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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

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 JANUARY 2017

He called them, and immediately they
left their boat ... and followed him.

MATTHEW 4: 22



Calling of the Fishermen, Harry Anderson

FIRST READING

The people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light.

ISAIAH 8: 23 - 9: 3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Wait for the Lord with courage; be stout-
hearted.

PSALMS 27

SECOND READING

Be united in the same mind and in the same
purpose.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 10-13, 17

GOSPEL

He went around all of Galilee, teaching in
their synagogues.

MATTHEW 4: 12-23

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 22 - 28 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Thelma Castillo
	05:30 PM	† Agnes Emiko Nakano
TUE	07:30 AM	Alfred and Lori Agaujo
	05:30 PM	† John McGregor
WED	07:30 AM	The Peloso and Munk families
	05:30 PM	Dolores Molter; † Wilton and Stella Moss; † Paul Crudo; † Victor Sygengco
THU	07:30 AM	† Cam Grieg
	05:30 PM	† Gene Winike; † Joseph Carr
FRI	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Viet Nguyen
SAT	08:00 AM	Michael Dodd; Marcia Gainer; † Joanne Gainer; † Patricia Raye Tomasini

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

NATIVITY AUCTION 2017

Please **save the date** to join us for the **14th Annual Nativity Auction, *The Roaring 20's: An Evening of Glitz***, on **Saturday, 11 FEB 2017** at Nativity School. Cocktails and Silent Auction will start at **06:00 PM** with Dinner and the Live Auction to follow.

If you are interested in helping to underwrite event costs or have any questions please email nativityauction@yahoo.com or visit the auction website at www.nativityauction.com.

For RSVPs and Seating Requests use the auction website at www.nativityauction.com. Payment for auction tickets (\$90 each) will be made in cash or check made out to Nativity School and delivered to the Nativity School Office. For assistance, please contact **Christine Goudey** at nativityauction@yahoo.com. This year's auction is sure to be the bee's knees so we hope you join us for some giggle water and a swanky time!

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)

22 JAN (Sunday)

23 JAN (Monday)

07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
07:30 PM	RCIA
07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society

24 JAN (Tuesday)

09:30 AM	Bible Study
07:30 PM	Bible Study
08:00 PM	H ⁴

25 JAN (Wednesday)

07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
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26 JAN (Thursday)

12:00 PM	The Thursday Group
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27 JAN (Friday)

09:30 AM	Nativity Moms Group
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28 JAN (Saturday)

09:00 AM	NFP Class
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SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses
this week for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University**.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 07-08 JAN
TOTAL:	\$22,032
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2016 ADA Goal:	GOAL MET \$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

23 JAN (Monday):
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROE v. WADE DECISION
Pray fervently for an end to abortion.

24 JAN (Tuesday):
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1567-1622)
Bishop of Geneva who sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, written especially for ordinary lay people living active lives in the world. With **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** he co-founded the Visitation Order.

25 JAN (Wednesday):
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL



The Conversion of St. Paul.
Bartolome Murillo

26 JAN (Thursday):
SAINTS TIMOTHY and TITUS, Bishops
Timothy joined **St. Paul** on his missionary journeys and became his close friend and confidant, receiving at least two Pauline letters that would become part of the canon. **Titus**, a Gentile, was converted by **St. Paul** and became his disciple and fellow missionary.

28 JAN (Saturday):
SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, Doctor of the Church (1225-1274)

Educated by Benedictine monks at Monte Cassino, and at the University of Naples, his works (e.g., *Summa Theologica*) are seminal to the thinking of the Church. Pope Leo XIII commanded that his teachings be studied by all theology students. He was proclaimed a **Doctor of the Church** in 1880.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 27 JAN 2017** 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.

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: 04:00 PM

Friday: 09:00 AM

Saturday: 09:00 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.

NATIVITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to our **Open House** on **Sunday, 29 JAN 2017**, from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM**. This is especially for parents and their children who are interested in attending Nativity School in grades PreK-7. The school is located at 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come to see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Tours by appointment are available. Visit our website: www.nativityschool.com.

NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, **The Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **11 MAR 2017** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience and the phenomenal recording artists **The Bell Brothers** will provide the entertainment. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic beverage. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite, technology upgrades on the school campus, and faculty appreciation gifts. Cost is **\$50/person**. Drop off your reservation at the Nativity School office or the parish office. If you have any questions contact **Josh McClenahan** at **650/281-1339** or nativitymc@gmail.com.



*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**
- Lorraine Kennedy
 - John Gaffney
 - Deke Jackson



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

GENEROUS BEQUEST

Nativity has recently received a very generous bequest from the **Margaret Howarth Trust**. It was her wish that a classroom be named for her sister, **Maryhelen de Beauclair**, who was a longtime Nativity parishioner and worked at Sacred Heart School. Please remember these generous women in your prayers. Remembering Nativity in your will is a way of prolonging charitable deeds beyond one lifetime.

Monsignor Steven D. Otellini

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Dear Nativity Parishioners

Your generosity was overwhelming! Thank you, many thanks, to all who contributed bags and backpacks to our homeless. It made their Christmas! And of course, the gifts mean so much more. They mean someone cares about them and wishes them well. You have really touched their hearts - and ours! It is inspiring to see the thoughtfulness and generosity of others. We certainly deeply truly appreciate your many gifts to our homeless friends.

*Judy Caletti, President
Homeless Help Conference of St. Vincent de Paul*

BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Next weekend members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your donations. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish; these collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **04 FEB 2017** at 10:00 AM the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass for husbands and wives and their families who will be celebrating a 5-year anniversary in 2017 (5, 10, 15, ... 30, 35, ... 50, or more than 50 years of marriage). The principal celebrant will be the **Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla**. The Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, followed by a reception in Patron's Hall. Registration is required at anniversarymass.info, and a donation of **\$20** is requested. For more information contact **Betty** at **415/614-5680**.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our Celebration of the **World Day of the Sick** at the **Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption** on **Saturday, 11 FEB 2017** at **11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Contact **Kenneth Ryan**, kennryan@aol.com, **415/613-0395** for more information.

24 HOURS OF PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Please join us in praying for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and the consecrated life. On the weekend of **04-05 FEB 2017** the **Archdiocese of San Francisco** will be praying a **24-Hour Devotion for Vocations**. Sign up for an hour with the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and spend some time asking the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers. **Corpus Christi Monastery**, at 215 Oak Grove, Menlo Park, will be one of the 4 sites within the Archdiocese where this devotion will be held from **08:00 AM** on **04 FEB** to **09:00 AM** on **05 FEB**. Sunday Mass will be at **08:00 AM**. For more information or to register for a Holy Hour go to www.sfarch.org/prayforvocations.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT: ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

On the weekend of **27-29 JAN 2017**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will hold their annual discernment retreat for men considering the priesthood. The weekend is open to men 18 years and older and is free. To register for this retreat contact **Fr. David Schunk** at vocations@sfarch.org or **415/614-5684**. For more information contact discernment.retreat@stpsu.edu. St. Patrick's Seminary is located at 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Christian Unity*

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

POPE'S "URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE FOR 2016

(conclusion)

Peace – not merely the word, but real and concrete peace – to our abandoned and excluded brothers and sisters, to those who suffer hunger and to all the victims of violence. Peace to exiles, migrants and refugees, to all those who in our day are subject to human trafficking. Peace to the peoples who suffer because of the economic ambitions of a few, because of sheer greed and the idolatry of money, which leads to slavery. Peace to those affected by social and economic unrest, and to those who endure the consequences of earthquakes or other natural catastrophes.

And peace to the children, on this special day on which God became a child, above all those deprived of the joys of childhood because of hunger, wars or the selfishness of adults.

Peace on earth to men and women of goodwill, who work quietly and patiently each day, in their families and in society, to build a more humane and just world, sustained by the conviction that only with peace is there the possibility of a more prosperous future for all.

Dear brothers and sisters,

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given": He is the "Prince of peace". Let us welcome Him!

