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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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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 SEPTEMBER 2017

Where two or three are gathered together
in My Name, there am I in the midst of them.

MATTHEW 18: 20



Two or Three Gathered in My Name -- James Tissot

FIRST READING

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.

EZEKIEL 33: 7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

PSALMS 95

SECOND READING

Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

ROMANS 13: 8-10

GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them."

MATTHEW 18: 15-20

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
TUE	07:30 AM	† Aquilyn and Guy Maggio
	05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenzi
WED	07:30 AM	Ron Davis
	05:30 PM	Colette Chiamparino
THU	07:30 AM	† Clementina Barajas
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazen
FRI	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	† Katherine Eastman;
		† Maricis Cortes;
		† Iris Cortes;
		† Lois Seals
SAT	08:00 AM	The Sun family;
		† Ambrose Mainini;
		† JoAnn Bedrossian Conway;
		† Rosario and Cacho Cojuangco

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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 -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
SAT	03:30 PM -	Confessions
	04:30 PM	(parish priest)

10 SEP (Sunday)

11 SEP (Monday)

06:00 PM Marian Consecration
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

12 SEP (Tuesday)

06:00 PM Marian Consecration
08:00 PM H⁴

13 SEP (Wednesday)

06:00 PM Marian Consecration

14 SEP (Thursday)

12:00 PM The Thursday Group
06:00 PM Marian Consecration

15 SEP (Friday)

06:00 PM Marian Consecration

16 SEP (Saturday)

06:00 PM Marian Consecration




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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The *4th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament* will be held on **Saturday, 14 OCT 2017** at the **Golf Club at Moffett Field**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**; **08:10 AM** Opening Ceremony and Prayer; **08:30 AM** Shotgun Start. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. To register and make your payment, please visit <http://fatherdavenportgold.com>. For questions contact **Mike Livingston** at mike@lon1basketball.com.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 26-27 AUG
TOTAL:	\$12,465
ADA Progress:	\$46,800
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 SEP (Monday):

PATRIOT DAY: SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:35, 37-39

12 SEP (Tuesday):

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

13 SEP (Wednesday):

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-407)

It was for his sermons that John earned the title “Chrysostom” (golden-mouthed). They were always on point, they explained the Scriptures with clarity, and they sometimes went on for hours. He criticized the rich for not sharing their wealth, fought to reform the clergy, prevented the sale of ecclesiastical offices, called for fidelity in marriage, and encouraged practices of justice and charity.

14 SEP (Thursday):

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast was celebrated in Rome before the end of the 7th century. Its purpose is to commemorate the recovering of that portion of the **Holy Cross** which was preserved at Jerusalem, and which had fallen into the hands of the Persians. **Emperor Heraclius** recovered this precious relic and brought it back to Jerusalem on **03 May 629**.

15 SEP (Friday):

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

A feast in honor of the *Mater Dolorosa* (Mother of Sorrows) was granted to the **Servite** order in **1667**, and Pope Pius VII placed it on the Roman calendar of saints (third Sunday of September). Pope Pius X moved the feast to the current date of 15 September. The **Seven Sorrows of Mary** are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin which are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art: (1) the prophecy of Simeon over the Infant Jesus, (2) the flight into Egypt, (3) the loss of Jesus for three days, (4) the meeting of Jesus and Mary along the Way of the Cross, (5) the Crucifixion, (6) the descent from the cross, and (7) the burial of Jesus.



16 SEP (Saturday):

SAINT CORNELIUS, Pope and Martyr, and SAINT CYPRIAN, Bishop and Martyr

Cornelius was the 21st pope, elected during a time when persecutions were so bad that papal ascension was a quick death sentence. He worked to maintain unity in a time of schism and apostasy. He called a synod of bishops to confirm him as rightful pontiff. Among his supporters was **St. Cyprian**.

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.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

On **Monday** evening, **18 SEP 2017**, from **07:00-08:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center, **Fr. Mark Mazza** will begin a series of ten classes on the *Apostles' Creed*. Over the course of these classes Fr. Mazza will cover the twelve articles of the Creed, which is the first pillar in the Faith we profess, live and love. The official Catechism of the Catholic Church will be the text we use. All are welcome to these classes; they are open to non-Catholics as well. These classes are for spiritual enrichment. There is no charge for the course. If you don't have a Catechism, they will be available for purchase. For more information contact Fr. Mark Mazza, **650/323-7914**.

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 SEP 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**.



