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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. Mark G. Mazza

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Paul Maillet, P.S.S.

Rev. Gladstone Stevens, P.S.S.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the Lord delivers him.

PSALMS 34

SECOND READING

No one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church.

EPHESIANS 5: 21-32

GOSPEL

No one can come to Me unless it is granted him by My Father.

JOHN 6: 60-69



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 AUGUST 2015

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.

JOHN 6: 63

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 23 - 29 AUG

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Rina Krevzel |
| | 05:30 PM | † Joann Ferguson |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Swede Lenz |
| | 05:30 PM | † Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Anthony Zele |
| | 05:30 PM | Special intention; Quinlan Ballou; † Julie Benson; † Damian Fernandez |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Marianne Nanfria Mandato |
| | 05:30 PM | † Ernesto Verbo, Jr. |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Robin McGlohn |
| | 05:30 PM | † Lemuel Southorn |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Maria and David Gilsdorf; Maryann Constantino; † Fr. Clement Davenport; † Robert Chavez |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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




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| 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) |
| 23 AUG | (Sunday) 10:30 AM | Family Blessing |
| 24 AUG | (Monday) 07:30 PM 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| 25 AUG | (Tuesday) 08:00 PM | H ⁴ |
| 26 AUG | (Wednesday) | |
| 27 AUG | (Thursday) | |
| 28 AUG | (Friday) 09:00 AM 10:00 AM | Nativity School Mass Nativity Moms' Group |
| 29 AUG | (Saturday) | |



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | WEEK OF 03-04 AUG |
| TOTAL: | \$12,153 |
| Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: | \$30,020 |
| 2015 ADA Goal: | \$130,840 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

24 AUG (Monday):

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle

Bartholomew may have preached in Asia Minor and written a Gospel (now lost). He was martyred in Armenia.

25 AUG (Tuesday):

SAINT LOUIS IX of FRANCE, King and Patron (1226-1270)

Louis was devoted to his people and saw his kingly duties in light of his faith. He is the patron of the **Third Order of the Franciscans**.



SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, Priest (1556-1648)

27 AUG (Thursday):

SAINT MONICA, (322-387)

A Christian from birth, she was given in marriage to a bad-tempered, adulterous pagan named Patricius. She prayed constantly for the conversion of her husband (who converted on his death bed), and of her son, **St. Augustine** (who converted after a wild life and 18 years of his mother's prayers).



28 AUG (Friday):

SAINT AUGUSTINE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (354-430)

Augustine was brought up in the Christian faith but did not receive baptism. An ambitious schoolboy of brilliant talents and violent passions, he early lost both his faith and his innocence. He persisted in his irregular life and doctrinal errors until he was 32. Then one day, stung to the heart by the account of some sudden conversions, he cried out, "The unlearned rise and storm heaven, and we, with all our learning, for lack of courage lie inert!" His mother, **St. Monica**, had been praying unceasingly for **18 years** for Augustine's return to the faith. Augustine's *Confessions* are a triumph to read.



29 AUG (Saturday):

THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 14 September 2015**, we will have our next celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. We will have a Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the message of Fatima, rosary candlelight procession around the church grounds, and healing Benediction. Please join us and bring your family. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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):



Sunday 01:00 AM (Prayer Partner)

Monday: 01:00 PM

Saturday 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

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.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 28 August 2015** from **10:00-11:30 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** or **Monica Hendricks** at **650/367-4944** for more information.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY: THE PROPHETS

Starting **Tuesday, 15 September 2015**, Nativity Adult Formation Classes will present a 10-week course on the prophets in the Bible. There are 16 prophetic books in the Bible which in total length equal the New Testament. This class will describe who prophets were, their role, why God sent them, and their messages. Please join us for this continuing study of God's Word and work, so important for us and for all time. The 90-minute classes will be held each Tuesday at **09:30 AM** and repeated in the evening at **07:00 PM**. (We will take a two-week break in October for those going to the Holy Land with us.) For questions and to sign up, write to **Deacon Dominick** (dominickpeloso@aol.com) or call leaving a message at **650/269-6279**.

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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Daniel Spingola

DEATHS • Joe McLaughlin



HOLY WATER



The holy water container in the Church vestibule entrance is to fill **small amounts** of holy water. If you would like more than a small bottle of holy water, please see one of the priests or deacons who will be happy to bless it for you.

