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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

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Jerome Magat, P.S.S. (cand.)
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

He took the blood and sprinkled it on the people.

EXODUS 24: 3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving.

PSALMS 116

SECOND READING

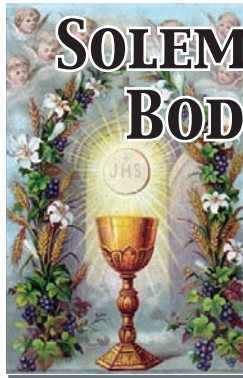
How much more will the blood of Christ ... cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

HEBREWS 9: 11-15

GOSPEL

While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, (and) gave it to them.

MARK 14: 12-16, 22-26



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

07 JUNE 2015

This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of His.

EXODUS 24: 8

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07-13 JUN

SAT	08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Luis Enriques
	05:30 PM	† Roger and Anne King
TUE	07:30 AM	Benefactors of the parish
	05:30 PM	Julian C. Roberts; John Reber; Germaine and Lou Defreitas and family; † Teresa Maria Troconis
WED	07:30 AM	† Dorothy Optiz
	05:30 PM	† Jim Valenti
THU	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	† Frances Galea
FRI	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	† Guiseppe and Gemma Arata
SAT	08:00 AM	† Louise Barsotti; † Peg and Frank Chandler; † John Kates; † Maria Kovacich

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing


PRAYER FOR THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court will this month make an important decision about the status of so-called "gay marriage". The decision is in the hands of the justices. All we can do is pray and fast. On **Sunday, 14 June 2015** we will again pray the **2,000 Hail Mary Novena** for a favorable ruling. The prayers will begin promptly after Sunday Mass at **12:30 PM**, and, after a break for the **05:00 PM** Mass, end at **09:00 PM**. You may join us for all or just part of the time. Perhaps, each one can do an hour of prayer. Every prayer, especially in community like this and through the intercession of Mary, is very powerful. The prayer service will be in the church. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso 650/269-7784** or **Deacon Dominick 650/269-6279**.

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)

07 JUN	(Sunday)	12:00 PM	Nativity 35th Carnival
08 JUN	(Monday)	09:00 AM 07:30 PM	Bible Group Legion of Mary
09 JUN	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM	H ⁴
10 JUN	(Wednesday)		
11 JUN	(Thursday)	09:30 AM 11:00 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group The Thursday Group
12 JUN	(Friday)	09:30 AM 07:30 PM	Nativity Moms Group Fatima Mass and Celebration
13 JUN	(Saturday)	09:00 AM	Baptism Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 23-24 MAY
	
TOTAL:	\$12,492
Nativity Feeds:	\$9,111
Catholic Communications:	\$2,363
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020
2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 JUN (Thursday): SAINT BARNABAS, Apostle

A convert who came to the faith soon after Pentecost, **Barnabas** is mentioned frequently in the book of Acts. He evangelized to the Gentiles with both **Paul** and **Mark**, and founded the church in **Antioch**.

DEAR ST. ANTHONY, LOOK AROUND . . .

Consider how highly **St. Anthony** is honored by the Holy Church. In Franciscan churches, not only is his feast observed with great solemnity, but every Tuesday devotions in his honor are conducted before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, at which devotion all the faithful can gain a plenary indulgence. In Padua he is called "the Saint", as if there were no other that can compare with him. Among Catholics there is hardly anyone who does not know the dear saint with the Infant Jesus. Do you use the opportunity to gain the indulgence? Call upon him with confidence in every necessity, and in case of serious trouble make the devotion of nine Tuesdays.

13 JUN (Saturday): SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest and Doctor of the Church (1195-1231)

Born in Lisbon to a noble family, he became a **Canon of St. Augustine** but later transferred to the **Franciscans**. He was sent to Morocco to preach among the Moors, but ill health forced his return to Europe. He was the first Franciscan to teach theology to his brother friars. He settled in Padua after 1226 and became noted for his eloquent and persuasive preaching, his work for the poor, and his zeal against heresies. Legend ascribes many miracles to his life, and he is often depicted carrying the Infant Jesus (such as in our statue here at Nativity), because a man in whose house Anthony was spending the evening reported seeing Anthony holding a child of unspeakable beauty surrounded by a heavenly light. He is patron of the poor and of Portugal, and is often invoked for retrieving lost articles.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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, 14 July 2015 at 06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan at 650/322-8645**.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 12 June 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.

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):



Thursday 04:00 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.

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

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.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City, is in need of clothing - clean, gently-used clothing for men, women, children and infants. The Center also accepts towels, linens and blankets. No shoes please. We are open **Monday-Friday 08:30 AM-03:00 PM** for donations at 151 Buckingham Avenue. If you have any questions, please call **Kristin Bright** at the Center **650/365-7829**. Thank you so much for helping those in our community!

