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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

FIRST READING

“Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so ... shall your descendants be.”
GENESIS 15: 5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Wait for the Lord with courage.

PSALMS 27

SECOND READING

Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.

PHILIPPIANS 3: 17 - 4: 1

GOSPEL

While He was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white.

LUKE 9: 28-36



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

21 FEBRUARY 2016

From the cloud came a voice that said,
‘This is My chosen Son; listen to Him.’

LUKE 9: 35

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Virginia Munk
	05:30 PM	† Marie Masuda
TUE	07:30 AM	† Clayton Lilley
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Sylvia Sands
	05:30 PM	† Gene Winnike; † Joseph Carr; † Cliff Greenman; † Bob Palomaris
THU	07:30 AM	† Philip Seow
	05:30 PM	† Mary Nelson
FRI	07:30 AM	† Virginia Munk
	05:30 PM	† John Rudolf
SAT	08:00 AM	† Dorothy Mitchell; † Danny Olin; † Debbie Turner; † James Correa

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

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
- Nativity's day is Sunday, 13 MAR 2016

Learn more, and get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo

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 FEB (Sunday)

22 FEB (Monday)

10:00 AM	Bible Group
07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
07:30 PM	RCIA
07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society

23 FEB (Tuesday)

09:30 AM	Bible Study: Mass in the Bible
07:00 PM	Bible Study: Mass in the Bible
08:00 PM	H ⁴

24 FEB (Wednesday)

07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
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25 FEB (Thursday)

11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
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26 FEB (Friday)

	<i>Lenten Friday</i>
09:30 AM	Nativity Moms' Group
06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
06:00 PM	Nativity Youth Group
07:30 PM	Lenten Talk (Fr. Mazza)



27 FEB (Saturday)



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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 FEB (Monday):

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, Apostle

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, in addition to a similar feast on 18 JAN, celebrating the first Mass over which Peter presided in Rome. At each place a chair (cathedra) is venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. This feast is emblematic of the world unity of the Church.

23 FEB (Tuesday):

SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop and Martyr (d. 155)

Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp was loved and revered by his flock. We know that he accompanied **St. Ignatius of Antioch** to Rome to confer with **Pope Anicetus** concerning the celebration of Easter. He was martyred by a dagger after unsuccessful attempts that he be burned at the stake in the amphitheater at Smyrna.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend **Sister Agnes** from the **Little Sisters of the Poor** will once again be here to share the wonderful work the Little Sisters do at *St. Ann's Home* in San Francisco, where they care for the elderly with a family spirit, love, respect, and compassion, giving them physical, material, emotional, social and spiritual support. The Sisters have a tradition of relying on the charity of those in the community to make their work possible. Please be generous so their work with the elderly may continue.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Little Sisters of the Poor*.

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**.

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.

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

NATIVITY SCHOOL AUCTION NEWS

The **Nativity School Auction** **needs your donations!** The Nativity auction will take place **14 MAY 2016**. This yearly event would not be a success without the generous donations of our families. Have a vacation home to donate? Want to get some friends together to host a Napa wine tasting event? Host a party? Have extra gift cards? You name it, we are looking for it. Please contact us at nativityauction@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to donate. We'd love to hear from you to make this year's event a huge success. Donations are due no later than **01 APR 2016** so please don't delay!

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 26 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.

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: 03:00 PM

Friday: 08:00 AM

Friday: 09:00 AM (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 • Alessandra, daughter of
Max and Roxana Farias

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Jacqueline Bors
• Miles Linde
• Franklin Carvajal
• Jocelyn and Christopher Tong (*Amelia*)

DEATHS • Mary Brown

Heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the Christmas gifts for our homeless brothers and sisters. You brought much joy and love to them. God bless you for your continued support.

