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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 AUGUST 2016

For behold, some are last who will be first,
and some are first who will be last.

LUKE 13: 30



FIRST READING

I come to gather nations of every language.
ISAIAH 66: 18-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

PSALMS 117

SECOND READING

Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by Him.

HEBREWS 12: 5-7, 11-13

GOSPEL

Many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

LUKE 13: 22-30

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 AUG

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Katie Supple |
| | 05:30 PM | † Peg and Frank Chandler |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Rina Krevzel |
| | 05:30 PM | The Guerra family; † Thelma Castillo; † Dilchurs Franz; † Doris Bogart |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Swede Lenz |
| | 05:30 PM | Benefactors of the parish |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Raymond Basso |
| | 05:30 PM | † Frances Galea |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Anthony Zele |
| | 05:30 PM | Richard and Shade O'Driscoll |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Paul and Rosie Calvo; The Kreutner family; † Ernesto Verbo; † Irene Oblacion |

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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) |

21 AUG (Sunday)

22 AUG (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

23 AUG (Tuesday)

08:00 PM H⁴

24 AUG (Wednesday)

25 AUG (Thursday)

26 AUG (Friday)

09:00 AM Nativity School Mass

27 AUG (Saturday)

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



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

THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Third Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on **Saturday, 08 OCT 2016** at the **Moffett Field Golf Course**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field. The format will be best ball scramble. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School's Sobrato Pavilion.

For questions and RSVP contact **Mike Livingston** via email at mike@1on1basketball.com.

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | WEEK OF 06-07 AUG |
| TOTAL: | \$13,649 |
| Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: | \$56,119 |
| 2016 ADA Goal: | \$148,082 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

24 AUG (Wednesday):

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle

Bartholomew may have preached in Asia Minor and written a Gospel (now lost). He was martyred in Armenia.

25 AUG (Thursday):

SAINT LOUIS IX of FRANCE, King and Patron (1226-1270)

Louis was devoted to his people and saw his kingly duties in light of his faith. He is the patron of the **Third Order of the Franciscans**.



SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ, Priest (1556-1648)

27 AUG (Saturday):

SAINT MONICA, (322-387)

A Christian from birth, she was given in marriage to a bad-tempered, adulterous pagan named Patricius. She prayed constantly for the conversion of her husband (who converted on his death bed), and of her son, **St. Augustine** (who converted after a wild life and 18 years of his mother's prayers).



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

RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 19 SEP 2016

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **19 SEP 2016**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 15 APR 2017**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace** (650/325-6978, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory

(650/323-7914). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more info.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly **Young Professionals' Bible Study** on **Sunday** afternoons. We began our study with the "*Epistle to the Romans*." Join us at **01:30 PM** for lunch, followed by discussion at **02:30 PM**. We will be meeting at **Hirav** and **Jordan Gandhi's** place at 1466 San Antonio Ave #8, Menlo Park. Please bring \$5 to chip in for lunch! You can RSVP by calling or texting **Jordan** at **949/310-1393**.

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

TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, "*My Sunday Mass*" on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit www.mysundaymass.org.

EWTN also broadcasts (cable and on-line) the daily and Sunday Masses at **05:00 AM** (Pacific), with encore broadcasts at **09:00 AM, 04:00 PM** and **09:00 PM** daily (www.ewtn.com/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp#).

For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

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):



Saturday: 07:00 PM (prayer partner)

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.

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**
- **Augusten Thomas**, son of **Joseph and Laura Fasolo**
 - **Giuliana and Isabella**, daughters of **Michael and Bridgette Paravati**
 - **Hudson Kirk**, son of **Brock and Angela Woody**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Jesse Benitez and Sandra Arellano-Cortez**
 - **James Perris and Ansje-Johanna Bol**

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Jose Maldonado**
 - **Lindsey and William Melchor** (*Lucy*)
 - **Lisa and Bulmaro Lemus**

- DEATHS**
- **Ferne Calcaterra**
 - **Eleanor Jekot**
 - **Julia Buckingham**
 - **Angela Sanchez**

THURSDAY GROUP NEWS

The **Nativity Thursday Group** resumes after the summer break on **Thursday, 08 SEP 2016**. The Nativity Thursday Group provides an opportunity for seniors and others to get together once a week in the O'Hare Center.

You are welcome to join the Scripture Group at **11:00 AM** or come for the Rosary at **noon** every week. We often have a Mass as well. After these we get together to socialize in the O'Hare Center. Coffee, tea, and dessert are always provided. Members need to bring their own lunch. Once a month students from Nativity School join us for a lunch provided by their parents. We also celebrate many holidays with a special lunch. New members are very welcome to join us.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHERINE'S CENTER TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW!