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):

Monday: 08:00 AM

Tuesday: 01:00 AM

Thursday: 02:00 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.

*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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • **Connie and Troy Aquino** (*Marco*)
• **Polly Ziegler**

DEATHS • **Allis Marie McCormack**

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend there is a special collection taken up by the Archdiocese of San Francisco for **Hurricane Harvey Relief**, which has devastated so much of southeast Texas. Please be generous.

Next weeked there will be a second collection for the **Priests' Retirement Fund** for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This collection directly benefits the retired priests of our Archdiocese who have put in so many faithful years of service.

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: *Hurricane Harvey*.

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Friday, 13 OCT 2017**, **Monsignor Otellini** will be consecrating our Nativity Parish to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. It will be during the **07:30 PM** Mass that day celebrating the 100th year of the great Fatima Miracle. We encourage you to put it on your calendar now so that you can participate first hand. NOTE: In preparation for the Consecration, we have copies of Fr. Gaitley's book "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" available for purchase. This book provides meditations and prayers for us to methodically get ourselves ready for the consecration. We anticipate great spiritual benefit for the parish and for those who seriously participate. Contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279** or the rectory to purchase one of these books (\$10 donation).

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA

Rehearsals are underway for **Schola Seraphica's** 11th Annual Christmas Concert on **03 DEC 2017**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SF ARCHDIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

September is recruitment month for the **San Francisco Archdiocesan Children's Choir**. The choir is free of charge and open by audition to any boys and girls in grades 3 through 8. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsals will be on **Tuesdays** from **04:30-06:00 PM** at the cathedral, where the choir also sings about twice a month for Masses and various special events. During their time in the choir, members learn about correct vocal production, sight singing, Christian character, and responsibility. You can learn more about the choir by visiting www.sfchoirschool.org. For more information or to set up an audition, please call **Dr. Christoph Tietze** at **415/567-2020 ext. 213**, or send an email to tietze@stmarycathedral.org.

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS (DEMENTIA)

On **Saturday, 23 SEP 2017**, from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services of San Mateo County will present *Managing Challenging Behaviors with Dementia*. This overview introduces acute or chronic health problems/illness that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find additional resources. It is designed for caregivers with all levels of experience, who are caring for a family member or friend. It will be at the **San Mateo Senior Center**, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. To register visit www.sanmateorec.org (Course #542032-A1). For help with registering call **650/522-7490**.

HEALING MASS AND LITURGY

Parents, families and all interested persons are invited to a **Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy** in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, or shortly after birth from any cause. This Mass will be at Holy Cross Mausoleum in **Holy Cross Cemetery**, Colma, near Rachel Knoll, **Saturday, 16 SEP 2017** at **11:00 AM**. **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** will be the principal celebrant of the bilingual Spanish and English Mass and will be joined by other priests of the Archdiocese. A Healing Liturgy will follow at the nearby Rachel Shrine. The liturgy is a touching and spiritual experience for those who are the parents of your children, as well as family and friends. All are welcome to a gathering and a light luncheon following the ceremony, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information please call the Respect Life Program, **415/614-5570** or Project Rachel, **415/717-6428**. Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Road, Colma.

AN INVITATION TO ALL GRANDPARENTS

Come all grandparents! Learn about a beautiful way to help your grandchildren fall in love with Jesus. *The Echo of the Good Shepherd*, based on Maria Montessori's worldwide work with children, is available to help us as grandparents quietly explore the Wonder of God and truth of Christian Faith with our grandchildren. Please bring your friends to explore ways to help generations keep their Christian faith in this challenging culture. St. Mother Teresa's Sisters use this material in their formation. Don't Miss this opportunity. Join us in the O'Hare Center on **17 OCT 2017** at **12:30 PM**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Parishes*

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND

A *Cursillo* (a short course in Christian living) weekend is scheduled for **28 SEP-01 OCT 2017**. It will be held at **Holy Redeemer Retreat Center** in Oakland. Christians of all denominations are welcome. If you are interested in attending, call **Corie Duffey** at **650/704-1256** or you can obtain an application via the website at www.cantaelgallo.com/resources.html.

