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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

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord.

ISAIAH 62: 1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds.

PSALMS 96

SECOND READING

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 4-11

GOSPEL

"How does your concern affect Me? My hour has not yet come."

JOHN 2: 1-11



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 JANUARY 2016

His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever He tells you."

JOHN 2: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Andrews family
	05:30 PM	† Ann Sullivan
TUE	07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
	05:30 PM	† Evangelina Gonzales de Caro
WED	07:30 AM	† Barbara Demeter
	05:30 PM	Special intention; † Andy Shapiro; † Arthur Bellaire; † Joseph Hughes
THU	07:30 AM	† Edward Turner
	05:30 PM	Susana Colombetti
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	The Michletti and Rucq families
SAT	08:00 AM	† Fr. Thomas Seagraves; † Carol Armstrong; † Jim Woodson

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)
17 JAN	(Sunday)	Infant of Prague Prayer Society
18 JAN	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
19 JAN	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
20 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
21 JAN	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	07:00 PM	1st Eucharist Parent Meeting
22 JAN	(Friday)	
	09:30 AM	Nativity Moms Group
23 JAN	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM	First Reconciliation



BULLETIN NEWS

ACTIVE HYPERLINKS

If you visit the Nativity website at www.nativitymenlo.org and access the PDF version of the weekly bulletin, all hyperlinks and email addresses are "live" and clickable?



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



READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Nativity's Perpetual Adoration is featured in a current issue of the **National Catholic Register!** Check out the full article here:

www.ncregister.com/daily-news/perpetual-adoration-transforms-california-parish/

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 JAN (Thursday): SAINT AGNES, Martyr (d. ~254)

At age 12 or 13 Agnes was ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods and lose her virginity by rape. She was threatened, then tortured and martyred when she refused to turn against God. On her feast day two lambs are blessed at her church in Rome, Italy and then their wool is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool) which the Pope confers on archbishops.



22 JAN (Friday): ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROE v. WADE DECISION

Pray fervently for an end to abortion.

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



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 22 JAN 2016** from **09:30-11:00 AM** in the **Nativity rectory**. 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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Our next class will begin on **Tuesday, 02 FEB 2016**. We will have 10 short video lectures on the Eucharist and on the authority of St. Peter. The classes are held on consecutive **Tuesdays**. The morning class goes from **09:30-11:00 AM**. The class is repeated in the evening from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Each class includes a lecture by Deacon Dominick, discussion, and Q&A. The class will run until the last week in April with a break for Holy Week and Easter. No sign-ups ahead of time needed. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** at **650/269-6279**.

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

Our next *Marriage Enrichment Date Night* for married and engaged couples will be on **Saturday, 06 FEB 2016**. It will include a pot-luck dinner, a cooking demonstration, a conference by our pastor, Monsignor Otellini, and lots of good fellowship. It begins at **06:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center and generally runs until **08:30 PM**. Please join us. All the date nights have been well attended, lots of fun, very informative and a great way to get to know people in the parish. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** **650/269-6279** or **Mary Ellen** **650/269-7794**.

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**.

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**.



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

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**
- Carr William, son of Mitchell and Alexandria Morey
 - John Joseph, son of James and Emily Simonson
 - Emilia Catherine, daughter of Charles and Diane Schwalbach

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- Anamalia and John Saulala (*Feuini, Lanuola, Loloma*)
 - Stephanie and Jeremy Clark (*Mason*)
 - Mary Ellen Harrington
 - Ines and Jose Acosta
 - Leticia Cuevas
 - Jesus Martinez, Jr.

- DEATHS**
- Virginia Munk
 - Anastacio Apezteguia
 - Susan Hackett
 - Mary Nelson
 - Katie Supple

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University**. For more than a century, St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park has been preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Well-prepared priests are needed more than ever at this time. St. Patrick's needs your support so that they may continue to provide outstanding academic programs and increase seminarian housing. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated.

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: *St. Patrick's Seminary*.

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.

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 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.

*Dear Msgr. Otellini,
Thank you for arranging for us to visit the Church of the Nativity on Dec. 6, 2015. Despite the rain, we managed to keep dry and people were able to find us there. The sales amounted to about \$489.00 - a big help for our ministry, which assists our women's development process in Santa Clara la Laguna, San Juan Comalapa, and Chumanzana, in Guatemala. It was a good sale; I enjoyed meeting everyone. It is always good to see our friends there. Thanks go to all the Church of the Nativity staff and all the people of the parish for helping with our mission in Guatemala. As they say in Guatemala, "Si Dios quiere" we will be able to return next year.*

*In Peace,
Kay Sweeney, Managing Director
Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Fund*

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY LIBRARY

Nativity has an excellent library in the **O'Hare Center**. It is chock full of books on Lives of the Saints, Spirituality, Bible Studies, Theology, Teens, Family, Catholic Fiction, and lots of Children's books. It is open on Sunday morning from **07:30 AM-12:30 PM**. For other times, you may get a key from the office. Take advantage of the great books that will supplement and increase your spiritual growth. All books (400+) have been donated by parishioners, and the borrowing is on the honor system. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso at 650/269-6279**.



