Conrad spent most of his life as porter in Altoetting, Bavaria, letting people into the Capuchin friary and indirectly encouraging them to let God into their lives. He was a lover of solitary prayer, and a peacemaker.



SAINT ANSELM OF CANTERBURY, Priest (1033-1109)

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a counsellor to Pope Gregory VII, Pope Urban II and William the Conqueror.

23 APR (Thursday):

SAINT GEORGE, Martyr (d. ~304)

The only facts we know are that George was a soldier and martyr (tortured and beheaded in Palestine). Several stories have been attached to him, including the famous tale of his defeat of the dragon in a lake near Silena, Libya.



SAINT ADALBERT OF PRAGUE, Bishop and Martyr (~957-997)

Member of the Bohemian nobility who became Bishop of Prague and friend of Emperor Otto III. He founded the monastery of Brevnov, and tried (unsuccessfully) to evangelize in Pomerania, where he and his fellow missionaries were martyred.

24 APR (Friday):

SAINT FIDELIS ROY OF SIGMARINGEN, Priest and Martyr (1577-1622)



First a “doctor of laws”, he renounced the profession and became a Capuchin friar. He was known especially for his charity to the poor, even as a counselor. He preached among and converted many Calvinists, but was under constant threat of death. He was martyred by Calvinist soldiers as he returned to preach in a town where he had recently fled from death threats.

25 APR (Saturday):

SAINT MARK, Evangelist (d. ~74)

The second of the four evangelists, whose gospel—which sets out to proclaim the divinity of Christ—is possibly the common source for both Luke and Matthew. He was a disciple of Peter, and his gospel is most vivid when recounting Peter’s eyewitness testimony. He was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms’ Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 24 April 2015** from **09:30-11:00 AM** in the **O’Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENINGS

Ten thousand hours? No way! The twenty-minute secret to marriage success. Marriage OK? --take it to the next level. Learn why couples say it’s the best thing they ever did for their relationship. For husbands and wives on the go, a team of married couples and a priest will present the Worldwide Marriage Encounter series on seven Saturday evenings **07:00-09:30 PM** at Nativity’s O’Hare Center **25 April-06 June 2015** (each evening builds on prior sessions, so please plan to attend from the beginning). Apply early! Please see www.sanfranciscowme.org or call **Yvonne** and **Paul Ziemba** at **650/366-7093**.



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

NATIVITY MOMS AND DADS OF YESTERYEAR

Renew past friendships and make new ones. Join the **Nativity Moms and Dads of Yesteryear** at Harry’s Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, on **Tuesday, 19 May 2015** at **06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Nativity Church is open 24/7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won’t you join us by signing up for your 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 (midnight)

Monday 10:00 PM

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.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191) or Community Pregnancy Center (650/964-8093).

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**
- Izak Francis, son of Kevin and Kathleen Discipulo
 - Rohan Anselm, son of Vikram and Carina Singh

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- Alma and Abelino Robles (*Abel, Alexia*)

- DEATHS**
- Dorothy Mitchell
 - Mary Rita Crittenden

NEW WINDOWS FOR THE CHURCH

As you may have noticed, there is some work going on with the two arches over the side doors to the church. This is to open up space for two new windows which will be added. These are from donors who wish to honor Mary Riviello and Fr. Davenport. The windows will match the existing windows in the transepts of the church. I am grateful to our generous donors for these beautiful additions in memory of two individuals who loved Nativity very much.

Msgr Steven Otellini

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Sunday, 26 April 2015** for his annual pilgrimage to **Lourdes, France**, with the Order of Malta. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **Friday, 24 April 2015**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

MOTHERS DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **10 May 2015!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NEW MINISTRY TRAINING FOR HOLY CROSS CEMETERIES