PARISH CONSECRATION: WEEK ONE

Themes are taken from **Fr. Michael Gaitley's** book: *33 Days to Morning Glory* (Marian Press)

SUNDAY

Review the life of **St. Maximilian Kolbe**. Mary asked him if he wanted the Red Crown (martyrdom) or the White Crown (purity). He wanted both and received it. In 1917, a few days after the great miracle in Fatima, he formed the *Militia Immaculata* to bring the whole world to Jesus through Mary. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Make me pure in body and soul, and help me die to myself.*

MONDAY

When Mary appeared to St. Bernadette, she used the title: Immaculate Conception. Her virginal womb was made ready to receive the Son of God. She was pure from the moment of her conception. We should strive to be so pure and take refuge in her purity. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary. Make me pure in body and soul, and help me die to myself.*

TUESDAY

All of creation is made good. But humans, though made good, are given the extra power of free will and reason. Do I ever consciously say "I will not serve" to God? Why? He has all the gifts of the universe to offer us. Let us imitate Mary and in everything we say and do repeat Mary's humility: "Your Will be done." *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary, and renew the face of the earth so that we may all do Your Will.*

WEDNESDAY

This St. Maximilian Kolbe's formula for sainthood: *W+w=Saint*. (God's Will plus our will equals being a saint). With Mary's help and loving guidance we can become saints. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary, and unite my will to Mary's which is one with Your Will.*

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

10 SEP (SUN)

11 SEP (MON)

12 SEP (TUE)

13 SEP (WED)

14 SEP (THU) FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

15 SEP (FRI) SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

16 SEP (SAT) THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

17 SEP (SUN) FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

18 SEP (MON) FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

19 SEP (TUE) SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

20 SEP (WED) SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

21 SEP (THU) EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

22 SEP (FRI) NINTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FIFTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

23 SEP (SAT) Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina
SIXTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.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



THURSDAY

St. Maximilian Kolbe desired to raise up an army of fighting knights and soldiers to be instruments of grace to all we meet, and the whole world. Can we "Be all that He created us to be" and join? Will we live the consecration? *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary, and prepare me to be a fit instrument in the hands of the Immaculata.*

FRIDAY

Consecration means to "Take me with all that I am and have." **St. Louis de Montfort** explains: Give to Mary our bodies, souls, goods, merits, talents, gifts, worries, troubles, anxieties, joys, etc. As **Pope Saint John Paul II's** motto stated: *Totus Tuus*

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS (CONT'D.)

NATIVITY LADIES DINNER

On **11 SEP 2017** please join the **Nativity Ladies** for dinner at **06:00 PM** at the **Palo Alto Elks Club**, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. For information call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/269-4635**.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

Calling **Parish Respect Life Representatives** to pick up parish packets.

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet **Thursday, 14 SEP 2017** at **07:30 PM** in St. Gregory's Worner Center, 138 28th Ave. San Mateo (corner Hacienda)

October Respect Life parish packets:

- to be distributed to representatives
- contents to be discussed in preparation for October
- Mustard Seed and legislative updates reviewed

Everyone is welcome. For further info, please call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.



NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2017-2018

Registration is continuing 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 **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.

THE THURSDAY GROUP HAS RESUMED

After a summer break the **Thursday Group** has resuming their meetings on **Thursdays** at **12:00 PM** with a Rosary in the Church and our lunch social in the **O'Hare Center**. Bring your lunch (dessert, coffee and tea are provided). New members are welcome to our senior group. Those interested in our Scripture Study come to the O'Hare Center at **11:00 AM** (optional).

CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE APP

The entire Catholic Bible (RSV-2CE) can be downloaded for free! Packed with additional content from Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and other Catholic apostolates, this app unlocks the beauty and richness of Scripture. This free app will bring the Bible to life. It includes: complete text of the Old and New Testaments; Truth and Life dramatized audio New Testament Gospel of St. John; 10 hours of audio commentary from Dr. Scott Hahn; over 140 Lighthouse Talks; and much more. Download this app by searching "*Catholic Study Bible*" in your App Store.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on **07 OCT 2017** beginning at **09:00 AM** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. To learn more about the consecration, Our Lady of Fatima, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and much more visit www.sfarchdiocese.org/IHM. There you will find beautiful examples of Mary in art and music, as well as videos. Mark your calendar and save the date: the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**.

The Consecration of
the Archdiocese of San Francisco to
The Immaculate Heart of Mary
at the San Francisco Rosary Rally
Saturday, October 7, 2017
Saint Mary's Cathedral • San Francisco

9:00AM Rosary — Gathering and Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

10:00AM Mass — Celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone
St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street and Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

11:30AM Procession and Consecration — Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Be a witness to this historic occasion during the Centennial Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparition at Fatima. The procession will be followed by the Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Archbishop Cordileone and will end with Benediction.

SFArch.org/IHM RosaryRallySF.com (415) 272-5837

