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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

My Chosen One with whom I am pleased,
upon Whom I have put My spirit.
ISAIAH 42: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give to the Lord the glory due His name.
PSALMS 29

SECOND READING

In every nation whoever fears Him and acts
uprightly is acceptable to Him.
ACTS 10: 34-38

GOSPEL

Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit
descended upon Him in the form of a dove.
LUKE 3: 15-16, 21-22



The Baptism of Christ, Francesco Albani

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10 JANUARY 2016

A voice came from heaven, 'You are My
beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.'

LUKE 3: 22

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Lester Goodchild
	05:30 PM	Michael, Sandra and Jacob Corradetti
TUE	07:30 AM	† Estella Bonafacio
	05:30 PM	David Crespi; † Joann Ferguson; † Viet Nguyen
WED	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	† Michele Soley-Jenkins
THU	07:30 AM	Saundra Berkley
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI	07:30 AM	Anna Zappettini; † Paul Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† John Kates
SAT	08:00 AM	Mark Andrews; † Fulgencia Rodriguez; † Mario and Faye DeLeon; † Chet Yee

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

10 JAN	(Sunday)	
11 JAN	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
12 JAN	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
13 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
14 JAN	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
15 JAN	(Friday)	
16 JAN	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class

BIBLICAL ART



*Baptism of Jesus,
Juan Fernandez de Navarrete*



The Baptism of Christ, Verrocchio



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form

PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF 19-20 DEC	
TOTAL:	\$10,796
ADA Progress:	\$113,449
2015 ADA Goal:	\$121,400

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

12 JAN (Tuesday): SAINT BERNARD OF CORLEONE, Religious (1605-1667)

A shoemaker by trade, Bernard was also considered the greatest swordsman and duelist in Sicily in his day. After mortally wounding a man named Canino in a duel, he sought sanctuary from the law in the church of the Capuchin Friars Minor in Palermo. While hiding there, he had a true conversion, and became a lay-brother of the Order in 1632, changing his name to Brother Bernardo.

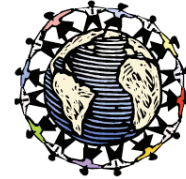


He was noted for his extreme austerity and self-imposed penances in an attempt to atone for his earlier life. He had the gift of healing animals by prayer.

16 JAN (Saturday): SAINT BERARD, Priest, and COMPANIONS, Protomartyrs (d. 16 JAN 1220)

The first martyrs of the Franciscan order, **Berard** and four companions had been sent by **St. Francis** himself to preach the gospel in Morocco. When they would not denounce their religion and continued to preach against Mohammed, the Moorish king killed them himself.

18-25 JAN 2016
is the
Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity



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**. You may find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to our Open House on Sunday, 24 JAN 2016, from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. This is especially for parents and their children who are interested in attending Nativity School in grades PreK-7. The school is located at 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Visit our website: www.nativityschool.com

NATIVITY MOMS AND DADS OF YESTERYEAR

Renew past friendships and make new ones. Join the **Nativity Moms and Dads of Yesteryear** at Harry's Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, on **Tuesday, 12 JAN 2016** at **06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/799-4722** for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

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

WALK FOR LIFE AND BUS SIGN-UPS

On **Saturday, 23 JAN 2016** the 12th Anniversary *Walk for Life West Coast* will be held in San Francisco. The rally begins at Civic Center at **12:30 PM** with speakers including singer Emmanuel followed by the walk to Justin Herman Plaza. A free bus will leave Nativity at **11:00 AM** providing transportation right to the rally and pick-up closer to the end of the walk, returning before **05:00 PM**. Please be at Nativity by **10:30 AM**. Please call **Mary Ellen Peloso** to reserve your seat at **650/269-7794**.