The Volunteers at the
Redwood City Homeless Help Conference
of St. Vincent de Paul

LENTEN PROGRAM WITH FR. MAZZA

Whatever happened to the 10 Commandments? Are they just 10 suggestions? You are cordially invited to come on **just three nights** during Lent for talks and discussion led by our parochial vicar, **Fr. Mark G. Mazza**, who studied moral theology in Rome with the Redemptorists at the Alphonsianum. Bring your friends with your questions. This is a program for adults. We will meet on **Fridays, 19 and 26 FEB 2016, and 04 MAR 2016, from 07:30-08:30 PM.** The class will be held in the O'Hare Center.

22 FEB (Monday):

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."



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 gfernandez@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-trö-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;

San Jose: Antonio and Claudia Flores 408/605-4998,
sanjose@retroca.com;

Oakland: Jeff and Donna Huesler 510/648-6874,
oakland@retroca.com; or visit 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)

FEBRUARY PRAISE NIGHT AT ST. PATRICK SEMINARY

Join the **Seminarian Praise Team** on **Friday, 26 FEB 2016** at **08:00 PM** for an evening of compline, contemporary adoration music, reconciliation and fellowship. As St. Patrick's Seminary is an Archdiocesan Holy Door site for the Year of Mercy, come enter into this evening of prayer with Jesus as your companion, your healer and your source for life. All are welcome.

Future dates for Praise Nights: 18 MAR 2016, 15 APR 2016, and 06 MAY 2016. St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park for more information contact **Leelamma Sebastian** 650/325-5621 or leelamma.sebastian@stpsu.org.

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 or **415/614-5580**.

- **Saturday, 19 MAR 2016, 10:00-11:30 AM**
Saint Bartholomew Church (San Mateo)

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.

THE POPE'S LETTER TO THE YOUNG

06 January 2016 (Solemnity of the Epiphany)

Dear Young Friends,

The Church is celebrating the Holy Year of Mercy, a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy. It is meant for everyone: people of every age, from far and near. There are no walls or distances which can prevent the Father's mercy from reaching and embracing us. The Holy Door is now open in Rome and in all the dioceses of the world.

This grace-filled moment also concerns you, dear young people. I encourage you to take an active part in this celebration and to realize that each of you is a child of God (cf. 1 Jn 3:1). I would like to invite you, one by one, calling you by name, as Jesus does each day. For you know that your names are written in heaven (Lk 10:20), in the heart of the Father, that Merciful Heart which is the source of all reconciliation and kindness.

The Jubilee is a year-long celebration, in which every moment becomes a chance for us to grow in holiness. It is a time when we can discover that life together as brothers and sisters is like a great party, perhaps the most beautiful party we can imagine, the endless party that Jesus has taught us to celebrate by his Spirit. The Jubilee is the party to which Jesus invites us all, without excluding anyone. That is why I also wanted to have some days of prayer and celebration with you. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in April.

"Merciful like the Father". This is the theme of the Jubilee, but it is also the prayer we make for all of you as we welcome you in the name of Jesus. To be merciful means to grow in a love which is courageous, generous and real. It means to grow physically and spiritually. You are preparing to be Christians capable of making courageous choices and decisions, in order to build daily, even through little things, a world of peace.

Yours is a time of life which is full of amazing changes. Everything seems possible and impossible all at once. I repeat what I said to some of your friends: "Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

14 FEB (SUN)

15 FEB (MON)

16 FEB (TUE)

17 FEB (WED)

18 FEB (THU)

19 FEB (FRI) LENTEN FRIDAY

20 FEB (SAT)

21 FEB (SUN)

22 FEB (MON)

23 FEB (TUE)

24 FEB (WED)

25 FEB (THU)

26 FEB (FRI) LENTEN FRIDAY

27 FEB (SAT)

courage! ... With him we can do great things; he will give us the joy of being his disciples, his witnesses. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things. We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for little things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals" (Homily at the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, 2013).

