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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

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Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship.
DEUTERONOMY 7: 9-10, 13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The heavens proclaim His justice, and all peoples see His glory.
PSALMS 97

SECOND READING

We had been eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received honor and glory from God the Father.
2 PETER 1: 16-19

GOSPEL

"This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."
MATTHEW 17: 1-9



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

06 AUGUST 2017

He was transfigured before them;
 His face shone like the sun.

MATTHEW 17: 2

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 06 - 12 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Swede and Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Leticia Mendoza
TUE	07:30 AM	† Bob Wehab
	05:30 PM	† Garrett, Todd, and Angelica
WED	07:30 AM	† Karen Louie Cruz
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
THU	07:30 AM	† Patrick Couron
	05:30 PM	Margaret and Mark Head; † Gabina Garcia; † Margarita Talavera; † Francis Ting
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Katherine Eastman
SAT	08:00 AM	† Sue Fitzpatrick; † JoAnn Bedrossian Conway; † John O'Connor of Ireland

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



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

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**.




If you would like to learn more about this altar bread, visit

www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php

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)
06 AUG	(Sunday)	
07 AUG	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
08 AUG	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM H ⁴
09 AUG	(Wednesday)	
10 AUG	(Thursday)	09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group 07:00 PM Legion of Mary District Mtg
11 AUG	(Friday)	
12 AUG	(Saturday)	10:00 AM Baptism Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 22-23 JUL
TOTAL:	\$13,545
ADA Progress:	\$42,430
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

10 AUG (Thursday)

SAINT LAWRENCE, Martyr (d. 258)

Lawrence was archdeacon of Rome during the 3rd century. When Pope Saint Sixtus II and 6 deacons were martyred, Lawrence became the ranking Church official in Rome. Before dying, the pope told Lawrence they would be reunited in 4 days. Lawrence used this time to distribute the full wealth of the Church to the poor, so that the Romans could not lay hold of it. He was martyred by being cooked to death on a gridiron.

11 AUG (Friday):

SAINT CLARE of ASSISI (1194-1253)

An Italian noblewoman who followed her great friend, **Francis of Assisi** into a life of poverty. Several other women gathered round her at the monastery of San Damiano, which still stands today. Her monastic community endured, and came to be known as the **Poor Clares**. She daily meditated on the Passion. Towards the end of her life, when she was too ill to attend Mass, an image of the service would appear on the wall of her cell; thus her patronage of television.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER NEWS

Noted Catholic author **Alice Camille** will be hosting “*The Holy Mirror*” Summer Retreat at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, from **Sunday, 13 AUG 2017, 01:00 PM** to **Friday, 18 AUG 2017, 04:00 PM**. This retreat is open to the public. This is a scriptural retreat with many different attendance options. Attendance options and rates are on the website. For information, contact **David Leech** at **650/325-5614**, or visit www.vallombrosa.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.

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Nativity Church is open 24x7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won't you join us by signing up for a 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: 01:00 PM (twice per month)

Tuesday: 01:00 AM

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.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 14 AUG 2017**, 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**.



CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico **09-14 DEC 2017** to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on **12 DEC 2017**. **\$2049.00** per person including airfare from San Francisco. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Mass every day. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call **Cathie** or **Michael Milano** at **800/773-2660**.



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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

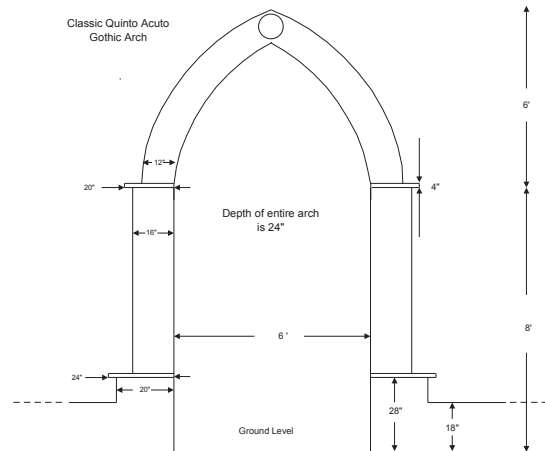
- DEATHS**
- JoAnn Bedrossian Conway
 - Daryl Curley
 - Frank Zoeller

LOW-GLUTEN VS. NO GLUTEN

Recently the Vatican reminded pastors, priests, and parishes that they may not use altar bread with no gluten in it when celebrating the Eucharist. This has been a long-standing practice. However, the Vatican does accept the low-gluten altar bread that we have had available at Nativity for several years. We purchase this special altar bread from the **Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration** in Clyde, Missouri. For more information, visit www.clyde monastery.org.

DEDICATION OF THE FATHER DAVENPORT MEMORIAL ARCH

We will be dedicating the archway in memory of **Fr. Davenport** on **19 AUG 2017**, after the **05:00 PM** evening vigil Mass. This would have been Father's 93rd birthday. Please join us for the dedication, blessing and celebration afterwards.



