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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

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Rev. Mark G. Mazza

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 AUGUST 2017

Immediately Jesus stretched out
His hand and caught Peter.

MATTHEW 14: 31



FIRST READING

After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.

1 KINGS 19: 9, 11-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

PSALMS 85

SECOND READING

My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness.

ROMANS 9: 1-5

GOSPEL

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

MATTHEW 22:33

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 13 - 19 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Karen Louie Cruz
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
TUE	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
	07:30 PM	† Paquita Gomez
WED	07:30 AM	† Jean Ann Valente
	05:30 PM	† Katherine Eastman; † Hilda Cabrera; † Randi Rice; † Celia Puff
THU	07:30 AM	† Cedric, Alice and David Lussier
	05:30 PM	† Ruth Nardone
FRI	07:30 AM	† Estella Bonafacio
	05:30 PM	† Ivan Rajkovich
SAT	08:00 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport; † Sue Fitzpatrick; † JoAnn Bedrossian Conway; † Daryl Curley; † Donald Edwards

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)

13 AUG	(Sunday)	
14 AUG	(Monday)	07:30 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration 07:30 PM Legion of Mary
15 AUG	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM <i>Feast of the Assumption</i> H ⁴
16 AUG	(Wednesday)	
17 AUG	(Thursday)	01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 AUG	(Friday)	
19 AUG	(Saturday)	06:00 PM Dedication of Fr. Davenport Archway

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 DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

15 AUG (Tuesday)

**ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, 15 AUG 2017 is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be on **Monday, 14 AUG 2017** at **05:30** and **07:30 PM** (vigil Masses) and **Tuesday, 15 AUG 2017** at **07:30 AM, 05:30** and **07:30 PM**. The Mass on **Monday** at **07:30 PM** is also the Fatima Mass and Celebration.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 29-30 JUL
TOTAL:	\$10,426
ADA Progress:	\$44,430
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

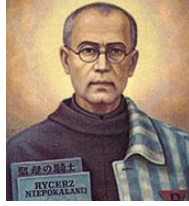
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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

14 AUG (Monday): SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, Martyr (1894-1941)

Polish Franciscan priest who was imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. On **31 July 1941**, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die by being locked up without food or water. Maximilian offered himself in place of a young husband and father, where he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect.



15 AUG (Tuesday): FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

"Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory [over sin and death] and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body ... Hence, the august Mother of God ... the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer ... gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges -- to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb ... to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her son, the immortal King of the ages." **Pope Pius XII**



19 AUG (Saturday): SAINT LOUIS, Bishop (1274-1297)

Born to the nobility, Louis was the son of Charles II of Anjou, king of Naples, and great-nephew of Saint Louis IX, and of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. He spent seven years as a hostage for his father at Barcelona and Tarragona in Spain. Louis was ordained at age 23, and became the reluctant bishop of Toulouse, France for the last six months of his life.

SAINT JOHN EUDES, Priest (1601-1680)

John worked with plague victims in France, and later formed the *Congregation of Jesus and Mary Eudists* and the *Sisters of Our Lady of Charity*. He authored the liturgical devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

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.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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**.



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.



INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 MMM 2017** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

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.

*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**
- Jack Kelly, son of William and Elizabeth Hertlein
 - Stella Hope, daughter of Adolfo Gonzalez and Stephanie Oseguera
 - Peter Heinrich, son of Erik and Susan Loenneker
 - Matilda Kathleen, daughter of Matt and Kathleen Simkins

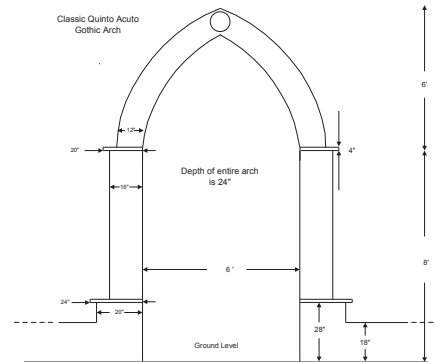
- MARRIAGES**
- Brendan Goodman and Jessica Kreck

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- JoAnn Bedrossian Conway
 - Daryl Curley
 - James Krahenbuhl

DEDICATION OF THE FATHER DAVENPORT MEMORIAL ARCH

We will be dedicating the archway in memory of **Fr. Davenport** on **Saturday, 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**.

DAUGHTERS OF CARMEL: COME AND SEE

Are you looking for an open contemplative way of life? Come and see. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to come and see the life of the nuns of the **Daughters of Carmel** on **Friday, 08 SEP 2017** between **10:00 AM-02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Their convent is located on the grounds of the Seminary. Their way of life is rooted in Carmelite spirituality. The event is free, but space is limited. To register for the event call **650/329-8518**. For more information email daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com or visit www.daughtersofcarmel.org.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

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.hicham@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

13 AUG (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (MON)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (TUE)	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (WED)	
17 AUG (THU)	
18 AUG (FRI)	FIRST DAY: St. Monica
19 AUG (SAT)	SECOND DAY: St. Monica FIRST DAY: St. Augustine
20 AUG (SUN)	THIRD DAY: St. Monica SECOND DAY: St. Augustine
21 AUG (MON)	FOURTH DAY: St. Monica THIRD DAY: St. Augustine
22 AUG (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: St. Monica FOURTH DAY: St. Augustine
23 AUG (WED)	SIXTH DAY: St. Monica FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine
24 AUG (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine
25 AUG (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine
26 AUG (SAT)	NINTH DAY: St. Monica EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

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

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

RCIA FOR 2017-18 BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **10 SEP 2017**. 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, 30 MAR 2018**. We will accept new participants throughout **SEP** and **OCT**. 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.



START (OR EXPAND) A FAMILY PRAYER TRADITION. FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY, AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SAY THOSE PRAYERS TOGETHER AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.

1. Do you say a blessing before each meal? Do you do so even when you are dining at someone else's house, or at a restaurant? It is a simple and wonderful way to share your faith.

Bless Us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts,
which we are about to receive;
From Thy bounty, through Christ,
Our Lord. Amen.



2. THE LEONINE PRAYERS

In 1884, Pope Leo XIII prescribed the recitation of a set of prayers immediately after Mass. In 1934, Pope Pius XI ordered that these same prayers be offered after Mass for the conversion of Russia. These prayers are now optional, but what a wonderful family tradition you could start if you stayed a few minutes after Mass and said this simple set of prayers. Here are the Leonine Prayers:

A. "HAIL, MARY" (three times)

Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee;
Blessed are thou amongst women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now and at
the hour of our death. Amen.

B. "HAIL, HOLY QUEEN"

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy;
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this,
our exile, show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Oh clement, oh loving, oh sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ. Amen.

C. A collect

Let us pray. O God, our refuge and our strength,
look down in mercy on Thy people who cry to Thee,
and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate
Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of St. Joseph her Spouse,
of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
and of all the saints, in mercy and goodness
hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners,
and for the liberty and exultation of
our holy Mother the Church.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

D. PRAYER to SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle;
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the wicked spirits
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

E. Conclusion (three times)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Have mercy upon us.

3. What other ideas can you come up with? How about an evening prayer before bed that the family says together? Or a morning prayer before everyone starts their day? Or maybe a family rosary, even once a week?

DID YOU KNOW?

POPE LEO XIII himself wrote the "St. Michael prayer" (a much longer version, which was changed to the one above in 1934). On 13 October 1884 the pope fell into a mystical faint after Mass, during which he was given a vision of the battle between the heavenly and demonic hosts. It was so horrifying that he immediately went to his office and composed this prayer of protection.