THE FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS

Devotion to the **Fourteen Holy Helpers** began in the **Rhineland** as early as the 14th century. These 14 saints were invoked for protection against illness and sudden death, particularly during the epidemic we know as the **Black Death**. Each "helper" has his/her own feast day, but they are collectively celebrated on **08 August**. The Fourteen Holy Helpers are **Achatius** (headache), **Barbara** (fever and sudden death), **Blaise** (throat), **Catherine of Alexandria** (sudden death), **Christopher** (bubonic plague), **Cyriacus** (temptation upon the deathbed), **Denis** (headache), **Erasmus** (intestinal ailments), **Eustachius** (family discord), **George** (health of animals), **Giles** (plague), **Margaret of Antioch** (childbirth), **Pantaleon** (physicians), and **Vitus** (epilepsy)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteen_Holy_Helpers

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica_of_the_Fourteen_Holy_Helpers

[Litany](#) to the Fourteen Holy Helpers

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

22 JAN (SUN)	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
23 JAN (MON)	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
24 JAN (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
25 JAN (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
26 JAN (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
27 JAN (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas FIRST Day: St. Agatha
28 JAN (SAT)	Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas SECOND Day: St. Agatha
29 JAN (SUN)	THIRD Day: St. Agatha
30 JAN (MON)	FOURTH Day: St. Agatha
31 JAN (TUE)	FIFTH Day: St. Agatha
01 FEB (WED)	SIXTH Day: St. Agatha
02 FEB (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agatha FIRST Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
03 FEB (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agatha SECOND Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
04 FEB (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Agatha THIRD Day: Our Lady of Lourdes

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

Saint Agatha:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/qcm7zmr>

Our Lady of Lourdes:

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

DID YOU KNOW?



The [Center for the Study of Global Christianity](#) has released a report of the persecution of Christians.

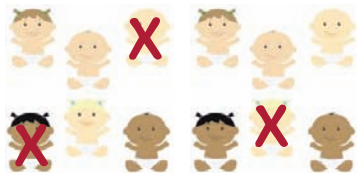
In 2016:

- About 90,000 Christians were killed for their faith.
- **Every six minutes, a Christian was killed somewhere in the world.**
- 63,000 died in tribal conflicts in Africa.
- Most refused to take up arms for reasons of conscience.
- 27,000 died in terrorist attacks, the destruction of Christian villages and government persecution in nations, including North Korea.
- More than 500 million Christians cannot freely profess their faith.
- **Christians are now the most persecuted religious group in the world.**

Please pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

EVERY FOURTH BABY CONCEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES IS KILLED BY ABORTION.



59,717,000 +

abortions in the United States since Roe v. Wade (1973)

<http://www.numberofabortions.com>

How big is 55+ million? Watch this:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qv6UDT_iU#t=51

ON-LINE PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

National Right to Life Council www.nrlc.org

Priests for Life www.priestsforlife.org

California Pro-Life Council www.californiaprolife.org

Gospel of Life Institute www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org

Natl. Committee for a Human Life Amendment www.nchla.org

Project Rachel www.hopeafterabortion.com

“MEET THE KILLERS”

GUNS kill approximately **30,000** people each year in the U.S.

55% of those deaths are self-inflicted.

ALCOHOL kills approximately **35,000** people each year in the U.S.

71% of those deaths are self-inflicted.

CIGARETTES kill approximately **440,000** people each year in the U.S.

91% of those deaths are self-inflicted.

ABORTION kills approximately **1,210,000** people each year in the U.S.

Less than **0.00001%** of those deaths are self-inflicted.

Abortion kills **more than twice as many people** each year as guns, alcohol, and cigarettes combined.

<http://www.abort73.com>

IN THE TWO MINUTES IT TAKES YOU TO READ THIS PAGE, 7 BABIES WILL DIE BY ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.



On January 22, 1973, The United States Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand. The decision is called Roe vs. Wade. We call it Death Roe. About one fourth of our generation has already been wiped out, and the executions continue at the rate of over 3000 a day. If you were born after that date, you are one of the unchosen.

You are a Death Roe Survivor.

IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATED THAT IT ABORTED 323,999 BABIES IN 2014.

COMPARE THE ABORTION NUMBERS:

2010: **329,445**
2011: **333,924**
2012: **327,166**
2013: **327,653**

IN ITS FIRST PUBLISHED ANNUAL REPORT, “HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL” ESTIMATED THAT AS MANY AS 300,000 BABIES WERE SAVED FROM ABORTION BY PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTERS IN 2015 (WORLDWIDE)