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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the Lord delivers him.

PSALMS 34

SECOND READING

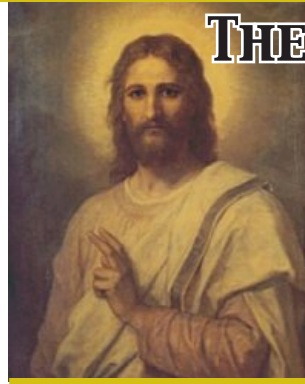
This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

EPHESIANS 5: 21-32

GOSPEL

The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.

JOHN 6: 60-69



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 AUGUST 2018

We have come to believe and are convinced
that You are the Holy One of God.

JOHN 6: 69

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 AUG - 01 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Pat Irvin; The Irvin family
	05:30 PM	† Ernesto Verbo
TUE	07:30 AM	† Mary Ruder
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Gabe DeSoto and family
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family; All priests; Those in prison; † Souls in Purgatory
THU	07:30 AM	Nicholas Peters and family
	05:30 PM	† Bill Avalon
FRI	07:30 AM	Norma Alcazaren
	05:30 PM	† Karen Hanna; † Katherine Eastman
SAT	08:00 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families; † Yvonne Salinger; † Enrique Reyes

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

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)

26 AUG (Sunday)

27 AUG (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

28 AUG (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

29 AUG (Wednesday)

30 AUG (Thursday)

31 AUG (Friday)

01 SEP (Saturday) First Saturday

1st


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



PART-TIME EXTENDED CARE POSITION AVAILABLE

Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting applicants for part-time extended care supervisors for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Salary is commensurate with experience. Hours are **M-F** from **03:00-05:00 PM**. Contact **Ms. Patti**, Principal, via email jpatti@nativityschool.com or call: **650/325-7304**.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 11-12 AUG
TOTAL:	\$11,207
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$73,265
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

Donate online: <http://www.sfarch.org/aaa#DonateForm>

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

27 AUG (Monday): SAINT MONICA, (322-387)



A Christian from birth, she was given in marriage to a bad-tempered, adulterous pagan named Patricius. She prayed constantly for the conversion of her husband (who converted on his death bed), and of her son, **St. Augustine** (who converted after a wild life and 18 years of his mother's prayers).

29 AUG (Wednesday): THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. The Church specially honors John by celebrating the feasts of both his martyrdom and birth.

28 AUG (Tuesday): SAINT AUGUSTINE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (354-430)



Augustine was brought up in the Christian faith but did not receive baptism. An ambitious schoolboy of brilliant talents and violent passions, he early lost both his faith and his innocence. He persisted in his irregular life and doctrinal errors until he was 32. Then one day, stung to the heart by the account of some sudden conversions, he cried out, "The unlearned rise and storm heaven, and we, with all our learning, for lack of courage lie inert!" His mother, **St. Monica**, had been praying unceasingly for **18 years** for Augustine's return to the faith. Augustine's *Confessions* are a triumph to read.



DID YOU KNOW?

Besides the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, **John the Baptist** is the *only* saint to have **two** feast days celebrated on the liturgical calendar: both the day of his birth and of his death.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SAN MATEO PRO-LIFE: MEETING

Calling **Parish Respect Life Representatives** coming to pick up parish packets:

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet on **Wednesday, 05 SEP 2018 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 - both reps and others

For more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**

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.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 SEP 2018**, we will continue with our celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **101** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will start at a **new time: 07:00 PM**.

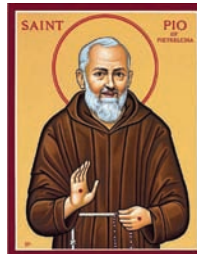
All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



RELICS OF SAINT PIO TO VISIT THE ARCHDIOCESE

Relics of **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina** – better known as *Padre Pio* – will be at **St. Mary, Star of the Sea** parish, 180 Harrison Ave., Sausalito, on **08-09 SEP 2018**. The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration will be his **glove**; **crusts of the wounds**;



cotton-gauze with his blood stains; a **lock of his hair**; his **mantle**; and a **handkerchief soaked with his sweat** hours before he died.

Visit the parish website for the schedule and other important information about this event: <https://www.starofthesea.us/101>.

On the following day (**10 SEP 2018**) the relics will travel to **Our Lady of Peace** church in

Santa Clara for a full day of veneration.

<https://www.olop-shrine.org/event/st-pio-relics-visit/>

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):

Wednesday: 03:00 PM

Friday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 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.

