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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

GENESIS 2: 18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

PSALMS 128

SECOND READING

By the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

HEBREWS 2: 9-11

GOSPEL

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

MARK 10: 2-16



Suffer the Children to Come to Me -- Harold Copping

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

04 OCTOBER 2015

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

MARK 10: 15

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 OCT

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SAT 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON 07:30 AM | † Fr. Clement Davenport |
| 05:30 PM | † Jamileh Zaru |
| TUE 07:30 AM | All families |
| 05:30 PM | Tim Kennedy; † Jamers Hoey; † Theresa Jo; † Ralph Gesell |
| WED 07:30 AM | Special intention |
| 05:30 PM | † Lemuel Southorn |
| THU 07:30 AM | † Suzanne Johnson |
| 05:30 PM | † Kenneth Sullivan |
| FRI 07:30 AM | † Joe Williams |
| 05:30 PM | Lucienne Woods |
| SAT 08:00 AM | Baby Kaeppler; † Lucile and Bill Deis; † Deacon John Sequeira; † Faith Tootell |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

DID YOU MISS ANY OF THE POPE'S SPEECHES OR HOMILIES?


The Vatican website (www.vatican.va) has complete texts of all of Pope Francis' speeches and homilies, and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org) has links (search for "Papal Visit 2015 speeches").



We are also re-printing the pope's speech to the Joint Session of Congress in the bulletin over the next few weeks.

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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) |
| 04 OCT | (Sunday) | Farmers' Market |
| 05 OCT | (Monday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Bible Group |
| | 07:30 PM | RCIA |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 06 OCT | (Tuesday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Bible Study: The Prophets |
| | 07:00 PM | Bible Study: The Prophets |
| | 08:00 PM | H ⁴ |
| 07 OCT | (Wednesday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | School Mass |
| 08 OCT | (Thursday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Opus Dei Women's Group |
| | 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
| 09 OCT | (Friday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Nativity Moms' Group |
| 10 OCT | (Saturday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Baptism Class |

PARISH OFFERINGS

| | WEEK OF 05-06 SEP | WEEK OF 12-13 SEP | WEEK OF 19-20 SEP |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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| TOTAL: | \$12,507 | \$11,873 | \$12,452 |
| ADA Progress: | \$30,020 | \$30,020 | \$30,020 |
| 2015 ADA Goal: | \$130,840 | \$130,840 | \$130,840 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 OCT (Tuesday):

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

Presided over the cathedral school at Rheims from **1057** to **1075**. Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in **1084** and with the help of **Saint Hugh of Grenoble**, he founded what became the first house of the *Carthusian Order*; he and his brothers supported themselves as manuscript copyists. Assistant to **Pope Urban II** (Bruno's former student) in **1090**, and supported the pope's efforts at reform.

07 OCT (Wednesday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Pope St. Pius V established this feast in **1573**. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. **Clement XI** extended the feast to the universal Church in **1716**.

09 OCT (Friday):

SAINT DENIS and COMPANIONS

Denis was the first Bishop of Paris. His success roused the ire of local pagans, and he was imprisoned by the Roman governor. Denis was martyred in the persecutions of Valerius with **Saint Rusticus** and **Saint Eleutherius**. His feast was added to the Roman Calendar in **1568** by **Pope Saint Pius V**. Denis is one of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

ST. FRANCIS CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Looking for a way to share your time and talent and make a life changing difference? **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City is in need of volunteer tutors for their adult ESL program in their reading, writing, speaking classes. Many time slots (8:00-3:30) are available during the week and no knowledge of Spanish is necessary. For more information, please contact **Kristin Bright** at the Center at **650/365-7829** or kristin.bright@aol.com. Thank you! www.stfrancisrwc.org.

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.

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.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 09 October 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** or **Monica Hendricks** at **650/367-4944** for more information.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet on **Thursday, 08 October 2015** at **07:30 PM** in the Worner Center of St. Gregory parish.

