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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**FIRST READING**

My eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!

ISAIAH 6: 1-2, 3-8

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to You, O Lord.

PSALMS 138

**SECOND READING**

By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me has not been ineffective.

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-11

**GOSPEL**

He fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

LUKE 5: 1-11



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, Raphael

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 07 FEBRUARY 2016

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

LUKE 5: 11

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07 - 13 FEB

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Pat Romelfanger
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Deacon Gary West; † John and Pat Mahle; † Richard Jerome Moran; † James Quinn
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Elizabeth Silva
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Mary Lampen-Smith
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Willi Helbig
	<b>07:30 PM</b>	† Joan Casy
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Special intention
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Robin McGlohn
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Virginia Munk
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Bill and Ruth Lehmann
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Shelby Drazan; † Mavis Williams; † Katie Supple; † Jack Bennett

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

**ABSTINENCE:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

**FAST:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

**07 FEB (Sunday)**

**08 FEB (Monday)**

10:00 AM Bible Group  
07:30 PM Legion of Mary  
07:30 PM RCIA

**09 FEB (Tuesday)**


09:30 AM Bible Study: Mass in the Bible  
07:00 PM Bible Study: Mass in the Bible  
08:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**10 FEB (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday** 

**11 FEB (Thursday)**

09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group  
11:00 AM The Thursday Group  
07:00 PM Legion of Mary District Mtg

**12 FEB (Friday)**

*Lenten Friday*   
09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group  
06:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**13 FEB (Saturday)**

### ASH WEDNESDAY

**Wednesday, 10 February 2016 is Ash Wednesday.** Masses will be at **07:30 AM**, **09:00 AM** (Nativity School Mass), **05:30** and **07:30 PM**. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

**LENT?  
ALREADY?**



# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**10 FEB (Wednesday):**

**SAINT SCHOLASTICA, Virgin (480-543)**

Twin sister of **St. Benedict**. After Benedict founded the monastery of Monte Cassino, Scholastica founded a community of nuns nearby, leading an exemplary life.



Ash Wednesday is  
10 February 2016

**12 FEB (Friday):**

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY**

"My concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Abraham Lincoln

**11 FEB (Thursday):**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES (1858)**

- Our Lady appeared to Bernadette 18 times at the **Grotto de Massabielle**.
- Over **5 million** visitors journey to Lourdes every year.
- It has been estimated that in the first 50 years of pilgrimages to Lourdes, over **4000** cures were attributed and recorded. This number is considered to be significantly lower than the actual number of cures.
- Two basilicas, the **Basilique du Rosaire** and the **Upper Basilica**, were built in the late 1800's on either side of the grotto.



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### JOIN THE CHOIR

St. Augustine is quoted as saying "*He who sings prays twice*". The highlight of the liturgical year is fast approaching: **Palm Sunday**, the **Triduum** and **Easter Sunday**, all filled with beautiful music. Come sing with us on any or all of these days; all ability levels are welcome.

Rehearsals are held every **Thursday** evening at **07:30 PM** starting **04 FEB 2016** in the choir loft.

If you have questions, call organist/choir director **Jill Mueller** at **650/493-1963**.



### 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](http://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#](http://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.*

### BEST... LENT... EVER...

Don't give up chocolate this Lent. Dynamic Catholic is once again inviting you to join Matthew Kelly, the Dynamic Catholic Team, and thousands of people across the country for a **BEST LENT EVER**. Last year nearly 250,000 people participated in this program. This year the program will be based on the book we distributed at Christmas, *Rediscover Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. The program will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus, and yourself, in a deeply personal way. Will this really be your best Lent ever? That is entirely up to you. Sign up today and commit to doing something life-changing this Lent. Go to [dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/](http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/)

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

### NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 12 FEB 2016** 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.

### SAVE THE DATE: MEN'S CLUB DINNER

The **Men's Club** has re-scheduled the Prime Rib dinner. It will now be on **19 MAR 2016**. Please save the date.

### 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):



**Monday: 03:00 AM**

**Wednesday: 02:00 PM**

**Saturday: 11:00 PM (every other week)**

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**
- Cuc and Brian Lee (*Jason, Michelle*)
  - Gayla Bergstrom
  - Lili Crellin
  - Keith Marzak

- DEATHS**
- Fr. Kevin Gaffey
  - James Paul Donahue
  - Danny Olin

## REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org) and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

## NATIVITY 2016 NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**Fr. Mark Mazza** will begin the training of new altar servers soon. This is open to all boys and girls in fifth grade and above in Catholic, private, and public schools. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, 16 FEB 2016**, at Nativity School from **03:15-04:15 PM** in the 5th grade classroom *or* **Friday, 19 FEB 2016**, at the O'Hare Center from **03:15-04:15 PM**.

