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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

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST READING

On that day there shall be ... a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness.

ZECHARIAH 12: 10-11; 13: 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify You.

PSALMS 63

SECOND READING

You are Abraham's children, heirs according to the promise.

GALATIANS 3: 26-29

GOSPEL

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

LUKE 9: 18-24



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 JUNE 2016

He said to them,
"But Who do you say that I am?"

LUKE 9: 20

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19 - 25 JUN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Dale Firenzi
	05:30 PM	† Suzanne Walsh
TUE	07:30 AM	† Frances Galea
	05:30 PM	Tomas Mieres; All fathers, living and deceased; † Lemuel Southorn; † Sam and Alice Felix; † John Rudolph; † John Daly
WED	07:30 AM	All fathers, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	† John Francis Keller
THU	07:30 AM	The Martinez family
	05:30 PM	Adel Durando
FRI	07:30 AM	† Barbara and Peter Widmer
	05:30 PM	Maria and David Gilsdorf
SAT	08:00 AM	Our Lady's intentions; All fathers, living and deceased; Alvarro Ruiz; Marialuisa Ruiz

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)

19 JUN (Sunday)

20 JUN (Monday)
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

21 JUN (Tuesday)
08:00 PM H⁴

22 JUN (Wednesday)

23 JUN (Thursday)
11:00 AM The Thursday Group

24 JUN (Friday)
09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

25 JUN (Saturday)



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

TEACHERS WANTED AT NATIVITY SCHOOL

Nativity School is looking for a **Grade 6 Teacher** and **Middle School Teachers of Math and Science (Grades 6-8)** to join our faculty. The mission of our school is to educate and prepare the whole child within a nurturing environment based on Catholic values and beliefs in order that the child may become a responsible and active member of the Church and society.

If you are interested in employment, please send your resume to sfoster@nativityschool.com. Candidates must have a valid California Teaching Credential.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for **Peter's Pence**.

PARISH OFFERINGS



WEEK OF 04-05 JUN	
TOTAL:	\$11,483
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$11,245
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 JUN (Wednesday):

SAINT PAULINUS OF NOLA, Bishop (354-431)

A distinguished lawyer who held several public offices in the Empire, Paulinus and his wife Therasia retired from public ministry to an estate in Spain. After the loss of their only son at a few weeks' of age, they gave away most of their estates and dedicated themselves to increasing their holiness. Paulinus was chosen bishop of Nola by popular demand, where he governed for more than 21 years. His writings contain one of the earliest examples of a Christian wedding song.

SAINTS JOHN FISHER and THOMAS MORE, Martyrs (1469/1478-1535)

In 1521 Bishop **John Fisher** was asked to study the problem of Henry VIII's marriage. He incurred Henry's anger by defending the validity of the king's marriage with Catherine and later by rejecting Henry's claim to be the supreme head of the Church of England. Like Thomas More, John Fisher refused to take the oath to the new Act of Succession, which would have presumed the legality of the king's divorce and his position as head of the English Church.

Thomas More's belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost him his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London on **06 July 1535**, More steadfastly refused to approve Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England. Fisher and More were tried together and executed within two weeks of one another.

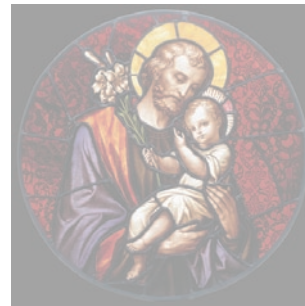
24 JUN (Friday):

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: *"I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...."*



"The Birth of John the Baptist" - Jacopo Tintoretto (c. 1555)



*May God bless
all fathers*

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SAN MATEO PRO-LIFE RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, 25 JUN 2016. 09:00 AM-03:00 PM. St. Matthew School Auditorium. El Camino Real and Aragon Avenue, San Mateo. *"Defend Life From Conception to Natural Death."* For more information, call **Janet** at **650/931-5467**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 JUL 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**.



NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 24 JUN 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.

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

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).*

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**
- Oliver William, son of Christopher and Patricia Bors
 - Edward James, son of Edward and Alisha Rankin
 - Santiago Alejandro, son of Robert Ruiz and Priscilla Hernandez

- MARRIAGES**
- Dale Andrade and Clarissa Moore

- PARISHIONERS**
- Angela and Fabriano Angelo (*William*)
 - Peter Pensa IV

- DEATHS**
- Catherine McDonnell
 - Yolanda Carello
 - Guadalupe Reyes Gomez

JOURNEYSONG BOOKS

Unfortunately the bindings on our JourneySong 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.



LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is **overflowing** with too many things. If you own items listed here please pick them up at the parish office during office hours. Anything not picked up by **30 JUN 2016** will be donated:

Women:

Black ¾-length coat and fleece scarf; black *Banana Republic* cardigan; dark blue “Chico” zip sport jacket with white trim; *Vera Bradley* small purse; raspberry knit;

Girls:

Pink and black sports jacket; small fleece pink, purple, green butterfly hoodie; small pink coat with lace trim on the collar

Men: blue “Everlast” sweatshirt

Boys:

Gray “Gap” jacket; black and white plaid puffy jacket; navy blue vest with red hood

Miscellaneous:

Three SF Giants ball caps: SF 2014 Post-season, SF with “National League” badge, and “New Era” cap with neon green SF; gray fleece hat; pink dotted receiving blanket; “Biblia Sagrada” in black zip case; *Jaci Velasques* music CD; starfish necklace; “Barbie”-type doll with red hair; one fleece “Hands On” glove; red umbrella with Native American designs; black umbrella with wooden crook handle.

We also have quite a few glasses: sunglasses, reading glasses and some prescription glasses. Glasses not reclaimed are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony’s or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HELPING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY

Sister Lilly of Immaculate Conception Academy (ICA) will be here during the morning Masses on **19 JUN 2016** to speak about assisting ICA. ICA is an all-girls, college prep Catholic high school located in the Mission District of San Francisco. It has implemented a work-study program and is looking for organizations to sponsor their students. Currently girls are working at companies such as *The Gap*, *Bank of the West*, *UCSF*, *Jones Day Law Firm*, and *Heffernan Insurance Brokers*. A team of four students work at an organization to cover one full-time position, rotating work days. The students are on site 36 weeks per year, 40 hours per week, adding diversity, enthusiasm and a willingness to learn and succeed. For more information on how you or your company can help please contact Sr. Lilly at **415/824-2052** and/or visit www.icacademy.org.

EMERGENCY IN GREECE

Help Syrian refugees stranded at the closed border between Greece and Macedonia. They are suffering from severe cold, rain and starvation. Donate to the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) to provide them with medical care, mental health care, food, blankets, etc. Call **617/367-4770** and ask for Lucy. Web donations: give.icmc.net/syria or www.icmc.net.

CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

“Come and See” ... “Called by God, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to his word, to ponder and call upon him in solitude.” **Corpus Christi Monastery** will be holding another discernment day for single Catholic women (ages 18 to 40) on **16 JUL 2016**. To register or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or **650/322-1801 x19**. The nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery are Dominican Contemplative Nuns, whose whole life is harmoniously ordered to the continual remembrance of God. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, California.

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**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Human Solidarity*

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Missionary: *Seminarians and Novices*

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.



www.im.va

IN THE COMMUNITY

FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH VOCATION CAMP

Is God calling you? The **Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** and **St. Thomas Apostle–St. Monica Parish Family Ministry** are sponsoring a summer camp for boys who are or will be enrolled in high school in the fall of 2016. The purpose of the camp is to expose our young men to the various Christian vocations of life, particularly vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Presentations, discussion, prayer, and fun will be part of each day led by seminarians and parish youth leaders. This camp will be held at **Youth Retreat House**, Casa San Felipe, 1977 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette, CA from **Sunday, 31 JUL 2015** until **Tuesday, 02 AUG 2016**. All meals and lodging are provided. Families are asked to contribute **\$50.00** for the camp, but scholarships are available for families in need. Due to limited availability of space, not all applicants may be accepted. The application deadline is **01 JUL 2016**.

To register or for more information, please contact **Fr. David Schunk**, vocations@sfarch.org or **415/614-5683**. Applications are also available in the parish office.

YEAR OF MERCY YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Youth and young adults ages 16-35 are invited to a retreat in the style of Taizè at **Mercy Center** in Burlingame **22-24 JUL 2016**. The retreat begins **Friday, 22 JUL 2016** with dinner and prayer around the cross. Saturday includes silent time, scripture reflection, small groups, workshops and prayer. The retreat will end at **01:00 PM** on Sunday, after prayer, groups, Mass, and lunch. The cost is **\$115.00**, including all meals and lodging. Please contact **Sr. Jean Evan** at **650/373-4508** for more information. To register, please email mriley@mercywmw.org. Mercy Center is located at 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

