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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



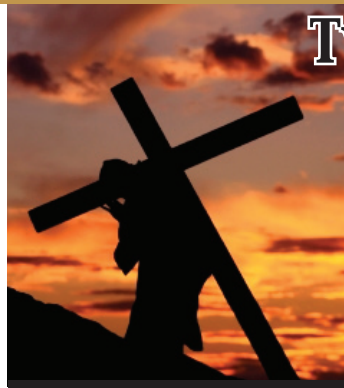
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

04 SEPTEMBER 2016

Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

LUKE 14: 27



FIRST READING

When things are in heaven, who can search them out?

WISDOM 9: 13-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For a thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday.

PSALMS 90

SECOND READING

If you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

PHILEMON 1: 9-10, 12-17

GOSPEL

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and He turned and addressed them.

LUKE 14: 25-33

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	09:00 AM	† Peggy Annis
TUE	07:30 AM	Nativity parishioners
	05:30 PM	† Ira Castain; † Cesar Cabrera; † Dr. Arthur L. Guerra; † Mary Piersol
WED	07:30 AM	Ellen O'Connor
	05:30 PM	† Maria da Luz Raposo
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	The Guerra family
FRI	07:30 AM	† Valdemar Olsen
	05:30 PM	† Pat and Ted Smythe
SAT	08:00 AM	Sally Bixler; Shannen O'Driscoll; In thanksgiving; † Michelle Kupka

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)

04 SEP (Sunday)

05 SEP (Monday)
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

06 SEP (Tuesday)
08:00 PM H⁴

07 SEP (Wednesday)

08 SEP (Thursday)
09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group
07:00 PM Legion of Mary District Mtg

09 SEP (Friday)
09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

10 SEP (Saturday)



The parish office will be closed
on Monday,
05 September 2016 for
Labor Day.

There will be only one Mass,
at 09:00 AM, on Labor Day.


THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Third Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on **Saturday, 08 OCT 2016** at the **Moffett Field Golf Course**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field. The format will be best ball scramble. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School's Sobrato Pavilion.

For questions and RSVP contact **Mike Livingston** via email at mike@1on1basketball.com.

To register and make your payment, please visit www.fatherdavenportgolf.com. Payments can be made via PayPal, credit card, or check.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 20-21 AUG
TOTAL:	\$12,226
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$56,119
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

05 SEP (Monday):

LABOR DAY

On **05 September 1882**, the first **Labor Day** parade was held in New York City. Twenty thousand workers marched in a parade up Broadway. They carried banners that read *LABOR CREATES ALL WEALTH* and *EIGHT HOURS FOR WORK, EIGHT HOURS FOR REST, EIGHT HOURS FOR RECREATION!* After the parade there were picnics all around the city. At night, fireworks were set off. Within the next few years, the idea spread from coast to coast, and all states celebrated **Labor Day**. In **1894**, Congress voted it a federal holiday.

08 SEP (Thursday):

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Birth of St. Mary
Domenico Ghirlandajo

09 SEP (Friday):

SAINT PETER CLAVER, Priest (1581-1654)

A Jesuit missionary to America, Peter ministered physically and spiritually to the slaves when they arrived in Cartagena. He reportedly converted 300,000, and worked for humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. He organized charitable societies among the Spanish in America similar to those in Europe by St. Vincent de Paul.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 09 SEP 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.

RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 26 SEP 2016

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **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 led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion 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**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace** (**650/325-6978**, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more info.



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

THURSDAY GROUP NEWS

The **Nativity Thursday Group** resumes after the summer break on **Thursday, 08 SEP 2016**. The Nativity Thursday Group provides an opportunity for seniors and others to get together once a week in the O'Hare Center.

You are welcome to join the Scripture Group at **11:00 AM** or come for the Rosary at **noon** every week. We often have a Mass as well. After these we get together to socialize in the O'Hare Center. Coffee, tea, and dessert are always provided. Members need to bring their own lunch. Once a month students from Nativity School join us for a lunch provided by their parents. We also celebrate many holidays with a special lunch. New members are very welcome to join us.



