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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 07:00 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)

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

02 DECEMBER 2018

Then they will see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory.

LUKE 21: 27



The Second Coming - Harry Anderson

FIRST READING

I will raise up for David a just shoot.
JEREMIAH 33: 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and
constancy.

PSALMS 25

SECOND READING

You should conduct yourselves to please God.
1 THESSALONIANS 3: 12-4: 2

GOSPEL

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have
the strength.

LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	Steve San Filippo; † Thomas Meagher; † Isabelle Dominguez; † Deceased members of the Thompson family
TUE	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	† Edward Custodio
WED	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	† Edward and Mabel Wynne
THU	07:30 AM	† Shirley Schwab
	05:30 PM	ICF #351, living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Paula Zappettini
	05:30 PM	† Charles Moran;
SAT	08:00 AM	✠ Miriam Mueller
	12:00 PM	† Lucienne Woods

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

08 DEC (Saturday)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, 08 DEC 2018 is the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on **Friday, 07 DEC 2018** at **05:30 PM** (vigil Mass) and **Saturday, 08 DEC 2018** at **08:00 AM** and **12:00 PM**. The Saturday Vigil Mass at **05:00 PM** is for the *2nd Sunday of Advent* and **not** for the *Immaculate Conception*.

CONSECRATE CALIFORNIA TO MARY!

NOTE that the **12:00 PM** Mass on **08 DEC 2018** will be Nativity's participation in the statewide **consecration of California to Blessed Mother**. The Mass will be followed by a rosary and prayer of consecration.

<https://www.consecratecalifornia.com/events-1>

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)

02 DEC	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
03 DEC	(Monday)	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
04 DEC	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation: The Mass H ⁴ Faith Formation: The Mass
05 DEC	(Wednesday)	10:30 AM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
06 DEC	(Thursday)	06:00 PM	ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
07 DEC	(Friday)	06:15 PM	<i>First Friday</i> Women's Faith and Fellowship ^{1st}
08 DEC	(Saturday)	03:00 PM	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> 1st Reconciliation Retreat (school)

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 17-18 NOV
TOTAL:	\$9,649
Campaign for Human Dev:	\$2,908
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$82,235
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

03 DEC (Monday)

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest
(1506-1552)**

Born in Spain, Francis Xavier studied in Paris and became a follower of **Ignatius Loyola**. He was one of the founding **Jesuits**, and the first Jesuit missionary. He proclaimed the Gospel in India and Japan, and died on Sancian, an island near the China coast. He is the patron saint of foreign travelers.

08 DEC (Saturday):

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

This dogma, declared in **1854**, teaches that Mary was redeemed from the first moment of her conception. By the merits of her Son, Jesus Christ, she is *preserved immune from all stain of original sin by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God.* (Pius IX).

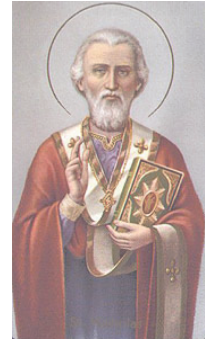
04 DEC (Tuesday)

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (~676-754)

06 DEC (Thursday)

SAINT NICHOLAS, Bishop (~342)

Saint Nicholas, the patron Saint of Russia, is universally regarded as the champion of the innocent and wronged. He was known to have given his entire vast inheritance for the benefit of the poor and helpless, and many miracles have been attributed to him. Even to this day healings of the sick occur at the site of his relics in Bari, Italy.



07 DEC (Friday):

SAINT AMBROSE

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 12th Annual Christmas Concert** on **09 DEC 2018, 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 the second collection is for the **Altar Society**. Christmas is just around the corner ... Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's birth! Your donation will help fund the flowers, linens, vestments, and all that beautifies our liturgy and church, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Please help support the work of our creative Altar Society, who thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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: *Altar Society*.

*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).*

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY!

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual Thank You Christmas Party on **Saturday, 15 DEC 2018**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic Adoration, Men's club, Mom's club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, school of religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

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):

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.

