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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

ACTS 1: 1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

He has remembered His kindness and His faithfulness.

PSALMS 47

**SECOND READING**

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us.

EPHESIANS 1: 17-23

**GOSPEL**

The Lord Jesus ... was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.

MARK 16: 15-20



# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## 17 MAY 2015

They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

ACTS 1: 11

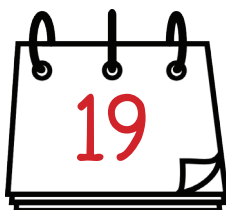
### CALENDAR

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 MAY

<b>SAT 08:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON 07:30 AM</b>	† Peter Kolenda
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Edward Hogan, Jr.
<b>TUE 07:30 AM</b>	† Jelka Rajkovich
<b>05:30 PM</b>	Umberto and Dino Canessa
<b>WED 07:30 AM</b>	All mothers, living and deceased
<b>05:30 PM</b>	The John Hanna family; Carlos Oscar Bonilla; Maria Teresa Noboa Cevallos; † Frances Galea; † Jim Davidson
<b>THU 07:30 AM</b>	Soni and Meke Haunga
<b>05:30 PM</b>	All mothers, living and deceased
<b>FRI 07:30 AM</b>	† Fr. Clement Davenport
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Bill Marques
<b>SAT 08:00 AM</b>	All mothers, living and deceased; † Janet Newman; † Pat Romelfanger; † Eugene Stemper

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>17 MAY</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b> 02:00 PM	"Nativity Feeds" Infant Jesus of Prague Society
<b>18 MAY</b>	<b>(Monday)</b> 09:00 AM 07:30 PM	Bible Group Legion of Mary
<b>19 MAY</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b> 08:00 PM	H <sup>4</sup>
<b>20 MAY</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b> 07:30 PM	Opus Dei Men's Group
<b>21 MAY</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b> 11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>22 MAY</b>	<b>(Friday)</b> 09:30 AM	Nativity Moms Group
<b>23 MAY</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b> 09:00 AM	Baptism Class




## DAYS!

Don't forget to join us on **05-07 June 2015!**  
Nativity Carnival Committee



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

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>02-03 MAY</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$11,736</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$30,020</b>
2015 ADA Goal:	<b>\$130,840</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 18 MAY (Monday): POPE JOHN I (d. 526)

The 53rd pope, who conflicted against Theodoric the Goth, ruler of Italy at the time. Theodoric was an Arian who late in life became suspicious of everyone, imagining conspiracies and attempts to seize his throne. When he attempted to involve Pope John in his politics, the pope travelled to Constantinople to negotiate with Emperor Justin I. Theodoric had John kidnapped and imprisoned upon his return to Rome, and the pope died while in custody.

## 19 MAY (Tuesday): SAINT CRISPIN OF VITERBO, Religious (1668-1750)

A Franciscan lay brother, Crispin's simple, humble holiness brought many local lay people to him for spiritual guidance. As word of his wisdom spread, his visitors became priests, bishops, then cardinals, and even a pope. Crispin was noted for paying little attention to the rank or status of a visitor, either high or low, but concentrating on talking to them all as equal children of the same God.

## 20 MAY (Wednesday): SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA, Priest (1380-1444)

Bernardino's charismatic preaching filled the piazzas of Italian cities. Thousands of listeners flocked to hear him and to participate in dramatic rituals, which included collective weeping, bonfires of vanities, and exorcisms. He was a renowned peacemaker, in the Franciscan tradition, who tried to calm feuding clans and factions in the turbulent political world of the Renaissance.



## 22 MAY (Friday): SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, Religious (1381-1457)

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow and member of a religious community. Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## MONTHLY EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Men's Group** has a monthly evening of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Menlough Study Center ([www.menlough.org](http://www.menlough.org)). They meet on the third **Wednesday** of the month beginning at **07:30 PM** in the Church. You can find more information about Opus Dei at [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org).

## 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**.

## 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](mailto:holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com).

## NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 22 May 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):



**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).*

## 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**.



*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** • Zuzu Simone, daughter of Daniel and Corinne Cristiani  
Anthony Manuel, son of Manuel and Christa Ramos  
Lorcan Aleschi, son of Michael and Carolina Toth

**MARRIAGES** • Angel Arroyo and Daisy Prado

## PARISHIONERS

**DEATHS** • John Kates  
George Janiszewski

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week there will be a second collection for **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. This collection supports projects throughout the world that develop the use of media for evangelization. It helps this effort by providing grants that spread the faith through social media sites, podcasts, print media, radio, and television. Half of your donation to the CCC stays in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support local communication projects such as the TV Mass. Your generosity is 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: *Catholic Communication Campaign*.

Dear Monsignor Otellini,

Thank you for the very enjoyable and uplifting pastoral visit to Nativity parish April 19th and 20th.

I very much enjoyed celebrating Mass with your parishioners and spending time visiting with them and getting to know them better. I also appreciated the opportunity to Confirmation for a number of your young people, and it was a welcome opportunity to be able to visit briefly with them before Mass started.

