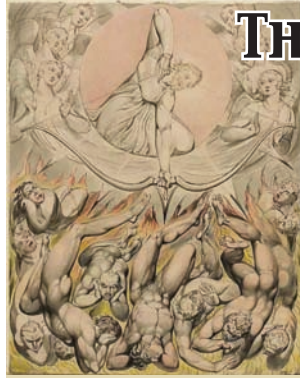


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 JULY 2017

The angels will go out and separate
the wicked from the righteous.

MATTHEW 13: 49



"Casting the Rebel Angels into Hell" -- William Blake (1808)
Illustration for Milton's "Paradise Lost"

FIRST READING

... an understanding heart to judge Your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
1 KINGS 3: 5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The revelation of Your words sheds light.
PSALMS 119

SECOND READING

We know that all things work for good for those who love God.
ROMANS 8: 28-30

GOSPEL

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."
MATTHEW 13: 44-52

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 30 JUL - 05 AUG

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Carmelita Lenz |
| | 05:30 PM | Lucienne Woods |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Lori Araujo |
| | 05:30 PM | Ç Denis Picard; † Kristine Mahood; † Maureen O'Neill; † James Kaval |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Tom Lynch |
| | 05:30 PM | Nick Esayan |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Peter Widmer |
| | 05:30 PM | ICF #351 living and deceased members |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Pat Romelfanger |
| | 05:30 PM | † Katherine Eastman |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Special intention; Feauini Saulala; † Robert Pickford; † Gabby Bahlman |

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| 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) |

30 JUL (Sunday)

31 JUL (Monday)
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

01 AUG (Tuesday)
08:00 PM H⁴

02 AUG (Wednesday)

03 AUG (Thursday)
06:00 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

04 AUG (Friday)

05 AUG (Saturday)

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**.



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form



PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | | WEEK OF 15-16 JUL |
| | TOTAL: | \$11,364 |
| | Basilica of the National Shrine: | \$2,352 |
| | ADA Progress: | \$41,930 |
| | 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal: | \$165,940 |

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

01 AUG (Tuesday): SAINT ALPHONSUS MARIA DE LIGUORI, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1696-1787)

Neapolitan lawyer (at the age of 16) who became a priest and founder of a new religious order, the **Redemptorists**, devoted to missionary work. He is noted for his opposition to Jansenism, and for his profuse writings, particularly his devotional works.



04 AUG (Friday): SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY, Priest (1786-1859)

Ordained after many difficulties, **John** pastored a parish in the town of Ars, France, and became renowned for his counsel, often spending 11-16 hours in the confessional.

05 AUG (Saturday): DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR IN ROME



“When anyone reposes all his confidence in God, God continually exercises a special protection over him, and in this state of things he can be assured that no evil will happen to him.”

-- St. Vincent de Paul

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.

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.

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.

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**.



ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Laura** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/257-7780** for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

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**
- **Celestine Farah**, daughter of **David** and **Editha Heffernan**
 - **Emily**, daughter of **Francisco** and **Sarah Sibal**

- MARRIAGES**
- **John McCabe** and **Rachel Chase**

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Noelle** and **Mark Nugent** (*Louisa*)

- DEATHS**
- **Jim Kaval**
 - **Frank Zoeller**
 - **Francis Ting**

LOW-GLUTEN VS. NO GLUTEN

Recently the Vatican reminded pastors, priests, and parishes that they may not use altar bread with no gluten in it when celebrating the Eucharist. This has been a long-standing practice. However, the Vatican does accept the low-gluten altar bread that we have had available at Nativity for several years. We purchase this special altar bread from the **Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration** in Clyde, Missouri.

For more information, visit www.clyde monastery.org.



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.



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

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**.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**.