St. Vincent de Paul's Catherine's Center supports women transitioning from incarceration back into society. SdP's Catherine's Center relies on charitable donations to support our ministry. Please consider supporting us by purchasing tickets to our *Twilight Fashion Show* to be held **Tuesday, 30 AUG 2016 at 05:30 PM** at Trinity Church in Menlo Park. Tickets are **\$75** and are available at www.svdpsm.org.

SAINT PATRICKS SEMINARY GALA AND RAFFLE

Parishioners are invited to support **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** by attending the **St. Patrick's Seminary Gala 2016** on **Saturday, 10 SEP 2016** or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2016 Lexus is200t or \$25,000 as the grand prize. This automobile is made possible in conjunction with Putnam Lexus of Redwood City. Raffle tickets are **\$50.00** each. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick's Seminary and University. A limited number of tickets will be sold; a few are available in the parish office. For more information about the gala email advancement@stpsu.edu or call **650/289-3320**. You may register online for the dinner at www.stpsu.edu/2016-stpsu-gala.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all ... time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities ... a chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you? The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is **11-13 NOV 2016** at **Vallambrosa Center** in Menlo Park. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact **Ken** and **Claranne** at applications@sanjosewwme.org or **408/782-1413**.

AMANDA VERNON CONCERT

Internationally-known recording artist **Amanda Vernon** will present a concert for all ages on **Friday, 26 AUG 2016 at 07:00 PM** at **St Matthias** parish in Redwood City. She will share her original music and give faith-filled stories behind her songs. For more information contact **Sabrina Harper** at **650/366-9544**. Tickets are on sale in the parish office or online at amandavernon.com/Mathias.

EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (San Francisco) will have an exhibit on the **Life of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** from **27 AUG-03 SEP 2016** in St. Francis Hall. Exhibit hours: **09:00 AM-05:00 PM** on **Saturdays-Sundays**, and **03:00-05:30 PM Monday-Friday**. There will be a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, 04 SEP 2016** (her day of canonization) at **11:00 AM** at the Cathedral, presided by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Please join us in gratitude to God for the gift of our new saint.

FAMILY LIFE CONF: "TOGETHER IN HOLINESS"

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** are pleased to present a **Family Life Marriage Conference "Together in Holiness"** on **Saturday, 24 SEP 2016** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, at the **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Belmont. Speakers will include **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone; Leah Darrow; Dick and Patti Collyer;** and **Arland Nichols**. Registration fees: **\$40/couple (\$50 after 31 AUG 2016); \$40/newlywed couple (less than 2 years); \$30/individual**. Free childcare (6 mos-12 yrs); pre-reg. required. To register visit www.togetherinholiness.org.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **August 2016**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Sports*

That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Missionary: *Living the Gospel*

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.



www.im.va

ATTENTION VOTERS!

Nativity will host a number of events to prepare for this upcoming and important election in November:

• **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer Service:** On **Sunday, 25 SEP 2016**, beginning at **12:30 PM** and ending around **09:00 PM** (with a break for the 05:00 PM Mass), the parish will sponsor a prayer service for our country that entails saying 2,000 *Hail Mary*'s. With this service, we will be storming heaven through the intercession of His Mother Mary, to preserve our country from evil, within and without.

• **Conference on "How Should Catholics Vote":** This conference will be given by **Fr. George Schultz, S.J.** an instructor at St. Patrick's Seminary. This will help us to navigate a very difficult, but very important voting year. It is on **Tuesday, 27 SEP 2016** and begins at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center.

• **National Solidarity in Prayer Holy Hour:** On **Thursday, 13 OCT 2016**, parishes throughout the country are having an hour of prayer for our country at the same hour. Our hour in Pacific Standard Time will be from **04:00-05:00 PM**.

• **Fatima Mass:** On **Thursday evening, 13 OCT 2016**, our Fatima Mass and celebration will be for the intention of preserving our country from evil and drawing all of us into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at **07:30 PM**, followed by candlelight rosary procession, and healing benediction.

• **54-Day Rosary Novena:** Parishioners are encouraged to say the rosary for 54 days (27 in petition and 27 in thanksgiving) for our country. This can begin on any day that works for you. Padre Pio said that the rosary is the "weapon of our time." Don't just say it, pray it!

Every parishioner is encouraged to join in prayer and education in preparation for the upcoming election. Please put aside other events as this is most important.