The Altar Society

MONDAY SCRIPTURE GROUP

The **Monday Scripture Group** will resume on **14 September 2015**, the Monday after Labor Day, at **09:00 AM**. We will meet in the **O'Hare Center** on a weekly basis. Please join us. For further information call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

THE THURSDAY GROUP

The **Nativity Thursday Group** resumes after the summer break on **Thursday, 10 September 2015**. The Nativity Thursday Group provides an opportunity for seniors and others to get together once a week in the **O'Hare Center**.

There is a Scripture Group at **11:00 AM**. We have a Rosary at noon every week and often have Mass as well. After these we get together to socialize. Coffee, tea, and dessert are always provided and members usually bring their own lunch. Once a month students from Nativity School join us for a lunch provided by their parents. We also celebrate many holidays with a special lunch. New members are very welcome to join us.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

Sponsa Christi ... "Called by God, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His word, to ponder and call upon Him in solitude." **Corpus Christi Monastery** will be holding two discernment days for single Catholic women (ages 18 to 40) on **10 October 2015** (registration by **03 October 2015**). Space is limited.

To register or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or **650/322-1801x19**. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Scripture says about married people that *"Two shall live as one"*. How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. Go to www.sanfranciscowwme.org or call **Paul and Yvonne** at **650/366-7093**. 2015 San Francisco/Santa Rosa Weekends: Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: **20-22 November 2015**. Space is limited; apply early.

HOLY LAND TOUR

You are invited to take the trip of a lifetime to the **Holy Land**, the place where Jesus lived, walked, died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and where the Holy Spirit inspired the first generation of Christians. **Mrs. Jan Conway Willbanks**, a parishioner with much experience, has organized a trip especially for Nativity Parishioners from **13-22 October 2015**. This is an expertly-planned trip by **NAWAS International**, which has run these pilgrimages for over 66 years. In addition to the experienced Holy Land guide, **Deacon Dominick** and **Mary Ellen Peloso** will provide spiritual guidance and lead prayerful reflections. We will visit Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and more. We take many vacations in our lifetime, sometimes spending much. This will be unlike any other trip. As a pilgrimage, it will increase your love and knowledge of Jesus. It is also a time for bonding and community building with our great family here at church. Please join us. For more information, check out the flyers around the church and contact **Mrs. Conway Willbanks: 650/619-0554** or jan@connectionsww.com.

SAINT PATRICK'S SEMINARY GALA

Parishioners are invited to support St. Patrick's Seminary and University by attending the **2015 St. Patrick's Gala** on **Saturday, 19 September 2015** or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a **2015 is250 Lexus** or **\$25,000**. This automobile is made possible in conjunction with **Putnam Lexus** of Redwood City. All proceeds go towards the ongoing formation of future priests and the upkeep of the seminary.

Tickets are **\$50.00** each. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick's Seminary and University. Only 3000 tickets will be sold. If the limited number of tickets is sold prior to the September 19th raffle, tickets will not be available for purchase the evening of the Gala. Some tickets are available in the parish office. For more details check www.stpatricksseminary.org or contact **Leelamma Sebastian** leelama.sebastian@stpsu.org or call **650/289-3320**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Volunteering*

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

Missionary: *Neighbors*

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

2015-2016 RCIA

RCIA for 2015-2016 begins **14 September 2015**.

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2015-2016 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the O'Hare Center, beginning September 14th. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. We also welcome Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation, those who've been away from the faith and who wish to return, and those who just want to "brush up" on their faith. The classes are led by Deacon **Tom Kelly** and parishioner **Charlotte Pace**. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 26 March 2016**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace (650/325-6978, cpace@stanford.edu)** or the rectory **(650/323-7914)**. We look forward to welcoming you.

Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more information.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS EXPERIENCING HEARING LOSS

Can't hear the sermon or parts of the Mass? 21% of the American public has some form of hearing loss.

Nativity Church has taken a **big step** forward to help our parishioners who do have a form of hearing loss. People with hearing aids can now turn on their T-Coil built into their hearing aids. If you do not know if you have a T-Coil contact your audiologist. If you do not have a T-Coil in your hearing aid there are Assisted Listening Devices in the rectory that you may borrow. For more information please contact **Bonnie Neylan 650/322-8645, 650/269-4635, or neylan5@comcast.net**.



