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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

Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794



FIRST READING

The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.
ISAIAH 11: 1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

PSALMS 72**SECOND READING**

By the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

ROMANS 15: 4-9**GOSPEL**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths.

MATTHEW 3: 1-12

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

04 DECEMBER 2016

He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into His barn.

MATTHEW 3: 12

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Virginia and John Conway
	05:30 PM	† Meke and Soni Ha'unga
TUE	07:30 AM	The Cullinane family
	05:30 PM	† Elizabeth Lehmann
WED	07:30 AM	† Paula Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† Charles Moran; † Mary Rapp; † John Rudolph; † Estelle O'Donnell
THU	07:30 AM	† Eve Bielecki
	05:30 PM	Lindsay Gonzalez
	07:30 PM	† Joe McLoughlin
FRI	07:30 AM	John Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† Marguerite Savage
SAT	08:00 AM	Mary and Scott Schock and family; The Peloso and Munk families; † John Martin; † Trent Moseley

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

**08 DEC (Thursday)****FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Thursday, 08 December 2016 is the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The vigil Mass will be on **Wednesday at 05:30 PM**. Masses on **Thursday** will be at **07:30 AM; 09:00 AM** (school Mass); **12:00 PM, 05:30 PM; and 07:30 PM**.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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 DEC	(Sunday)	02:30 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert
05 DEC	(Monday)	10:00 AM 07:30 PM 07:30 PM	Bible Group Legion of Mary RCIA
06 DEC	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM 08:00 PM 07:30 PM	Bible Study H ⁴ Bible Study
07 DEC	(Wednesday)	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
08 DEC	(Thursday)	09:30 AM 11:00 AM 07:00 PM	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> Opus Dei Women's Group The Thursday Group Legion of Mary District Mtg
09 DEC	(Friday)		
10 DEC	(Saturday)	06:00 PM	Simbang Gabi Meeting

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 19-20 NOV
TOTAL:	\$12,882
Campaign for Human Dev.:	\$3,253
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$92,772
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

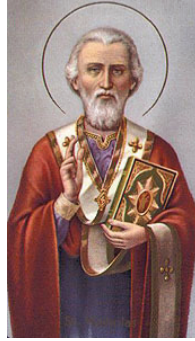
SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 DEC (Tuesday)

SAINT NICHOLAS, Bishop (~342)

Saint Nicholas, the patron Saint of Russia, is universally regarded as the champion of the innocent and wronged. He was known to have given his entire vast inheritance for the benefit of the poor and helpless, and many miracles have been attributed to him. Even to this day healings of the sick occur at the site of his relics in Bari, Italy.



08 DEC (Thursday):

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

This dogma, declared in **1854**, teaches that Mary was redeemed from the first moment of her conception. By the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, she is *preserved immune from all stain of original sin by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God.* (Pius IX).

09 DEC (Friday)

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

Born an impoverished freeman in a strongly class-conscious society, **Cuahtlatoatzin** became an adult convert to Christianity at the age of 50, taking the name **Juan Diego**. The Virgin Mary appeared to him on **09 December 1531**, leaving him her image on his tilma. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in July of 2002.



07 DEC (Wednesday):

SAINT AMBROSE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-397)

Ambrose was a Roman citizen who served in the imperial government. Elected **Bishop of Milan** by popular acclaim, he was revered for his service to the poor and his writings against the Arian heresy.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

NATIVITY BOOKS AVAILABLE

We have several books which are still available in the parish office. If you are interested in purchasing one or all of these books they are available between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday through Friday. 650/323-7914.**

- *Nativity Illuminated: A Celebration of Our Church and the Symbols Within* (\$10.00)
- *Father Lucky: Trust in Jesus, A collection of the stories of the late Fr. Clement A. Davenport* (\$10.00)
- *The Spirit of Nativity: Celebrating Christ on the Peninsula for 140 Years* (\$6.00 paperback in black and white; \$140.00 for 12" x 12" beautiful hardback in full color)



COME TO BETHLEHEM

An 800-ft² **Nativity Diorama** will be on display at **Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine** from **09 DEC-08 JAN, 05:00-09:00 PM (M-F), 09:00 AM-09:00 PM (Sat-Sun)** and also by appointment. It is in the Family Learning Center and admittance is free. Our Lady of Peace is located at 2800 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara. For more information call **408/988-4585**.

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

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 10th Annual Christmas Concert** on **04 DEC 2016, 02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students.

They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday to Friday**. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

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):



Sunday: 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 04:00 PM

Thursday: 01:00 PM; 02:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 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.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191), or San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).

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**
- Charlotte Marguerite, daughter of Erik and Susan Loenneker
 - Evan Joseph, son of Jose Sahagun and Amy Alonso

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Deirdre O'Sullivan
 - Fr. Thomas Moran

NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend there will be a special collection for **Nativity School**. For the last five years instead of relying on monthly collections at Sunday Mass, we have issued an appeal to our parish family for a single donation to support Nativity School. The parish has always answered with extraordinary generosity. This appeal has doubled the amounts collected in monthly installments throughout the year. On **03-04 DEC 2016** our second collection will be for our Parish School which is indeed thriving. We are blessed with a strong Catholic identity. We hope all will give generously to this vital ministry and excellent education that is provided for our children.