For any questions, please contact **Deacon Dominick (650/269-6279)** or **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)**

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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| 21 AUG (SUN) | FOURTH DAY: St. Monica THIRD DAY: St. Augustine |
| 22 AUG (MON) | FIFTH DAY: St. Monica FOURTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 23 AUG (TUE) | SIXTH DAY: St. Monica FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 24 AUG (WED) | SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 25 AUG (THU) | EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 26 AUG (FRI) | NINTH DAY: St. Monica EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 27 AUG (SAT) | Feast of Saint Monica NINTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 28 AUG (SUN) | Feast of Saint Augustine |
| 29 AUG (MON) | |
| 30 AUG (TUE) | FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 31 AUG (WED) | SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 01 SEP (THU) | THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 02 SEP (FRI) | FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 03 SEP (SAT) | FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Beginning **Tuesday, 04 OCT 2016**, Nativity continues its "Study of the Faith" series. This year's classes are entitled: **"The Fulfillment of All Desires."** led by **Ralph Martin** (on video) and **Deacon Dominick** with supplemental material. The general theme is a study of how to grow in holiness. We begin guided by seven Doctors of the Church who have particularly shown the way: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Augustine, St. Francis De Sales, and a splash of St. John Paul II (future Doctor of the Church) to tie it altogether. Mother Angelica said: "God is looking for sinners and weaklings and everyday people just like you and me. Just because we live in suburbia or drink diet colas or worry about the Joneses doesn't mean we cannot become saints." Striving to be holy truly is the fulfillment of our most fundamental desire: Union with Christ. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays** in the O'Hare Center. The morning class goes from **09:30-11:00 AM**. It is repeated in the evening from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Classes will run through the Spring. There is a book and study guide to purchase. Please contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** for questions, to reserve a place, and order materials: **650/269-6279**.

POST-ABORTION HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

The **Archdiocesan Respect Life Program** and **Project Rachel Ministry** invite you to a conference: *Insights on Healing and Reconciliation after Abortion*, in celebration of the Year of Mercy, on **Saturday, 17 SEP 2016** from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM** at **St. Brendan** Parish Hall, 29 Rockaway Avenue at Ulloa Street, San Francisco. The program will feature **Vicki Thorn**, founder of Project Rachel, a Catholic ministry for persons hurting after abortion. The event will offer updated insights and understanding of post-abortion loss and will discuss how the Church, family and friends can offer compassionate help and referrals for the spiritual reconciliation. The fee is **\$25.00** and includes breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. For reservations and information, please contact us at **415/614-5533** or **415/717-6428**, or email evansv@sfarch.org or masfs11@gmail.com.

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2016-2017

Registration has begun for Nativity's **Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation. Registration forms and information packets are available online (nativitymenlo.org) under the *School of Religion* link. A kick-off celebration will be held on **18 SEP 2016**, Catechetical Sunday, after the **09:30 AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 25 SEP 2016**. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving First Communion, through all grade levels until the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **20-21** and **27-28 AUG 2016** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. Sacrament Class and Classes for grades 1 to 6 are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. Confirmation Preparation Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center beginning **05 OCT 2016**.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion requires 2 years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in 1st grade.

Confirmation Preparation is also a 2-year program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter 7th grade, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.

Catechist Openings:

Help our children be all they can be! Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

Substitute Catechists

Assistants for Grade 3 to 6

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hickam@gmail.com.

MANAGING CHALLENGING DEMENTIA BEHAVIORS

On **10 SEP 2016** from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services San Mateo County is hosting a free 2-hour overview that introduces acute or chronic health problems/illnesses that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find additional resources. Presented by **Patty Clement-Cihak**, Catholic Charities Division Director, Aging Support Services. This is designed for caregivers with all levels of experience, who are caring for a family member or friend. It will be held at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. To register visit www.erecreg.com (Course #71449) For help with registration call **650/522-7490**.

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Those whose marriages end in divorce are often people who never learned the proper tools for a happy marriage. This is where **Retrouvaille** (*rě-trō-vī*) can help. Teams of couples who have experienced all four stages of marriage (as explained in Retrouvaille) present the program. Instead of giving up, they found solutions and learned the tools they need to live a happy marriage. They learned that marriage does not follow the "romance and happily-ever-after" formula. Rather they discovered that there are certain learnable skills, attitudes and tools that they can use to deal with the inevitable problems of the real world. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be **04-06 NOV 2016** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mtn View. The fee is **\$100**, including meals. For more information, registration, and other upcoming dates visit www.retrouvaille.org or call **Harvey** and **Cortne** at **415/893-1005** or **Joel** and **Sharon** at **707/217-8796**.



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**.

We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: yeo@streetlifeministries.org

driving: bruce@streetlifeministries.org

servicing: emily@streetlifeministries.org