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

DEATHS • Kathleen Meagher

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our Celebration of the *World Day of the Sick* at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, on **Saturday, 30 JAN 2016 at 12:00 PM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a “*special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind.*” (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAY

Have you ever wondered what life is like as a nun? Are you drawn to a life of prayer for the world, for our Mother Church and for souls? The **Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** located at 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, CA will host a Discernment Day for single Catholic women ages 18-40 on **16 JAN 2016**. RSVP by **11 JAN 2016** or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or www.nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/. The day begins with Mass at **08:00 AM** followed by Divine Office, Adoration, Rosary, conferences, vocation stories, and more given by our Dominican nuns and friars. There will be other Discernment Day on **16 July** and **15 October 2016**.



NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 16 JAN 2016**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body’s natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple’s fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don’t want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O’Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

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.

ST. PATRICK’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEKEND

Many Catholic men have asked themselves, “Should I consider the priesthood?” St. Patrick’s Seminary and University is having a discernment retreat weekend **15-17 JAN 2016**, which may help answer that question. It is open to single men 21 years and older and is free with no commitment required. This retreat is an extremely helpful and grace-filled weekend for men to spend time asking the Lord if they are being chosen for this sacred calling. There will be opportunities to learn about seminarian formation and priestly life, interact with priests and current seminarians, participate in the Liturgy of the Hours and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and much more. All meals and lodging are provided. To register for the retreat contact **Fr. David Schunk**, Archdiocese of San Francisco Vocations Director, **415/614-5684** or vocations@sfarch.org. For more information visit www.stpsu.org or email discernment.retreat@stpsu.org.



AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN GREECE

The **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** is a Catholic organization that for more than 62 years has served and protected refugees and other up-rooted people. These times are of unbearable hardship for the Church, fellow Christians, and other families trapped inside war-torn Syria and who are now fleeing to Greece and the rest of Europe. ICMC is providing a support program for refugees in Greece who are enroute to Germany and France. They have been able to provide emergency aid of food and basic supplies to their people. They continue to support millions of internally-displaced persons and refugees who need ICMC’s help to survive. Your donations also provide primary healthcare and pre-natal, delivery, and post-natal care. To learn more about ICMC visit www.icmc.net. You may make contributions to Syrian relief through ICMC by going to give.icmc.net/Syria, or by calling **617/367-4770** and asking for **Lucy**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Inter-Religious Dialogue*

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Missionary: *Christian Unity*

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE XLIX WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1 JANUARY 2016

Overcome Indifference and Win Peace

1. God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind! God does not abandon us! At the beginning of the New Year, I would like to share not only this profound conviction but also my cordial good wishes for prosperity, peace and the fulfilment of the hopes of every man and every woman, every family, people and nation throughout the world, including all Heads of State and Government and all religious leaders. We continue to trust that 2016 will see us all firmly and confidently engaged, on different levels, in the pursuit of justice and peace. Peace is both God's gift and a human achievement. As a gift of God, it is entrusted to all men and women, who are called to attain it.

Maintaining our reasons for hope

2. Sadly, war and terrorism, accompanied by kidnapping, ethnic or religious persecution and the misuse of power, marked the past year from start to finish. In many parts of the world, these have become so common as to constitute a real "third world war fought piecemeal". Yet some events of the year now ending inspire me, in looking ahead to the new year, to encourage everyone not to lose hope in our human ability to conquer evil and to combat resignation and indifference. They demonstrate our capacity to show solidarity and to rise above self-interest, apathy and indifference in the face of critical situations.

Here I would mention the efforts to bring world leaders together at COP21 in the search for new ways to confront climate change and to protect the earth, our common home. We can also think of two earlier global events: the Addis Ababa Summit for funding sustainable development worldwide and the adoption of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, aimed at ensuring a more dignified standard of living for all the world's peoples, especially the poor, by that year.

