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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

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2015

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

JOHN 10: 11



FIRST READING

There is no salvation through anyone else.
ACTS 4: 8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

PSALMS 118

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called the children of God.

1 JOHN 3: 1-2

GOSPEL

This is why the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life in order to take it up again.

JOHN 10: 11-18

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 APR - 02 MAY

SAT	08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Mary Delodovici
	05:30 PM	The Niesen and Heller families
TUE	07:30 AM	† Gregory Turner, Sr.
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Andy Simonds
THU	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	† Pat Romelfanger; † Victoria Taylor; † Jim Davidson; † Margaret Dominguez Colon
FRI	07:30 AM	† Rena Krevzel
	05:30 PM	† Joe Whelan
SAT	08:00 AM	The Peloso and Munk families; † Pat Romelfanger; † Andy LeBeau; † Timothy M. O'Brien

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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 this 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*.

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)

26 APR	(Sunday)	
27 APR	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
28 APR	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
29 APR	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
30 APR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
01 MAY	(Friday)	<i>First Friday</i>
	09:00 AM	Nativity School Mass
02 MAY	(Saturday)	<i>First Saturday</i>
	07:00 PM	Marriage Encounter Evening



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	FIGURES AT TIME OF PUBLICATION	UNAVAILABLE PUBLICATION
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020	
2015 ADA Goal:	\$121,400	

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 APR (Tuesday):

SAINT PETER CHANEL, Priest and Martyr (1803-1841)

The first martyr in Oceania, where he was ministering in New Hebrides.

SAINT LOUIS MARY DE MONTFORT, Priest (1673-1716)

Devout from his youth, Louis entered a Paris seminary after walking 130 miles in the rain. While recuperating from a deliberate poisoning, he wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

29 APR (Wednesday):

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

Deeply loving God from her youth, Catherine entered the Third Order of St. Dominic. She fought for the rights of the Roman Pontiff and promoted the renewal of religious life. Her spiritual writings are classics of Christian mysticism.

30 APR (Thursday):

SAINT POPE PIUS V (1504-1572)

01 MAY (Friday):

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER



Jesus honored the workaday life with His parables, lessons undoubtedly learned from Joseph the carpenter. The Second Vatican Council writes: *“Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefit on their fellowmen, and help to realize God’s plan in history.”*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **National Day of Prayer** will be held on **07 May 2015**. You are encouraged to plan your participation now. From George Washington’s first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln’s call for prayer and fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the National Day of Prayer. Need some ideas? Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org. This year’s theme is *Lord, Hear Our Cry*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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 on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café.

If you have any questions, please e-mail

holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

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**
- Paul, son of Markus Guehr and Micol Alemani
 - Tyler James, son of Josh and Erin McClenahan
 - Kaela Marie, daughter of Armando Vazquez and Keirstan Brown

- MARRIAGES**
- Antony Rappai and Danielle Zak

- PARISHIONERS**
- Debby Castro
 - Eunsoo Choi
 - Albert Choi
 - Charles Young

- DEATHS**
- Louise Barsotti

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

UNBOUND

Next weekend, please welcome **Rev. Richard L. Schiblin, CSsR**, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of *Unbound*, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 21 developing countries. Six hundred thousand children, youth and elderly have been served since 1981, empowering them to make choices in their lives, live with dignity, and reach their potential. Unbound's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth, or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. To learn more, call **800/875-6564** or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

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

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS CLASS

Please join **Catholic Charities** and the City of San Mateo Parks and Recreation Department as we host the "*Dementia Care Strategies for Family Caregivers*" course. This two-hour overview will be held on **Saturday, 02 May 2015**, from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **San Mateo Senior Center**, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Presenter **Patricia Hurst**, Case Management Coordinator, will cover several topics including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find extra information and assistance. Please register by visiting www.erecreg.com (course #66168). For help with registration you can call **650/522-7490**.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with each other? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Are you arguing or do you simply shut down? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (Reh-trō-vī) is a lifeline for marriages in trouble. If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program will be worthwhile for you. For more information contact:

San Francisco: Ray and Tess Angeles 415/893-1005, sf@retroca.com;

Oakland: Jeff and Donna Huesler 408-605-4998, oakland@retroca.com; or visit www.retroca.com.

COMING EVENT (NOTE: DATE CORRECTION)

On **Friday, 01 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**. The doors will open at **06:30 PM**.

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 hopfner@sfarchdiocese.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 **May 2015**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Help for Neighbors*

That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Missionary: *Secularization*

That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

HOW DID THE POPE SPEND HOLY WEEK?

VATICAN CITY — *To enter the mystery of Easter, one must humble oneself, not be afraid of reality and seek to live in the service of others.*

This was Pope Francis' central message as he led the Church for his third Easter celebrations as pope.

In his message and blessing *urbi et orbi* (to the city of Rome and to the world), he called on the Lord to bring peace to numerous countries experiencing conflict and terrorism today, especially in Africa and the Middle East.

