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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.

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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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FIRST READING

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth,
who have observed His law.

ZEPHANIAH 2: 3, 3: 12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice
for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

PSALMS 146

SECOND READING

God chose the foolish of the world to shame
the wise, and God chose the weak of the
world to shame the strong.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 26-31

GOSPEL

After He had sat down, His disciples came
to Him. He began to teach them.

MATTHEW 5: 1-12



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JANUARY 2017

Blessed are you when they insult you
and persecute you. Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.

MATTHEW 5: 22

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 29 JAN - 04 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
	05:30 PM	Dale de Beauclair; Bill Widmer; † Victor Sygenko; † Ruth Schaper
TUE	07:30 AM	† Marie Masuda
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Nicholas Hartwig
	05:30 PM	† Virginia Rugeiro; † Warren Maloney
THU	07:30 AM	† Marie Firenzi
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	Kurt Araujo and family
	05:30 PM	† Marie and Adolph Firenzi
SAT	08:00 AM	Brege O'Donnell; † James O'Donnell; † Lucienne Muriel Lastovic; † Xavier Pucel

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)


29 JAN	(Sunday)	11:00 AM	Nativity School Open House
30 JAN	(Monday)	07:30 PM 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary RCIA
31 JAN	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM 07:30 PM 08:00 PM	Bible Study Bible Study H ⁴
01 FEB	(Wednesday)	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
02 FEB	(Thursday)	12:00 PM 06:00 PM	The Thursday Group ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
03 FEB	(Friday)		<i>First Friday</i> 1st
04 FEB	(Saturday)		<i>First Saturday</i> 1st

"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 14-15 JAN
TOTAL:	\$14,995
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2016 ADA Goal:	GOAL MET \$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

31 JAN (Tuesday):

SAINT JOHN BOSCO, Priest (1815-1888)



Born in Becchi, Italy, John devoted his priestly life to children. He was ordained in 1841, and by 1846 he had befriended 800 difficult boys. He founded a religious society, now known as the **Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians)**, which spread worldwide. He also helped found the **Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians** who work with poor girls.

02 FEB (Thursday):

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

According to the Law of Moses, Jesus would have been brought to the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth to be presented to God. It was then that **Simeon** and **Anna** made their prophecies concerning the lives of the child and His mother. At the beginning of the 8th century, **Pope Sergius** inaugurated a candlelight procession to commemorate this event, including the blessing and distribution of candles. This gave the feast its popular name: **Candlemas**.



03 FEB (Friday):

SAINT BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr (d. ~316)

Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who was persecuted under the governor Agricola. While in prison, he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone (leading to the blessing of throats on his feast day). Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and join him to prove the power of their gods: they all drowned. He was then martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs, and beheaded.

SAINT ANSGAR, Archbishop (801-865)

Benedictine monk and Archbishop of Hamburg. He established the first Christian school in Denmark and was responsible for many conversions in Scandinavia, including Erik, the King of Jutland.

There will be a blessing of the throats after all Masses on Friday, 03 FEB 2017, the feast day of Saint Blaise



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

All married or engaged couples are encouraged to attend our next **Date Night, Saturday, 18 FEB 2017, 06:00-09:00 PM**. We will have time for getting to know each other, renewing old friendships and making new ones. We especially encourage the newly-married and new parishioners to attend as we continue to build up our faith community. We will have guest speakers who will present ideas for practical living (such as food) and building up our marriages in the Spirit. Dinner is potluck. Contact **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794** to let us know you are attending, and for any questions.

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 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.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY

This 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**.

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**
- **Gavin James and Jack Preston**, sons of **Garrett and Jennifer Gafke**
 - **Jake Dylan, Makenzie My Huyen, and Naomi Thi**, children of **Kevin Ho and Van Hoang**
 - **Audrey Jeanne**, daughter of **Andrew and Laura Low Ah Kee**
 - **Clayton Patrick**, son of **Andrew and Melissa Naylor**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Eric Johnston and Faye Villaroman**

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **John Gaffney**
 - **Deke Jackson**

Dear Msgr. Otellini,
There are no words to express our gratitude for the countless gifts from your Church of the Nativity parish, which made Christmas so special for so many of our St. Juan Diego Center's needy families. Through the generosity of your parishioners who donated your Adopt-a-Family program they provided a wonderful Christmas for them.