IN THE COMMUNITY

SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS (STANFORD)

Stanford Medical Center/Stanford Health Care is looking for volunteers to assist in their Catholic Eucharistic Ministry in the Spiritual Care Department. Hours are flexible. Spiritual Care Volunteer Training will be held on **Mondays, 11, 18, 25 SEP 2017, 06:30-09:00 PM** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**, 3233 Cowper Avenue, Palo Alto. All three classes are mandatory. Please consider being a volunteer to serve the hospital bound who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested please call **Raksha Patel 650/723-5101** or email spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY GALA DINNER AND RAFFLE 2017

On **Saturday, 09 SEP 2017** at **05:00 PM** **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** will hold its annual fundraiser. This gala evening at St. Patrick's includes reception, dinner, raffle, and the honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: **Dolores Meehan** and **Eva Muntean** are co-chairs of the *Walk for Life West Coast*. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second-largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new **Lexus IS 200T** (or **\$25,000**). A limited number of raffle tickets are available at **\$50** each (you need not be present to win). To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or e-mail the Advancement Office, **650/289-3320** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

For more information, and to register for the Gala, or to donate online visit www.stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala. Please register by **03 SEP 2017**. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the Nativity parish office **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Mon-Fri**.

Dear Msgr. Otellini,
It was with great pleasure that I send my warmest thanks to you and the Church of the Nativity for participating in Catholic Charities Sunday on May 13 and 14, 2017. We received your gift of \$10,356.00. Please let your parishioners know how much their generosity means to the people we serve each day. Church of the Nativity has been a great blessing to all those served by Catholic Charities, and we look forward to working with you and your parish again next year to strengthen families and reduce poverty in our Archdiocese. I pray that God will refresh you and bless you in all the challenges and joys of your ministry this year. Again, I am most grateful for the direct impact your parish has made in the lives of people from all walk of life who come to Catholic Charities seeking help.
Sincerely,
Kathy Brown, Director of Advancement
Catholic Charities

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County (SVdP) invites you to a **Happy Hour and Fashion Show** on **Tuesday, 22 AUG 2017** from **05:30-07:30 PM** in **Trinity Church's** beautiful courtyard, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's **Catherine Center** blossoming into new life. The women will model fashions from SVdP's thrift stores. The evening includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are **\$75** and can be purchased at www.svdpsm.org or <https://commitchange.com/nonprofits/3414/events/920> Trinity Church is located at 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **August 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Intention: *Artists*

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.



NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2017-2018

Registration has begun for Nativity's **Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under the *School of Religion* link. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving First Communion, through all grade levels until the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **12-13, 20 and 26-27 AUG 2017** and **09-10 SEP 2017** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. **Sacrament Class** and **Classes for grades 1-6** are held on **Sundays from 08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* (beginning **24 SEP 2017**) Confirmation Preparation Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center beginning **11 OCT 2017**.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion requires 2 years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in 1st grade.

Confirmation Preparation is also a 2-year program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter 7th grade, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.

A kick-off celebration will be held on **17 SEP 2017** (Catechetical Sunday), after the **09:30AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 24 SEP 2017** and the Confirmation Classes begin on **11 OCT 2017**.

Catechist Openings:

Help our children be all they can be! Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

Substitute Catechists

Assistants for Grade 1 to 4

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hickam@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

06 AUG (SUN)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary
07 AUG (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary
08 AUG (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary
09 AUG (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
10 AUG (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
11 AUG (FRI)	Fest of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
12 AUG (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
13 AUG (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (MON)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (TUE)	Fest of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (WED)	
17 AUG (THU)	
18 AUG (FRI)	
19 AUG (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.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



BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail Mary" related to the mystery being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.



DID YOU KNOW?

THERE IS A PATRON SAINT OF THE INTERNET?

Saint Isidore of Seville (a Doctor of the Church) was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want others to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. He is considered by many to have been the most learned man of his age.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the **Etymologies**, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology.

Isidore was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in 1598 by Pope Clement VIII and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722 by Pope Innocent XIII. Pope Saint John Paul II declared Saint Isidore of Seville the patron saint of the Internet and computer users in 1997.

A Prayer Before Logging Onto the Internet

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the Internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter.



Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at www.nativityschool.com > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."



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The Chalice



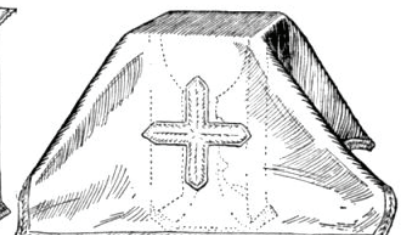
Chalice and Purificator



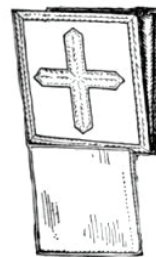
Chalice, Purificator, Paten with Host



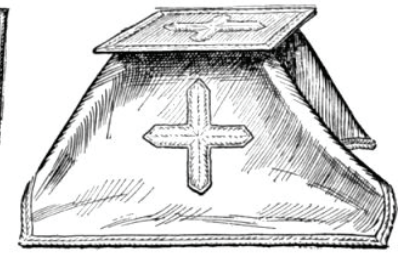
Chalice, Purificator, Paten and Pall



All now covered by Chalice Veil – note the different parts under the Veil



The Burse and the Corporal



The Chalice completely covered