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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



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FIRST READING

Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.

2 KINGS 5: 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has made His salvation known: in the sight of the nations He has revealed His justice.

PSALMS 98

SECOND READING

I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen.

2 TIMOTHY 2: 8-13

GOSPEL

One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice.

LUKE 17: 11-19



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09 OCTOBER 2016

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?

LUKE 17: 18

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Joan McDonald
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
TUE	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	Tim Kennedy; Michael Rodd; Catherine Rodd; † Aniceta Vela
WED	07:30 AM	† Kathleen Solari
	05:30 PM	Mary Henriques
THU	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	Tomas Mieres; Rozanne Southorn; † Lemuel Southorn; † Peggy and Forest Nazworthy
FRI	07:30 AM	† Shelby Drazen
	05:30 PM	Lucienne Woods
SAT	08:00 AM	Grace and Robert Ferrando; The Ruperto family; The Johnson family; † James Candlin

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 24-25 SEP
TOTAL:	\$11,900
Flood and Earthquake Relief:	\$5,087
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$62,500
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

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)

09 OCT (Sunday)

10 OCT	(Monday)	
	10:00 AM	The Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA

11 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	07:00 PM	Bible Study
	08:00 PM	H ⁴

12 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class

13 OCT	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	Solidarity in Prayer
	07:00 PM	Legion of Mary District Mtg
	07:30 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration

14 OCT	(Friday)	
	09:30 AM	Nativity Moms Group

15 OCT	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	NFP Class



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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

10 OCT (Monday): COLUMBUS DAY (Observed)

The very discovery of America has deep spiritual origins. From a journal written by Christopher Columbus:

"It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit ... I am a most unworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence ... no one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service."



The Light and the Glory,
Peter Marshall and David Manuel

12 OCT (Wednesday): SAINT SERAPHIN OF MONTEGRANARO, Religious (d. 1604)

Born of a poor, pious family. An uneducated shepherd in his youth, he spent his time in the fields in prayer. He entered the **Capuchins** at age 16, receiving the name **Seraphin**. Noted for his simple, obedient, ascetic life, and his charity to the poor. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and to Our Lady.



15 OCT (Saturday) SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to St. Joseph. Teresa became a Carmelite nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 OCT 2016**, we will have our final celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal for this year. 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**.



SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP

The Fall session of the Small Faith-Sharing Group will begin the week of **13 NOV 2016**. It will meet for six weekly sessions. The resource material for the next session will include prayers, reflection on the Sunday readings, faith-sharing questions and ideas for action responses. Please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818** to sign up and for further information.



FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

On **Sunday, 30 OCT 2016**, after the Masses, the **Corpus Christi Chapter of the Dominican Laity** invite you once again to sample delicious gourmet pies for sale. We will take orders for Pumpkin, Apple, Berry Supreme, Strawberry Rhubarb, and Gluten-free Peach and Pumpkin pies. The 8-inch pies cost **\$20** and come unbaked-frozen. They keep perfectly in the freezer for 10-12 months. All orders can be picked up on the following **Sunday, 06 NOV 2016**, **only** after the **09:30** or **11:30 AM** Masses. Come meet us, say hello, and find out about the Lay Dominicans, who are celebrating the Order's 800th anniversary. Order a pie in time for your Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's gatherings or to give as gifts.

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

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 14 OCT 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.

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):



Sunday: 10:00 PM

Monday: 03:00 PM

Thursday: 12:00 PM (noon); 01:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 PM (noon)

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 San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).*

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 • Samson Malcolm, son of Edward Hillstead and Natali Aziz

MARRIAGES • Christopher Moore and Kim Nielson
• Paul Sancetta and Jessica Maldonado

PARISHIONERS • Heather Whitlock and John Eames
(Eastwick, Keira Graigh)
• Louise Bohmann and Edmond Farrell
(Ella, Thomas, Beatrice)

DEATHS • Ignacio Correa

HOLY DOORS "PILGRIMAGE"

Nativity Parish will have a "pilgrimage" to the **Holy Doors** at **St. Patrick's Seminary** on **Sunday, 23 October 2016**, after the **11:30 AM** Mass. Parishioners can gather in front of the Church and process to the the seminary. For those who prefer, you can meet the procession at the main entrance to the seminary building around **02:00 PM**. Monsignor Otellini will lead us in a prayer service at that time. Please welcome all to join us in this great spiritual opportunity. For questions, call **Deacon Peloso 650/269-6279**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. RAYMOND PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival is a great family event with something for everyone: pony rides, climbing spider maze, bungee trampoline, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin sales, carnival games, food, beer garden, live music and more!

