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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

FIRST READING

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.

SIRACH 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in His holy dwelling.

PSALMS 68

SECOND READING

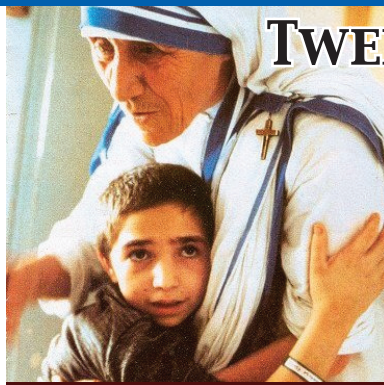
You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

HEBREWS 12: 18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL

You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

LUKE 14: 1, 7-14



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 AUGUST 2016

Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

LUKE 14: 14

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 AUG - 03 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	David and Maria Gilsdorf
TUE	07:30 AM	† Suzanne Lieb
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Holly O'Driscoll
	05:30 PM	Fr. Fausto Zelaya; † Gerhard Wehr; † Christopher Douglas; † Joe Robles
THU	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Larry de los Santos
	05:30 PM	† Concepcion Dimas
SAT	08:00 AM	Constance Ribissi; Maurice Verbeke; † Swede Lenz; † Alexous Massiou

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.



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.

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)
28 AUG	(Sunday)	
29 AUG	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
30 AUG	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM H ⁴
31 AUG	(Wednesday)	
01 SEP	(Thursday)	
02 SEP	(Friday)	First Friday 1st
03 SEP	(Saturday)	First Saturday 1st




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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 13-14 AUG
TOTAL:	\$11,256
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$56,119
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

29 AUG (Monday): THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. The Church specially honors John by celebrating the feasts of both his martyrdom and birth.

03 SEP (Saturday): SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (540-590)

Prefect of Rome who then sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily, plus one in Rome. He collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are today referred to as *Gregorian Chants*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 26 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 **26 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.



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.



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

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**.

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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Irene Onyeneho

DEATHS • Ferne Calcaterra
• Ruth Nardone
• Julia Buckingham
• Angela Sanchez

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be canonized next Sunday (04 September), the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death. Practice acts of mercy as she did.

Blessed Mother's birthday is coming up next week (08 September). Wouldn't praying the rosary be a lovely present for her?

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

September is recruitment month for the **San Francisco Archdiocesan Children's Choir**. The choir is free of charge and open by audition to any boys or girls in **Grades 3-8**. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsal will be on **Tuesdays** from **04:30-06:00 PM** at the cathedral, where the choir also sings about twice a month for Masses and various special events. Learn more by visiting www.sfchoirschool.org. For more information or to set up an audition, please contact **Dr. Christoph Tietze** at **415/567-2020** or tietze@stmarycathedralsf.org.

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**.

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.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café.

If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

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**.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM to 01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a **free Clothing Distribution Center** which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Centrality of the Human Person*

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Missionary: *Mission to Evangelize*

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.



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

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
04 SEP (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
07 SEP (WED)	NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
08 SEP (THU)	Feast of the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary
09 SEP (FRI)	
10 SEP (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

"PLAINCHANT"

Want to learn more about Gregorian Chant -- the form of sacred music sung by the Church for hundreds of years?

The **Church Music Association of America**

(www.musicasacra.com) is one great place to start.

They even have an introductory course in Chant for Children:

(www.musicasacra.com/music-pedagogy-for-children).

Other wonderful sites include:

- The **Canons Regular of St. John Cantius** (www.canons-regular.org), which has on-line tutorials on the Latin Mass for clergy and laity

- The **Institute of Christ the King**, which has an on-line library of the Gregorian Chant Propers (www.institute-christ-king.org/latin-mass-resources/sacred-music/) for the entire liturgical year.



Oremus.

Canamus.

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 **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

erving: emily@streetlifeministries.org