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):



Friday: 12:00 PM (noon)

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**
- Lucca Serafino, son of David and Clarisa Perrone
 - Ariana Hellen, daughter of Nathaniel and Sandra Lane
 - Camila Jean and Giana Andrea, daughters of David and Paula Stewart

- MARRIAGES**
- Blake Rosendin and Lynn Rudolph

- PARISHIONERS**
- Katie Koval
 - Joanne Nardone

- DEATHS**
- Ferne Calcaterra
 - Ruth Nardone
 - Fr. George Thomas

WELCOME TO REVEREND MARK HAROLD

Father Mark Harold will be staying at Nativity from **04 SEP-04 NOV 2016** while he is in the country on sabbatical. He has spent the last 8 years in Rome at the *Venerable English College* there. From 2008 to 2010 he was Pastoral Director and from 2010 to 2016 he was the Vice Rector. Fr. Harold is of Scottish descent, both of his parents are from Glasgow, who moved to Manchester, England. He is the 7th of 8 children (5 brothers, 2 sisters). He was ordained 21 years ago for the Diocese of Salford, UK. He trained for the priesthood at the English College in Rome and then was associate pastor in 2 parishes before his assignment as pastor in Rochdale from 1999 to 2008. He will return to the Diocese of Salford at the end of his sabbatical and will work in the parish of St. Mary's, Bamber Bridge, Preston, U.K. Father is interested in sports: Soccer (Manchester United), rugby, cricket, and golf. Please warmly welcome Fr. Harold while he is staying at Nativity.



IN THE COMMUNITY

SAN MATEO PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro Life will meet on **Thursday, 08 SEP 2016 at 07:30 PM** in St. Gregory's Worner Center.

October Respect Life parish packets:

- to be distributed to representatives
- contents to be discussed in preparation for October
- Mustard Seed and legislative updates reviewed

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call **Jessica at 650/572-1468**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 SEP 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**.



SAINT PATRICKS SEMINARY GALA AND RAFFLE

Parishioners are invited to support **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** by attending the **St. Patrick's Seminary Gala 2016** on **Saturday, 10 SEP 2016** or by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2016 Lexus is200t or \$25,000 as the grand prize. This automobile is made possible in conjunction with Putnam Lexus of Redwood City. Raffle tickets are **\$50.00** each. Please make your check payable to St. Patrick's Seminary and University. A limited number of tickets will be sold; a few are available in the parish office. For more information about the gala email advancement@stpsu.edu or call **650/289-3320**. You may register online for the dinner at www.stpsu.edu/2016-stpsu-gala.

FAMILY LIFE CONF: "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** in Belmont. Speakers will include **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone; Leah Darrow; Dick and Patti Collyer; and Arland Nichols**. Registration fees: **\$40/couple (\$50 after 31 AUG 2016); \$40/newlywed couple (less than 2 years); \$30/individual**. Free childcare (6 mos-12 yrs); pre-reg. required. To register visit www.togetherinholiness.org.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all ... time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities ... a chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you? The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** is **11-13 NOV 2016** at **Vallambrosa Center** in Menlo Park. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact **Ken and Claranne** at applications@sanjosewme.org or **408/782-1413**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Centrality of the Human Person*

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Missionary: *Mission to Evangelize*

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.



www.im.va

ATTENTION VOTERS!

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

- **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer Service:** On **Sunday, 25 SEP 2016**, beginning at **12:30 PM** and ending around **09:00 PM** (with a break for the 05:00 PM Mass), the parish will sponsor a prayer service for our country that entails saying 2,000 *Hail Mary's*. With this service, we will be storming heaven through the intercession of His Mother Mary, to preserve our country from evil, within and without.
- **Conference on "How Should Catholics Vote":** This conference will be given by **Fr. George Schultz, S.J.** an instructor at St. Patrick's Seminary. This will help us to navigate a very difficult, but very important voting year. It is on **Tuesday, 27 SEP 2016** and begins at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center.
- **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