RESPIRE FOR CAREGIVERS

Refuel Your Energies: A Workshop for Caregivers and Healthcare Professionals presented by Dr. Nan Brenzel, Ed.D and Sister Jean Evans, RSM. **Saturday, 30 JAN 2016, 08:00 AM-12:00 PM**. This half-day workshop will give participants an opportunity to renew body, mind and spirit. **\$20/person**. Acacia Room, Mercy Convent, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame. RSVP by **26 JAN 2016** to Sister Jean Evans, RSM jevans@mercywmw.org or **650/373-4508**.

Presented by *Sisters of Mercy West Midwest* and *Dominican Sisters of San Rafael*.

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

(cont'd.) Along these same lines, with the present *Jubilee of Mercy* I want to invite the Church to pray and work so that every Christian will have a humble and compassionate heart, one capable of proclaiming and witnessing to mercy. It is my hope that all of us will learn to "forgive and give", to become more open "to those living on the outermost fringes of society - fringes which modern society itself creates", and to refuse to fall into "a humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine which prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism!"

There are many good reasons to believe in mankind's capacity to act together in solidarity and, on the basis of our interconnection and interdependence, to demonstrate concern for the more vulnerable of our brothers and sisters and for the protection of the common good. This attitude of mutual responsibility is rooted in our fundamental vocation to fraternity and a life in common. Personal dignity and interpersonal relationships are what constitute us as human beings whom God willed to create in his own image and likeness. As creatures endowed with inalienable dignity, we are related to all our brothers and sisters, for whom we are responsible and with whom we act in solidarity. Lacking this relationship, we would be less human. We see, then, how indifference represents a menace to the human family. As we approach a new year, I would ask everyone to take stock of this reality, in order to overcome indifference and to win peace.

Kinds of indifference

3. Clearly, indifference is not something new; every period of history has known people who close their hearts to the needs of others, who close their eyes to what is happening around them, who turn aside to avoid encountering other people's problems. But in our day, indifference has ceased to be a purely personal matter and has taken on broader dimensions, producing a certain "globalization of indifference".

The first kind of indifference in human society is indifference to God, which then leads to indifference to one's neighbour and to the environment. This is one of the grave consequences of a

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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
24 JAN (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
25 JAN (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
26 JAN (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
27 JAN (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
28 JAN (THU)	Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas
29 JAN (FRI)	
30 JAN (SAT)	

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_glory.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



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false humanism and practical materialism allied to relativism and nihilism. We have come to think that we are the source and creator of ourselves, our lives and society. We feel self-sufficient, prepared not only to find a substitute for God but to do completely without him. As a consequence, we feel that we owe nothing to anyone but ourselves, and we claim only rights. Against this erroneous understanding of the person, Pope Benedict XVI observed that neither man himself nor human development can, on their own, answer the question of our ultimate meaning. Paul VI likewise stated that "there is no true humanism but that which is open to the Absolute, and is conscious of a vocation which gives human life its authentic significance".

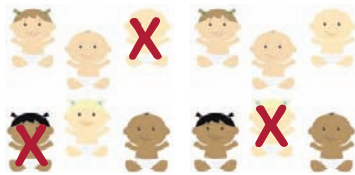
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PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

EVERY FOURTH BABY CONCEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES IS KILLED BY ABORTION.

58,612,000 +

abortions in the United States since Roe v. Wade (1973)



<http://www.numberofabortions.com>

How big is 55+ million? Watch this:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qv6UDT_iU#t=51

ON-LINE PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

- National Right to Life Council www.nrlc.org
- Priests for Life www.priestsforlife.org
- California Pro-Life Council www.californiaprolife.org
- Gospel of Life Institute www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org
- Natl. Committee for a Human Life Amendment www.nchla.org
- Project Rachel www.hopeafterabortion.com

“MEET THE KILLERS”

GUNS kill approximately **30,000** people each year in the U.S.

55% of those deaths are self-inflicted.

ALCOHOL kills approximately **35,000** people each year in the U.S.

71% of those deaths are self-inflicted.

CIGARETTES kill approximately **440,000** people each year in the U.S.

91% of those deaths are self inflicted.

ABORTION kills approximately **1,210,000** people each year in the U.S.

Less than **0.00001%** of those deaths are self inflicted.

Abortion kills **more than twice as many people** each year as guns, alcohol, and cigarettes combined.

<http://www.abort73.com>

IN THE TWO MINUTES IT TAKES YOU TO READ THIS PAGE, 7 BABIES WILL DIE BY ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.



On January 22, 1973, The United States Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand. The decision is called Roe vs. Wade. We call it Death Roe. About one fourth of our generation has already been wiped out, and the executions continue at the rate of over 3000 a day. If you were born after that date, you are one of the unchosen.

You are a Death Roe Survivor.

IN ITS LATEST ANNUAL REPORT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATED THAT IT ABORTED 323,999 BABIES IN 2014.

COMPARE THE ABORTION NUMBERS:

- 2010: **329,445**
- 2011: **333,924**
- 2012: **327,166**
- 2013: **327,653**

IN ITS FIRST PUBLISHED ANNUAL REPORT, “HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL” ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS 300,000 BABIES WERE SAVED FROM ABORTION BY PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS IN 2015 (WORLDWIDE)