There will be four mandatory training and practice sessions in the Church from **03:15-04:15 PM** on the following dates:

- **Tuesday, 23 FEB** *or* **Friday, 26 FEB**
- **Tuesday, 01 MAR** *or* **Friday, 04 MAR**
- **Tuesday, 08 MAR** *or* **Friday, 11 MAR**
- **Tuesday, 12 APR** *or* **Friday, 15 APR**



Please choose the dates that will work best for you. There will be observation dates on **03, 10** and **17 APR 2016**. New servers will be present in the sanctuary to observe.

The installation Mass for new altar servers will be on **Sunday, 24 APR 2016** at **09:30 AM**. Practice will be **Friday, 22 APR 2016** in the Church from **03:15-04:15 PM**. **All must attend the practice.** Applications are available in the vestibule of the Church.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## MEALS ON WHEELS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Peninsula Volunteers Meals on Wheels** is *urgently* looking for volunteers to help deliver hot meals to homebound seniors. The delivery routes are in South San Mateo County, **Monday through Friday**, from **09:30AM-12:00 PM** once a week, or you can be on call. It requires a minimum of a six-month commitment, a car, valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a background and DMV check.

Contact **Graciella** at **650/323-2202** or [gbernandez@peninsulavolunteers.org](mailto:gbernandez@peninsulavolunteers.org).

## CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with each other? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Are you arguing or do you simply shut down? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (Reh-trō-vī) is a lifeline for marriages in trouble. If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program will be worthwhile for you. For more information contact:

**San Francisco:** Harvey Duong and Connie Bui 415/893-1005, [sf@retroca.com](mailto:sf@retroca.com);

**San Jose:** Antonio and Claudia Flores 408/605-4998, [sanjose@retroca.com](mailto:sanjose@retroca.com);

**Oakland:** Jeff and Donna Huesler 510/648-6874, [oakland@retroca.com](mailto:oakland@retroca.com); or visit [www.retroca.com](http://www.retroca.com).

Upcoming **2016** weekends will be:

- **26-28 FEB** (Oakland)
- **15-17 APR** (San Francisco)
- **19-21 AUG** (San Jose)
- **16-18 SEP** (Oakland)
- **04-06 NOV** (San Francisco)

## SEMINARS: CATHOLIC ESTATES AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

When it comes to end-of-life bioethical decisions and estate, funeral and burial planning, many people do not know where to begin. Because of this, a great number of people die without having had the opportunity to make funeral and estate plans. And when it comes to making ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice. The Archdiocese of San Francisco and Catholic Cemeteries are offering a seminar on these topics. Please note that there will be no sales pitch; the goal is to provide up-to-date information that will be of help to families in planning for the future. All parishioners are welcome, and refreshments will be served. The seminar is free, but pre-registration through the Office of Development is requested at [development@sfarch.org](mailto:development@sfarch.org) or **415/614-5580**.

Please select the date and location most convenient for you:

- **Saturday, 13 FEB 2016 10:00–11:30 AM**  
Saint Catherine of Siena Church (Burlingame)
- **Saturday, 19 MAR 2016, 10:00–11:30 AM**  
Saint Bartholomew Church (San Mateo)

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **20 FEB 2016** at **10:00 AM**, the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass for husband and wives and their families who will be celebrating a 5-year anniversary in 2016 (5, 10, ... 50, or >50 years of marriage). **Archbishop Cordileone** will be the celebrant, at the St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, followed by a reception in Patron's Hall. There is a **\$20** suggested donation. Couples can register at [www.anniversarymass.info](http://www.anniversarymass.info) or by calling **415/614-5680**.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Universal:** *Care for Creation*

That we may take good care of creation (a gift freely given), cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

**Missionary:** *Asia*

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

### SAN MATEO PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet on **Thursday, 11 FEB 2016** in the Worner Center of St. Gregory's parish. We will discuss:

- Upcoming: 40 Days for Life
- Current: Mustard Seed; Legislative updates

All are welcome. For more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

*"Let's defend all people from conception to natural death."*

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**San Mateo 40 Days for Life** runs from **Ash Wednesday, 10 FEB 2016** through **Palm Sunday, 20 MAR 2016**.