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 • Tim Dixon
• Maria Otadoy and James Go (Yuan)

DEATHS • Jack Lucier

We are very grateful to Joan Koffarnus for remembering Nativity in her will. Please keep Joan in your prayers.

Including Nativity in your estate planning is a wonderful way to extend your generosity beyond a lifetime, and contribute to the ongoing work of the Church of the Nativity.

Msr Steven Otellini

IN THE COMMUNITY

ON-GOING RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL ABUSE CRISIS

Archbishop Cordileone has held several listening sessions in a Town Hall format.

Information on the archdiocesan and archbishop responses to this situation can be found at www.sfarch.org/protecting-children. Links to information on reporting abuse, archdiocesan services and resources, and much more is provided there.

Additional upcoming events are:

Friday, 07 DEC 2018 (09:00 AM-06:00 PM) - Adoration (St. Matthew, San Mateo)

Saturday, 15 DEC 2018 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) - Adoration (St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Isabella and St. Matthew)

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WARMS SAN MATEO COUNTY'S HOMELESS

We all want to be warm on frosty nights and be dry when the rain pours. Think of how the homeless in San Mateo County feel on these cold nights. They are sleeping in their cars, on friends' couches, under buildings or on a park bench.

You can change this dire situation by donating to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Stay Warm Appeal**. \$25 will purchase one new sleeping bag rated for very cold weather to be distributed at one of SVdP's Homeless Help Centers in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City.

Donate online at www.svdpsm.org or mail a check to: SVdP Stay Warm Appeal, 50 North B St. San Mateo, CA 94401.

We appreciate your compassion for those without a warm bed or shelter to call their own.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our **28th Annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family** is underway. We have about *200 families* that we need to adopt and purchase Christmas gifts. These are families identified by various Catholic organizations, especially our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. We also have wishlist items you can purchase for clients of various organizations that assist the needy and homeless. We

will need volunteers for the packing of food at Nativity School on **14 DEC 2018**, and then the delivery of food and gifts on **Saturday, 15 DEC 2018**. This is a great way for everyone, especially families, to share with local families in need. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso: 650/269-7794**.



MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

This week we will be making Christmas ornaments and talking about ways to prepare our hearts for Christmas this Advent. Supplies and instructions will be provided; the ornaments are very simple and no particular crafting skills are required!

We will then take a break for Christmas and will not meet a second time in December. Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, **09 JAN 2019** (the second Wednesday in January).

Topic: Ornament-Making

Date: Wednesday, 05 DEC 2018

Place: O'Hare Center

Time: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Contact: Katie Froula or Christina Lee
midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

This year prepare for Christmas again with *Best Advent Ever*, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy season. Each day of Advent you will receive and email with a short inspirational video, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. Each Sunday you will receive a thought provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. To sign up, visit www.bestadventever.com/Christmas

OPEN HOUSE

Serra High School's Open House will begin at **01:00 PM** on **Sunday, 02 DEC 2018**. This exciting afternoon will introduce middle school boys and their families to the Serra community and all its components - academics, activities, athletics and the arts. Current *Padres* will host the event, and they will share their Serra experiences, answer questions, and lead our guests on an extensive school tour. Guests will meet faculty and staff members, coaches and club moderators. Open House is an excellent way to meet other prospective students and their families. Serra is located at 451 W. 20th Avenue in San Mateo.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: In the Service of the
(Evangelization) Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

BETHLEHEM A.D. 2018

Every Christmas downtown Redwood City comes alive with the largest living Nativity in California. *Bethlehem A.D.* is a popular community event that has inspired the San Francisco Bay Area for twenty-six years with the authentic spirit and experience of the first Christmas. This year *Bethlehem A.D.* will be held **21-23 DEC 2018** from **06:00-09:30 PM** at 1305 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. They are seeking adult and young actors, and workers to help build the sets.

