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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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 OCTOBER 2015

“For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God.”

MARK 10: 27



FIRST READING

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

WISDOM 7: 7-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness.

PSALMS 90

SECOND READING

The Word of God is living and effective.

HEBREWS 4: 12-13

GOSPEL

“How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God.”

MARK 10: 17-30

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 11 - 17 OCT

SAT 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
05:30 PM	† Flavia Bartolomeo
TUE 07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
05:30 PM	The Tanakatsubo family
WED 07:30 AM	Benefactors of the parish
05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
THU 07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
05:30 PM	Tim Kennedy; Anne Kelly; † Frances Galea; † Joe McLoughlin
FRI 07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
05:30 PM	† Barbara and Joseph Wynne
SAT 08:00 AM	Sarah Garcia; Baby Kaeppler; † Bennie and Carolina Sylvestri; † Meke and Soni Haunga

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.

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)

11 OCT (Sunday)

12 OCT (Monday)

09:00 AM Bible Group
07:30 PM RCIA
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

13 OCT (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: The Prophets
07:00 PM Bible Study: The Prophets
07:30 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
08:00 PM H⁴

14 OCT (Wednesday)

15 OCT (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group
07:00 PM First Reconciliation Parents

16 OCT (Friday)

17 OCT (Saturday)

09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 05-06 SEP	WEEK OF 12-13 SEP	WEEK OF 19-20 SEP
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

15 OCT (Thursday)

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to St. Joseph. Teresa became a Carmelite nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.

16 OCT (Friday)

SAINT MARGARET MARY ALOCOQUE (1647-1690)

She was healed of a crippling disorder by a vision of the Virgin Mary. After receiving a vision of Christ fresh from the Scourging, she was moved to join the Order of the Visitation. In 1675 she received a revelation from our Lord, which included **12 promises** to her and to those who practiced a true **devotion to His Sacred Heart**. The saint died of natural causes in 1690, and her body is to this day incorrupt.



17 OCT (Saturday)

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop and Martyr (c. 50 - c. 107)

Ignatius was a pagan convert to Christianity, who succeeded **Peter** as bishop of Antioch, Syria. He served during the persecution of Domitian, and during the persecution of Trajan, he was ordered taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, a journey which took months, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. He was the first writer to use the term *the catholic Church*. -- *"No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."*



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.

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA CONCERT



Rehearsals are underway for **Schola Seraphica's 9th Annual Christmas Concert** on **06 December 2015** at **02:30 PM**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

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.

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 17 October 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. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. 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.

HELP FOR VALLEY FIRE VICTIMS

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

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**
- Jackson Bennett, son of Nick and Danielle Lanthier
 - Augustin Franklin Roger, son of Bert and Icie Legrand

- MARRIAGES**
- Emir Charles Roach and Hoi I Cheong
 - Mark Goedde and Mayra Castillo
 - Riley Strong and Eryn Parker

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Joe Flipp
 - Faith Tootell
 - Casiano Nambatac (Fr. Al's father)

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend will be **World Mission Sunday** for Nativity. This is a change of date so that we might have **Fr. Solomon Farinto**, who is from the **Diocese of Ilorin** in **Nigeria**, 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

YOUNG ADULTS CONFERENCE 2015

The **First Annual Conference for Adults** 18-40 will be held on **24 October 2015** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**. This day-long event will be a wonderful time to gather with other adults from Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties to discover and share our gifts with one another. The day will include Mass with **Archbishop Cordileone**, an opening talk from **Bishop Robert McElroy**, interactive workshops, opportunities to meet other adults 18-40, married, single, with or without children. Activities are provided for children. For information call **415/614-5595** or email pollocka@sfarch.org.

You may register online at www.sfarch.org/yamcon2015.

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

3RD ANNUAL DOMINICAN LAITY HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Once again the members of the **Corpus Christi Chapter of Dominican Laity** invite you to sample traditional, handmade pies by *Upper Crust* on **Sunday, 25 October 2015**, after the morning Masses. These delicious gourmet pies are made using the finest, all-natural ingredients just like you would make at home! We will take orders for Pumpkin, Apple, Berry Supreme, Strawberry Rhubarb, and gluten-free Peach and Pumpkin pies. All orders can be picked up on **Sunday, 01 November 2015** after the **09:30** and **11:30 AM** Masses only. The pies come unbaked (frozen) and keep perfectly in the freezer for 10-12 months for fast and convenient baking any time! They are great to tuck in the freezer for upcoming holidays or to offer as gifts to friends and family. *Upper Crust's* "**Bay Area Famous**" traditional 8-inch pies are available to you for only **\$20** each! Don't miss this great opportunity to find out more about the Dominican Laity and enjoy homemade-quality pies this holiday season.



