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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



FIRST READING

We have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you.

ACTS 15: 1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God have pity on us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us.

PSALMS 67

SECOND READING

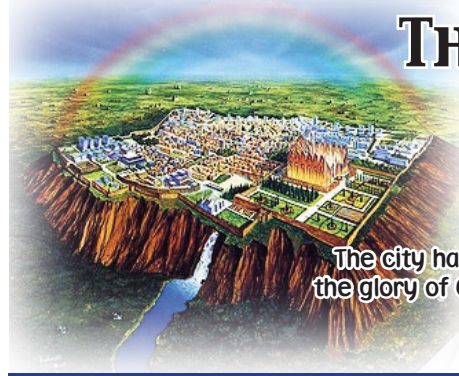
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb.

REVELATION 21: 10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL

The Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything.

JOHN 14: 23-29



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

01 MAY 2016

REVELATION 21: 23

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 01 - 07 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	Judy Woods
TUE	07:30 AM	† Mary Basso
	05:30 PM	† Hideichiro Joseph Nakano
WED	07:30 AM	† James Bryan Dean
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
THU	07:30 AM	† Sgt. Larry Shannon
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Alan Hegadus
	05:30 PM	Sela Falekaono; † Danny Olin; † Ed Dikun; † Nancy Regan; † Bernard Michaels
SAT	08:00 AM	All mothers; Baby Joseph Parsons; Susie Lieb; Greta Villanueva; † Souls in Purgatory

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)

01 MAY (Sunday)

02 MAY (Monday)

09:00 AM	School Mass
10:00 AM	Bible Group
07:30 PM	Legion of Mary

03 MAY (Tuesday)

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

04 MAY (Wednesday)

07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
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05 MAY (Thursday)

11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
06:00 PM	ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

06 MAY (Friday)

First Friday

1st

07 MAY (Saturday)

First Saturday


1st

I am very happy to announce that Mrs. Susie Foster will be our new principal. I am very grateful to the committee who aided me in the selection process: Krissy Hauschild, Kerry Marzoni, Jeff Cleland, Marie deLorimier, and Russ Castle.

We had several good candidates, and spent much time deliberating and interviewing them. Please keep Susie in your prayers, as well as Carol Trelut who now transitions into a well-deserved retirement.

Msgr Steven Otellini

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 16-17 APR
TOTAL:	\$12,745
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$5745
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

02 MAY (Monday):

SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (297-373)

Known as the “Doctor of the Incarnation” for his writings on this dogma, Athanasius was **Bishop of Alexandria** for 45 years. He attended the **Council of Nicea (325)** and became a prolific polemicist against the Arians, who exiled him five times. He is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church.

03 MAY (Tuesday):

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

Philip’s request at the Last Supper, “Lord, show us the Father,” prompted Jesus to proclaim unequivocally that he and the Father are one. **James**, the son of Alphaeus, was a cousin of Jesus, and eventually presided over the church in Jerusalem. In his epistle, he encourages us to ask God for wisdom and faith.

05 MAY (Thursday):

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Please join churches across America for the 65th National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, 05 MAY 2016**. This year’s theme is “*Wake up, America!*”

www.nationaldayofprayer.net



Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.

ISAIAH 58: 1

Watch the promotional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHG5SoXOQoA>

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/799-4722** for more information.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 13 May 2016**, we will have our first 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**. The Fatima celebrations are held on the evening of the 13th between May and October. If the 13th falls on a Saturday, we celebrate on Friday; if on a Sunday, it is moved to Monday.



RELICS OF SAINT PIO AND SAINT LEOPOLD

First-degree relics of **St. Padre Pio** and **St. Leopold** will be displayed throughout California during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has chosen these two Capuchin saints as patrons of God’s merciful call to reconciliation and grace. These relics will be at that *National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi* in San Francisco during the months of **May, September** and **November**. The National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi is located at 610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco. For more information www.shrineSF.org, info@shrinesf.org, or **415/986-4557**.

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; 12:00 PM (noon - prayer partner)

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).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERING

Wondering where to volunteer your valuable time on a Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday morning for Nativity? Come join other Nativity **St. Vincent de Paul** members in delivering food to the many needy families in our parish. Make home visits to gather information on how to best provide assistance with rent or overdue utility bills. We have an immediate need for **Thursday** mornings. For more information, please call **Ann Olin** at **650/796-4642**.

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**
- Christopher Blake, son of Robert and Diana Oyster
 - Regan Adalynn, daughter of Jose and Sarena Delgado

- MARRIAGES**
- Hong Le and Lam Pham

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Mary Basso

MOTHERS' DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **08 MAY 2016!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend than to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

RETIREMENT DINNER FOR MRS. CAROL TRELUT

The Church of the Nativity is hosting a "Farewell to Mrs. Trelut" on **Saturday, 04 JUN 2016 at 06:30 PM** in the Sobrato Pavilion at the school. Carol Trelut has been the principal of Nativity School for the last 15 years and has been a loyal servant to Nativity School and the Church of the Nativity for 20 years. Please come and join us in celebrating this well-deserved party for Carol. This is an **adult-only** celebration.

The Church of the Nativity will be giving her a monetary gift on this evening. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, please drop off your contributions to the Nativity School Office or the Church Rectory. If you are submitting a check, please note on the memo line "Trelut Retirement".