19 JUN (SUN)	FIFTH Day: John the Baptist
20 JUN (MON)	SIXTH Day: John the Baptist FIRST Day: Saints Peter and Paul
21 JUN (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: John the Baptist SECOND Day: Saints Peter and Paul
22 JUN (WED)	EIGHTH Day: John the Baptist THIRD Day: Saints Peter and Paul
23 JUN (THU)	NINTH Day: John the Baptist FOURTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
24 JUN (FRI)	Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist FIFTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
25 JUN (SAT)	SIXTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
26 JUN (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
27 JUN (MON)	EIGHTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
28 JUN (TUE)	NINTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
29 JUN (WED)	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
30 JUN (THU)	
01 JUL (FRI)	
02 JUL (SAT)	FIRST Day: Saint Benedict

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint John the Baptist:

svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Novena-St-John-Baptist.pdf

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul:

<http://op54rosary.ning.com/events/novena-to-ss-peter-and-paul>

Novena to Saint Benedict:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/benedict.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

NOW HIRING: SVdP CATHERINE CENTER RELIEF STAFF (PART-TIME)

SVdP's **Catherine Center** is a transitional place of safety and dignity for women to live and heal upon leaving incarceration. We seek compassionate individuals who can be present to our women when the program manager is not available (nights, holidays and weekends). Duties include supervising activities on and off site, keeping case notes, being a kind and listening presence to the residents, maintaining a safe and supportive atmosphere, coordinating activities that promote a healthy lifestyle (such as weekend walks), communicating with the program staff, and transporting and accompanying the women to worship services and community events, as needed. The ideal candidate has experience working with those in recovery, an open heart and excellent communication skills. Email: vclausing@svdpsm.org.

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

There have been multiple images of the Divine Mercy produced over the years. Although **Saint Faustina** was frequently consulted about the progress of the original painting, it was her spiritual director and confessor, **Venerable Michael Sopocko**, who was responsible for hiring an artist by the name of **Eugene Kazimirowski** to paint from **Saint Faustina's** description. There is a detailed letter from Fr. Sopocko that describes what happened. He wrote: "For several months the painter was unable to satisfy the author, who became sad on that account, and it was at this time that she wrote in her diary: "Once when I was at that painter's, who's painting this image, and saw that it is not as beautiful as Jesus is, I became very sad, but I hid that deep in my heart. When we left the painter, Mother Superior remained in the city to settle various matters, but I returned home by myself, immediately I made my way to the chapel and I had a good cry. I said to the Lord: 'Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?' Of a sudden I heard the words: 'not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush is the greatness of this image, but in my grace.'" ...



Kazimirowski's painting is the "original", and now hangs in the Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania. But many have noted that the facial expression and direction of the rays do not match what Saint Faustina described.



At the end of World War II, an artist named **Adolf Hyla** presented the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy with a painting in thanksgiving that his family had been spared during the war. This painting now hangs above the tomb of Saint Faustina in the convent chapel in Lagiewniki, Poland. Hyla's version is popular in Europe and Latin America.



Based on Saint Faustina's original description of the image, many people were dissatisfied with details of both the Kazimirowski and Hyla versions (the rays in the original were pointing downward, and the right hand in Hyla's is too high, being raised above the shoulder). So an American artist named **Robert Skemp** tried to correct these with his own version. The Skemp version is the most popular version in the Philippines even today, and hangs above the Divine Mercy Shrine in Manila.



All three of the images above have ecclesiastical approval for display in churches and for distribution to the faithful. But a fourth image has become possibly the most wide-spread, painted by another American, **Kathleen Weber**, based on Hyla's version. In fact, some refer to this as the "Hyla by Weber" image.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

*Most gracious Heavenly Father,
We thank You for our earthly fathers, those to whom
You have entrusted the responsibility to provide
loving protection of their families and guidance of
their children. We thank you, also,
for our priests and bishops, whose
spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the
faith of Your people.*

*May our earthly fathers imitate the manly courage
of Abraham, Jesse and Joseph, and all the holy fathers
of the past in providing wise counsel to the children
You have given to their care. And may our spiritual
fathers be guided by the examples of Saints Peter and
Paul, all the Apostles and their saintly successors.
Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and
conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow,
and steadfast love for You, for their families,
and for all Your people throughout the world.*

*Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and
all Christian men, that through Your Grace they may
steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and
understanding of Your Truth. May they generously
impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.*

*As You, our Heavenly Father, so loved the world,
sending Your only Son to be our Savior and
Redeemer, we ask You to help all men to imitate His
fatherly gentleness and mercy toward those who are
weak; His humility, perfect obedience to your Will,
and fearless witness to your Truth. May their lives be
examples to all of heroic faithfulness to You.*

*We ask Your blessing on all those to whom You have
entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit
constantly inspire them with justice and mercy,
wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love.
May they receive Your Grace abundantly in this
earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal
joy in Your presence in the life to come.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
Your Son and Our Lord,*

AMEN.