- Vigil location: the sidewalk at 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo
- Vigil hours: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** every day
- Local contact: **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**  
or email: [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)
- Nativity's day is **Sunday, 13 MAR 2016**

Learn more, and get involved: [www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo)



Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent:

From 10 FEB - 20 MAR 2016 commit yourself to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) to the 40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo.

Make this Lenten commitment in several ways:  
contact Jessica at 650/572-1468 or [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)  
or go to: <http://40daysforlife.com/sanmateo>

God will surely bless you for it –  
And you may save a life!

*Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>07 FEB (SUN)</b>	SIXTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>08 FEB (MON)</b>	SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>09 FEB (TUE)</b>	EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>10 FEB (WED)</b>	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes ASH WEDNESDAY
<b>11 FEB (THU)</b>	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
<b>12 FEB (FRI)</b>	LENTEN FRIDAY
<b>13 FEB (SAT)</b>	
<b>14 FEB (SUN)</b>	
<b>15 FEB (MON)</b>	
<b>16 FEB (TUE)</b>	
<b>17 FEB (WED)</b>	
<b>18 FEB (THU)</b>	
<b>19 FEB (FRI)</b>	LENTEN FRIDAY
<b>20 FEB (SAT)</b>	

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Our Lady of Lourdes:**

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)



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### CALIFORNIA TRIES TO REVAMP DEATH PENALTY PROCEDURES

**California Bishops Call to Action:** Please see the California Conference of Catholic Bishops website [www.cacatholic.org](http://www.cacatholic.org) for more details and to take action. After having its death penalty protocols repeatedly ruled unconstitutional, California will once again attempt to rewrite the process to comply with court rulings. The Catholic Bishops of California join the Holy Father in calling to end the use of the death penalty believing there is no humane way of killing another person. Additionally, the regulations limit the inmate's access to chaplains and spiritual advisors as the execution draws near. Please voice your opposition to the use of the death penalty and the limited role of chaplains in the new protocols. Comments sent via email will be accepted until **22 FEB 2016**. Visit the *Death Penalty* page in the *Reverence for Life* section of the California bishops website.



# Young Believers

“She has the appearance of a young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She is dressed in a white robe, girdled at the waist with a blue ribbon which flows down all around it. A yoke closes it in graceful pleats at the base of the neck. The sleeves are long and tight-fitting. She wears upon her head a veil which is also white. This veil gives just a glimpse of her hair and then falls down at the back below her waist. Her feet are bare but covered by the last folds of her robe, except at the point where a yellow rose shines upon each of them. She holds on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold, shining like the two roses on her feet.”

-- Bernadette’s description of Our Lady of Lourdes after the first apparition.

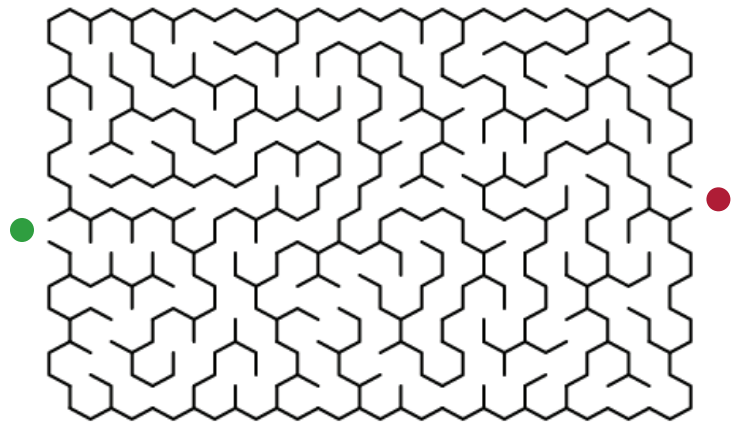


## MORE MIRACLES OF LOURDES

Want to hear more about the miracle cures at Lourdes? Perform a search on the Internet for “John Traynor” and “Gabriel Gargam”, two of the most famous cures that have been recorded.



The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes



### A PRAYER TREAT

Did you know that pretzels became a treat more than 1400 years ago? Around 610 A.D. a monk was baking bread in a monastery in Europe. While baking, he was thinking about prayer. At that time, people held their arms over their hearts while praying. The monk decided that he would twist leftover dough into a shape of someone praying.



When the new treat was finished baking, the monk showed the others in the monastery. They decided to give the twisted treats to children as rewards for learning their prayers. The monks called the treats **pretiola**, a Latin word meaning “little reward”.



NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com) > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.