Holy Thursday

Pope Francis began by telling clergy that he often thinks and prays about their weariness, which they all experience, stressing this fatigue is "like incense, which silently rises up to heaven," "goes straight to the heart of the Father" and is of "greatest concern" to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

That evening, the Pope was driven to Rebibbia prison on the outskirts of Rome, where he celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper and washed the feet of six men and six women, including a mother with a small child.

Via Crucis

In his meditation after leading the *Via Crucis* (*Way of the Cross*) at the Colosseum in Rome on **Good Friday**, the Pope explained how the humiliation and terrible suffering of Jesus on the cross makes each person aware of his or her own sins.

Holy Saturday

At the Easter vigil in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope emphasized that Easter cannot be lived "without entering into the mystery" of the holy event. It's not "something intellectual," but "much more" than that: It demands not being "afraid of reality" and "locked into ourselves." It means going "beyond our comfort zone, beyond the laziness and indifference which hold us back."

Easter Sunday

The Holy Father returned to the mystery of Easter in his *urbi et orbi* address, stressing the need to emulate Peter and John, who "bent down" in order to enter Jesus' tomb on Easter morning. Similarly, "we need to 'bend down,' to abase ourselves," in order to "understand the glorification of Jesus" and "follow him on his way."

Call for Peace

The Pope then called for peace and help from the international community in a variety of trouble spots in the world today.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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)	
03 MAY (SUN)	
04 MAY (MON)	
05 MAY (TUE)	FIRST Day: The Ascension
06 MAY (WED)	SECOND Day: The Ascension
07 MAY (THU)	THIRD Day: The Ascension
08 MAY (FRI)	FOURTH Day: The Ascension
09 MAY (SAT)	FIFTH Day: The Ascension

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

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/

The Ascension of Our Lord:

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

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_gloria.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

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**. If you would like to learn more about this altar bread visit www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php



LIVES OF THE SAINTS: Saint Catherine of Siena



Born: 25 MAR 1347
Died: 29 APR 1380
Feast Day: April 29th

WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE

Catherine was born in the late Middle Ages, a time of great change in the world and for the Church. The bubonic plague, a deadly and contagious disease often called The Black Death, spread across Europe and killed one third of the population. Also during Catherine's lifetime, the pope, who had always lived in Rome, was living in France, which caused problems for the Church. It was also the beginning of the Renaissance, a revival of classical art, architecture, literature, and learning that began in Italy. The Hundred Years War between France and England began and the first cannons were used in battle. During Catherine's lifetime, the technique of knitting was introduced.

WHO SHE WAS

Catherine was from a very large family. She had twenty-five brothers and sisters. Her family lived in Northern Italy. Her father was a wool dyer and her mother ran the household and took care of all the children. Catherine did not go to school and did not have a formal education.

When she was very young, Catherine began to find quiet places where she could pray and talk to God. At the age of sixteen, she joined the Third Order of Dominican nuns. She wore their habit and lived in a small room in her parents' home. Catherine spent three years in this room, praying. After this time, she began to serve those who were sick and poor. People began to visit her because they wanted to follow her example of living in God's love.

There were many disagreements in the Church during Catherine's life. The pope was living in France instead of Rome. Catherine believed that God wanted the disagreements to end so she began to write to the pope. She convinced the Pope to move back to Rome.

Catherine continued to write letters to all kinds of people, from the poorest in the land to the richest and most famous. It was considered a miracle that Catherine was able to write well because she never attended school. In her letters, Catherine encouraged people to live in peace.

www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve

TRUE or FALSE?

1. Among the 12 apostles, there were 3 sets of brothers.
2. Christmas and Easter are both Mysteries of the Rosary.
3. The Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians is the last book of the New Testament.
4. Every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation.
5. Jesus is not mentioned by name in the Acts of the Apostles.
6. When God struck him blind, Saul (the future St. Paul) fell off of his horse.
7. Catholic Bibles have more books than other Christian Bibles.



1. TRUE. James and John were brothers, Peter and Andrew were brothers, and Jude (Thaddeus) and Simon were brothers.
2. TRUE. The Nativity is the 3rd Joyful Mystery, and the Resurrection is the 1st Glorious Mystery.
3. FALSE. The last book of the New Testament is Revelation.
4. TRUE. According to the Code of Canon Law (Canon 1246), "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."
5. FALSE. Jesus is mentioned several times in Acts, particularly by St. Peter.
6. FALSE. There is no version of the Holy Bible that mentions a horse, only that Saul was "struck to the ground."
7. TRUE. There are 73 books in a Catholic Bible, but only 66 in other (e.g., Protestant) Bibles. Those extra 7 books are called the "deuterocanonical" books of the Old Testament: Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees, and Esther.



The Nativity Carnival preparations are in full swing!!!

We are continuing our search to fill limited individual/company sponsorships at the \$250/\$500 levels, and look to call for those sponsorships by **08 May 2015** in order to be included on our donor board.

The volunteer link is live! Please join us in participating in this annual community event.

Visit www.nativitycarnival.com for more information or contact **Leighton Ford** at **650/799-2867**.

We look forward to seeing you in June - less than seven weeks away!

Nativity Carnival Committee