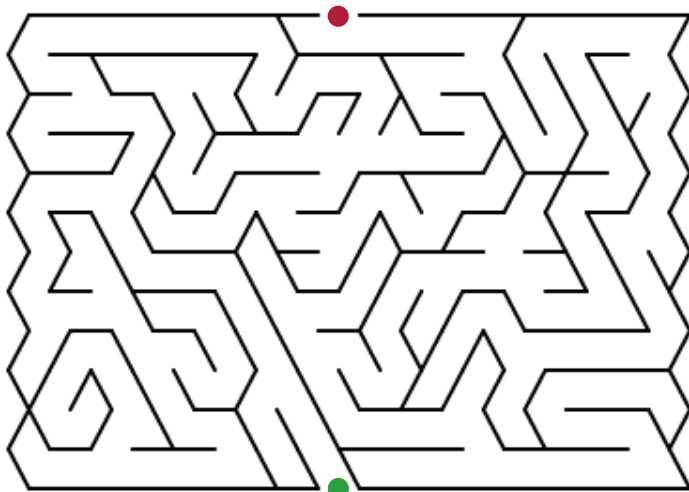
Here I cannot forget those of you who are living in situations of war, extreme poverty, daily troubles and loneliness. Don't ever lose hope! The Lord has a great dream which, with your help, he wants to come true! Your friends, young people your age living in less trying conditions than your own, have not forgotten you; they are working for peace and justice for everyone everywhere. Don't be taken in by the messages of hatred or terror all around us. Instead, make new friends. Give of your time and always show concern for those who ask your help. Be brave and go against the tide; be friends of Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace (cf. Is 9:6). "Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion" (Misericordiae Vultus , 8).

I realize that not all of you can come to Rome, but the Jubilee is truly for everyone and it is also being celebrated in your local Churches. You are all invited to this moment of joy. Don't just prepare your rucksacks and your banners, but your hearts and your minds as well. Think carefully about the hope and desires you will hand over to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and in the Eucharist which we will celebrate together. As you walk through the Holy Door, remember that you are committing yourselves to grow in holiness and to draw nourishment from the Gospel and the Eucharist, the Word and the Bread of life, in order to help build a more just and fraternal world.

May the Lord bless your journey towards the Holy Door. I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your steps and enlighten you. For you and your families, and for all who help you to grow in goodness and in grace, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of us all, be a true Door of Mercy.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
19 MAR (Friday)	07:30 PM	Lenten Talk (Fr. Mark Mazza)
26 MAR (Friday)	07:30 PM	Lenten Talk (Fr. Mark Mazza)
04 MAR (Friday)	07:30 PM	Lenten Talk (Fr. Mark Mazza)
16 MAR (Wednesday)	07:00 PM	Lenten Penance Service
24 MAR (Thursday)	07:00 PM	<i>Holy Thursday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
25 MAR (Friday)	12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	<i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. Robert Christian, OP) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
26 MAR (Saturday)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
27 MAR (Sunday)	08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
28 MAR (Monday)	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)



NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The **Nativity Youth Ministry** has some Lenten teen service and spiritual opportunities:

- **Food Drive and Adoration:** Ask neighbors and friends for breakfast cereals, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), pasta and sauce, and jars of peanut butter and jelly – non-perishable food **only**. Drop off the food collected at the **O'Hare Center** on **Friday, 26 FEB 2016** and/or **18 MAR 2016**, at **06:15 PM**. To sign up, go on-line to <http://goo.gl/forms/OvI6LGFTfx>. We will have dinner and then go to **St. Patrick's Seminary Adoration and Praise Night**. This would be a great opportunity for families to participate in the Jubilee Year of Mercy; St. Patrick's chapel door is a designated Holy Door of Mercy.
- **Lenten Soup Suppers:** Make soup for one of our Lenten Soup Suppers (which will be held after the **Saturday 05:00 PM Mass** on **05** and **12 MAR 2016**) and serve parishioners during the dinner itself. Fr. Mark Mazza will give a short talk after the supper. To RSVP or to volunteer, contact tlbasnage@gmail.com (**Linda Basnage**) or amandaannegeorge@gmail.com (**Amanda George**).
- On-line volunteer sign-ups at <http://goo.gl/forms/DdwZaG4F99>. All parishioners are welcome.



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.

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 > 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.