Reaching out in this manner is such a beautiful way to share God's providence with those families who chose life when they faced a difficult choice at one time. He can never be outdone in generosity and it is expressed through the efforts of your parishioners. May God bless you and may 2017 bring you many abundant blessings.

Sincerely,
Willie Lopus, St. Juan Diego Women's Center

IN THE COMMUNITY

VALLOMBROSA CENTER BOOKSTORE SALE

Save 50%: all items at the **Vallombrosa Center Gift Store** will be marked down for the weekend of **28-29 JAN 2017** only. From **08:00 AM-04:00 PM** you can see our collection of Catholic books, CDs, and accessories – including scarves from Lourdes and hand-made rosaries. 250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Located in the main administrative building.

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 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.

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.

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.

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**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Comfort for the Afflicted*

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



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

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.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

Nativity will be hosting the **9th Annual Spiritual Warfare Conference** on **Saturday, 25 FEB 2017** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM**. It starts with Mass at Nativity Church, followed by a continental breakfast, lunch and speakers. Giving conferences this year will be **Father Gary Thomas**, Exorcist of the Diocese of San Jose, **Jim Burnham**, a popular Catholic apologist, and **Dr. Paul Thigpen**, author of the books "The Manual for Spiritual Warfare" and "Saints Who Battled Satan." It will be a full day of recharging our spiritual energy with about 500 other committed Christians. For more information, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso 650/269-6279**. To register, go online to www.heartsoflove.biz. It must be postmarked by **15 FEB 2017**. Don't miss it!!!



SAINT MICHAEL DEFEATS THE DEVIL - EUGENE DELACROIX

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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
05 FEB (SUN)	Feast of Saint Agatha FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
06 FEB (MON)	FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
07 FEB (TUE)	SIXTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
08 FEB (WED)	SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
09 FEB (THU)	EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
10 FEB (FRI)	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
11 FEB (SAT)	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agatha:

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

Our Lady of Lourdes:

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend **Sister Agnes** from the **Little Sisters of the Poor** will once again be here to share the wonderful work the Little Sisters do at *St. Ann's Home* in San Francisco, where they care for the elderly with a family spirit, love, respect, and compassion, giving them physical, material, emotional, social and spiritual support. The Sisters have a tradition of relying on the charity of those in the community to make their work possible. Please be generous so their work with the elderly may continue.

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: *Little Sisters of the Poor*.



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

BY THE NUMBERS

Here are some numbers we should all remember.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES (Matthew 5: 3-10)

- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
- Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5: 22-23 and CCC.1832)

- CHARITY
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- MODESTY
- SELF-CONTROL
- CHASTITY

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THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Isaiah 11: 2-3)

- WISDOM
- UNDERSTANDING
- COUNSEL
- FORTITUDE
- KNOWLEDGE
- PIETY
- FEAR OF THE LORD

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SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT (CCC.2091+)

- DESPAIR
- PRESUMPTION OF GOD'S MERCY (either presuming on one's own capabilities, or presuming that God, in His infinite mercy, will grant forgiveness without conversion, and glory without merit)
- IMPUGNING THE KNOWN TRUTH (to attack, resist or contradict the truth)
- ENVY OF THE SPIRITUAL GOOD OF ANOTHER
- OBSTINACY IN SIN (stubbornly persisting in sin)
- FINAL IMPENITENCE (being unwilling to repent)

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THE TWELVE APOSTLES

- PETER
- ANDREW
- MATTHEW
- THOMAS
- PHILIP
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JOHN
- JAMES
- SIMON
- JUDE (THADDEUS)
- JAMES (the Less)
- JUDAS-ISCARIOT
- MATTHIAS

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before Me.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's possessions.

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

- PRIDE
- ENVY
- GLUTTONY
- LUST
- ANGER
- GREED
- SLOTH

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