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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



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

06 DECEMBER 2015

Winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

LUKE 3: 6



St. Nicholas of Myra

FIRST READING

God will show all the earth your splendor.
BARUCH 5: 1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Although they go forth weeping, ... they shall come back rejoicing.
PSALMS 126

SECOND READING

The One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.
PHILIPPIANS 1: 4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL

... proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
LUKE 3: 1-6

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 06 - 12 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Paula Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† Charles Moran
TUE	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	Fr. Bud Stevens
	07:30 PM	† Joseph Flipp
WED	07:30 AM	John Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† Ethel and Frank Sullivan
THU	07:30 AM	† Joe Flipp
	05:30 PM	Jan Wilbanks; Nawas International; † Francisco Lau; † Marlene R. West
FRI	07:30 AM	The Gioe family
	05:30 PM	† Terrence Meagher
SAT	08:00 AM	Lucienne Woods; Frank Rivera; † Garrett Chiamparino; † Elizabeth Silva

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

"Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

-- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

08 DEC (Tuesday)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, 08 December 2015 is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on **Monday, 07 December 2015** at **05:30 PM** (vigil Mass) and **Tuesday, 08 December 2015** at **07:30** and **9:00 AM** (school Mass), **05:30** and **07:30 PM**.

HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION

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)

06 DEC (Sunday)
10:30 AM
02:30 PM
Guatemalan Mission Sales
Farmers' Market
Schola Seraphica Concert

07 DEC (Monday)
09:00 AM
07:30 PM
07:30 PM
Bible Group
RCIA
Legion of Mary

08 DEC (Tuesday)
09:30 AM
07:00 PM
08:00 PM
National Night of Prayer
Bible Study: The Prophets
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09 DEC (Wednesday)
07:00 PM
Confirmation Class

10 DEC (Thursday)
09:30 AM
11:00 AM
07:00 PM
Opus Dei Women's Group
The Thursday Group
Treasures of the Church Relics

11 DEC (Friday)
01:00 PM
Adopt-a-Family Packing

12 DEC (Saturday)
09:00 AM
01:00 PM
Adopt-a-Family Deliveries
Natural Family Planning Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 14-15 NOV
TOTAL:		\$11,431
	ADA Progress:	\$48,566
	2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

08 DEC (Tuesday):

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

This dogma, declared in **1854**, teaches that Mary was redeemed from the first moment of her conception. By the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, she is *preserved immune from all stain of original sin by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God.* (Pius IX).

09 DEC (Wednesday):

SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (1474-1548)

Born an impoverished free man in a strongly class-conscious society. A mystical and religious man even as a pagan, he became an adult convert to Christianity around age 50, taking the name Juan Diego. Visionary to whom the Virgin Mary appeared at Guadalupe on 9 December 1531, leaving her image on his tilma.

12 DEC (Saturday)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (1531)

The Blessed Virgin appeared to **Juan Diego** in **1531** calling herself the **Mother of the True God** and promising compassion and protection to all who come to her. She left an image of herself on his cloak, which is still preserved at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Under this title, Mary has been declared **Patroness of the Americas.**



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER

On **08 December 2015**, the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, there will again be a **National Night of Prayer** to end abortion. All are encouraged to come to the Church for a holy hour sometime between **06:00-10:00 PM**. The Immaculate Conception is the title the church has given to our Lady as protector of our United States. We suggest attendance at the **07:30 PM** Mass (as it is a holy day of obligation) then stay for the **09:00-10:00 PM** hour when we will be praying in union with every time zone in the country.

BEST... ADVENT... EVER...!

Unwrap the gift of God's mercy this Advent. Join **Matthew Kelly** and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through **Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Mercy**. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work and ability to embrace and experience all of life. To learn more or sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com.

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

If you are looking for a way to find Christ in Christmas we would like to invite you, your family, and your co-workers to help out in our **25th annual Adopt-A-Family** program. We have approximately 190 needy families in our area that we would like to help. These families have been identified by our St. Vincent de Paul Society and other similar organizations as in need of assistance to brighten their Christmas. Parishioners pick a family of various sizes off the Christmas tree. They then purchase gifts for the children and a gift for the family. These gifts along with some food (provided by St. Vincent de Paul) are delivered by volunteers on **12 December 2015**. To sign up please call **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-7794**.



SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for the **9th Annual Schola Seraphica's Christmas Concert** on **06 December 2015, 02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20.00** for adults and **\$15.00** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday-Friday**. Seating is limited. We look forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. You may find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

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):



Saturday: 04:00 PM; 11:00 PM (every other week)

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).

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

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 • Albert Choi and Eun Soo Choi
• Michael Terndrup and Alexis Boutacoff

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Henry Rowen
• Ken Bret Fisse

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 630 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. 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: *Retirement Fund for Religious*.

FARMERS MARKET COMES TO NATIVITY

Every First Sunday fresh veggies are for sale – Once again on **06 December 2015**, come to the front of the Church after the **09:30 AM** Mass and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally at **St. Patrick's Seminary by NanoFarms USA**, which is a worker-owned cooperative.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TALK

On **Saturday, 12 December 2015** at **07:00 PM**, Deacon Dominick Peloso will present a 90 minute talk on the appearance of the Blessed Mother to Juan Diego in Mexico, 1531 AD. The talk will include the history of the Spanish exploration in Mexico and of the Aztecs who possibly came from the area around Arizona and New Mexico. There will be a description of the advanced life of Aztec cities, the clash with the Spaniards, and the aftermath of the battle for what is now Mexico City. We will reflect on the appearance, her words, its meaning for the Europeans and the Native Americans, and what it means to us today. Finally, we will have a detailed review of the symbols on the cloth, and the amazing discoveries 20th century science has revealed (such as the 13 people in the eyes of the Blessed Mother!). Please join us for a pleasant evening of friendship, study, and reflection. There is no better thing to do on a Saturday night than to enjoy this gift to our faith which is now prominently mounted in the parish hall. Some refreshments will be served. For questions, please call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**.

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY LECTOR TRAINING

We're looking for more teen volunteers to lector at Nativity Masses. Are you willing to help out? We'll have lector training on **Saturday, 12 December 2015** after the **05:00 PM** Mass for those who are interested. This is a great opportunity to proclaim the Gospel, for which your confirmation uniquely prepares you, and as a small bonus, you get to practice public speaking.

IN THE COMMUNITY

GUATEMALAN CRAFT SALES

This weekend **Kay Sweeney** is at Nativity once again to sell Guatemalan handicrafts. These crafts are made by indigenous women in Guatemala, who are part of the *Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Fund*. The sales of these handicrafts help support and educate these women. There will be information available on how to support a scholarship for a young indigenous woman.

Check their website for more information at www.mission-guatemala.org.



The crafts will be available in the O'Hare Center after the Sunday morning Masses only.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Beneath Our Lady's banner, join us in praying the rosary as we process from the St. Matthew statue at 9th Ave and El Camino Real, San Mateo and go north on El Camino up 7 blocks to Planned Parenthood at 35 Baywood Avenue and return (about 1.5 miles). **Rain or shine! Sunday, 13 December 2015, 02:00-03:00 PM.**

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 12 December 2015**. 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 **01:00 PM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *God's Mercy*

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Missionary: *Hope for Families*

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



www.im.va

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

21 DEC	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Advent Penance Service
24 DEC	(Thursday)	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
	07:30 AM	Daily Mass
	06:00 PM	Vigil Mass of Christmas
	10:00 PM	Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass
	10:45 PM	Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib
	11:00 PM	Christmas Mass
25 DEC	(Friday)	<i>Christmas Day</i>
	08:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	09:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	11:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Saturday)	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i>
	08:00 AM	Daily Mass (one Mass only)
	05:00 PM	Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 27th
31 DEC	(Thursday)	
	07:30 AM	Daily Mass
	05:00 PM	Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
01 JAN	(Friday)	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
		<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>
	09:00 AM	Daily Mass
	12:00 PM	Daily Mass
	05:30 PM	Daily Mass
02 JAN	(Saturday)	Regular Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

