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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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Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

Though You are master of might, You judge with clemency.

WISDOM 12: 13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give Your strength to Your servant.

PSALMS 86

SECOND READING

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

ROMANS 8: 26-27

GOSPEL

"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man."

MATTHEW 13: 24-43



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 JULY 2017

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

MATTHEW 13: 3

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 23 - 29 JUL

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
	05:30 PM	† F. J. Van Popplen
TUE	07:30 AM	† Shelby Drazan
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	The Araujo family
	05:30 PM	Sean Perez; † Aquilyn Maggio; † Julia Estela Devalle de Sosa; † Gabina Garcia
THU	07:30 AM	† Fr. Bill Queenan
	05:30 PM	† Patrick Couran
FRI	07:30 AM	The Cornelius family
	05:30 PM	† Katherine Eastman
SAT	08:00 AM	Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi; † Karen Louis Cruz; † Lidio Dal Maso; † Thomas Neumyer

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL "BROWN BAG" COLLECTION

On 29-30 JUL 2017, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. 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 bringing food, or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. 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.



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)

23 JUL	(Sunday)	
24 JUL	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
25 JUL	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
26 JUL	(Wednesday)	
27 JUL	(Thursday)	
28 JUL	(Friday)	
29 JUL	(Saturday)	




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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 07-08 JUL
TOTAL:	\$13,505
ADA Progress:	\$41,630
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

25 JUL (Monday):

SAINT JAMES (“THE GREATER”), Apostle

James and his younger brother, **John**, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen of Galilee when called by Jesus to follow Him. James was present at most of the miracles performed by Christ, and the two brothers, along with **Peter**, were the only disciples to witness the Transfiguration. James, the first apostle to be martyred, was put to death by Herod around the year 42.



26 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM, Parents of Mary

We know nothing about Mary’s parents except what we can infer from Mary’s own life -- she was devout, generous, able to recognize God when He called, and courageous enough to accept God’s call without knowing where it would lead. She must have had exceptional parents. They are mentioned in the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James*, which speaks of the life of Mary and her elderly, well-to-do parents, **Joachim** and **Anna**.



29 JUL (Friday):

SAINT MARTHA

The sister of **Saints Lazarus** and **Mary of Bethany**, she was a friend of Jesus and a hostess to Him in her house. She is believed to have taken part in an early mission to France (Gaul).

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:41-42



30 JUL (Saturday):

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (406-450)

An adult convert, **Peter** became the **Bishop of Ravenna, Italy** in 433. He fought paganism and heresies, enforced reforms, and build several churches. He was a preacher of such language skills that he was given the name *Chrysologus*, referring to his *golden word*. 176 of his sermons have survived, and these beautiful explanations of the Incarnation, the Creed, and the place of Mary and John the Baptist in the plan of salvation, led to his being proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1729 by **Pope Benedict XIII**.



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**.



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.

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.

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 • Lisa and Steven Berry (*Eleanor Muhawi*)

DEATHS

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: • blue Dashboard BoogieBoard electronic writing tablet

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.

Dear Msgr. Otellini,
On behalf of St. Patrick's Seminary, thank you for your gift of \$6478.00 in response to our 2017 Second Collection Appeal. Your support and the support of your parish are a tremendous encouragement to our seminarians, faculty and administration. Your donations will help to improve our academic and spiritual programs so that our seminarians will be able to proclaim Christ the Good Shepherd with passion and skill in our contemporary world. Be assured of our prayers for your parish community and please continue to keep St. Patrick's Seminary and University in your prayers. We look forward to an ever joyful future as we serve the San Francisco Archdiocese.

In Christ,

Rev. George E. Schultze, SJ
President-Rector

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

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**.