04 SEP (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
07 SEP (WED)	NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
08 SEP (THU)	Feast of the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary
09 SEP (FRI)	
10 SEP (SAT)	
11 SEP (SUN)	
12 SEP (MON)	
13 SEP (TUE)	
14 SEP (WED)	FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
15 SEP (THU)	SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
16 SEP (FRI)	THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
17 SEP (SAT)	FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

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

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Beginning **Tuesday, 04 OCT 2016**, Nativity continues its "*Study of the Faith*" series. This year's classes are entitled: "**The Fulfillment of All Desires.**" led by **Ralph Martin** (on video) and **Deacon Dominick** with supplemental material. The general theme is a study of how to grow in holiness. We begin guided by seven Doctors of the Church who have particularly shown the way: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Augustine, St. Francis De Sales, and a splash of St. John Paul II (future Doctor of the Church) to tie it altogether. Mother Angelica said: "*God is looking for sinners and weaklings and everyday people just like you and me. Just because we live in suburbia or drink diet colas or worry about the Joneses doesn't mean we cannot become saints.*" Striving to be holy truly is the fulfillment of our most fundamental desire: Union with Christ. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays** in the O'Hare Center. The morning class goes from **09:30-11:00 AM**. It is repeated in the evening from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Classes will run through the Spring. There is a book and study guide to purchase. Please contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** for questions, to reserve a place, and order materials: **650/269-6279**.

MANAGING CHALLENGING DEMENTIA BEHAVIORS

On **10 SEP 2016** from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services San Mateo County is hosting a free 2-hour overview that introduces acute or chronic health problems/illnesses that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find additional resources. Presented by **Patty Clement-Cihak**, Catholic Charities Division Director, Aging Support Services. This is designed for caregivers with all levels of experience, who are caring for a family member or friend. It will be held at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. To register visit www.erecrag.com (Course #71449) For help with registration call **650/522-7490**.

PROJECT RACHEL TRAINING

The **Archdiocesan Respect Life Program** and **Project Rachel** are sponsoring a conference for those interested in being mentors. **Vicki Thorn**, founder of Project Rachel, will lead a program to address the pain and grief experienced by many after abortion plus practical recommendations for helping them toward emotional healing and spiritual reconciliation. **Saturday, 17 SEP 2016, 08:00 AM-03:30 PM, St. Brendan Church**, 29 Rockaway (Laguna Honda at Portola Drive) San Francisco. Registration: **\$25**, which includes meals, program and materials. Call: **415/614-5533** *Respect Life Program*, or email: evansv@sfarch.org.



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: veo@streetlifeministries.org

driving: bruce@streetlifeministries.org

serving: emily@streetlifeministries.org

POST-ABORTION HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

The **Archdiocesan Respect Life Program** and **Project Rachel Ministry** invite you to a conference: *Insights on Healing and Reconciliation after Abortion*, in celebration of the Year of Mercy, on **Saturday, 17 SEP 2016** from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM** at **St. Brendan** Parish Hall, 29 Rockaway Avenue at Ulloa Street, San Francisco. The program will feature **Vicki Thorn**, founder of Project Rachel, a Catholic ministry for persons hurting after abortion. The event will offer updated insights and understanding of post-abortion loss and will discuss how the Church, family and friends can offer compassionate help and referrals for the spiritual reconciliation. The fee is **\$25.00** and includes breakfast and lunch. Scholarships are available. For reservations and information, please contact us at **415/614-5533** or **415/717-6428**, or email evansv@sfarch.org or masfs11@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Next weekend representatives from **Land of Peace** will be outside church after Masses selling religious items from the Holy Land. These items are created by Christian families and handicapped of the Holy Land. Land of Peace is a nonprofit organization. Their mission is to help and support Christians of the Holy Land through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Their main goal is to establish a charity hospital for the poor and sick Christians in the Holy Land. Please help Land of Peace help the Christian families in Bethlehem and protect them from emigrating from the land where Jesus was born. For more information about Land of Peace visit their website at www.landofpeace.org.



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.

If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

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. They learned that marriage does not follow the “romance and happily-ever-after” formula. Rather they discovered 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**.