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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

They shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.
AMOS 6: 1, 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The fatherless and the widow He sustains, but the way of the wicked He thwarts.
PSALMS 146

SECOND READING

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith.
1 TIMOTHY 6: 11-16

GOSPEL

Now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.
LUKE 16: 19-31



Dives and Lazarus, Harold Copping

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 SEPTEMBER 2016

He was carried away by angels
to the bosom of Abraham.

LUKE 16: 22

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 SEP - 01 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Janet Cross
	05:30 PM	† Peg and Frank Chandler
TUE	07:30 AM	† Heleodoro Beltran
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	The Beltran family
	05:30 PM	Tomas Mieres
THU	07:30 AM	† Valdemar Olsen
	05:30 PM	† John Kates
FRI	07:30 AM	† Fidela Mendoza
	05:30 PM	Jason Griego; † Bob Edwards; † E. Aaron Presley; † Juan Wong
SAT	08:00 AM	Steve O'Driscoll; † Antonio Aguilar; Fr. Gregory Coiro, OFMCap.

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS EXPERIENCING HEARING LOSS

Nativity Church has installed a **Hearing Loop**. People with hearing aids can now turn on their T-Coil built into their hearing aids. If you do not know if you have a T-Coil contact your audiologist. If you do not have a T-Coil in your hearing aid there are Assisted



Listening Devices in the rectory that you may borrow. For more information please contact **Bonnie Neylan** 650/322-8645, 650/269-4635, or neylan5@comcast.net.

HEARING LOOP ENABLED

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)

25 SEP	(Sunday)	12:30 PM	2000 Hail, Marys
26 SEP	(Monday)	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
		07:30 PM	RCIA
		07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
27 SEP	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM	H ⁴
28 SEP	(Wednesday)		
29 SEP	(Thursday)	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
30 SEP	(Friday)		
01 OCT	(Saturday)		First Saturday

1st

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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 10-11 SEP
TOTAL:	\$11,866
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$62,500
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

26 SEP (Monday):

SAINT COSMAS and SAINT DAMIAN, (d. ~303)

These twin brothers were Syrian-trained doctors. The brothers accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought



many to Christ. They were reported to have miraculously replaced the ulcerated leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, they were tortured (without suffering injury) and martyred by beheading.

27 SEP (Tuesday):

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest (1580-1660)

Like his fellow saint, **Francis de Sales**, who was his friend and contemporary, **Vincent de Paul** performed an invaluable service to the Catholic Church in a period of confusion and laxness. For men about to take Holy Orders, Vincent devised a set of spiritual exercises, and special exercises also for those desiring to make general Confession, or to settle on a vocation. To the Biblical injunction, "Thou art thy brother's keeper," he gave new practical meaning, by laying down patterns of philanthropy that have been followed ever since.



28 SEP (Wednesday):

SAINT WENCESLAUS, Martyr (907-929)

SAINT LORENZO RUIZ and COMPANIONS, Martyrs

29 SEP (Thursday):

SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, SAINT RAPHAEL, Archangels



30 SEP (Friday)

ST. JEROME, Priest and Doctor of the Church (342 - 420)

01 OCT (Saturday):

SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1873-1897)

Through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, this Carmelite nun of Normandy continues to teach millions to trust in the loving Fatherhood of God, and that sanctity lies not necessarily in doing great deeds, but in doing everyday deeds with great love.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SIXTH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

The **2016 Rosary Rally** will take place on **Saturday, 08 OCT 2016**, beginning with a **10:00 AM** Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by a procession to UN Plaza (approx. 1 mile) for the Rally and final Benediction at approximately **12:30 PM**. **Archbishop Cordileone** will celebrate the Mass and give a keynote talk at the Rally. For more info: **415/272-5837** or www.rosaryrallysf.com

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly **Young Professionals' Bible Study** on **Sunday** afternoons. Join us at **01:30 PM** for lunch, followed by discussion at **02:30 PM**. You can RSVP by calling or texting **Jordan** at **949/310-1393**.

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); 08:00 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.

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

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.

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. 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**.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).

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

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: FLOOD AND EARTHQUAKE

This weekend **24-25 SEP 2016**, we will have a special collection for **Louisiana Flood** and **Italian Earthquake Relief**. "As president of the USCCB, I have called for an emergency collection to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA [in Louisiana] and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses." -- *Archbishop Joseph Kurtz*

We at Nativity would also like to include in this collection money to be donated to **Italian Earthquake Relief**. The funds collected on this weekend will be divided between these two special requests. Thank you for your continued generosity.



IN THE COMMUNITY

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**.



RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 19 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 **19 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, 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.nativitytmenlo.org 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 information.

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, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.



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@lon1basketball.com.

To register and make your payment, please visit www.fatherdavenportgolf.com.

Payments can be made via PayPal, credit card, or check.



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.



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.



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

25 SEP (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FOURTH DAY: St. Terese FIRST DAY: St. Francis
26 SEP (MON)	NINTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FIFTH DAY: St. Terese SECOND DAY: St. Francis
27 SEP (TUE)	Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul SIXTH DAY: St. Terese THIRD DAY: St. Francis
28 SEP (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Terese FOURTH DAY: St. Francis
29 SEP (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Terese FIFTH DAY: St. Francis
30 SEP (FRI)	NINTH DAY: St. Terese SIXTH DAY: St. Francis
01 OCT (SAT)	Feast of Saint Terese of Liseaux SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis
02 OCT (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis
03 OCT (MON)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis
04 OCT (TUE)	Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
05 OCT (WED)	
06 OCT (THU)	
07 OCT (FRI)	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
01 OCT (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm

St. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

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

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.



ALL ABOUT ANGELS

This week we will celebrate the “angelic” feast day of the archangels: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.

HOW DO I KNOW I HAVE A GUARDIAN ANGEL?

The Old Testament tells us so, in Psalm 91 (and again in Matthew, when Satan quotes Psalm 91 to Jesus):

“For He will give His angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”



SO WHAT IS AN ANGEL?

“Angel” is not what they are -- it is what they do. “Spirit” is what these beings “are”. “Angel” is the title of their office -- it means they are messengers of God. Saint Thomas Aquinas called them “thoughts that can think”.

Here is what the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** says: I. THE ANGELS

The existence of angels - a truth of faith

328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

Who are they?

329 St. Augustine says: “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit’, from what they do, ‘angel.’” With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word”.

330 As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

... AND WHAT ARE THE “CHOIRS OF ANGELS”?

A number of works throughout history, from Dionysius the Areopagite (often referred to in English translations as St. Denis) to St. Thomas Aquinas (“Summa Theologica”) have attempted to classify the angels into a hierarchical set (Dionysius even invented the word “hierarchia”, meaning “sacred order”). The commonly-accepted organization for the angelic hosts is three ranks, with three orders in each rank (the higher the rank, the closer to God).

The highest rank contains:

SERAPHIM
CHERUBIM
THRONES

The “middle” rank contains:

DOMINATIONS (DOMINIONS)
VIRTUES (AUTHORITIES)
POWERS

The lowest rank contains:

PRINCIPALITIES
ARCHANGELS
ANGELS



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**.