STAR OF THE SEA SPEAKER SERIES

On **Thursday, 27 JUL 2017, 06:00-10:00 PM**, **Star of the Sea Church** welcomes **George Weigel**, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a Catholic theologian, and one of America's leading public intellectuals. He will speak on "*The Courage to Be Catholic Today*." Weigel is the author of *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II* and twenty other books. He is Senior Vatican Analyst for NBC News, and is a frequent guest on television and radio. His syndicated column, "*The Catholic Difference*," appears in 85 newspapers and magazines in seven countries, including our archdiocesan newspaper Catholic San Francisco. Parking is free. Tickets are **\$10** and can be purchased online at Eventbrite:

<http://tinyurl.com/ya4v419g>

Star of the Sea Auditorium, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco

For more information contact **Claire Herrick 415/751-0450 x22**.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS:

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *2nd annual Together in Holiness Catholic Marriage Conference* on **Saturday, 05 AUG 2017** from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, 1040 Alameda de Las Pulgas, Belmont. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Speakers include **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, national TV and radio host; **Mary Caprio**, Fellow of the St. John Paul II Foundation; and local speaker **John Hamlon**. Complimentary childcare (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59/couple** or **\$35 individual**; early bird discounts are available until **30 JUN 2017**. To learn more and register visit www.togetherinholiness.org or contact **Susie Lopez 469/237-1029**, susie@forlifeandfamily.org

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Lapsed Christians*

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:00 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a mediation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



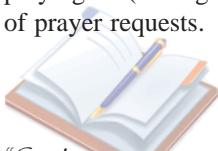
www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm

www.oblates.us/heart.htm

www.sacredheartdevotion.com

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.



"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

23 JUL (SUN)	SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
24 JUL (MON)	THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
26 JUL (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIRST Day: St. John Vianney
27 JUL (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney
29 JUL (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney
30 JUL (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney
31 JUL (MON)	Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney
01 AUG (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney
02 AUG (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi
03 AUG (THU)	NINTH Day: St. John Vianney SECOND Day: St. Clare of Assisi
04 AUG (FRI)	Feast of Saint John Marie Vianney THIRD Day: St. Clare of Assisi
05 AUG (SAT)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.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_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

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.

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.



PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

We should take advantage of the great blessing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible, and particularly in this holy season of Lent. The following is taken from the 1962 edition of *My Sunday Missal* as an examination of conscience in preparation for making a good and thorough confession.

In My Duties to God: Neglect of morning or evening prayers ... Superstitious practices ... Consulting fortune tellers ... Receiving sacraments sacrilegiously ... Against faith by willful doubts concerning any article of the Creed or by reading or circulating irreligious books ... Against hope by despair, murmuring or presuming on God's Mercy ... Against charity by willfully rebellious thoughts against God, or His Law or by omitting good works through fear of others. Irreverence towards God, His Name, His church ... cursing or swearing ... False, unlawful and unnecessary oaths ... Breaking lawful vows ... Neglecting Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, or performing unrequired servile work.

In My Duties to My Neighbors: Insulting or neglecting parents ... Failing to send children to religious schools when possible ... Bad example ... Neglect of home, trade, professional, civil service duties ... Ignoring the spiritual and corporal works of mercy ... Any violent act ... Causing hard feelings ... Revenge ... Refusing reconciliation ... Inducing others to sin. Stealing ... Possession of ill-gotten goods ... Cheating ... Culpable delay in paying lawful debts ... Lying ... Perjury ... Fraud ... Slander or detraction or rash judgments ... Failure to support my Church.

In Relation to Myself: Obstinacy ... Sloth ... Desiring or yielding to sensuality, impurity, gluttony, drunkenness ... Rage, envy, impatience, jealousy ... Failure to fast or abstain ... Failure to make my Easter Duty ... Waste of time, money or talents.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

St. Charles Parish is starting a new sacramental preparation ministry for children/young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special needs in **September 2017**. Sacramental preparation will cover the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation and also provide modified services that help them participate in the Mass and the Sacraments. Those eligible will be children/young adults who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities. That is, any young person who requires assistance to perform ordinary daily tasks, whether intellectual, physical and/or psychological impairment.

If you are interested either as a parent interested for your child, or in becoming a special needs catechist, please contact **Ana Uribe-Ruiz** (acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or **Monica Miller** (mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). Please contact them as soon as possible so they may begin working on the necessary accommodations for each individual.