Friday, 14 OCT 2016 (03:00-09:00 PM) and **Saturday, 15 OCT 2016 (12:00-06:00 PM)**. 1100 Santa Cruz Ave. | Menlo Park.

Open to the public with free admission.

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 18-40) on **15 OCT 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.

"CLERICUS CLASSIC" BASKETBALL GAME

The Archdiocese of San Francisco presents the **2016 Clericus Classic Basketball Game** featuring the priests of the Archdiocese vs. St. Patrick's Seminarians on **Friday, 21 OCT 2016 at 07:00 PM** at **Archbishop Riordan High School**, 175 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco. A limited number of tickets are available at www.sfarch.org/basketball or call the Vocation Office **415/614-5684**. Tickets are **\$10 general/\$5 students**. Proceeds of the game will go to the Office of Vocations, supporting the work of promoting vocations and forming seminarians.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café. On the third Tuesday of the month **Fr. Mark Mazza** will begin the Holy Hour with reflection. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome. If you have any questions, e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST

Calling all high school students! **Pro-Life Oratory Contest: Thursday, 13 OCT 2016, 07:30 PM**, St. Gregory's Wornor Center, 138 28th Ave., San Mateo.

Give a 5-7-minute original speech on a pro-life topic of your choice.

Cash prizes: **\$100/1st place, \$75/2nd place, \$50/3rd place**.

Bring your family and friends with you. All are welcome.

For more information, email themunns@yahoo.com or **650/572-1468**.

RCIA FOR 2016-2017 NOW UNDERWAY

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, and began **26 SEP 2016**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 15 APR 2017**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. See the brochures in the vestibule or visit www.nativitymenlo.org for more detailed information.

NATIVITY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

One of the strengths of Nativity School is the number of cultures and countries represented by our wonderful families! To celebrate our various cultures please join us for the **Third Annual International Festival** at Nativity School on **Sunday, 06 NOV 2016** from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM**. All are welcome to help us celebrate your family's heritage by wearing your traditional costume, bringing a traditional food item to share (small servings for about 20 people), sharing music, dance or other ritual of your culture. If you have any questions, would like to participate in any way, or would like more information contact **Kate Ermacoff** at kermacoff@nativityschool.com. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Journalists*

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Missionary: *World Mission Day*

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

CATHOLIC ESTATE AND PERSONAL PLANNING

Estate planning? Funeral and burial planning? End-of-life bioethical decisions? Where do you begin? And where can you find trustworthy advice from a specifically Catholic perspective? The Archdiocese offers free seminars to help orient you to these complex and important topics. Upcoming dates are **Saturday, 22 OCT 2016, at 10:00 AM** at **Mission Dolores Basilica**, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, and **Saturday, 29 OCT 2016, at 02:00 PM** at **All Souls Church** 315 Walnut Avenue, South San Francisco. There will be no "sales pitch" at these workshops, only up-to-date and relevant information you can use. Seating is limited, so please register to attend by phone or email: **415/614-5580**, development@sfarch.org.



ATTENTION VOTERS!

Nativity will host a number of events to prepare for this upcoming and important election in November:

• **National Solidarity in Prayer Holy Hour:** On **Thursday, 13 OCT 2016**, parishes throughout the country are having an hour of prayer for our country at the same hour. Our hour in Pacific Standard Time will be from **04:00-05:00 PM**.

• **Fatima Mass:** On **Thursday evening, 13 OCT 2016**, our Fatima Mass and celebration will be for the intention of preserving our country from evil and drawing all of us into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at **07:30 PM**, followed by candlelight rosary procession, and healing benediction.

• **54-Day Rosary Novena:** Parishioners are encouraged to say the rosary for 54 days (27 in petition and 27 in thanksgiving) for our country. This can begin on any day that works for you. Padre Pio said that the rosary is the "weapon of our time." Don't just say it, pray it!

Every parishioner is encouraged to join in prayer and education in preparation for the upcoming election. Please put aside other events as this is most important.

For any questions, please contact **Deacon Dominick (650/269-6279)** or **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)**

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

09 OCT (SUN)

10 OCT (MON)

11 OCT (TUE)

12 OCT (WED)

13 OCT (THU) FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

14 OCT (FRI) SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

15 OCT (SAT) THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

16 OCT (SUN) FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

17 OCT (MON) FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

18 OCT (TUE) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

19 OCT (WED) SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
SECOND DAY: Saint Jude

20 OCT (THU) EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
THIRD DAY: Saint Jude

21 OCT (FRI) NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude

22 OCT (SAT) Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II
FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

St. Jude:

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

PROTEST THE UN'S INTRUSION INTO CHURCH TEACHING

Three powerful agencies of the United Nations this week released a document calling for the Catholic Church to change her teachings on contraception, but also mentions that teachings on homosexuality, masturbation and in-vitro fertilization should be changed as well. Visit www.c-fam.org to read all the details and to express your outrage at this unbelievable attack on Christianity.

