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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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22 MARCH 2015

Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and
where I am, there also will My servant be.

JOHN 12: 26



FIRST READING

I will place My law within them and write it upon their hearts.

JEREMIAH 31: 31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

PSALMS 51

SECOND READING

When He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

HEBREWS 5: 7-9

GOSPEL

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.

JOHN 12: 20-33

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 22-28 MAR

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| SAT 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON 07:30 AM | † Robert McAfee |
| 05:30 PM | † Janet Newman |
| TUE 07:30 AM | † Stephen Rajkovich |
| 05:30 PM | John Peavler |
| WED 07:30 AM | † Fr. Clement Davenport |
| 05:30 PM | † Jay Fritz, K.M. |
| THU 07:30 AM | David Crespi |
| 05:30 PM | † Andy Simonds; † Sandy Cuen; † Sr. Loretta Beyer; † Souls in Purgatory |
| FRI 07:30 AM | Jean Tropeano; Alfred Tropeano; † Peter Tropeano |
| 05:30 PM | In thanksgiving |
| SAT 08:00 AM | † Fokololo Mafileo; † Sr. Ellen Hoffman; † Paul Columbo; † Marcelle Desmond |



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

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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) |

22 MAR (Sunday)

23 MAR (Monday)

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| 09:00 AM | Bible Group |
| 07:30 PM | RCIA |
| 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 07:30 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Society |

24 MAR (Tuesday)

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| 09:30 AM | Faith Formation Class |
| 07:00 PM | Faith Formation Class |
| 08:00 PM | Holy Hour/Happy Hour |

25 MAR (Wednesday)

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| 07:00 PM | Confirmation Class |
| 07:00 PM | Lenten Penance Service |

26 MAR (Thursday)

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| 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
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27 MAR (Friday)

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| 06:00 PM | Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross |
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28 MAR (Saturday)

Confirmation Retreat



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for the **Altar Society**.

BULLETIN NEWS




EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **05 April 2015 (Easter Sunday)** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 25 March 2015**.

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | 28 FEB-01 MAR | 07-08 MAR |
| TOTAL: | \$11,238 | \$10,852 |
| Ash Wednesday: | \$5,227 | |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

23 MAR (Monday):

SAINT TORIBIO DE MORGROVEJO (1538-1606)

Toribio was a noble, lawyer, and professor of law at Salamanca. He became the archbishop of **Lima, Peru** in **1579**, and founded the first seminary in the Western Hemisphere.



25 MAR (Wednesday):

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FLOWERS NEEDED

The Calla Lilies are in bloom again! This is a great way to share the fruits of your garden with our Lord! Even though you may not have too many, please bring what you can of your callas and their leaves to the **O'Hare Center** on **Tuesday evening 31 March 2015** to **Wednesday morning, 01 April 2015**. There will be water buckets outside the O'Hare Center door for drop-off. The



Altar Society will use them for Holy Thursday and Easter. Blue or white potted Hydrangeas in 4-inch or 6-inch pots are also used and appreciated, and may be dropped off behind the outside bar by the O'Hare Center. If you don't have a green thumb or you are short on time to

shop for potted plants, consider a donation to the Altar Society for Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENINGS

Have you told your kids to wait for marriage? Are you showing them something worth waiting for? Please join us in making our marriages the best they can be! 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.sanfranciscowwme.org or call **Yvonne** and **Paul Ziemba** at **650/366-7093**.

"40 DAYS FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN: LENT 2015

Each parish of our county is asked to take one day of the **40 Days for Life** campaign and commit to pray peacefully outside an abortion facility during a 12-hour vigil there. We need two or more people committed to be there each hour. For Nativity parish, the day is: **Saturday, 21 March 2015**.

The location: 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo (just 1/2 block from El Camino Real). The time: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** (Choose your hour(s) during this time period). To sign up your commitment, please phone **Eileen: 650/799-4722**. Thank you.

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

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



ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/799-4722** for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

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 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 • **Gianna Isabelle Hong-Ying**, daughter of **Andrew and Joy Lin**

MARRIAGES • **Michael Demeter** and **Josephine Sinclair**

PARISHIONERS • **Abraham Imansjah**

DEATHS

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society.

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: *Altar Society*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DATE NIGHT

On **Saturday, 18 April 2015**, the parish will host our third "date night" for married and soon-to-be-married couples. We will again be featuring a demonstration by **Carmelo Sigona** on balsamics, a talk by **Fr. Jerome Magat**, and a potluck dinner. It will be in the O'Hare Center behind church from **06:00-08:30 PM**. Please join us for a great night of socializing and reflection. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**, for information and reservations (so we can plan the evening better).

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**.



AID FOR SYRIA

The **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** is a Catholic organization that for more than 62 years has served and protected refugees and other up-rooted people. These times are of unbearable hardship for the Church, fellow Christians, and other families trapped inside war-torn Syria. Today in the Middle East there are millions of internally-displaced persons and refugees who need ICMC's help to survive. They need help right now, especially those families trapped inside conflict-ridden Syria, as well as those who fled the carnage. To learn more about ICMC visit www.icmc.net. You may make contributions to Syrian relief through ICMC by going to give.icmc.net/Syria, or by calling **617/367-4770** and asking for **Lucy**.

JERUSALEM AS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN IT!