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual Thank You Christmas Party on **Saturday, 17 DEC 2016**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory; if you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ministries and groups, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Many have read in the secular and Catholic press reports about the efforts of Pope Francis to assist married couples. For many reasons there is a lack of solid information about these matters. Your priests share the concerns of the Holy Father and make themselves available to help couples have the certainty of a Catholic marriage that is fully recognized by the state and the Catholic Church. For further information and for couples to arrange a personal meeting with a priest, please contact **Fr. Mark G. Mazza** at **650/323-7914**, xtn 103 or frmgm2012@yahoo.com.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**. If you would like to learn more about this altar bread visit www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php



GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

The *Rosary Jubilee Booklet*, compiled by the **Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery**, Menlo Park, is a perfect gift for giving. Give it to your family and friends, VA hospitals and military personnel, nursing homes, people suffering with depression or other mental disorders, the homebound and the homeless. They are great for stocking stuffers and the perfect gift to send in a greeting card. You may obtain copies after the morning Masses outside Church. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece.



ADVENT CHORALE CONCERT AND CRÈCHE DISPLAY

Mark your calendars for an **Advent Chorale Concert and Crèche Display**. On **Saturday, 10 DEC 2016** at **07:00 PM**, the local group, "*The Saringhimig Singers*" will be here to share their musical talents with the community. This group, of which our very own Fr. Ted Magpayo is a part, will be singing traditional Advent and Christmas songs in English, Latin and Tagalog. General Admission tickets are **\$15** per person, children 12 and under are free.

Concert will be held at **St. Matthias Church**, 1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City, CA 94062.

For more information, visit www.stmatthiasparish.org.

BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

DynamicCatholic.com will once again help us all prepare for Christmas with their *Best Advent Ever*. The theme this year is *Rediscover Christmas!* This program will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. Opening your heart to Him; getting to know Him; becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc. This is a free email program. Each day you will receive practical tips, free Christmas music, or an inspirational video. To sign up for this program go to bestadventever.com. Be ready to *Rediscover Christmas!*

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *End to Child-Soldiers*

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Missionary: *Europe*

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

The Advent wreath, in the form of a circle, is a symbol for God, Who is eternal and without beginning or end.

The Advent wreath is made from evergreens, whose branches are "ever alive". They are symbolic of Christ, Who died, but Who is alive, never to die again.

The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose-colored. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose-colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is the Latin word for "rejoice", and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here. The rose color is made by mixing violet with white. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season.



GIVE THE GIFT OF BOOKS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

At the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County, we provide services that help our neighbors in need. Did you know that for each donated book sold, SVdP can provide 3 meals for the homeless? Donate your books today and help provide services for the marginalized. You can drop off your new and used books at any of our five Thrift Stores. You can also schedule a pick-up by contacting **Kristen Trojel** at **408/420-0307** (ktrojel@svdpsm.org). For more information visit us online at www.svdpsm.org/books-4-hope Give Books! Give Hope!

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

04 DEC (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIRST DAY: Saint Lucy
05 DEC (MON)	NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SECOND DAY: Saint Lucy
06 DEC (TUE)	Feast of Saint Nicholas FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy
07 DEC (WED)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy
08 DEC (THU)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy
09 DEC (FRI)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy
10 DEC (SAT)	EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy
11 DEC (SUN)	NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy
12 DEC (MON)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy
13 DEC (TUE)	Feast of Saint Lucy
14 DEC (WED)	
15 DEC (THU)	
16 DEC (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Christmas Novena
17 DEC (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Christmas Novena

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

St. Lucy:

www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/

Christmas Novena:

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

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **08 DEC 2016**, Nativity Parish will again participate in the Nationwide Prayer for an end to abortion. The holy hours are from **08:30 PM-12:30 AM**, with the nationwide Hour of Unity **09:00-10:00 PM**. Please join us in this annual prayer for our country to end this very evil activity. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-7794**.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

21 DEC	(Wednesday)	07:30 PM Advent Penance Service
24 DEC	(Saturday)	<i>Christmas Eve</i> 08:00 AM Daily Mass 10:00 AM - Reconciliation 12:00 PM 01:00 PM - Reconciliation 03:00 PM 06:00 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas 10:00 PM Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass 10:45 PM Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib 11:00 PM Christmas Mass
25 DEC	(Sunday)	<i>Christmas Day</i> 08:00 AM Christmas Day Mass 09:30 AM Christmas Day Mass 11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Monday)	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> 09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Saturday)	08:00 AM Daily Mass 05:00 PM Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
01 JAN	(Sunday)	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> 08:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 09:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 11:30 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 05:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
02 JAN	(Monday)	09:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
03 JAN	(Tuesday)	Regular daily Mass schedule

SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning “Masses at Night”)? It is a long-treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it is celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on **December 15th** and ending on **December 23rd**, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, *Simbang Gabi* invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for *Simbang Gabi* is the **parol**, or star lantern, with represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. Through *Simbang Gabi*, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following **Churches in Deanery 11** will be having Masses for *Simbang Gabi*:

15 DEC (THU)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
16 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Raymond, Menlo Park
17 DEC (SAT)	07:00 PM Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City
18 DEC (SUN)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
19 DEC (MON)	07:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park
20 DEC (TUE)	05:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City
21 DEC (WED)	05:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
22 DEC (THU)	05:00 PM St. Matthias, Redwood City
23 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City

Saint Nicholas



HELP NEEDED FOR SIMBANG GABI

The deanery will be observing *Simbang Gabi* from **15-23 DEC 2016**. Masses will be held at various parishes throughout the deanery. Nativity’s mass will be celebrated on **19 DEC** at **07:00 PM** with a reception held after mass at Vallombrosa. We are asking all Filipino families in the parish to participate. Please provide **Ben and Grace Wikramanayake (650/324-4098** or Bengrace.wikramanayake@comcast.net) with your name and contact information. We will need a lector, Eucharistic minister, and altar servers to help with the mass. We will also need help with the reception (setup, food and clean-up). We welcome all parishioners to this glorious novena in preparation for Christmas and in honor of the blessed Mother. Thank you for your support.