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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

GENESIS 18: 20-32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Though I walk amid distress, You preserve me; against the anger of my enemies You raise Your hand.

PSALMS 138

SECOND READING

He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.

COLOSSIANS 2: 12-14

GOSPEL

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your name.

LUKE 11: 1-13



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 JULY 2016

For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds.

LUKE 11: 10

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 24 - 30 JUL

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Shelby Drazan
	05:30 PM	† Peg and Frank Chandler
TUE	07:30 AM	† Edith Tropeano Petterson
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Richard Matthews
	05:30 PM	Special intention; The Ebinger family; † Jim Nazworthy; † Anita Dolan
THU	07:30 AM	† Jennifer Ware
	05:30 PM	† Fr. Raymond Dunn
FRI	07:30 AM	† Larry Del Santo
	05:30 PM	Lucienne Woods
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intention; Lucienne Woods; Nicholas Peters; † Michael Hurley; † Stanley Jarosz

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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+) and DVDs (100+) have been donated by parishioners, and the borrowing is on the honor system. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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)

24 JUL (Sunday)

25 JUL (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

26 JUL (Tuesday)

08:00 PM H⁴

27 JUL (Wednesday)

28 JUL (Thursday)

29 JUL (Friday)

30 JUL (Saturday)




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



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 09-10 JUL
TOTAL:	\$13,261
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$28,867
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

25 JUL (Monday):

SAINT JAMES ("THE GREATER"), Apostle

James and his younger brother, **John**, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen of Galilee when called by Jesus to follow Him. James was present at most of the miracles performed by Christ, and the two brothers, along with **Peter**, were the only disciples to witness the Transfiguration. James, the first apostle to be martyred, was put to death by Herod around the year 42.



26 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM, Parents of Mary

We know nothing about Mary's parents except what we can infer from Mary's own life -- she was devout, generous, able to recognize God when He called, and courageous enough to accept God's call without knowing where it would lead. She must have had exceptional parents. They are mentioned in the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James*, which speaks of the life of Mary and her elderly, well-to-do parents, **Joachim** and **Anna**.



29 JUL (Friday):

SAINT MARTHA

The sister of **Saints Lazarus** and **Mary of Bethany**, she was a friend of Jesus and a hostess to Him in her house. She is believed to have taken part in an early mission to France (Gaul). "*Martha, Martha,*" *the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

Luke 10:41-42



30 JUL (Saturday):

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (406-450)

An adult convert, **Peter** became the **Bishop of Ravenna, Italy** in 433. He fought paganism and heresies, enforced reforms, and build several churches. He was a preacher of such language skills that he was given the name *Chrysologus*, referring to his *golden word*. 176 of his sermons have survived, and these beautiful explanations of the Incarnation, the Creed, and the place of Mary and John the Baptist in the plan of salvation, led to his being proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1729 by **Pope Benedict XIII**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SVdP BROWN BAG SUNDAY

On **31 JUL 2016**, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food, or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.



FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 12 AUG 2016**, we will have our next celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. We will have a Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the message of Fatima, rosary candlelight procession around the church grounds, and healing Benediction. Please join us and bring your family. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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: 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 02:00 AM; 11:00 AM; 12:00 PM (pr. partner)

Thursday: 02:00 PM

Saturday: 07:00 PM (prayer partner)

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)**.

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

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

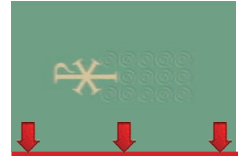
MARRIAGES • Jesus Martinez, Jr. and Leticia Cuevas
• Torey Page and Joanna Draeger

PARISHIONERS • Martin Cuyegkeng and Sarah de Sagun
• Daniel Paravati
• Andrew Paravati

DEATHS • Helen Balakiv

JOURNEYSONGS BOOKS

Unfortunately the bindings on our **JourneySongs** books are breaking. We have only been using these books since December of 2014 and already the bindings on many of the books have broken. This is because the cover will get caught on the trim on the pew when not put back carefully into the pew pocket. When you are finished using the book please put it back into the pew pocket **with the binding down**. Although it does not look as good this way, it will help lengthen the life of the books. They were an expensive investment and we all would like them to last for many more years. Thank you for your help.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHERINE'S CENTER TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW!

