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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



FIRST READING

Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

DANIEL 12: 1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

PSALMS 16

SECOND READING

He waits until His enemies are made His footstool.

HEBREWS 10: 11-14, 18

GOSPEL

Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

MARK 13: 24-32



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 NOVEMBER 2015

They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

MARK 13: 26

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 15 - 21 NOV

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Scott Carey
	05:30 PM	Special intention; † Charles Moran; † Joseph Kim; † Souls in Purgatory
TUE	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Steven Palmer
WED	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory; † Judith Ormeno
THU	07:30 AM	† Joe Flipp
	05:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory
FRI	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	Debbie and Bill Miller
SAT	08:00 AM	† Souls in Purgatory; † Fr. Clement Davenport; † Joe Flipp; † Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**.

BULLETIN NEWS


EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

- Items for the **29 November 2015** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 18 November 2015**.

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)
15 NOV	(Sunday)	Adopt-a-Family
16 NOV	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
17 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: The Prophets
	01:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	07:00 PM	Bible Study: The Prophets
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
18 NOV	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class (2nd year)
	07:30 PM	Opus Dei Men's Group
	07:45 PM	Confirmation Parent Meeting
19 NOV	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
20 NOV	(Friday)	
21 NOV	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class
	06:00 PM	Adopt-a-Family

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 31 OCT-01 NOV
TOTAL:	\$11,533
ADA Progress:	\$48,566
2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

17 NOV (Tuesday) SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Patroness of the Third Order (1207-1231)

The daughter of King Andrew of Hungary; she married Prince Louis of Thuringa at age 13. Built a hospital at the foot of the mountain on which her castle stood and tended to the sick herself. Once when she was taking food to the poor and sick, Prince Louis stopped her and looked under her mantle to see what she was carrying; the food had been miraculously changed to roses.



21 NOV (Saturday) THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Commemorating the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child in the Temple where, according to tradition, she was educated. The feast originated in the Orient, probably about the 7th century. It was introduced into the Western Church in the 14th century, abolished by Pope Pius V, but reestablished by Sixtus V in 1585.



18 NOV (Wednesday) DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



ST. PETER'S, ROME



ST. PAUL'S, ROME

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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**. In addition, we have items that can be purchased (toiletries, diapers, etc.) for organizations to distribute to the homeless, unwed mothers and others with special needs. Needless to say, we also accept donations to assist families throughout the year. This is a wonderful way for everyone here that has been so materially blessed to share those blessings with those in need. To sign up please see us outside church at the sign-up tables on the weekends of **14-15 and 21-22 November 2015**, or 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.

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: 03:00 AM

Saturday: 10:00 AM; 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.

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). 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.

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

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**
- **James Brennan IV**, son of **Jibb and Julie Brady**
 - **Bennett Griffin**, son of **Adam and Katie Hahn**
 - **Kaiya Ashten**, daughter of **Erick and Rea Supnet**
 - **Daniel, Jr.**, son of **Daniel and Melinda Villagomez**

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Sasha and Berkeley Hawkins**
 - **Michele Zarate (Noah)**
 - **Dorys Ugueto**

- DEATHS**
- **Felix Olmedo**
 - **Tonina Catalano**

THANKSGIVING MASS COLLECTION

The collection taken at Mass on Thanksgiving Day will benefit the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and their work in our local community with needy families. They will also be collecting non-perishable food. Containers will be at the doors of the church before the **09:00 AM** Mass on **26 November 2015 (Thursday)**. They will accept canned meat or fish, soups, fruits, and vegetables; rice; dried beans; jam and jelly; peanut butter; etc. to help stock the pantry. Every can of food makes a difference to the hungry in our area. Thank you for your continued generosity.

NATIVITY'S SISTER CHURCH

On **12 August 2015**, **Monsignor Steven Otellini**, our pastor, declared our Church of the Nativity as the sister church with the newly-built **Mission Church of Our Lady of the Holy Angels** in the Diocese of **Antipolo City, Philippines**. Its main mission is to evangelize the Gospel of our Blessed Lord through devotions and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The members of the clergy and the laity of the Diocese of Antipolo are grateful and humbled by this evidence of support from the Nativity Parish Community. *May our Blessed Lord and His Mother continue to shower their graces to all who will proclaim His love and bring us back to Jesus, our Lord. Amen.*

HOLY LAND TRAVEL SHOW

If you missed it, those of us that took the 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be giving a slide and video presentation of our trip. This will take place on **Saturday, 21 November 2015** from **06:15-08:00 PM**. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening with fellow parishioners to see the sights of the land where Jesus lived. We will tour Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Tiberias, Magdala, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Mount Tabor, Dead Sea, Masada, Jericho, Bethany, Bethlehem, and the many sights of Jerusalem. Please join us and if you can bring something to share (especially appetizers), that would be great. It begins after the evening Mass. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.