The Catholic Cemeteries in Menlo Park and Colma are experiencing a greater frequency of remains of the deceased arriving for burial or interment without a clergy member. It is the Archdiocese's aim to ensure that no one is buried or interred at the Holy Cross Cemeteries without the Prayers of Committal being said in order to complete the Rite of Christian Burial and ensure that there is another Christian in prayer as the remains are put to their final resting place. In order to facilitate this, the Catholic Cemeteries and Office of Worship are conducting a training of *Committal Ministers* who would be available to preside over the third and final part of the Rite of Christian Burial. The ministry would be on a volunteer basis and would be scheduled in advance of the time of burial/interment. The training will be on **Saturday, 25 April 2015** from **10:00 AM-04:00 PM** at **Holy Cross Cemetery** in Colma, 1500 Mission Road, Colma. There is no fee to register and lunch and all materials will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this training contact the parish office at **650/323-7914**.

COMING EVENT

On **Friday, 15 May 2015** at **07:30 PM**, **Raymond Arroyo** will be speaking at **St. Edward Catholic Church**, 5788 Thornton Ave, **Newark**. Raymond Arroyo is the host of EWTN's World over Live, "*Signs of Hope: St. Pio, St. JP II, Mother Angelica and Other Modern Heroes.*" Tickets are **\$10.00** each. To reserve your ticket call St. Edward's office at **510/797-0241**.

LITTLE HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

On **25 April 2015**, from **10:00 AM-02:00 PM**, **Little House** will be holding an open house. Bring your workout clothes, your dance shoes and your exercise mat as we invite you to participate in a wide range of programs that are available at Little House. Little House is located at 800 Middle Ave, (behind Nealon Park), Menlo Park. More information and directions are available at www.penvol.org.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The **World Meeting of Families** is an international event, begun by St. John Paul II in 1994. In 2015, it will be held for the first time ever in the United States, in Philadelphia, from **22-27 September 2015**. There will be a Congress from **noon Tuesday to noon Friday (22-25 Sept)** with speakers and breakout sessions. 10,000-15,000 people are expected. The highlight of the meeting will be a Papal visit **Friday to Sunday (25-27 Sept)**, culminating in a Papal Mass on Sunday, which is expected to draw over a million people.



A tour is being offered through the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For a brochure or more information, contact **Ed Hopfner** at hopfnere@sarchdiocese.org or **415/614-5680**, or **Greg Sylvain** at gregory@canterburytours.com or **800/653-0017**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **April 2015**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Respect for Creation*

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Missionary: *Persecuted Christians*

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NATIVITY PARISH

Please pray for those who participated in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program who were baptized or made a profession of faith and/or received the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil:

- Cristina Alonso
- Sandra Arellano-Cortez
- Jesse Benitez
- Albert Choi
- Katherine Eastman
- Rodney Hall
- Milan Mathew
- David Kadjo
- Jeffrey Panos
- Polly Panos
- Kristin Parker
- Danielle Zak



May God richly bless them.

FILM SHOWING: WOMEN AND SPIRIT

Join us on **21 April 2015 07:00-09:00 PM**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center

1040 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont

In response to the call of Pope Francis who declared 2015 the *Year of Consecrated Life*, the Archdiocesan Council of Religious is presenting the film, "Women and Spirit" based on the exhibit of the same name which toured throughout the United States. It chronicles the history of the thousands of Sisters who came to this country and founded the Catholic School system, built hospitals, orphanages, homes for the poor, mental institutions, and many more programs benefitting the poor and marginalized. Following the film, there will be a panel of four women religious: Daughters of Charity, Sisters of Mercy, Franciscan Sisters, and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who will speak of their work in the Archdiocese as well as throughout the world. The event is sponsored by the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**, the **Knights of Columbus**, **San Mateo Council**, and the **San Mateo Serra Club**. All are welcome as our guests.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

19 APR (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. George FIRST Day: St. Louis de Montfort
20 APR (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. George SECOND Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIRST Day: St. Catherine of Siena
21 APR (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. George THIRD Day: St. Louis de Montfort SECOND Day: St. Catherine of Siena
22 APR (WED)	NINTH Day: St. George FOURTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort THIRD Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIRST Day: St. Joseph the Worker
23 APR (THU)	Feast of Saint George FIFTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FOURTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SECOND Day: St. Joseph the Worker
24 APR (FRI)	SIXTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIFTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena THIRD Day: St. Joseph the Worker
25 APR (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SIXTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FOURTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
26 APR (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
27 APR (MON)	NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
28 APR (TUE)	Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
29 APR (WED)	Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
30 APR (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
01 MAY (FRI)	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
02 MAY (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint George:

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

Saint Louis de Montfort:

novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/

Saint Catherine of Siena:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:

www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/

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

HOW POWERFUL IS THE ROSARY?