For more information on volunteer opportunities and a video, visit www.bethlehemad.com. This is an amazing all-volunteer event that requires lots of support each year.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

20 DEC	(Thursday)	07:00 PM	Advent Penance Service
24 DEC	(Monday)	07:30 AM 06:00 PM 10:00 PM 10:45 PM 11:00 PM	Christmas Eve Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Vigil Mass of Christmas Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib Midnight Mass of Christmas
25 DEC	(Tuesday)	08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	Christmas Day Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Wednesday)	09:00 AM	Feast of St. Stephen Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Monday)	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
01 JAN	(Tuesday)	09:00 AM 12:00 PM 05:30 PM	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
02 JAN	(Wednesday)		Regular daily Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

02 DEC (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
04 DEC (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIRST DAY: Saint Lucy
05 DEC (WED)	NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SECOND DAY: Saint Lucy
06 DEC (THU)	Feast of Saint Nicholas FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy
07 DEC (FRI)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy
08 DEC (SAT)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy
09 DEC (SUN)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy
10 DEC (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy
11 DEC (TUE)	NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy
12 DEC (WED)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy
13 DEC (THU)	Feast of Saint Lucy
14 DEC (FRI)	
15 DEC (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

Saint Lucy:

www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/



BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **23 DEC 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 12 DEC 2018**.
- Items for the **30 DEC 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Tuesday, 18 DEC 2018**.
- Items for the **01 JAN 2019** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 26 DEC 2018**.

BUTTE COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, which includes Butte County, has established a Fire Assistance Fund. The diocesan website says, "In light of the Northern California fires that have devastated various parts of our Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful to remember in their prayers all those affected, especially the firefighters and emergency personnel, as well as residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated." To donate to the diocesan Fire Assistance Fund go to: www.scd.org/catholicfoundation/giving.

SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning "Masses at Night")? It is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it is celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on 15 DEC and ending on 23 DEC, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, Simbang Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth



of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for Simbang Gabi is the *parol*, or star lantern, which represents the star of Bethlehem. A *parol* is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger.

Through Simbang Gabi, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following Churches in Deanery 11 will be having Masses for Simbang Gabi:

SIMBANG GABI 2018 FOR DEANERY 11		
15 DEC	(Saturday) 05:00 PM	St. Pius (Redwood City)
16 DEC	(Sunday) 05:00 PM	Vallombrosa Center (Menlo Park)
17 DEC	(Monday) 07:00 PM	St. Matthias (Redwood City)
18 DEC	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM	Church of the Nativity (Menlo Park)
19 DEC	(Wednesday) 07:00 PM	St. Charles (San Carlos)
20 DEC	(Thursday) 07:00 PM	TBD
21 DEC	(Friday) 07:00 PM	St. Raymond (Menlo Park)
22 DEC	(Saturday) 07:00 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Redwood City)
23 DEC	(Sunday) 07:00 PM	TBD



For the Latin Rite of Roman Catholicism, this Sunday is the beginning of the liturgical year. Western Christian liturgical calendars are based on the cycle of the Roman or Latin Rite (even Protestant calendars, since this cycle pre-dates the Protestant Reformation). The liturgical seasons are **Advent**, **Christmas**, **Ordinary Time** (time after Epiphany), **Lent**, **Easter**, and **Ordinary Time** (time after Pentecost).

Advent begins four Sundays prior to Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve.

Christmas begins on the evening of 24 December and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (13 January).

Ordinary Time does not mean "plain" or "regular" time. It comes from the same root word as "ordinal" (ordinal numbers are *first*, *second*, *third*, etc.). Ordinary time means "the counted weeks". It begins after the Baptism of Our Lord and continues through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at the beginning of the Easter Vigil (the end of Holy Week).

Easter as a liturgical season begins with the Easter Vigil and ends on Pentecost Sunday. The date of Easter Sunday varies each year, according to the rule that it falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (21 March). This means that Easter Sunday will never be before 22 March nor after 25 April. We had an "early" Easter in 2008 (23 March), but some years it could be even one day earlier! (In 2012, it was 08 April)

Ordinary Time resumes on Pentecost Monday and continues until the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

So we have now completed the "last" season of the Church year, and today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year.