"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



On **29 November 2015**, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food, or assistance with P.G. & E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call Mike Wilmer at 650-346-1089

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH: RELIC EXPOSITION

On **Thursday, 10 December 2015** at **07:00 PM**, The Church of the Nativity will be hosting the very special "*Treasures of the Church*" relic exposition. The exposition will begin in the Church with a multi-media presentation by **Fr. Carlos Martins**, followed by the opportunity to venerate this spiritual treasury of relics in the O'Hare Center. To preview and prepare for this exposition, please visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com

IN THE COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Vallombrosa Center cordially invites you to join them for an afternoon of music, prayer, and reflection in celebration of the gift of God's love. The **Vallombrosa Choir**, under the direction of **Patrick Feehan**, will perform a Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the Chapel in the Vallombrosa Center on **Sunday, 15 November 2015** at **02:00 PM**, with light refreshments to be served afterward. A suggested donation of **\$20.00** per person is welcome. To help us plan for this event, please confirm your attendance with **David** via davidl@vallombrosa.org or call **650/325.5614**. Vallombrosa is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park.

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 20 November 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. 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 **09:00 AM**. 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 **November 2015**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Open Dialogue*

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Missionary: *Pastors*

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

VISIT TO THE JOINT SESSION OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, 24 September 2015

(conclusion)

In particular, I would like to call attention to those family members who are the most vulnerable, the young. For many of them, a future filled with countless possibilities beckons, yet so many others seem disoriented and aimless, trapped in a hopeless maze of violence, abuse and despair. Their problems are our problems. We cannot avoid them. We need to face them together, to talk about them and to seek effective solutions rather than getting bogged down in discussions. At the risk of oversimplifying, we might say that we live in a culture which pressures young people not to start a family, because they lack possibilities for the future. Yet this same culture presents others with so many options that they too are dissuaded from starting a family.

A nation can be considered great when it defends liberty as Lincoln did, when it fosters a culture which enables people to "dream" of full rights for all their brothers and sisters, as Martin Luther King sought to do; when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed, as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work, the fruit of a faith which becomes dialogue and sows peace in the contemplative style of Thomas Merton.

In these remarks I have sought to present some of the richness of your cultural heritage, of the spirit of the American people. It is my desire that this spirit continue to develop and grow, so that as many young people as possible can inherit and dwell in a land which has inspired so many people to dream.

God bless America!



CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

15 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia
16 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
17 NOV (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
18 NOV (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
19 NOV (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
20 NOV (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
21 NOV (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
22 NOV (SUN)	Feast of Saint Cecilia
23 NOV (MON)	
24 NOV (TUE)	
25 NOV (WED)	
26 NOV (THU)	THANKSGIVING DAY
27 NOV (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

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

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 November 2015 at 01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your our heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade families are invited to the **Mercy High School, Burlingame Open House** on **Sunday, 22 November 2015** from **12:30-03:00 PM**. Mercy is an all-girls, Catholic, college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. More info: **650/762-1114** or visit www.mercyhsb.com.

OPEN
HOUSE

Young Believers

So you think you know your Bible stories?
Try these five questions:



1. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating an apple.

FALSE: The Bible does not specify that it was an apple, only that it was a “fruit”. [GEN 2:3]

2. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: Noah took only two of each kind of animal into the ark.

FALSE: Noah was instructed by God to take “one pair” of all the unclean animals, but “seven pairs” of every clean animal and bird.” [GEN 7:1-3]

3. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: There were three Wise Men.

FALSE: The Bible never says how many; it only refers to “magi” and “they”. [MAT 2:1-12]

4. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: The Wise Men visited Jesus in the manger right after He was born.

FALSE: The Bible says the Magi arrived “after Jesus was born” and that the star sent them to “the place where the Child was”, referring to it as “the house.” Some scholars believe this might have been up to two years after Jesus’ birth, which would explain why Herod ordered the killing of all male children two years and younger. [MAT 2:9-11]

5. **TRUE** or **FALSE**: On the road to Damascus, when God spoke to Saul (the future St. Paul), the bright flash of light knocked Saul off his horse.

FALSE: The Bible never says anything about a horse. It says that Saul “fell to the ground.” [ACTS 9:4]

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

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.”