Discussing:

- Mustard Seed; Legislative Update
- Planned Parenthood videos and the *Protest PP* rallies and other means of opposition to PP
- Promoting a Culture of Life: ways and means

Let's defend all people from conception to natural death. All are welcome; for more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 October 2015**, we will have our final 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**
- Victor Alexander, son of Ted and Lourdes Burns
 - Jackson Anthony, son of Mark and Cristina Madrid

- MARRIAGES**
- Benjamin Sambrano and Michelle Barragan

- PARISHIONERS**
- Debra and Eric Ver Ploeg
(Lauren, Ava, Brooke)

- DEATHS**
- Joe Flipp
 - Harry Morey
 - Faith Tootell

HELP FOR VALLEY FIRE VICTIMS

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is accepting donations for victims of the Valley fires. If you would like to help, contact them at 707/528-8712.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend will be **World Mission Sunday** for Nativity. This is a change of date to **10-11 October** so that we might have **Fr. Solomon** speak at all of our Masses. World Mission Sunday, founded in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, is an annual collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics around the world are called in a special way to be missionaries. Your prayers and support on World Mission Sunday are vital to the missionaries serving 1,150 mission territories worldwide, including Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands, which is nearly one-third of the world. Your gift for World Mission Sunday, through the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, will make it possible for missionaries around the world to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Please be generous.

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: *World Mission Sunday*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FARMERS MARKET AT NATIVITY

Every First Sunday fresh veggies are for sale – Once again on **04 October 2015**, come to the front of the Church after the **09:30 AM** Mass and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally by *NanoFarms USA*, which is a worker-owned cooperative. Expect to see lettuce, beets, strawberries, kale, onions, squash, tomatoes, and more, depending on the various seasons throughout the year. All produce is grown on the property of **St. Patrick's Seminary** in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the **St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA**, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto, based in Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto.



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?

Pope Benedict XVI met with Retrouvaille participants and explained that when a marriage is suffering, the spouses are facing an opportunity that "will help them to grow." Guided by Mary and with the help of the Lord, their love will be purified, deepened and strengthened. 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 their 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 or marriage counseling. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing.

There are several Retrouvaille weekends each year being held throughout California, along with English or Spanish speaking sessions.

Go to www.retrouvaille.org

It's not too late to register for the November 6 - 8 weekend!

URGENT CALL TO VETO BILLS

Please contact **Governor Brown** as soon as possible to VETO two bills on his desk. The bills are (1) **ABX2-15 End of Life bill (Assisted Suicide)** and (2) **AB775 Reproductive FACT act** (forcing pro-life pregnancy centers to advertise for abortion).

By phone: Call **916/445-2841** and indicate to the staff member your request to VETO both bills. You will be asked for your city and name so they can log it in. Takes a minute.

By email: Go to <https://govnews.ca.gov/gov39mail/mail.php>. Identify bill and veto request in subject line, for example, "Please VETO AB775 Reproductive FACT Act" and in the other email, "Please VETO ABX2-15 End of Life."

For more information on these bills, please see the Catholic Conference of California Bishops action page:

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

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DENNIS MARTIN AND SARA WALLIS

On **04 October 2015**, from **02:00-04:00 PM**, the **Palo Alto Historical Association** will host a presentation by **Bo Crane** on **Dennis Martin**, an Irish immigrant who came to California with the first wagon train to cross the Sierra Nevada. The talk will touch on Martin's connection with **Sara Wallis**, a fellow pioneer and their settling and thriving in the area – Sarah in Mayfield (now Palo Alto) and Dennis in what is near Jasper Ridge and SLAC. This free presentation will be held at **Lucie Stern Community Center**, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. For more information call PAHA at **650/329-2535**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Human Trafficking*

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Missionary: *Asian Missionaries*

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

**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**

*Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Speaker, Honorable Members of Congress,
Dear Friends,*

I am most grateful for your invitation to address this Joint Session of Congress in “the land of the free and the home of the brave”. I would like to think that the reason for this is that I too am a son of this great continent, from which we have all received so much and toward which we share a common responsibility.

Each son or daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility. Your own responsibility as members of Congress is to enable this country, by your legislative activity, to grow as a nation. You are the face of its people, their representatives. You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics. A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk. Legislative activity is always based on care for the people. To this you have been invited, called and convened by those who elected you.

Yours is a work which makes me reflect in two ways on the figure of Moses. On the one hand, the patriarch and lawgiver of the people of Israel symbolizes the need of peoples to keep alive their sense of unity by means of just legislation. On the other, the figure of Moses leads us directly to God and thus to the transcendent dignity of the human being. Moses provides us with a good synthesis of your work: you are asked to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face.