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 12 June 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**.



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 • Augustin Paul, son of
Nathan and Anne-Constance Douglass

MARRIAGES • John Watson and Adrienne Esparza

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Peg Chandler
• Julie Benson

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Father's Day is June 21st! What could be a better gift to your father, husband, father-in-law, grandfather, godfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, son, or friend than to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Father's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Father's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are fathers, 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 father. These names will be placed on the altar during June so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

This weekend **Fr. Claudius Mpuya**, from the **Archdiocese of Mwanza in Tanzania** will be here to represent his Archdiocese as part of our annual **Missionary Cooperation Plan**. The Archdiocese of Mwanza is located in Northwest Tanzania on the shores of Lake Victoria, easily connecting it to the neighboring countries of Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Kenya and Uganda. The Archdiocese has a seminary, a catechetical and leadership school, a religious formation program for religious sisters, hospitals and health centers that they run and all are in need of support. One of the greatest needs of the Archdiocese at this time is the care of the great number of orphans within the Archdiocese. In addition to their basic daily living needs, they are in need of health care, education, religious and moral training, and loving support by caregivers. Your prayers and generous support in helping these orphans is greatly appreciated.

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: *Missionary Cooperation Plan*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

2ND ANNUAL CATHERINE CENTER FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County's (SVdP) **Catherine Center** invites you to join us at our second annual Fashion Show Fundraiser "*Blossoming into Transformation*" on **Thursday, 18 June 2015** at historic **Filoli Gardens**, celebrating the beautiful transformation that is possible for the women of SVdP's Catherine Center, which helps women reclaim their lives after incarceration. Please note the private garden area opens at **11:30 AM** with luncheon and fashion show to follow. Tickets are **\$75** each. Purchase online at www.svdpsm.org or call **650/373-0622** for information.

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.sanfranciscowme.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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY?

Modern medicine has made great strides in helping couples overcome infertility, by restoring reproductive health through the application of **Natural Procreative Technology™**. Yet many people, even in the medical profession, are still unfamiliar with it, even though it has a success rate of up to 75% in restoring natural fertility. Contact **Ed Hopfner** for more information: **415/614-5547** or by email at hopfner@sarchdiocese.org.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Call Retrouvaille -- **415/893-1005**.

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Would you simply like to improve communication skills?

Retrouvaille is the name of a Catholic Ministry designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is not just for hurting couples and welcomes all couples wanting to bring new life to your marriage. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend. The ultimate goal of Retrouvaille is solely to help save marriages. Retrouvaille is not a retreat, marriage counseling, or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing.

For more information go to www.retrouvaille.org. The next **San Francisco** weekend will be **06-08 Nov 2015**; in the **East Bay 18-20 Sept 2015**; in **San Jose 14-16 Aug 2015**; and in **Sacramento 10-12 July** and **09-11 Oct 2015**.

AT VALLOMBROSA: POETIC MEDICINE

Have you been yearning for a way of deepening your spirituality by connecting creatively to your inner life? Vallombrosa Retreat Center invites you to a unique one-day experience dedicated to poetry-making. Choose among several workshops, given by knowledgeable poets, and then take time to reflect on our grounds—possibly writing your own poems (no experience required). **Monday, 29 June 2015**. A Retreat Fee of **\$70** includes a delicious lunch.

Detailed information is available at vallombrosa.org or call us at **650/325-5614**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Immigrants and Refugees*

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Missionary: *Vocations*

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

Our fourth **Date Night for Married Couples** will be on **Saturday, 20 June 2015, 06:00-08:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center (back of church). This month **Lisa Andrews**, a professional artist and parishioner, will show us what goes into religious art, both artistic principles and methods, as well the theology behind it, and how it complements the spirituality of the "domestic church", the family. Additionally, **Deacon Dominick** and **Mary Ellen Peloso** will present a conference on "*Some of the Myths and Realities of Marriage*." These evenings have been times of great joy and a celebration for married and soon-to-be married couples. The **Nativity Men's Prayer Group** will be barbecuing. We ask that attendees bring some food to share as a supplement to their cooking. We also ask for reservations to properly plan and prepare: call **Mary Ellen, 650/269-7794**, or email dominickpeloso@aol.com.