Saint Pio of Pietralcina used to refer to his rosary as “my weapon”. When he was beset by tormenting demons, he would pray the rosary and they would flee from him.

Father Gabriele Amorth, a Vatican exorcist, once testified, “One day a colleague of mine heard the devil say during an exorcism, ‘Every Hail, Mary is like a blow on my head. If Christians knew how powerful the Rosary was, it would be my end.’ “

There have been so many miracles attributed to the rosary it would be impossible to list them all in one place. Here are only a few:

The Battle of Lepanto

This is perhaps one of the best-known rosary miracles. Toward the end of the Crusades, on October 7, 1571, the small Catholic naval fleet entered into battle against the far-superior forces of the Muslim Turkish navy at Lepanto, in the Gulf of Corinth to the west of Greece. Historians and military strategists agree that had the Turks been victorious that day, Europe would have been overrun by these invaders from the Ottoman Empire. Knowing that the odds for victory were poor, **Saint Pope Pius V** called upon all of Europe to pray the rosary. While performing his Vatican duties (hundreds of miles from the site of the battle), the Pope suddenly stood up, went to the window and exclaimed, “The Christian fleet is victorious!” while weeping in gratitude to God. This was later determined to have been the exact time at which the Catholic fleet had defeated the Muslim Turks.



Freeing Austria from Communism

For three years, Catholic Austria went under the tyrannical rule of communist Russia after World War II. A Franciscan priest named **Father Petrus** remembered the story of how Christians in the sixteenth century had defeated the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto through the rosary, despite being greatly outnumbered. Father Petrus launched a rosary crusade and 70,000 people pledged to say the rosary daily for the intention of Austria becoming free from Russian rule. Although Austria was valuable to the Soviets because of its strategic location and rich resources, on May 13, 1955, the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, the atheistic Russian regime, in a completely unprecedented move, signed the agreement to leave Austria. Not one person was killed, and not even one shot was fired. Today, historians and military strategists still cannot explain how or why the Russians pulled out of Austria.

Stopping a Serial Killer

At 3:00 AM on January 15, 1978, Ted Bundy entered the Chi Omega sorority house at Florida State University and murdered two girls before heading off to search for more victims. When he entered a third girl’s room with a bat for a weapon, he saw a rosary clutched in her hand, dropped the bat and fled.

Later the girl told authorities that before she left for college she had promised her grandmother that she would pray the rosary every night for protection, even if she fell asleep in the process. This is what she had done that night, and she was still holding the rosary when the murderer entered her room. Bundy later confessed that when he entered the girl’s room, he had fully intended to murder her, but “some mysterious power was preventing him”.

Research more **MIRACLES OF THE ROSARY**. Look especially for those that happened on the anniversaries of Fatima apparitions. How did the rosary cure Fr. Peyton? How did it save King Alphonsus from eternity in hell?



Please visit our newly created Nativity Carnival website: www.nativitycarnival.com

The website will be updated as new information comes in.

Visit our Facebook and Twitter pages and help share our Annual Nativity Parish Carnival with your friends and families, asking them to participate in this annual community event.

Pride and Joy will be coming to Menlo Park on **06 June 2015**. Mark your calendars to join us for our **35th Annual Church of the Nativity Carnival** on **05-07 June 2015**.

Comments or questions about the carnival, sponsorships, vendors, or volunteers, please call **Leighton Ford** at **650/799-2867**, **Kevin Ames** at **650/830-5114**,

or email nativitycarnival@gmail.com. See you in June!

Nativity Carnival Committees