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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)

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

03 DECEMBER 2017

Watch, therefore; you do not know
when the Lord of the house is coming.

MARK 13: 35



FIRST READING

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any
God but You.

ISAIAH 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Take care of this vine, and protect what
Your right hand has planted.

PSALMS 80

SECOND READING

God is faithful, and by Him you were called
to fellowship with His Son.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9

GOSPEL

May He not come suddenly and find you
sleeping.

MARK 13: 33-37

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Michael Joseph McLaughlin
	05:30 PM	Joe and Adele Personeni; The Gilligan and Smyth families; Special intention; † Livio Durando; † Tim Durando
TUE	07:30 AM	† Raymond Crosat
	05:30 PM	† Paul Otellini
WED	07:30 AM	Gerry Myers
	05:30 PM	† William A. Kohl, Sr.
THU	07:30 AM	† Paula Zappettini
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	Sr. Suzanne Toolan, RSM
	09:00 AM	† Jim Kaval
	05:30 PM	† Charles Moran
	07:30 PM	Daniel Donohoue
SAT	08:00 AM	John Zappettini; Miriam and Ruth Volvola; Jan Van Greuen; Norma Sygenco

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION

08 DEC (Friday)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, 08 December 2017 is the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. The vigil Mass will be on **Thursday at 05:30 PM**. Masses on **Thursday** will be at **07:30 AM; 09:00 AM** (school Mass); **05:30 PM** and **07:30 PM**.

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)
03 DEC	(Sunday) 03:00 PM	RCIA
04 DEC	(Monday) 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
05 DEC	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Bible Study Bible Study H ⁴
06 DEC	(Wednesday) 09:30 AM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
07 DEC	(Thursday) 11:00 AM 06:00 PM	The Thursday Group ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
08 DEC	(Friday)	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>
09 DEC	(Saturday) 03:00 PM	First Reconciliation Retreat

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 18-19 NOV
TOTAL:	\$13,113
Campaign for Human Dev:	\$3,272
ADA Progress:	\$117,895
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

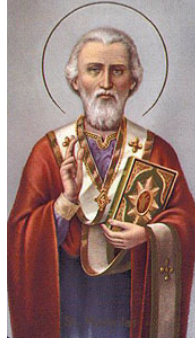
SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 DEC (Wednesday)

SAINT NICHOLAS, Bishop (~342)

Saint Nicholas, the patron Saint of Russia, is universally regarded as the champion of the innocent and wronged. He was known to have given his entire vast inheritance for the benefit of the poor and helpless, and many miracles have been attributed to him. Even to this day healings of the sick occur at the site of his relics in Bari, Italy.



08 DEC (Friday):

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

This dogma, declared in **1854**, teaches that Mary was redeemed from the first moment of her conception. By the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, she is *preserved immune from all stain of original sin by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God.* (Pius IX).

09 DEC (Saturday)

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

Born an impoverished freeman in a strongly class-conscious society, **Cuauhtlatotzin** became an adult convert to Christianity at the age of 50, taking the name **Juan Diego**. The Virgin Mary appeared to him on **09 December 1531**, leaving him her image on his tilma. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in July of 2002.



07 DEC (Thursday):

SAINT AMBROSE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-397)

Ambrose was a Roman citizen who served in the imperial government. Elected **Bishop of Milan** by popular acclaim, he was revered for his service to the poor and his writings against the Arian heresy.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 11th Annual Christmas Concert** on **10 DEC 2017, 02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM, Mon-Fri**. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.



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: 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 09:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 PM

Friday: 08:00 AM

Saturday: 03:00 PM

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.

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We welcome moms of all stages and young children at our meetings. Bring a toy to share. Refreshments are provided. This meeting we will be talking about **St. Nicholas**, the patron saint of children. We will pray intentions together and a Rosary in honor of Mary in this Advent season.

Topic: *St. Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children*

Date: **Wednesday, 06 DEC 2017**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **09:30-11:30 AM**

To RSVP contact **Monica Hendricks**,

mmhendricks@gmail.com, home phone **650/367-4944**

or **Christina Lee**, lee.christina.s@gmail.com, **650/450-8498**

[facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic) or

[meetup.com/Catholic-Moms](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms)

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT

On **Monday, 11 DEC 2017**, **St. Denis** parish will be having a mini-retreat, *Advent: The Season of Deepest Longing*, from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM. The presenter will be **Sr. Sharon McMillan**, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. The day will include morning coffee, Advent presentation, Mass, and lunch. RSVP by 09 DEC 2017 to dedewm@pacbell.net or Call **Dede Waters-Masters** at **650/854-5976 ext. 4**. St. Denis is located at 2250 Avey Avenue, Menlo Park.

*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 • Lorenzo Andrea, son of Luca and Cristina Caporicci
Lia LanVi, daughter of Michael and LanVi Evans
Greyson Walker, son of Jose and Sarena Delgado

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Kenneth Hausler

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: • Rosary with Connemara marble beads

Call 650/323-7914.

Glasses not reclaimed are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

CHRISTMAS PIES

If you ordered a Christmas pie from the **Dominican Laity** on **12 NOV 2017**, you may pick up your pie on **10 DEC 2017** after the **11:30 AM** Mass.