06 DEC (SUN)	(Feast of Saint Nicholas) FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy
07 DEC (MON)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy
08 DEC (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy
09 DEC (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy
10 DEC (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy
11 DEC (FRI)	NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy
12 DEC (SAT)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy
13 DEC (SUN)	(Feast of Saint Lucy)
14 DEC (MON)	
15 DEC (TUE)	
16 DEC (WED)	FIRST DAY: Christmas Novena
17 DEC (THU)	SECOND DAY: Christmas Novena
18 DEC (FRI)	THIRD DAY: Christmas Novena
19 DEC (SAT)	FOURTH DAY: Christmas Novena

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Our Lady of Guadalupe: www.sancta.org/novena.html
St. Lucy: www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/
Christmas Novena: www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/christmas.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_glory.htm
Novena for Priests: www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm
Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

In April, Pope Francis declared that we will celebrate an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* in the upcoming liturgical year. The Jubilee Year gives the Church the opportunity to enjoy its spiritual bounty, "a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective." On the Third Sunday of Advent, **December 13th**, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran. Archbishop Cordileone, as the Archbishop of San Francisco, invites all the faithful to join him at Vespers at the **Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption** on **13 December 2015** at **03:00 PM** to celebrate the opening of the Holy Doors in our Archdiocese and to unite in prayer for the start of this Jubilee.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CALIFORNIA

Stop assisted suicide in California before it's too late! The California legislature inappropriately passed assisted suicide during a special session intended to address Medi-Cal funding. This new law would allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to enable terminally ill patients to kill themselves. This law would endanger California's poor, elderly, and disabled people. In Europe, these laws have resulted in horrendous abuses, as they have in Oregon, where the suicide rate for non-terminal people increased 49% after assisted suicide became legal. Life is sacred. Our dying sisters and brothers need our care and comfort, not a deadly prescription. A referendum is underway to overturn this bad law. Over 365,000 signatures are needed by early January. Nativity will be collecting signatures in coming weeks. Donations are also needed to help fund professional signature gatherers, as no referendum has succeeded via volunteers only. Please donate and learn more at www.stopassistedsuicide.com.

SAFETY REGARDING SCHOOL BUSES

There is a bus from Menlo School that stops near the entrance driveway of Nativity every school day morning at about **07:30 AM**. Usually they are not blocking the entrance driveway. For the safety of the students, state law requires that all other vehicles stop on both sides of the road if the red lights on the bus are flashing. If you are turning left into the Nativity driveway while the bus is near please wait until the bus has left the area.



Bethlehem A.D.



This year, EXPERIENCE the WONDER of the FIRST CHRISTMAS!
VOLUNTEER at Bethlehem A.D.
December 21, 22 & 23 from 6:00-9:30 PM

Find your TRUE Christmas calling as a Roman Soldier, Angel, Folk Dancer, Improv Actor
Greeter, Scribe, Tribe Member, Roman Slave, or JUST JOIN THE CREW!!

Register TODAY at BethlehemAD.com More Info: 650-368-3821 x 5

NATIVITY BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE

We have several books which are available in the parish office.

- *Nativity Illuminated: A Celebration of Our Church and the Symbols Within* \$10.00
- *Father Lucky: Trust in Jesus* -- A collection of the stories of **Fr. Clement A. Davenport**, pastor emeritus \$10.00
- *The Spirit of Nativity: Celebrating Christ on the Peninsula for 140 Years* \$6.00 paperback in black and white; \$140.00 for 12" x 12" hardback in full color

If you are interested in purchasing one or all of these books they are available between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday through Friday**.
650/323-7914



SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning "Masses at Night")? It is a long-treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on **December 15th** and ending on **December 23rd**, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, *Simbang Gabi* invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for *Simbang Gabi* is the **parol**, or star lantern, with represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. Through *Simbang Gabi*, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following **Churches in Deanery 11** will be having Masses for *Simbang Gabi*:

15 DEC (TUE)	07:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City
16 DEC (WED)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
17 DEC (THU)	07:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park
18 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Raymond, Menlo Park
19 DEC (SAT)	07:00 PM Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City
20 DEC (SUN)	05:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
21 DEC (MON)	05:00 PM St. Matthias, Redwood City
22 DEC (TUE)	05:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park
23 DEC (WED)	07:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City

VOLUNTEER THANK-YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual *Thank You Christmas Party* on **Saturday, 19 December 2015** after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic adoration, Men's Club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Youth Ministry, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.