St. Vincent de Paul's Catherine's Center supports women transitioning from incarceration back into society. SdP's Catherine's Center relies on charitable donations to support our ministry. Please consider supporting us by purchasing tickets to our *Twilight Fashion Show* to be held **Tuesday, 30 AUG 2016** at **05:30 PM** at Trinity Church in Menlo Park. Enjoy delicious food and drinks while the women of Catherine Center model fun fashions from SVdP's thrift stores! Tickets are **\$75** and are available at www.svdpsm.org.

ST. FRANCIS CENTER: ESL TUTORS NEEDED

The **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City is looking for volunteer **ESL teachers** for adult women! Starting in **August**, English tutor/teachers are needed **Monday** through **Friday** at various times during the day and no knowledge of Spanish is necessary. It is a wonderful ministry! If you can commit to an hour or an hour and a half one day a week, you would be making a huge difference in the life of your future student. Please contact **Kristin Bright** at the Center at **650/365-7829** for more information and to sign up!

WEEKEND STAFF AT VALLOMBROSA

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is hiring weekend staff. We need hosts with a pleasant presence welcoming guests checking in (and out), answering telephone calls and guest inquiries, handling bookstore purchases and performing small miscellaneous tasks. Hours would be **07:00 AM-03:00 PM** on **Saturday** and/or **Sunday** and occasionally filling in for office staff on a weekday (completely optional). The level of activity for any particular weekend will vary depending on the number of events being held and the number of guests, with a possibility of some "down time" between events. Basic computer skills are essential. If interested, contact **David Fencl**, Director of Operations at **650/325-5614 ext. 14** or david@vallombrosa.org for more information or an application.

NFP FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC

Come celebrate the U.S. Bishops' **National NFP Awareness Week** by joining us for a bilingual Mass and picnic on **30 JUL 2016** at **St. Raymond's** parish in Menlo Park (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue). Mass is at **10:00 AM** with **Fr. Lawrence Goode**, and will be followed by a potluck picnic. The Archdiocese will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, utensils. Please bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to **Ed Hopfner** at HopfnerE@SFArch.org or **415/614-5547** so we know how much food to purchase.

FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: "TOGETHER IN HOLINESS"

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** are pleased to present a **Family Life Marriage Conference "Together in Holiness"** on **Saturday, 24 SEP 2016** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, at the **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. Speakers will include **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**; **Leah Darrow**, Catholic speaker and former model; **Dick and Patti Collyer**, Catholic speakers; and **Arland Nichols**, President of the St. John Paul II Foundation. Registration fees: **\$40** per couple (**\$50** after **31 AUG 2016**); **\$40** per newlywed couple (less than 2 years); **\$30** per individual. Free childcare (6 mos-12yrs); pre-registration required. To register visit www.togetherinholiness.org.

EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE OF BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption will have an exhibit on the **Life of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta** from **27 AUG-03 SEP 2016** in St. Francis Hall. The Cathedral is located at 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. The hours of the exhibit are **09:00 AM-05:00 PM** on **Saturdays** and **Sundays**, and **03:00-05:30 PM Monday to Friday**. On the day of her canonization, there will be a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving in Honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta on **Sunday, 04 SEP 2016** at **11:00 AM** at the Cathedral. The Mass will be presided by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Please join us in gratitude to God for the gift of our new saint.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Indigenous Peoples*

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Missionary: *Latin America and the Caribbean*

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.



www.im.va

Dear Monsignor Otellini,
Thank you for your commitment to our mission of strengthening families and reducing poverty through your parish's contribution of \$4,062.00, which we received on June 30, 2016, from Catholic Charities Sunday Second Collection. Please let your parishioners know how much their generosity means to the people we serve each day. Church of the Nativity has been a great blessing to all those served by Catholic Charities, and we look forward to working with you and your parish again next year to strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty in our Archdiocese. I pray that God will refresh and bless you in all the challenges and joys of your ministry. Again I am most grateful for the direct impact your parish has made in the lives of people from all walks of life who come to Catholic Charities seeking help.

