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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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 OCTOBER 2015

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 10: 45



FIRST READING

Through His suffering, My servant shall justify many.

ISAIAH 53: 10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our soul waits for the Lord, Who is our help and our shield.

PSALMS 33

SECOND READING

Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy.

HEBREWS 4: 14-16

GOSPEL

“Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

MARK 10: 35-45

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 OCT

SAT 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	† Cecelia Hadsell
05:30 PM	† Theresa Jo
TUE 07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
05:30 PM	† Liolinda McEnvoy
WED 07:30 AM	† Frances Rosa Cavaco
05:30 PM	† Peter Bendix
THU 07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
05:30 PM	Lucienne Woods
FRI 07:30 AM	Edith Schlesinger
05:30 PM	Baby Kaeppler; Patricia Thompson; † Paul Soares; † Thomas Sanders
SAT 08:00 AM	† John Kates; † Joe Flipp; † Barbara Hamdler; † Casiano Nambatac

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form



Please make sure
your cell phones are
turned off or muted
when you enter the church.

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)

18 OCT (Sunday)

19 OCT (Monday)

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

20 OCT (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: The Prophets
07:00 PM Bible Study: The Prophets
08:00 PM H⁴

21 OCT (Wednesday)

07:30 PM Opus Dei Men's Group

22 OCT (Thursday)


11:00 AM The Thursday Group

23 OCT (Friday)

09:30 AM Nativity Moms' Group

24 OCT (Saturday)

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

19 OCT (Monday):

SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES, JOHN DE BRÉBEUF and COMPANIONS, Martyrs

Missionaries to the Mohawks and Iroquois, who were brutally tortured and martyred for the faith in New France.

23 OCT (Friday)

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, Priest (1386-1456)

John was governor of Perugia under King Landislas of Naples. When war broke out between Perugia and Malatesta in 1416, John tried to broker a peace, but instead his opponents ignored the truce, and John became a prisoner of war. During his imprisonment he came to the decision to change vocations, and became a Franciscan. He was reported to heal by making the Sign of the Cross over a sick person. After the fall of Constantinople, he preached a Crusade against the Muslim Turks. At age 70 he was commissioned by Pope Callistus II to lead it, and marched off at the head of 70,000 Christian soldiers. He won the great battle of Belgrade in the summer of 1456, then died in the field a few months later.



20 OCT (Tuesday)

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, Priest (1694-1775)

After receiving a vision, and while still a layman, Paul founded the *Congregation of Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion* (the *Passionists*) in 1721 to preach about Jesus Crucified. Paul was a preacher of such power that hardened soldiers and bandits were seen to weep.



24 OCT (Saturday)

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, Priest (1807-1870)

Anthony is considered the “spiritual father of Cuba”, where he spent many years as the archbishop of Santiago, trying to effect reforms despite fierce (and deadly) opposition (he was once attacked by a paid assassin whose release from prison Anthony had previously obtained). He was ordered back to Spain by the pope to become confessor to Queen Isabella II. He followed her into exile in France after the revolution of 1868. Anthony was a prolific preacher (10,000 sermons), writer, and publisher (over 200 works), and always encouraged deep devotion to the Eucharist and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary never left his hand.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 23 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 • Nelson Nicholas, son of Nelson and Amanda D'Antonio
• Emilia, daughter of Ymanol Valdes and Maria Alejandra Vegas

MARRIAGES • Luis Ledezma and Paola Aguilar

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Casiano Nambatac (Fr. Al's father)

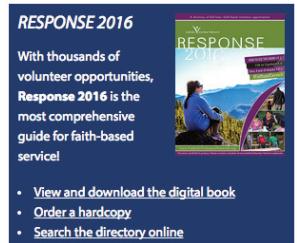
HELP FOR VALLEY FIRE VICTIMS

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.

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

Would you like to make a difference in your community, the country, or the world? Do you want to serve those in need and work for social justice? With more than 200 programs and thousands of opportunities, **RESPONSE 2016**, the most comprehensive guide to faith-based service opportunities is now available—and it's free. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. Our volunteers are from all walks of life—from high school to senior citizens and every stage in between. Positions are available for both single and married volunteers, including those with children.