Today I would like not only to address you, but through you the entire people of the United States. Here, together with their representatives, I would like to take this opportunity to dialogue with the many thousands of men and women who strive each day to do an honest day's work, to bring home their daily bread, to save money and –one step at a time – to build a better life for their families. These are men and women who are not concerned simply with paying their taxes, but in their own quiet way sustain

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 04 OCT (SUN) | Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi |
| 05 OCT (MON) | |
| 06 OCT (TUE) | |
| 07 OCT (WED) | Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary |
| 08 OCT (THU) | |
| 09 OCT (FRI) | |
| 10 OCT (SAT) | |
| 11 OCT (SUN) | |
| 12 OCT (MON) | |
| 13 OCT (TUE) | FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II |
| 14 OCT (WED) | SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II |
| 15 OCT (THU) | THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II |
| 16 OCT (FRI) | FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II |
| 17 OCT (SAT) | FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II |

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_glor.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

PADRE PIO'S
FAVORITE!



the life of society. They generate solidarity by their actions, and they create organizations which offer a helping hand to those most in need.

I would also like to enter into dialogue with the many elderly persons who are a storehouse of wisdom forged by experience, and who seek in many ways, especially through volunteer work, to share their stories and their insights. I know that many of them are retired, but still active; they keep working to build up this land. I also want to dialogue with all those young people who are working to realize their great and noble aspirations, who are not led astray by facile proposals, and who face difficult situations, often as a result of immaturity on the part of many adults. I wish to dialogue with all of you, and I would like to do so through the historical memory of your people.

(continued next week)

Young Believers

HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful IS the rosary? Consider these events:

October 7, 1571 — In the great battle of Lepanto, October 7th, 1571 a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off a Turkish invasion. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

May 13, 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

October 13, 1960 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

May 13, 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

May 12, 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

This battle, fought off the coast of Greece on **07 October 1571**, was the climactic battle between the defending Christians and the Muslim invaders (who would eventually remove Christianity from the Middle East and North Africa). They were now threatening Europe: the success of the Christian navy would stop the advance and preserve Europe as a Christian civilization. Find out more about the miraculous outcome of this battle, and why October 7th is now the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**.



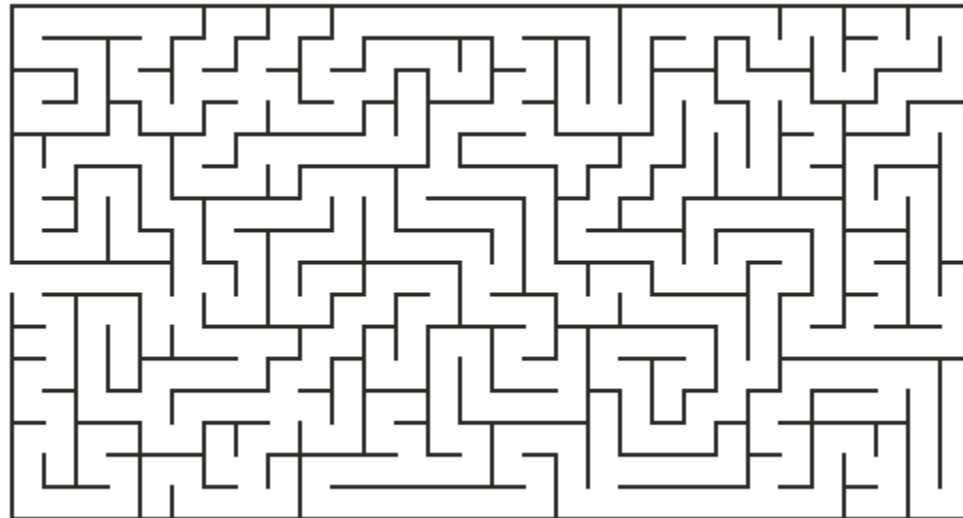
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Prayer for Week One:

We pray for Catholics throughout the world, that the Holy Spirit may help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.

UNITE THE BELIEVERS WITH THEIR ROSARIES!



OPEN HOUSE

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, 18 October 2015

11:00 AM - 02:00 PM

It's all here - the teachers, the traditions, the perfect class size, the all-girls setting. It's **Notre Dame High School**, and it's as amazing as the students themselves!

INFORMATION NIGHT

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, 19 November 2015 07:00-09:00 PM

This is an opportunity for 8th Grade families to have more in-depth conversations with faculty and staff. While Open House is a more general glimpse into the school, **Information Night** is more specific to curriculum and what makes Notre Dame such a special place to be!