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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

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Rev. Mark G. Mazza

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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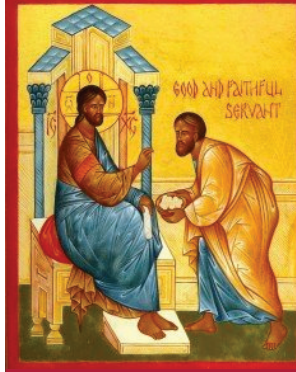
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 NOVEMBER 2017

Well done, My good and faithful servant ...
Come, share your Master's joy.

MATTHEW 25: 23



FIRST READING

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting.
PROVERBS 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all
the days of your life.

PSALMS 128

SECOND READING

Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay
alert and sober.

1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-6

GOSPEL

Since you were faithful in small matters, I
will give you great responsibilities.

MATTHEW 25: 14-30

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19 - 25 NOV

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin
TUE	07:30 AM	Mary Ellen Eichler
	05:30 PM	Cardinal Renato Raffaele Martino; † Paul Otellini; † Ira Castain; † Souls in Purgatory
WED	07:30 AM	† Marie Kitano
	05:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory
THU	09:00 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
FRI	09:00 AM	† Fr. Kevin Gaffey
SAT	08:00 AM	The Neff family; Rosemarie Raddie; † Bride Boyle; † Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Thursday and Friday, **23-24 NOV 2017**
for the Thanksgiving weekend.


There will be one Mass,
at **09:00 AM**, on **23 and 24 NOV 2017**.

THANKSGIVING MASS COLLECTION

The collection taken at Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, 23 NOV 2017**, will benefit the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and their work in our local community with needy families. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society obtains the non-perishable food they distribute from Second Harvest. With the money donated SVdP also provides chickens and Safeway cards for fresh vegetables to the people and families they visit. They use some of the money donated to provide rental and PG&E assistance to some families. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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)
19 NOV	(Sunday)	Adopt-a-Family Sign-Ups
20 NOV	(Monday)	07:00 PM <i>Apostles' Creed Class</i> 07:30 PM <i>Legion of Mary</i>
21 NOV	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM Bible Study 07:00 PM Bible Study 07:00 PM H ⁴
22 NOV	(Wednesday)	
23 NOV	(Thursday)	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 09:00 AM Daily Mass
24 NOV	(Friday)	09:00 AM Daily Mass
25 NOV	(Saturday)	

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 04-05 NOV
TOTAL:	\$13,732
St. Patrick's Seminary:	\$5,102
All Saints Day:	\$3,379
ADA Progress:	\$109,300
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT CECILIA, Martyr (d. 177)

Cecilia was a cultivated patrician woman of high Roman society.



She vowed her virginity to God, and on her wedding night converted her husband, Valerian. An angel offered Valerian a favor, and he asked that his brother too be baptized. The brothers began a ministry to bury Christian martyrs, and were martyred themselves because of it. Cecilia followed them to heaven shortly thereafter. Her body was found incorrupt almost 1500 years after its burial.

24 NOV (Friday):

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Martyr (1735-1839), AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs

Andrew was imprisoned and repeatedly tortured in the persecutions of Minh-Meng, and died with **Saint Peter Thi** and the **Martyrs of Vietnam**.



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES

Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.

23 NOV (Thursday)

SAINT CLEMENT I, Pope and Martyr

Consecrated by **Saint Peter**, he was the fourth pope. He was said to have worked closely with **Saint Paul**. Clement was martyred during the persecutions of Trajan.

SAINT COLUMBAN, Abbot

Missionary to Ireland, England and France, who went on to found many monasteries. Among the miracles attributed to him is the taming and yoking of a bear to help with the monastery's harvest.

BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTIN PRO, Martyr

Priest who conducted an "underground" ministry in Mexico in the 1920's, when the Church was greatly persecuted.

THANKSGIVING DAY

In **1939**, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared **November 23rd**, the next-to-last Thursday of the month, to be Thanksgiving Day. This break with tradition was prompted by requests from the National Retail Dry Goods Association to extend the Christmas shopping season by one week. As always, the president's 1939 proclamation only directly applied to the District of Columbia and federal employees. While governors usually followed the president's lead with state proclamations for the same day, on this year, twenty-three states observed Thanksgiving Day on November 23rd, twenty-three states celebrated on November 30th, and Texas and Colorado declared **both** Thursdays to be holidays.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The **27th Annual Nativity Christmas Adopt-a-Family** is here. We will again be providing gifts and food for around 200 families. There will be signups on **18-19 NOV 2017**. Delivery will be on **16 DEC 2017**. More information will be available in the next weeks. Please put it on your calendar.