Sincerely,
Kathy Brown, Director of Advancement
Catholic Charities

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

24 JUL (SUN)	THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (MON)	FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
26 JUL (TUE)	FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIRST Day: St. John Vianney
27 JUL (WED)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney
29 JUL (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney
30 JUL (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney
31 JUL (SUN)	Fest of Saint Ignatius of Loyola SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney
01 AUG (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney
02 AUG (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi
03 AUG (WED)	NINTH Day: St. John Vianney SECOND Day: St. Clare of Assisi
04 AUG (THU)	Fest of Saint John Marie Vianney THIRD Day: St. Clare of Assisi
05 AUG (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi
06 AUG (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

NANO FARMS

NANO Farms USA is a Community Supported Agricultural (CSA). It is a worker-owned cooperative and a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto. All produce is grown on the property of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA. They grow organic fruits and vegetables depending on the seasons throughout the year. You can order a box of delicious fruits and vegetables weekly. Customers can pick up boxes in designated locations or subscribe for home delivery today through their CSA Program. Visit their website www.nanofarms.com or call them at **650/817-8801**.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE "UNKNOWN WOUND" OF JESUS

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX, the French abbot and mystic who helped to renew the Cistercian Order in the twelfth century, related in the Annals of Clairvaux a conversation he had once had with Our Lord. He prayed, asking Jesus which was His greatest unrecorded suffering; and the Lord answered him:

"I had on My Shoulder while I bore My Cross on the Way of Sorrows, a grievous Wound which was more painful than the others, and which is not recorded by men. Honor this Wound with thy devotion, and I will grant thee whatsoever thou dost ask through its virtue and merit. And in regard to all those who shall venerate this Wound, I will remit to them all their venial sins, and will no longer remember their mortal sins."

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA for more than 50 years bore the wounds of Christ (the stigmata) on his hands and feet. In a book published in the Italian language by St. Pio's friary, titled Il Papa e Il Frate, author Stefano Campanella reported that the future St. Pio had once had a very interesting conversation with Karol Wojtyla, the future St. John Paul II.

According to Campanella, Fr. Wojtyla asked Padre Pio which of his wounds caused the most pain. Padre Pio replied, "It is my shoulder wound, which no one knows about and has never been cured or treated."

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, after receiving the message from Christ regarding the pain He experienced in His shoulder, sought to foster devotion to the Shoulder Wound of Christ, and penned this prayer:

Prayer to the Shoulder Wound of Christ

Most loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross which so tore Thy flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee, and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen.

(Imprimatur: +Thomas D. Beven, Bishop of Springfield.)

If you search on-line for "Shroud of Turin shoulder wound" you can also read confirming evidence from forensic experts that the Man Who was wrapped in the Shroud suffered a dislocation of the shoulder that would have resulted in paralysis of the right arm and unbelievable pain.

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2016-2017

Registration has begun for Nativity's **Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation. Registration forms and information packets are available online (nativitymenlo.org) under the *School of Religion* link. A kick-off celebration will be held on **18 SEP 2016**, Catechetical Sunday, after the **09:30 AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 25 SEP 2016**. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving First Communion, through all grade levels until the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **13-14, 20-21** and **27-28 AUG 2016** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. Sacrament Class and Classes for grades 1 to 6 are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. Confirmation Preparation Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center beginning **05 OCT 2016**.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion requires 2 years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in 1st grade.

Confirmation Preparation is also a 2-year program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter 7th grade, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.

Catechist Openings:

Help our children be all they can be! Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

Substitute Catechists

Assistants for Grade 3 to 6

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hickam@gmail.com.