Thank you, too, for the supper Sunday evening with the parish leaders. It was a great opportunity for us to interact in a more relaxed, social climate.

Finally, the Mass with the school community and visit to the classes and lunch with the faculty and staff afterwards was the highlight of the whole visit. I found the students to be exceptionally bright and to ask good questions. And the hospitality, company, conversation and food with the faculty and staff at lunch was a delightful way to conclude the weekend.

Thank you again for the gracious hospitality that you, Fr. Alner, Deacon Dominick and your entire parish extended to me. Please remember to keep me in your prayers, as I pray for you.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,  
Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## RESPECT LIFE: URGENT REQUEST

Please contact your state legislators **immediately** regarding the following bills:

**AB 775 Pregnancy Counseling Discrimination Rule - OPPOSE**  
Would require pro-life pregnancy centers to promote abortion to their clients. There is no conscience clause.

**SB 128 Assisted Suicide - OPPOSE** – weakens legal constraints or investigation grounds for the “assistant”

To identify your legislator or for more information on the bills see:

<http://cqrcengage.com/cacatholic/action>

or

[http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators\\_and\\_districts/legislators/your\\_legislator.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/legislators/your_legislator.html)

Contact Eileen at 650/799-4722 if you need further assistance.



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Want more sparkle in your marriage? Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and rediscover the glow you had as newlyweds! Go to [www.sanfranciscowwme.org](http://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.

## 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 [hopfnere@sfarchdiocese.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarchdiocese.org) or 415/614-5680, or **Greg Sylvain** at [gregory@canterburytours.com](mailto: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.

**POPE FRANCIS: REGINA CAELI** (excerpt)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (St. Peter's Square) -- 26 April 2015**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning,

This day, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called "Good Shepherd Sunday", invites us each year to rediscover, with ever new astonishment, how Jesus defined himself, reading it again in the light of his passion, death and resurrection. "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11): these words are wholly fulfilled when Christ, freely obeying the will of the Father, is immolated on the Cross. The significance that He is "the Good Shepherd" thus becomes completely clear: He gives life, He offered his life in sacrifice for us all: for you, for you, for you, for me, for everyone! And for this reason He is the Good Shepherd!

Christ is the true shepherd, who fulfils the loftiest model of love for the flock: He freely lays down his own life, no one takes it from Him, but He gives it for the sheep. In open opposition to false shepherds, Jesus presents himself as the one true shepherd of the people. A bad pastor thinks of himself and exploits the sheep; a good shepherd thinks of the sheep and gives himself. Unlike the mercenary, Christ the pastor is a careful guide who participates in the life of his flock, does not seek other interests, has no ambition other than guiding, feeding and protecting his sheep. All of this at the highest price, that of sacrificing his own life.

In the figure of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we contemplate the Providence of God, his paternal solicitude for each one of us. He does not leave us on our own!

### NATIVITY SCHOOL PROJECT: NATIVITY FEEDS

**Alexander** and **Luke Edward**, our cantors for **08:00** and **09:30 AM** Masses, together with the Nativity School community, are asking for your help to support its school lunch program called "**Nativity Feeds**". As the students are living the Gospel message of helping those in need and valuing the dignity of each individual, they are committed to raising money to fund a school lunch program for a school in **Sanya Station, Tanzania** (where one of the Nativity School families is currently engaged in service work). The students and their families at the Sanya Station public elementary barely have enough to feed themselves. These students have nothing to eat during the school day which lasts from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM**. So Alexander and Luke Edward and the students at Nativity want to raise close to \$3,000 to give a lunch of corn and beans to every student in that school for one year. Please help "**Nativity Feeds**" by donating what you can afford on **17 May 2015** – at the "**Nativity Feeds**" stand outside the church. If you would like to make a donation other than this time, please bring your donation to the parish or school office with "**Nativity Feeds**" in the memo line. Every single dollar raised here will go directly towards the nourishment of a student at this school. Thank you.

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

<b>17 MAY (SUN)</b>	<b>THIRD Day: Pentecost</b>
<b>18 MAY (MON)</b>	<b>FOURTH Day: Pentecost</b>
<b>19 MAY (TUE)</b>	<b>FIFTH Day: Pentecost</b>
<b>20 MAY (WED)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day: Pentecost</b>
<b>21 MAY (THU)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day: Pentecost</b>
<b>22 MAY (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day: Pentecost</b> <b>FIRST Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>23 MAY (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH Day: Pentecost</b> <b>SECOND Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>24 MAY (SUN)</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>THIRD Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>25 MAY (MON)</b>	<b>FOURTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>26 MAY (TUE)</b>	<b>FIFTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>27 MAY (WED)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>28 MAY (THU)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>29 MAY (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>
<b>30 MAY (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH Day: Holy Trinity</b>

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):**

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

**Novena to the Most Holy Trinity:**

[http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy\\_trinity.html](http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy_trinity.html)

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)



The Ascension of Christ (detail) - Jouvenet

# Young Believers

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 SPIRIT             AWAITING  
 WITNESSES        HEAVEN  
 AWESOME          HOLY  
 ANGELS             JESUS



“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” -- *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

[www.presidentialprayerteam.org](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org)

### PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”