RSVPs are required for this event by **May 27th**. The cost to attend is **\$10.00** per person. Drop off your reservation and payment to the school office or the parish office. If you have any questions, please email **Susie Foster** at sfoster@nativityschool.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our archdiocese.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MEALS ON WHEELS: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Become a volunteer and impact your neighborhood. We have more seniors than ever requesting **Meals on Wheels** and we need additional volunteers to help meet the need. Meals on Wheels drivers deliver hot meals to help seniors who are home alone with no way to shop or cook for themselves. PVI delivers 90,000 hot, nutritious meals every year to home-bound seniors and adults with disabilities. Routes are in San Mateo County from Burlingame to East Palo Alto. Drivers must be available from **09:30 AM-12:00 PM**, one or more weekdays per week. Volunteers drive their own vehicle and gasoline.

To volunteer or to learn more, please contact **Chris Berry** at cberry@peninsulavolunteers.org or **650/326-0665 x5002**.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL NATIVITY SCHOOL AUCTION

The theme for this year's **Nativity Auction** is the *Wild, Wild West* and will take place **14 MAY 2016** in Sobrato Pavilion. This yearly event would not be a success without the generous donations of our families and parishioners. 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 don't delay! You will be receiving a donation request letter soon. Forms are located in the parish office. Invitations to the auction will be mailed to parishioners in early April; please ensure your address is on file so you don't miss out!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday through Saturday** from **11:00 AM to 01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a **free Clothing Distribution Center** which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

GREAT BOOKS SUMMER SEMINAR WEEKENDS

You are cordially invited to attend a **Thomas Aquinas College Great Books Summer Seminar Weekend** on **24-26 JUN 2016** or **15-17 JUL 2016**. The theme this summer is *Suffering: The Christian Response*. Books and materials to be read and discussed are: *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*, by Leo Tolstoy, a wonderfully evocative story of a man's suffering and death; *On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering (Salvifici Doloris)*, Pope St. John Paul II's 1984 Apostolic Letter; *Summa Theologiae*, III, selections, by St. Thomas Aquinas.

Texts will be sent to participants in advance. Cost: **\$750** per person or **\$1200** per couple inclusive of lodging and dining. For more information or to register contact **Mrs. Patti Harmonson** **805/421-5929**. Thomas Aquinas College, 10000 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060 www.thomasaquinas.edu

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Respect for Women*

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Missionary: *The Holy Rosary*

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



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THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE OLDEST OF ALL NOVENAS SINCE IT WAS FIRST MADE AT THE DIRECTION OF OUR LORD HIMSELF WHEN HE SENT HIS APOSTLES BACK TO JERUSALEM TO AWAIT THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST. IT IS STILL THE ONLY NOVENA OFFICIALLY PRESCRIBED BY THE CHURCH.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

01 MAY (SUN)	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker SIXTH Day: The Ascension
02 MAY (MON)	SEVENTH Day: The Ascension
03 MAY (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: The Ascension
04 MAY (WED)	NINTH Day: The Ascension
05 MAY (THU)	Feast of The Ascension of Our Lord
06 MAY (FRI)	FIRST Day: Pentecost
07 MAY (SAT)	SECOND Day: Pentecost
08 MAY (SUN)	Mothers Day THIRD Day: Pentecost
09 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Pentecost
10 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Pentecost
11 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Pentecost
12 MAY (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Pentecost
13 MAY (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Pentecost
14 MAY (SAT)	NINTH Day: Pentecost

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Ascension of Our Lord:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Ascension.htm

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.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



NATIVITY FEEDS: A VOICE FOR OTHERS

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love" advises Mother Teresa. That is what happened last year at Nativity Parish and School. **Alexander** and **Luke Edward Harding Bradley** (Nativity cantors) started an initiative called **Nativity Feeds**. The money you donated provided lunch for school children in a very poor area of Tanzania (Sanya Station), West Africa. Alexander visited there last year (and Luke Edward hopes to go this year). Alexander delivered Nativity's donation, met the students, saw where the food is cooked, bought and labelled new dishes, and worked with the students and their teachers for a few weeks. Thanks to the generosity of friends and parishioners at Nativity, **450** children have had a lunch of rice and beans every single day, since June 2015 - they have not had this regularity in meals before.

When you step up to help others, you become a voice for and with others, especially those hungry and in pain. We want to use our voices to continue this feeding program. Monsignor Otellini has given Alexander and Luke Edward permission to speak, sing the meditation "The Voice", to remind us that we can be a voice for and with others. There will be a collection at all the Nativity Masses on **Pentecost (14-15 MAY 2016)**. Every single dollar raised during this project goes directly towards the nourishment of the students at this school. We have no expectation that our voices will resolve "great things" such as the extensive problem of hungry children, but we want to follow Mother Teresa's advice of doing "small things with great love". We humbly ask for your support.

Alexander and Luke Edward

Young Believers

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COMPASSION	HUMBLE	UNITED	WILL	RIGHTEOUS
JESUS	FATHER	KINGDOM	ATTITUDE	GLORY

HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful IS the rosary? Consider these events:

October 7, 1571 — In the great battle of Lepanto, October 7th, 1571 a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off a Turkish invasion. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

May 13, 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

October 13, 1960 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

May 13, 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

May 12, 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 Nativity Carnival

10-12 June 2016

\$20,000 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

"Pride and Joy"

We are currently seeking sponsors and underwriters.

Please plan to join us and help us celebrate Family, Fun, Community.

For more info contact Leighton Ford 650/799-2867.



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