If you would like to learn more about this altar bread, visit www.altarbreadsbspa.com/lowgluten.php

A NEW TYPE OF DONATION: GOLD AND SILVER

Often we find things in church that people don't know what to do with, so they leave them here -- old medals (Sacred Heart, Miraculous Medal, etc.), broken bits of chain, broken rosaries. Often these objects are silver and do have some monetary value. If you have scrap silver or gold that you don't know what to do with, consider donating it to Nativity. Any money we receive will be given to the **Altar Society** to further their work in beautifying the Church. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

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 **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 Hickam** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hickam@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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| 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 |
| 06 AUG (SUN) | FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 07 AUG (MON) | SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 08 AUG (TUE) | SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 09 AUG (WED) | EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 10 AUG (THU) | NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 11 AUG (FRI) | Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary |
| 12 AUG (SAT) | SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary |

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>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

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

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.

Young Believers

Questions From the Annals of Catechism Classes:
 “Please explain the significance of the different colors of robes priests wear when celebrating Mass.”

The **General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)** provides the norms for liturgical colors. What follows is a list of the colors and when each is used, and then an explanation of what the colors signify. The colors and seasons are given in **GIRM, no. 346**:

Traditional usage should be retained for the vestment colors.

a) **White** is used in the offices and masses during the seasons of Easter and Christmas; also on celebrations of the Lord, other than of His passion; on celebrations of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels, saints who were not martyrs; on the solemnity of All Saints (November 1); the feasts of the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24), John, apostle, evangelist (December 27), the Chair of Peter (February 22), and the Conversion of Paul (January 25).

b) **Red** is used on Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) and Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday, celebrations of the Lord’s passion, “birthday” feasts of the apostles and evangelists, and celebrations of martyrs.

c) **Green** is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

d) **Violet** is used in Advent and Lent. It may also be worn in Offices and Masses for the dead.

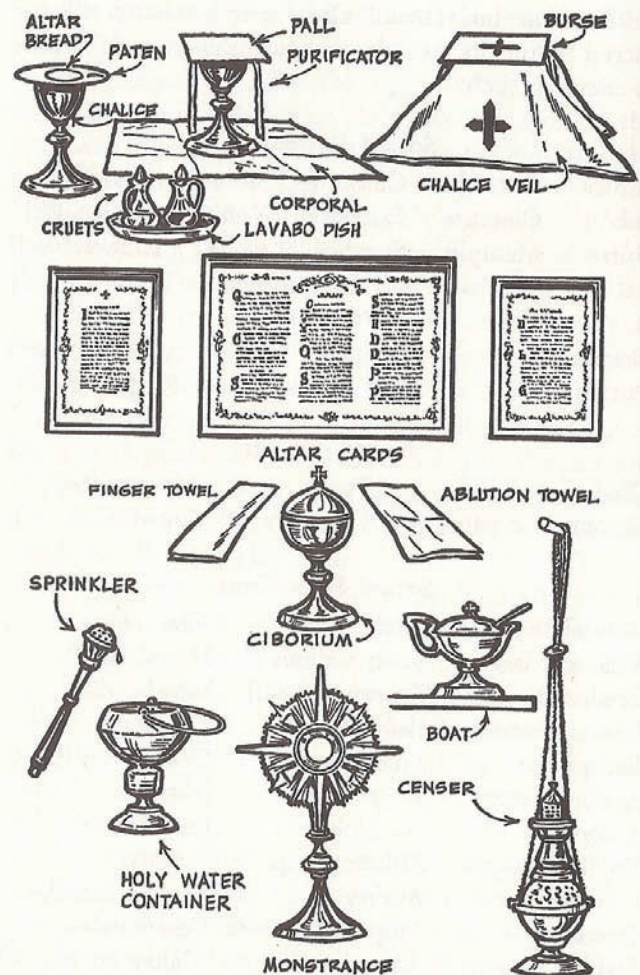
e) **Black** may be used, where it is the custom, in Masses for the dead.

f) **Rose** may be used, where it is the custom, on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent).

GIRM, no. 345 says that the various colors of liturgical vestments are “meant to give effective, outward expression to the specific character of the mysteries of faith being celebrated and, in the course of the liturgical year, to a sense of progress in the Christian life.”



**BE AN INFORMED CATHOLIC!
 LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT YOUR FAITH.**



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.