Contact **Catholic Volunteer Network** to receive your free copy/copies of **RESPONSE 2016**. Call toll-free at **800/543-5046** or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org.



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.

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.



Matt Fradd

Jackie Francois

www.riseba.org

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)

The challenges facing us today call for a renewal of that spirit of cooperation, which has accomplished so much good throughout the history of the United States. The complexity, the gravity and the urgency of these challenges demand that we pool our resources and talents, and resolve to support one another, with respect for our differences and our convictions of conscience.

In this land, the various religious denominations have greatly contributed to building and strengthening society. It is important that today, as in the past, the voice of faith continue to be heard, for it is a voice of fraternity and love, which tries to bring out the best in each person and in each society. Such cooperation is a powerful resource in the battle to eliminate new global forms of slavery, born of grave injustices which can be overcome only through new policies and new forms of social consensus.

Here I think of the political history of the United States, where democracy is deeply rooted in the mind of the American people. All political activity must serve and promote the good of the human person and be based on respect for his or her dignity. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" (Declaration of Independence, 4 July 1776). If politics must truly be at the service of the human person, it follows that it cannot be a slave to the economy and finance. Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort.

Here too I think of the march which Martin Luther King led from Selma to Montgomery fifty years ago as part of the campaign to fulfill his "dream" of full civil and political rights for African Americans. That dream continues to inspire us all. I am happy that America continues to be, for many, a land of "dreams". Dreams

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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
25 OCT (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude THIRD DAY: All Saints
26 OCT (MON)	NINTH DAY: Saint Jude FOURTH DAY: All Saints
27 OCT (TUE)	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude FIFTH DAY: All Saints
28 OCT (WED)	SIXTH DAY: All Saints
29 OCT (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: All Saints
30 OCT (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: All Saints
31 OCT (SAT)	NINTH 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

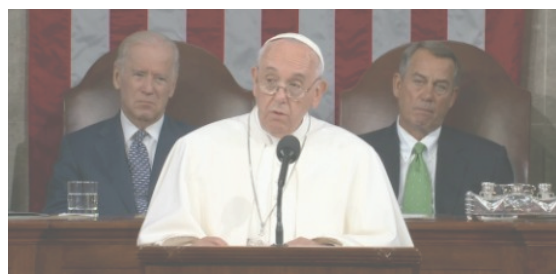
Novena for Priests:

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!



which lead to action, to participation, to commitment. Dreams which awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people.

(continued next week)

Young Believers



With the ever-increasing use of email and texting, the abbreviation “OMG” has come into widespread and common use (even appearing in advertisements for the California lottery at one time!). While many people may regard this as “simply an expression”, it is in fact a **blasphemy**: you are taking the Lord’s name in vain, in violation of the Second Commandment. Are you willing to be a strong Catholic and obey the Commandments that our Creator gave us? Don’t use this “phrase”, and encourage others to follow your good example (it’s a small sacrifice: offer it up for the souls in Purgatory!).

The Church also offers us a **partial indulgence** if we say “Blessed be God” whenever we hear God’s name taken in vain. So the next time someone texts you “OMG”, text them back “BBG”.

And when they ask you what it means, explain this whole situation to them!

H F U Y T L R U L E R S
 O J R I G H T I B Q T T
 K B X S U F F E R I N G
 D E S C E N D A N T S P
 X I S G T G R A C E W R
 F N Y B H J D I R J R E
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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Prayer for Week Three:

We pray for women who are unexpectedly pregnant and filled with anxiety: that the Blessed Mother may help them to know they are not alone.

RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE FROM CONCEPTION
 TO NATURAL DEATH.

TEACHER
 RULERS
 THRONE
 TRUSTWORTHY
 INDIGNANT
 SYMPATHIZE

MERCY
 DELIVER
 SUFFERING
 BAPTIZED
 WEAKNESS
 PRESERVE
 JESUS

KINDNESS
 DESCENDANTS
 RIGHT
 LEFT
 SERVANT
 RANSOM
 GRACE

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!

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.