Filmed for the first time for IMAX® and Giant Screen theatres, **Jerusalem** immerses audiences into one of the world's most beloved cities. Join renowned archaeologist, Dr. Jodi Magness, as she travels underground to solve some of this city's greatest mysteries. Find out why, after thousands of years, Jerusalem and the Holy Land continue to stir the imagination of billions of people. Unprecedented access to the city's holiest sites, as well as rare and breathtaking aerial footage of the Old City and the Holy Land, combine to make **Jerusalem** a unique and stunning cinematic experience.

www.jerusalemthemovie.com will give you some high level information on the project. **Jerusalem** was released in the fall of 2013 at certain key museums in the United States followed by a worldwide rollout. **It is coming to The Tech Museum of Innovation IMAX® 27 March 2015.**

JERUSALEM

ST. DENIS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Organist/Pianist: St. Denis in Menlo Park and **Our Lady of the Wayside** in Portola Valley are seeking an organist/pianist. The position is part-time and non-exempt.

St. Denis Parish is also seeking a **Director of Religious Education/ Youth Minister**. This is a full-time position and classified exempt. For both/either position, please visit www.stdenisparish.org for more information or contact Fr. Jose Shaji at joseshaji.62@gmail.com.

RETRouvaille

Concerned about your marriage? **Retrouvaille** (reh-trō-vī) is a Catholic ministry designed to help heal and renew marriages. The program offers a chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 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 to help save marriages. For more information go to www.retrouvaille.org or call **415/893-1005**. The next weekends will be **27 February-01 March 2015** in the East Bay and **10-12 April 2015** in San Francisco.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Scientific Research*

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Missionary: *Women in the Church*

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

CHILDRENS BOOKS NEEDED

Samaritan House Medical Clinic in San Mateo is collecting children's books to use in the literacy program they have set up. **Nativity** is a drop-off point for collecting new or used children's books for this program. If you have children's books that you no longer need or your children have outgrown, please think about donating them to this program. There are blue bags in the kitchen of the **O'Hare Center** where they can be dropped off on Sundays,



or you may bring them to the rectory during the week. Thank you to all who have already donated books. They are appreciated.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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| Fridays | 06:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 25 MAR (Wednesday) | 07:30 PM | Lenten Penance Service |
| 02 APR (Thursday) | 07:00 PM | <i>Holy Thursday</i> Mass (<i>one Mass only</i>) |
| 03 APR (Friday) | 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM | <i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. Joseph Fox, O.P.) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross |
| 04 APR (Saturday) | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM | <i>Holy Saturday</i> Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil (<i>no other Masses</i>) |
| 05 APR (Sunday) | 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM | <i>Easter Sunday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (<i>no 05:00 PM Mass</i>) |
| 06 APR (Monday) | 09:00 AM | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (<i>one Mass only</i>) |

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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| 22 MAR (SUN) | SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 23 MAR (MON) | EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 24 MAR (TUE) | NINTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 25 MAR (WED) | Feast of the Annunciation |
| 26 MAR (THU) | |
| 27 MAR (FRI) | |
| 28 MAR (SAT) | |
| 29 MAR (SUN) | Palm (Passion) Sunday |
| 30 MAR (MON) | |
| 31 MAR (TUE) | |
| 01 APR (WED) | |
| 02 APR (THU) | Holy Thursday |
| 03 APR (FRI) | Good Friday |
| 04 APR (SAT) | Holy Saturday |

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.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

TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, "My Sunday Mass" on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit www.mysundaymass.org. **EWTN** also broadcasts (cable and on-line) the daily and Sunday Masses at **05:00 AM** (Pacific), with encore broadcasts at **09:00 AM**, **04:00 PM** and **09:00 PM** daily (www.ewtn.com/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp#).

For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**



Young Believers

“The Annunciation” is one of the most frequently-depicted religious scenes in art. Match the names of these artists with their painted versions of this famous scene:

1. John Collier
2. Fra Angelico
3. Henry Tanner
4. Philippe de Champaigne
5. Frederich Shields
6. W. A. Bouguereau
7. Leonardo Da Vinci
8. Peter Paul Rubens
9. Jan Van Eyck



LENT AND EASTER 2015

TRIDUUM PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

The Triduum liturgies (**Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and **Holy Saturday**) are rich in detail, with extra rites that require volunteers. Particularly, 12 volunteers are needed for the Washing of the Feet which takes place at the **07:00 PM Mass on Holy Thursday, 02 April 2015**. This ceremony recalls Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, to illustrate what it means to serve one another. During Mass, the rite is very simple, requiring only that the 12 “disciples” be seated in chairs in front of the communion rail, and remove just one shoe and sock. They are asked to come early to make sure everyone is present, and to receive instructions before Mass begins. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. We could also use extra ushers at this Mass for light tasks. Second, we need several ushers to help with the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, 04 April 2015, 08:00 PM**. All that is required is to come early, help distribute candles to all worshipers as they arrive, and help keep the reserved sections free for RCIA participants and lay ministers. Third, extra ushers are needed at the Easter morning Masses to help with seating and standing at these very crowded Masses. If you are interested in any of these acts of service, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. Helping with liturgy is an occasion of personal grace for each volunteer.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they have become extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** usually has plenty of room for more worshipers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshipers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Monsignor reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the “*Gloria*” accompanied by bells and the Gospel “*Alleluia*” with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. Following an ancient tradition, those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. We end the evening with a reception in the O'Hare Center. This deeply moving vigil is our inheritance as Christians, and we owe it to ourselves to experience it several times in our lifetime. **Saturday, 04 April 2015, 08:00 PM**.