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Patrick's Seminary is looking for an individual to join in the mission of the Seminary as our part-time **Front Office Administrative Assistant** working weekday mornings, ~**16-20 hrs/week**. Key responsibilities include, but not limited to: supporting a professional environment that is welcoming to students, staff and general public while effectively directing incoming phone calls, mail and general emails.

For complete job description and qualifications needed, please email: david.flores@stpsu.edu.

RESPONSIBLE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP



Election season can be a great opportunity for catechesis about missionary discipleship and the political responsibilities of Catholics. To help you in your formation efforts, and to equip you to answer questions about the Church's role in political life, the **Catholic bishops** have made available dozens of resources at faithfulcitizenship.org.

Young Believers



So what is the “ichthys symbol” (ICK-thoos)? It was a sign used by early Christians (1st and 2nd centuries A.D.) to identify one another as fellow believers in Jesus. In the early days of the Church, Christians had to practice their faith in secret: to openly be a follower of Jesus meant persecution and probably a martyr’s death. So Christians had to meet secretly in each other’s homes to pray, teach, and learn more about Our Lord.

You might find this symbol drawn in the dirt or carved near a door, and if you were a Christian, you would know that another Christian lived there. When two travelers met on the road, one might draw half of the symbol (just one of the arches). If the other traveler completed the symbol by drawing the other arch, both would know they were in the company of a believer.

The letters are Greek (which was the common language in those days) and spell the word “fish”. But Christians used each of the letters to stand for “Iesous Christos, Theou Uios, Soter”, which means “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.” In another form of the symbol, the five letters were drawn on top of each other, and the result looks like a 6-spoked wheel.



You can see many examples of the “wheel” symbol around the ruins of Ephesus in Turkey.

IN THE COMMUNITY

STANFORD HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEERING

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: would you be interested in sharing Holy Communion with the adult Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital several times a month, on the days of your choice? Our Catholic communities actively support this program of nearly 90 volunteers. The fall training classes for new volunteers, organized by Stanford Healthcare’s Spiritual Care Team, will be held on **10 OCT, 07** and **14 NOV 2016**, tentatively **06:30-09:00 PM** at **Our Lady of the Rosary**, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. To learn more about this ministry, and how to apply, please contact **Raksha** in the Spiritual Care Office, **650/723-5101** for an application.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

Bishop William Justice will celebrate the **Archdiocesan Youth Mass** on **Sunday, 16 OCT 2016, 03:00-05:00 PM** at **Our Lady of Mercy Church**, 1 Elmwood Dr., Daly City The 03:00 PM Mass will be followed by a reception, including a Year of Mercy service project. All high-school age youth, their families and youth groups are invited. For more information contact **Sr. Celeste Arbuckle**, **SSS 415/614-5650** or arbucklec@sfarch.org.

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Those whose marriages end in divorce are often people who never learned the proper tools for a happy marriage. This is where **Retrouvaille** (*rě-trō-vī*) can help. Teams of couples who have experienced all four stages of marriage (as explained in *Retrouvaille*) present the program. Instead of giving up, they found solutions and learned the tools they need to live a happy marriage; that there are certain learnable skills, attitudes and tools that they can use to deal with the inevitable problems of the real world. The next *Retrouvaille* weekend will be **04-06 NOV 2016** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mtn View. The fee is **\$100**, including meals. For more information, registration, and other upcoming dates visit www.retrouvaille.org or call **Harvey** and **Cortne** at **415/893-1005** or **Joel** and **Sharon** at **707/217-8796**.

“America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father’s role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts--a child--as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And, in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners.”
-- *Saint Teresa of Calcutta to the United Nations (1994)*

**OCTOBER IS
PRO-LIFE MONTH and
MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

PAULINE BOOKSTORE IN REDWOOD CITY

“Miracle on Middlefield” The future home of the **Pauline Book and Media Center** and the **Convent of the Daughters of St. Paul** will be located on Middlefield Road and 6th Avenue, on the Redwood City/Menlo Park border beginning in Spring 2017. The Daughters of St. Paul cordially invite you to celebrate their *“Miracle on Middlefield”* on **Sunday, 09 OCT 2016**. This event is graciously hosted by Sacred Heart Schools, 150 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. Mass will begin at **04:00 PM** in the School Chapel, followed by a reception and presentation from **05:00-07:00 PM** in the Otto Library. RSVP to **Anne-Marie** at gambelin@astound.net. Donations for the remodel of the building may be sent to the Daughters of St. Paul, 3079 Oak Knoll Drive, Redwood City, 94062.