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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!

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**

(continued)

My visit takes place at a time when men and women of good will are marking the anniversaries of several great Americans. The complexities of history and the reality of human weakness notwithstanding, these men and women, for all their many differences and limitations, were able by hard work and self-sacrifice – some at the cost of their lives – to build a better future. They shaped fundamental values which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people. A people with this spirit can live through many crises, tensions and conflicts, while always finding the resources to move forward, and to do so with dignity. These men and women offer us a way of seeing and interpreting reality. In honoring their memory, we are inspired, even amid conflicts, and in the here and now of each day, to draw upon our deepest cultural reserves.

I would like to mention four of these Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton.

This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the guardian of liberty, who labored tirelessly that “this nation, under God, [might] have a new birth of freedom”. Building a future of freedom requires love of the common good and cooperation in a spirit of subsidiarity and solidarity.

All of us are quite aware of, and deeply worried by, the disturbing social and political situation of the world today. Our world is increasingly a place of violent conflict, hatred and brutal atrocities, committed even in the name of God and of religion. We know that no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism. This means that we must be especially attentive to every type of fundamentalism, whether religious or of any other kind. A delicate balance is required to combat violence perpetrated in the name of a religion, an ideology or an economic system, while also safeguarding religious freedom, intellectual freedom and individual freedoms. But there is another temptation which we must especially guard against: the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners. The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters,

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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

18 OCT (SUN) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

19 OCT (MON) SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
SECOND DAY: Saint Jude

20 OCT (TUE) EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
THIRD DAY: Saint Jude

21 OCT (WED) NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude

22 OCT (THU) Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II
FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude

23 OCT (FRI) SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude
FIRST DAY: All Saints

24 OCT (SAT) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude
SECOND DAY: All Saints

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Jude:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm

All Saints' Novena:

www.piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

PADRE PIO'S FAVORITE!

demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide it into these two camps. We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within. To imitate the hatred and violence of tyrants and murderers is the best way to take their place. That is something which you, as a people, reject.

Our response must instead be one of hope and healing, of peace and justice. We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today's many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples. We must move forward together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good.

(continued next week)

RISE! 2015 CONFERENCE

The **RISE! 2015 Conference** is a free two-day event for Bay Area teens, young adults, as well as parents, catechists and teachers. It will be held at **Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine** on **13-14 November 2015** and will feature two internationally-known speakers on the topic of purity and Christian Love: **Matt Fradd** and **Jackie Francois**. The purpose of Rise! 2015 is to instruct and encourage youth to rediscover the beauty of the human vocation to love.



www.riseba.org



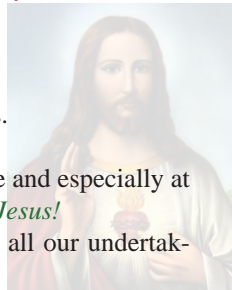
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH Prayer for Week Two:

We pray for all who are vulnerable, especially unborn children, persons with disabilities, and those who are poor, elderly, or suffering from illness: that they may be respected and cared for according to their God-given dignity.

RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE FROM CONCEPTION
TO NATURAL DEATH.

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Revealed to Saint Margaret Mary in the form of prayer

- Heart of Jesus, give us **all the graces necessary** for our state of life. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, grant **peace to our families**.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
- Heart of Jesus, **console us** in all our sorrows.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
- Heart of Jesus, be our **safe refuge** during life and especially at the hour of death. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, **pour abundant blessings** on all our undertakings. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, be for sinners the source and **infinite ocean of mercy**. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, make **indifferent souls** fervent.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
- Heart of Jesus, make **fervent souls** advance rapidly to perfection. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, **bless the homes** in which the image of Your Sacred Heart is exposed and honored.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
- Heart of Jesus, **give to priests the power** to touch the most hardened hearts. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
- Heart of Jesus, engrave on Your Heart forever the names of those who **propagate this devotion**.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
- Heart of Jesus, give those who **receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months** the grace of final repentance, that they shall not die under Your displeasure, but strengthened by receiving the Sacraments, may Your Heart be their assured refuge at that last hour.
You have promised it, O Jesus!



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."

2016 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

Once again Franciscan **Father Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.** will lead two tours to the Holy Land, **28 May-08 June 2016**, and **03-14 September 2016**. The tour highlights include 1st class hotels throughout; breakfast and dinner; comprehensive sightseeing with paid admissions; and all transportation is on air conditioned buses. For a brochure, additional information and reservations, please contact: Fr. Mario DiCicco, OFM, St. Peter's Church, 110 West Madison St, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

His email is mmdicicco@gmail.com or visit his website: FrMarioTours.weebly.com.



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!