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 • Massimiliano Matteo Maria,
son of Alberto and Salvina Lutman

MARRIAGES • Marko Lisac and Jeanette Contreras

PARISHIONERS • Tracey and James Rauen
(Jakob, William, Samuel)

DEATHS

NOVENA FOR LIFE

On **Fridays** from **03 AUG-28 SEP 2018**, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urge our participation in a nationwide **Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life**. This is a call to prayer and fasting that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being from conception to natural death is protected in law and welcomed in life. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the intention of this novena. To join visit www.usccb.org/pray.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 **25-26 AUG 2018** 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*. **Confirmation** preparation classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **26 SEP 2018**.

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.



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:

Catechists for Grade 3 and Grade 6

Assistant Catechists

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at mon.hickam@gmail.com.

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

Coming soon: an opportunity to begin a journey to discover the unique call God has for you, and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life. The *Called and Gifted Workshop* will be **Friday, 14 SEP 2018** from **07:00-09:00 PM** and **Saturday, 15 SEP 2018** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM** at **St Raymond** Catholic Church. This workshop includes presentations about Church teaching on the universal call to holiness and mission; the nature of spiritual gifts; and how to undertake the process of discernment. It is led by **Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, O.P.** To register visit www.straymondmp.org or call **650/323-1755** for more info. Cost is **\$50** per person (financial assistance is available) and includes lunch.

ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising event for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

PILGRIMAGE TO WYD 2019



Join young adults from the Archdiocese of San Francisco to share faith and fun with young people around the world at **World Youth Day, 21-28 JAN 2019**, in **Panama**.

Learn details of the Archdiocese-organized pilgrimage at gp.myfaithjourneys.com/login. Our Group Number is **19019**. The cost is **\$2,625** per person (including airfare, lodging, food, and most other costs) if our group is 40 or more persons; otherwise, cost is **\$2,845** each. For those who cannot afford the entire cost, a limited number of partial scholarships are available (pastor recommendation is required). For more information about the pilgrimage, contact **Amanda George**, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at: georgea@sfarch.org or **415/614-5595**.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **September 2018**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: Young People in Africa
(Universal)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

NOVENA FOR OUR NATION

For the third year in a row, the "Novena for Our Nation," a **54-Day Rosary Novena**, will run from **15 AUG 2018** (the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**) to **07 OCT 2018** (the **Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**) and will end with a National Rosary Rally in Washington DC. The project invites participants to pray the Rosary for 54 consecutive days, in a particular order and for particular intentions. For complete information visit the website: www.novenaforournation.com

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

26 AUG (SUN)	NINTH DAY: St. Monica EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine
27 AUG (MON)	Feast of Saint Monica NINTH DAY: St. Augustine
28 AUG (TUE)	Feast of Saint Augustine
29 AUG (WED)	
30 AUG (THU)	FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM
31 AUG (FRI)	SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM
01 SEP (SAT)	THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM
02 SEP (SUN)	FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
03 SEP (MON)	FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
04 SEP (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
07 SEP (FRI)	NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
08 SEP (SAT)	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm



RCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning **16 SEP 2018**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. Also welcome are Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the **Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, 20 APR 2019**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the green brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information, or the Nativity website (www.nativitymenlo.org). Contact **Charlotte Pace (650/325-6978, cpace@stanford.edu)** or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact **Charlotte** for more info.

Young Believers

The APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION is the list of all men who have held the title of "Pope" ("Bishop of Rome"), tracing back to Peter. **Saint Irenaeus**, who wrote between 175 and 190 AD, enumerated the first 13 popes. A later list, called the "*Liberian Catalogue*" is also often used as an evidential reference (it dates from 354 AD).

Here are the FIRST TEN POPES in the APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION. You might notice that most of them did not have very long pontificates (ten years or less). The popes of the early church suffered martyrdom under the Roman persecutions. Being elected pope at that time was an almost-certain death sentence.

1. Saint Peter (33 - 64 AD)
2. Saint Linus (64 - 76 AD)
3. Saint Anacletus (76 - 88 AD)
4. Saint Clement I (88 - 97 AD)
5. Saint Evaristus (97 - 105 AD)
6. Saint Alexander I (105 - 115 AD)
7. Saint Sixtus 1 (115 - 125 AD)
8. Saint Telesphorus (125 - 136 AD)
9. Saint Hyginus (136 - 140 AD)
10. Saint Pius 1 (140 - 155 AD)



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| ALEXANDER | PIUS | SIXTUS | HYGINUS | ANICETUS |
| SOTER | ELEUTERUS | VICTOR | ZEPHYRINUS | CALLIXTUS |
| URBAN | PONTIAN | ANTERUS | FABIAN | CORNELIUS |