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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| 23 AUG (SUN) | SIXTH DAY: St. Monica FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 24 AUG (MON) | SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 25 AUG (TUE) | EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 26 AUG (WED) | NINTH DAY: St. Monica EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 27 AUG (THU) | Feast of Saint Monica NINTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 28 AUG (FRI) | Feast of Saint Augustine |
| 29 AUG (SAT) | |
| 30 AUG (SUN) | FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 31 AUG (MON) | SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 01 SEP (TUE) | THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 02 SEP (WED) | FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 03 SEP (THU) | FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 04 SEP (FRI) | <i>First Friday</i> SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 05 SEP (SAT) | <i>First Saturday</i> SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.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

PADRE PIO'S FAVORITE!

"GO, YOUR MOTHER IS CALLING"

Looking for a special Pilgrimage/Retreat to attend? Look no more. Join **Fr Gustavo Lopez OSJ, 09-14 October 2015**, at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey, for a wonderful stay at the Shrine. Participate in the festivities on the 13th, as the Shrine celebrates the 98th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Call **Gerianne Storelli at 559/660-5228** or www.mater-christi.org.

Email: materchristi1@gmail.com. **\$500.00** deposit is required by August 31st. Trip total is **\$1450.00** (includes round trip airfare from San Francisco, round trip ground transportation, lodging, meals and snacks). Space is limited to 29 participants.

Young Believers

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS: 2015-2016

Registration has begun for **Nativity's Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public school in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online at www.nativitymenlo.org under the **School of Religion** link. Classes begin on **Sunday, 13 September 2015**.

Mrs. Hickam will be available outside Church after the Masses on **23 August 2015 ~ 08:00, 09:30, and 11:30 AM**; and all Masses on **29-30 August 2015** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. Classes for grade levels 1-6 and the Sacraments Class are held on **Sundays from 08:15-09:15 AM** and continue on into the **09:30 AM** Mass with our Children's Liturgy of the Word. There is space for students at all grade levels 1-8 and high school students who have not yet received the Sacraments. Please come by the table or call/email the School of Religion office if you need any forms or have any questions or concerns.

Just a reminder: **First Reconciliation/First Communion** requires **2 years** of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children who attend public school should be enrolled in the School of Religion starting in Grade 1 and they are encouraged to continue onto the next grade level after they receive their First Communion, through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The School of Religion **Confirmation Preparation** program is also a **two-year** program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as soon as they enter the 7th grade, as well as those older students who have not yet been confirmed. Students who attend Catholic high schools that do not have a confirmation program should enroll in this class. Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings, from **07:00-08:00 PM**. For more information, please go to the link on the parish website (www.nativitymenlo.org) or call/email the CCD office. Confirmation classes begin on **Wednesday, 14 October 2015**.



NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: CATECHIST OPENINGS

Help our children be all they can be. Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

- 5th Grade Catechist
- Sacraments Catechist
- Substitute Catechists
- Assistants for Grades 3-6

If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hickam.

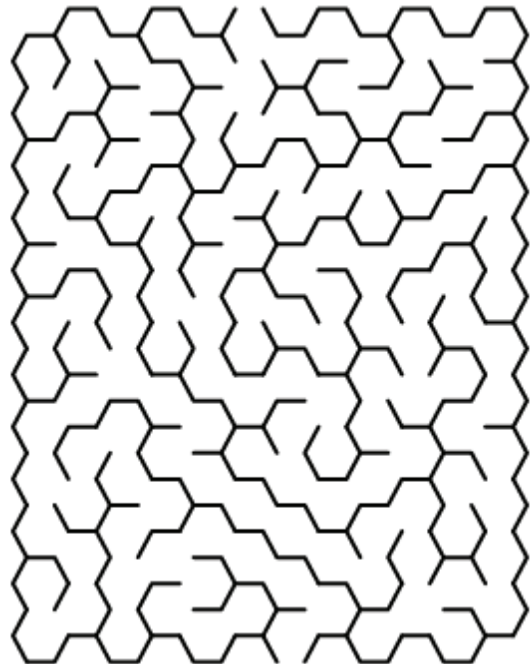
Have a wonderful rest of your summer and blessings to you all,
Mrs. Monica Hickam

650/853-1009

mon.hickam@gmail.com



Help lead our children to Jesus!



Are you thinking about a family prayer tradition? Please try to pray together as a family as often as you can. Prayer is very powerful, and family prayers offered together are especially powerful.

"The family that prays together, stays together."
-- Fr. Peyton