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**.

*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).*

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

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 • Chase Dylan and Benjamin Cole,
sons of David and Melissa Fedoronko

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Sherry Estrada
• Nicolas Valdes
• Brian Madigan
• Laura Quintanilla
• Salvador Jimenez

DEATHS • Matthew Cruz
• Ricky Torres
• Andrew Gonzales

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there is a second collection for **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition 25% of funds collected remain in our archdiocese to fund anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. To learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

NATIVITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The annual **Nativity School Christmas Tree Lot** will open the day after Thanksgiving, **Friday, 24 NOV 2017** and 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:

Opening Day and **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



IN THE COMMUNITY

ART AND SOUL WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, 02 DEC 2017**, from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, **Vallombrosa Center** will host a workshop/retreat on the *Gifts and Ministry of Creative People*, presented by **Alfred J. Garrotto**. Based on his book, *The Soul of Art*, this workshop/retreat will focus on the creative gifts of both professional and aspiring actors, composers, dancers, fine artists, musicians, playwrights, writers, et al. Participants will explore the divine source of their own gifts and inspirations and take away with them even greater joy in sharing them. \$55/person (lunch included). To register call **650/325-5614** or visit <http://www.vallombrosa.org>.



CHRISTMAS AT KOHL

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the "dressed up" **Kohl Mansion** on **Wednesday, 29 NOV 2017** from **05:00-09:00 PM**. Visit our holiday boutiques with over 60 vendors, all with unique items and treasures. Join us for holiday music, light refreshments, and enjoy a docent tour of the Kohl Mansion at **06:00 PM** or **08:00 PM**. The Kohl Mansion is located at Mercy High School, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame. Tickets are available at the door for **\$10**. Extra parking will be available at Our Lady of Angels Church, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, with a shuttle to Mercy High School every 15 minutes beginning at **05:30 PM**. For more information call **Carol Fraher** at **650/762-1190**.

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 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park.

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.

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**.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Christians in Asia*

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



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

19 NOV (SUN) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

20 NOV (MON) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

21 NOV (TUE) NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

22 NOV (WED) Feast of Saint Cecilia

23 NOV (THU) Thanksgiving Day

24 NOV (FRI)

25 NOV (SAT)

26 NOV (SUN)

27 NOV (MON) FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas

28 NOV (TUE) SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas

29 NOV (WED) THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas

30 NOV (THU) FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

01 DEC (FRI) FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

02 DEC (SAT) SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

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

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.altarbreadsbpa.com/



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. 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.

LET US GIVE THANKS

PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favor, able interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

--Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789

G. Washington



"The Prayer at Valley Forge" by Arnold Friberg



GIVE THANKS FOR: SARAH JOSEPHA BUELL HALE

"Who?", you may ask. **Sarah Hale** is "the lady who saved Thanksgiving." This amazing woman raised five children, wrote poetry, children's books, novels and biographies, was the first female magazine editor in America, published great American writers like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Edgar Allan Poe, composed the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb", fought for playgrounds for children, schools for girls, the erecting of historical monuments, the abolition of slavery, and ... making Thanksgiving into a national holiday. Sarah was born in 1788 and grew up hearing patriotic stories from her father, a disabled veteran of the Revolutionary

War. Sarah Hale loved Thanksgiving, and noticed that even though people in the New England states celebrated the holiday, states in other parts of the country were starting to ignore Thanksgiving. Sarah was the editor of a magazine for ladies, and wrote editorials encouraging her readers to ask for a national holiday for Thanksgiving. She herself wrote thousands of letters to politicians in every state asking for a Thanksgiving holiday. One by one, the states agreed and made Thanksgiving a holiday in their state. But Sarah wanted a **national** holiday, that everyone celebrated together, at the same time, like a big family.

So Sarah Hale wrote letters to the President. **Zachary Taylor** said "No." **Millard Fillmore** said "No." **Franklin Pierce** said "No." **James Buchanan** said "No." But Sarah refused to give up. She wrote a letter to the next President after that ... and **Abraham Lincoln** said "Yes." In **1863** President Lincoln declared the fourth Thursday of November a national day of Thanksgiving. It had taken Sarah Hale **thirty-eight years** to make this happen, but this bold, brave, stubborn, smart lady saved Thanksgiving for all of us.

Taken from "Thank You, Sarah - The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving"
by Laurie Halse Anderson