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**. There 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 (Mary's house is where God first became man), 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. Your reading of the Bible will come alive. And this knowledge coupled with a deeper sense of union with Jesus will not end as you fly back to Nativity. It will last a lifetime. It is also a time from bonding and community building with our great family here at church. Please join us. This will be the trip you will talk about until the day you die and see Jesus yourself face to face. For more information, check out the flyers around the church and contact **Mrs. Conway Willbanks: 650/619-0554** or jan@connectionsww.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

07 JUN (SUN)	FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI FIFTH Day: Sacred Heart FOURTH Day: St. Anthony
08 JUN (MON)	SIXTH Day: Sacred Heart FIFTH Day: St. Anthony
09 JUN (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: Sacred Heart SIXTH Day: St. Anthony
10 JUN (WED)	EIGHTH Day: Sacred Heart SEVENTH Day: St. Anthony
11 JUN (THU)	NINTH Day: Sacred Heart EIGHTH Day: St. Anthony
12 JUN (FRI)	FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART NINTH Day: St. Anthony
13 JUN (SAT)	FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
14 JUN (SUN)	
15 JUN (MON)	FIRST Day: John the Baptist
16 JUN (TUE)	SECOND Day: John the Baptist
17 JUN (WED)	THIRD Day: John the Baptist
18 JUN (THU)	FOURTH Day: John the Baptist
19 JUN (FRI)	FIFTH Day: John the Baptist
20 JUN (SAT)	SIXTH Day: John the Baptist

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua:

<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/anthony.htm>

Novena to Saint John the Baptist:

svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Novena-St-John-Baptist.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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

Young Believers

THE PRIEST'S VESTMENTS

The vestments used by the sacred ministers in liturgical celebrations derive from ancient Greek and Roman secular clothing. In the first centuries the raiment of persons of a certain social level (the “honestiores,” persons of rank with property) was adopted for the Christian liturgy and this practice was maintained in the Church, even after the peace of Constantine.

At the beginning of his vesting the priest washes his hands, reciting an appropriate prayer; beyond the practical hygienic purpose, this act has a profound symbolism, inasmuch as it signifies passage from the profane to the sacred, from the world of sin to the pure sanctuary of the Most High. The washing of the hands is in some manner equivalent to removing the sandals before the burning bush (**EXODUS 3:5**).

The prayer hints at this spiritual dimension: “*Da, Domine, virtutem manibus meis ad abstergendam omnem maculam; ut sine pollutione mentis et corporis valeam tibi servire*” (Give virtue to my hands, O Lord, that being cleansed from all stain I might serve you with purity of mind and body).

After the washing of the hands, the vesting proper begins. There is a prayer said with each step of the vesting.

1. The priest begins with the **amice**, a rectangular linen cloth, which has two strings and is placed over the shoulders and around the neck; the strings are then tied about the waist. The amice has the purpose of covering the everyday clothing, even if it is the priest’s clerical garb.
2. The **alb** is the long white garment worn by the sacred ministers, which recalls the new and immaculate clothing that every Christian has received through baptism.
3. Over the alb and around the waist is placed the girdle or **cincture**, a cord made of wool or other suitable material that is used as a belt. All those who wear albs must also wear the cincture.
4. The **maniple** is an article of liturgical dress used in the celebration of the extraordinary form of the Holy Mass of the Roman Rite.
5. The **stole** is the distinctive element of the raiment of the ordained minister and it is always worn in the celebration of the sacraments and sacramentals. It is a strip of material that is embroidered, according to the norm, whose color varies with respect to the liturgical season or feast day.
6. Finally, the **chasuble** is put on, the vestment proper to him who celebrates the Holy Mass.



Coming to
St. Edward Catholic Church,
 5788 Thornton Ave, Newark, CA, 94560

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Patrick Madrid

10 AM TO 3 PM

LUNCH BREAK, 12-1 PM

\$10 per person

(Bring or buy your own lunch)

Call the Office at 510-797-0241

TOPIC: **WHY BE CATHOLIC?**



The 35th Annual Nativity Carnival is here!!! We hope that every member of our Parish will make the effort to join us for this wonderful Spring celebration. And don't forget that there's still time to pick up your raffle tickets. You can't win that 2015 Mercedes Benz or the \$25k cash award if you don't play! Here are the remaining details for this weekend:

Saturday, 06 June 2015	12:00 - 11:00 PM	Hours of Operation	pop, funk, originals #1 band in the Bay Area: Motown, soul, classic R&B
	02:00 - 05:00 PM	<i>Ginger Bandit and the Fall Guys</i>	
06:00 - 10:00 PM	<i>Pride and Joy</i>		
Sunday, 07 June 2015	12:00 - 08:00 PM	Silent Auction	
	09:00 - 11:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast	free!
	12:00 - 06:00 PM	Hours of Operation	rock and soul
	02:00 - 06:00 PM	<i>Real Story Band</i>	
approx. 05:00 PM	Raffle Drawing		

We'll see you at the carnival!