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual **Thank You Christmas Party** on **Saturday, 16 DEC 2017**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic Adoration, Men's Club, Mom's Club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Altar Society**. Christmas is just around the corner ... Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's birth! Your donation will help fund the flowers, linens, vestments, and all that beautifies our liturgy and church, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Please help support the work of our creative Altar Society, who thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Altar Society*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE EXHIBIT

The **30th Annual Christmas Crèche Exhibit** will be held **Saturday, 02 DEC** to **Wednesday, 06 DEC 2017**. Celebrate the birth of the Christ child with more than 350 nativities from around the world in artistic settings with hands-on activities, marionette shows daily and live holiday music including a *Messiah Sing-Along* to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Christmas Crèche Exhibit. Admission is free. **12:00-09:00 PM** daily, **02-06 DEC 2017**.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road. Palo Alto, 94303.

More information is available at www.christmascreche.org. Call **650/800-3865** with any questions or requests.

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**.



NATIVITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The annual **Nativity School Christmas Tree Lot** is open until **16 DEC 2017** or until all the trees are gone, whichever comes first. Don't miss the opportunity to get one of the best Christmas trees on the peninsula and help support Nativity School at the same time! The tree lot raises funds for important enrichment programs at Nativity. The hours of operation are:

Saturdays: 09:00 AM-08:00 PM

Sundays: 09:00 AM-06:00 PM

Tuesday-Friday: 04:00-08:00 PM

Closed **Mondays**

Closing Day (16 DEC) 09:00 AM-05:00 PM



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 (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **December 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: *The Elderly*

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

20 DEC (Wednesday)
07:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass
07:30 PM Advent Penance Service
(at St. Raymond's Church)

23 DEC (Saturday)
08:00 AM Daily Mass
05:30 PM Vigil Mass
(4th Sunday of Advent)

24 DEC (Sunday)
08:00 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent
09:30 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent
11:30 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent
Christmas Eve
06:00 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas
10:00 PM Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass
10:45 PM Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib
11:00 PM Midnight Mass of Christmas

25 DEC (Monday) *Christmas Day*
08:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
09:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
(no 05:00 PM Mass)

26 DEC (Tuesday) *Feast of St. Stephen*
09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)

31 DEC (Sunday)
08:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
09:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
11:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
05:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

01 JAN (Monday) *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)

02 JAN (Tuesday) Regular daily Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

03 DEC (SUN) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

04 DEC (MON) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
FIRST DAY: Saint Lucy

05 DEC (TUE) NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
SECOND DAY: Saint Lucy

06 DEC (WED) Feast of Saint Nicholas
FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy

07 DEC (THU) FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy

08 DEC (FRI) SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy

09 DEC (SAT) SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy

10 DEC (SUN) EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy

11 DEC (MON) NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy

12 DEC (TUE) Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy

13 DEC (WED) Feast of Saint Lucy

14 DEC (THU)

15 DEC (FRI)

16 DEC (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

St. Lucy:

www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/

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_glor.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

BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

'Tis (almost) the Season ... Dynamic Catholic once again invites you to join in their **Best Advent Ever** program by signing up at <https://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp> or BestAdventEver.com. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don't let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with Best Advent Ever. Starting **03 DEC**, the first Sunday of Advent, participants will receive daily emails to help them discover how to slow down and enjoy in preparing for Christmas!

Happy New Year!

For the Latin Rite of Roman Catholicism, this Sunday is the beginning of the liturgical year. Western Christian liturgical calendars are based on the cycle of the Roman or Latin Rite (even Protestant calendars, since this cycle pre-dates the Protestant Reformation). The liturgical seasons are **Advent**, **Christmas**, **Ordinary Time** (time after Epiphany), **Lent**, **Easter**, and **Ordinary Time** (time after Pentecost).

Advent begins four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve.

Christmas begins on the evening of 24 December and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (13 January).

SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning “*Masses at Night*”)? It is a long-treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it is celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on **December 15th** and ending on **December 23rd**, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, **Simbang Gabi** invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for **Simbang Gabi** is the **parol**, or star lantern, with represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. Through **Simbang Gabi**, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following **Churches in Deanery 11** will be having Masses for *Simbang Gabi*:

15 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City
16 DEC (SAT)	05:00 PM Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City
17 DEC (SUN)	05:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
18 DEC (MON)	07:00 PM St. Matthias, Redwood City
19 DEC (TUE)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
20 DEC (WED)	07:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park
21 DEC (THU)	07:00 PM St. Raymond, Menlo Park
22 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
23 DEC (SAT)	05:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City

Ordinary Time does not mean “plain” or “regular” time. It comes from the same root word as “ordinal” (ordinal numbers are first, second, third, etc.). Ordinary time means “the counted weeks”. It begins after the Baptism of Our Lord and continues through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the beginning of the Easter Vigil (the end of Holy Week).

Easter as a liturgical season begins with the Easter Vigil and ends on Pentecost Sunday. The date of Easter Sunday varies each year, according to the rule that it falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (21 March). This means that Easter Sunday will never be before 22 March nor after 25 April.

Ordinary Time resumes on Pentecost Monday and continues until the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

The Advent wreath, in the form of a circle, is a symbol for God, Who is eternal and without beginning or end.

The Advent wreath is made from evergreens, whose branches are “ever alive”. They are symbolic of Christ, Who died, but Who is alive, never to die again.

The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose-colored. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose-colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called “Gaudete” Sunday. “Gaudete” is the Latin word for “rejoice”, and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here. The rose color is made by mixing violet with white. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season.



SINULOG FESTIVAL

The **Filipino Ministry Consultative Board of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** invites you to its **2nd Annual Sinulog Festival**, a Filipino devotion honoring the Holy Child Jesus (Santo Niño). It will be **Saturday, 13 JAN 2018 at 11:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 111 Gough Street, San Francisco. There will be a reception immediately after the Mass.