For the Church, 2015 was a special year, since it marked the fiftieth anniversary of two documents of the Second Vatican Council which eloquently expressed her sense of solidarity with the world. Pope John XXIII, at the beginning of the Council, wanted to open wide the windows of the Church and to improve her communication with the world. The two documents, *Nostra Aetate*

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

10 JAN (SUN)	FEAST OF OUR LORD'S BAPTISM
11 JAN (MON)	
12 JAN (TUE)	FIRST Day: St. Agnes
13 JAN (WED)	SECOND Day: St. Agnes
14 JAN (THU)	THIRD Day: St. Agnes
15 JAN (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Agnes
16 JAN (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Agnes
17 JAN (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. Agnes
18 JAN (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes
19 JAN (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
20 JAN (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Agnes SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
21 JAN (THU)	FEAST OF SAINT AGNES THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
22 JAN (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
23 JAN (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agnes:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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



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and *Gaudium et Spes*, are emblematic of the new relationship of dialogue, solidarity and accompaniment which the Church sought to awaken within the human family. In the *Declaration Nostra Aetate*, the Church expressed her openness to dialogue with non-Christian religions. In the *Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes*, based on a recognition that "the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well", the Church proposed to enter into dialogue with the entire human family about the problems of our world, as a sign of solidarity, respect and affection.

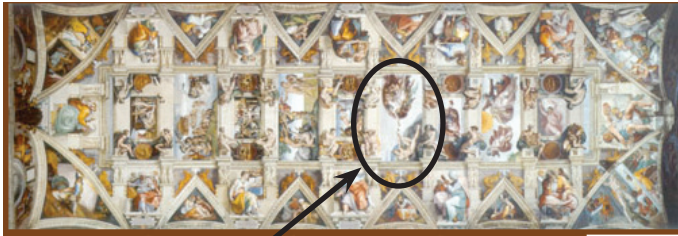
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ART HISTORY

Take a religious art tour on-line! The Vatican Museums have an outstanding on-line tour. Start at:

mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/MV_Home.html

and tour the rooms and collections. Want to see the entire ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? Find out what the central panels depict (nine stories from Genesis).



(hey, look! It's the "Creation of Adam"!)

How about cuneiform tablets from Mesopotamia? The deed of sale for a plot of land from 2500 BC? Four rooms full of artwork by Raphael? 18 rooms spanning the 12th to 19th centuries, full of the works of famous artists like Caravaggio? A sketch by Da Vinci for an unfinished portrait of St. Jerome (which was bought by Napoleon's uncle)? There's some amazing history and extraordinary art to explore on this site.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

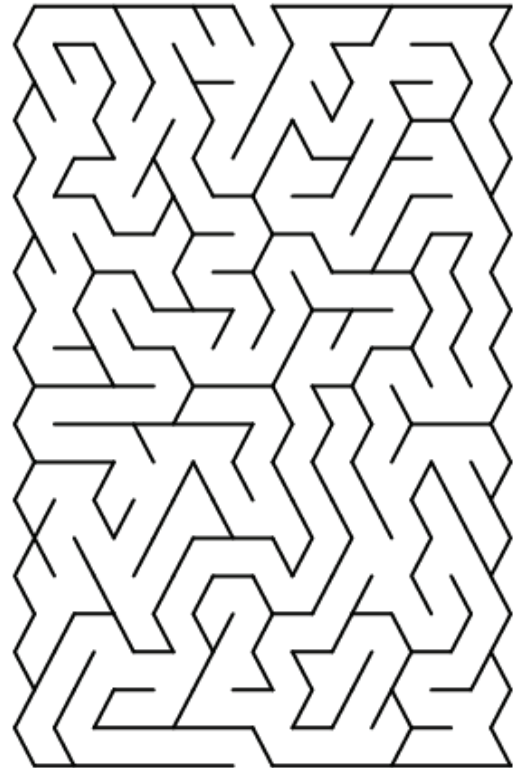
Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."



Help the descent of the Holy Spirit as a dove down to the Jordan River:



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BAPTISM	WATER	ANOINTED	JORDAN	RIVER
DOVE	DESCENT	PLEASED	GLORY	CHOSEN
ACCEPTABLE	HEAVEN	SPIRIT	JESUS	BAPTIZER