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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

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

ACTS 2: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created.

PSALMS 104

SECOND READING

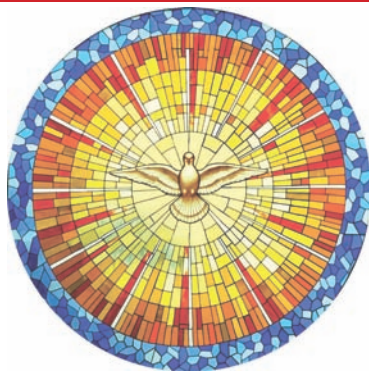
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL

He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit".

JOHN 20: 19-23



PENTECOST SUNDAY

24 MAY 2015

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

ACTS 2: 11

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 24 - 30 MAY

SAT 08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 09:00 AM	† Elsie McGuire
TUE 07:30 AM	All mothers, living and deceased
05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED 07:30 AM	† Eleanor Merz
05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased
THU 07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
05:30 PM	Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone; † Maria Gervasio; † Olga Dominquez; † Leo J. Alvelais
FRI 07:30 AM	† John Posthauer
11:00 AM	† John Kates
05:30 PM	† Clementina Riolfo; † Janette Ottoboni
SAT 08:00 AM	All mothers, living and deceased; † Eugene Stemper; † Dorothy Opitz; † Howard Jones

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

24 MAY (Sunday)**25 MAY (Monday)**

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

26 MAY (Tuesday)

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27 MAY (Wednesday)**28 MAY (Thursday)**

11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
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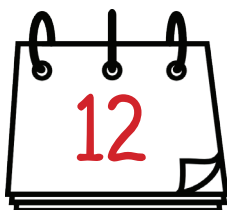
29 MAY (Friday)

11:00 AM	School Graduation Mass
07:00 PM	Nativity School Graduation

30 MAY (Saturday)

The parish office will be closed on Monday, 25 May 2015 for Memorial Day.

There will be one Mass, at 09:00 AM, on Monday.




DAYS!

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

25 MAY (Monday):

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on **05 May 1868** by **General John Logan**, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on **30 May 1868**, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at **Arlington National Cemetery**.



25 MAY (Monday):

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE (672-735)

Considered the most learned man of his day, Bede was born around the time England was finally Christianized. His writings started the idea of dating our era from the birth of Christ, and our knowledge of the history of England before the 8th century is mainly the result of Bede's writings. He is a Doctor of the Church.

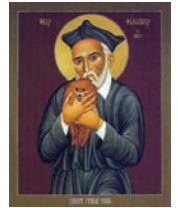
POPE GREGORY VII (1020-1073)

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI (1566-1607)

26 MAY (Tuesday):

SAINT PHILIP NERI, Priest (1515-1595)

While visiting a Dominican chapel in San Germano, Philip received word in a vision that he had an apostolate in Rome, so he cut himself off from his family and went there. During the Easter season of 1544, while praying in the catacomb of San Sebastiano, he received a vision of a globe of fire that entered his chest, and he experienced an ecstasy that physically enlarged his heart. He would hear confessions by the hour, and could tell penitents their sins before they confessed them. He founded both the *Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity* and the *Congregation of the Oratory*.



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES

Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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!

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.

CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

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.

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)**.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities continually strives to aid those most in need. We house the homeless, feed the hungry, and nurture the aging and youth communities; but none of that is possible without the support of parishioners like you. Your gifts are allowing us to strengthen families and reduce poverty for thousands of our neighbors in need throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco. There truly are no words to express how much we appreciate your support for our most vulnerable neighbors.

To see how your contributions are affecting those in need please visit www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org. Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Charities Sunday, which makes this work possible.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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*.

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

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

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.

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 hopfnere@sfarchdiocese.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. The word Retrouvaille simply means ‘rediscovery’. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, 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 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**.

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 or **415/614-5680**, or **Greg Sylvain** at 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: GENERAL AUDIENCE (excerpt) (St. Peter's Square) -- 13 May 2015

Today I would like to continue our catechesis on the family by reflecting on three phrases: 'May I?', 'Thank you', and 'Pardon me.' These simple phrases are not so easy to say or to put into practice. But when they are ignored, their absence can cause cracks in the foundation of the family, which can lead to its collapse. If these words are part of our daily lives, not just as a formal expression of good manners, but as a sign of deep love for one another, they strengthen a happy family life.

'May I?' – even if we think we have the right to something, when we speak to our spouse or family member with kindness we create space for a true spirit of marital and familial common life. We renew trust and respect, revealing our love for others, and we allow them to open the door of their hearts to us.

'Thank you' – our society has great need for gratitude, which makes us more sensitive to the dignity of the human person and the demands of social justice. Thankfulness is also the language of God, to whom above all we must express our gratitude.

'Pardon me' – Without these words, hurt can develop in our relationships, and weaken our life as a family. But when we ask forgiveness, we show our desire to restore what was lost – respect, honesty, love – and healing between family members is made possible. 'May I?', 'Thank you', 'Pardon me' – Let us ask the Lord to keep these three phrases in our hearts, our homes and our communities."

WANT TO KEEP UP WITH EVENTS AT THE VATICAN?

Check out the blog by EWTN's "Vatican Insider", **Joan Lewis**, at <https://joansrome.wordpress.com>.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

24 MAY (SUN)	PENTECOST SUNDAY THIRD Day: Holy Trinity
25 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Holy Trinity
26 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Holy Trinity
27 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Holy Trinity
28 MAY (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Holy Trinity
29 MAY (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Holy Trinity FIRST Day: Corpus Christi
30 MAY (SAT)	NINTH Day: Holy Trinity SECOND Day: Corpus Christi
31 MAY (SUN)	FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY THIRD Day: Corpus Christi
01 JUN (MON)	FOURTH Day: Corpus Christi
02 JUN (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Corpus Christi
03 JUN (WED)	SIXTH Day: Corpus Christi FIRST Day: Sacred Heart
04 JUN (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Corpus Christi SECOND Day: Sacred Heart
05 JUN (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Corpus Christi THIRD Day: Sacred Heart (First Friday)
06 JUN (SAT)	NINTH Day: Corpus Christi FOURTH Day: Sacred Heart (First Saturday)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to the Most Holy Trinity:

http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy_trinity.html

Novena to the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Corpus_Christi.htm

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

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

"I read all the speeches of the pope, his commentaries, and if the pope continues this way, I will go back to praying and go back to the church. I'm not joking."

-- **Raul Castro**, after meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican



THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Isaiah 11: 2-3)

- WISDOM
- UNDERSTANDING
- COUNSEL
- FORTITUDE
- KNOWLEDGE
- PIETY
- FEAR OF THE LORD



SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT (CCC.2091+)

- DESPAIR
- PRESUMPTION OF GOD'S MERCY (either presuming on one's own capabilities, or presuming that God, in His infinite mercy, will grant forgiveness without conversion, and glory without merit)
- IMPUGNING THE KNOWN TRUTH (to attack, resist or contradict the truth)
- ENVY OF THE SPIRITUAL GOOD OF ANOTHER
- OBSTINACY IN SIN (stubbornly persisting in sin)
- FINAL IMPENITENCE (being unwilling to repent)



THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5: 22-23 and CCC.1832)

- CHARITY
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- MODESTY
- SELF-CONTROL
- CHASTITY



"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

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."