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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Mark G. Mazza

## PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

## VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Patrick Hartin

## SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • [mon.hickam@gmail.com](mailto:mon.hickam@gmail.com)

## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## 25 FEBRUARY 2018

Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?

ROMANS 8: 31



### FIRST READING

I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

GENESIS 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To You will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving.

PSALMS 116

### SECOND READING

How will He not also give us everything else along with Him?

ROMANS 8: 31-34

### GOSPEL

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

MARK 9: 2-10

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 FEB - 03 MAR

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Philip Seow
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Cathy O'Connell
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	William Dorman and family
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Clifford Talbot
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sally Walnetski; Judy and Lucienne Woods; † Cathy O'Connell; † Ted Amirkhan; † Yola Carello
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Dorman and Tropeano families, living and deceased members
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF #351 living and deceased members
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Celeste Green
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Joan Marie Short; † Joseph Wynne
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Jim and Stella Todd; † Virginia Ames; † Timothy J. Sheehan

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>25 FEB</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>26 FEB</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:00 PM 07:30 PM	Apostle's Creed Class Legion of Mary
<b>27 FEB</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H <sup>4</sup> Faith Formation Class
<b>28 FEB</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
<b>01 MAR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>02 MAR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	06:00 PM	Lenten Friday First Friday Stations of the Cross
<b>03 MAR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>		First Saturday

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass



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




Please make sure your cell phones are turned off or muted when you enter the church.



Electronic giving is offered through our website [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org) or call the parish office for a paper form

### PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF <b>10-11 FEB</b>
	TOTAL:	<b>\$11,700</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**03 MAR (Saturday):**

## **SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)**

Born in 1858 into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Indians, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country.

## **ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?**

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### **WOMEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

The next meeting of the **Women's Faith and Fellowship Group** will be on **09 MAR 2018** at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. This month we will be showing *The Week that Changed the World* after praying the rosary; it will be followed up with a group discussion. This group is open to all women of the parish.

For more information contact:

**Elena Stallings** at [estallingsiv@gmail.com](mailto:estallingsiv@gmail.com) or

**Michaela Mitchell** at [Michaela7@outlook.com](mailto:Michaela7@outlook.com).

### **LENTEN CLASSES WITH FR. MARK MAZZA**

Taking up from last year, **Fr. Mazza** will finish his study and explanation of the *Apostles' Creed*. We will cover articles eight, nine, and ten.

Included is a discussion of the role of Mary in the life of the Church. All classes will be in the **O'Hare Center** on **Mondays** from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Please bring your own copy of the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. A few copies will be available for sale.

Here is the schedule:

- Monday, 26 FEB Article 8, "I believe in the Holy Spirit"
- Monday, 05 MAR Article 9, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church"
- Monday, 12 MAR the four marks of the true Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
- Monday, 19 MAR Christ's Faithful. What does it mean to be the people of God?
- Monday, 26 MAR Article 10, "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins."

### **ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC**

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Laura** at [nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com) or **650/257-7780** for more information.

### **NATIVITY ALTAR SOCIETY VASE SALE**

The **Altar Society** will be having a vase sale on **04 MAR 2018** after all the morning Masses. This is an opportunity to purchase favorite vases at a reduced price while supporting the Nativity Altar Society! Having a bridal party, or like to bring flowers to friends? How about displaying your favorite seashells, pretty rocks, or silk flowers? Come, find, and use the perfect vases that suit your needs!

Are you interested in joining the Altar Society? Come talk with a member at the sale - we are always looking for new members and have a job to suit everyone!



### **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):

**Tuesday: 08:00 AM**

**Thursday: 08:00 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

### MARRIAGES

**PARISHIONERS**

- Joylyn Balagtas
- Kate and Jeffrey Froula (*Athanasius*)

### DEATHS

## NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, **The Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **10 MAR 2018** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and two tickets redeemable for wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. Non-seafood ravioli option is also available. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite. Cost is \$50/person.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

The San Francisco Bay Catholic Men's Conference, *Called to Lead* will be held on **Saturday, 10 MAR 2018** from **09:00 AM-03:30 PM**. **Archbishop Cordileone** will celebrate Mass, and sacramental confession will be available. **Tim Whitmire**, founder of *The Iron Project*, will take part; **Fr. Joseph Illo** is the retreat leader, and the keynote speaker is **Doug Barry**, founder and director of the Catholic ministry *RADIX* and host of EWTN's new television program *Battle Ready*. Cost (includes lunch) is **\$45** (\$35 for early registration by **26 FEB 2018**). Fathers, bring your teen sons: **\$20** for men under 20.

Register online at [www.SFBayMen.info](http://www.SFBayMen.info).

The conference will be held at **St. Bartholomew Catholic Church**, 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo. For more information contact **Ed Hopfner** at [HopfnerE@sfarch.org](mailto:HopfnerE@sfarch.org) or **Betty** at 415/614-5680.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The **Columbian Senior Residence** is located in historic Marysville, California. It is an independent living residence for seniors in a small community setting. There are opportunities for spiritual growth and apostolic outreach. It has low rates, meals and housekeeping included; concessions are considered in the case of hardship. This community is a charitable enterprise of the **California Knights of Columbus**. For more information call 530/743 7542 or visit [www.columbiansenior.com](http://www.columbiansenior.com).

## SPIRITUAL CARE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathetic, well-grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours per week, then becoming a **Spiritual Care Service Volunteer** at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on **Saturday, 17 MAR 2018**, at **Stanford Hospital**. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact **Raksha Patel** at 650/723-5101 or [spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org](mailto:spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org). The deadline for submitting applications is **01 MAR 2018**.

## SAN MATEO 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*San Mateo 40 Days for Life* runs from **Ash Wednesday (14 FEB 2018)** through **Palm Sunday (25 MAR 2018)**.

**Vigil location:** Sidewalk, 35 Baywood Av, San Mateo;

**Vigil hours:** 07:00 AM-07:00 PM every day;

**Local contact:** Jessica –650/572-1468

or email: [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)

Nativity's day is **Sunday, 25 FEB 2018**.

Learn more ... and get involved:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo>



## HOUSING HELP NEEDED

Housing is needed for a young family moving to the Bay Area. The father will be teaching at **St. Patrick's Seminary** beginning in **August 2018**. This family (one child with one on the way) needs an affordable two-bedroom apartment, small house or cottage within commuting distance of the Seminary. If you have or know of such housing that will be available beginning July or later, please contact **Mary Wynne** at 650/367-8987 or [mewynne55@yahoo.com](mailto:mewynne55@yahoo.com). Thank you.

## BEST. LENT. EVER.



Lent comes every year. It is meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become "the best version of ourselves." But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it after Easter. This year you can change that with the **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, **14 FEB 2018**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from **Matthew Kelly**, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to [www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent).

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Formation in Spiritual (Evangelization) Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**ABSTINENCE:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

**FAST:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

## LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

<b>Mondays</b>	07:00 PM	<i>Apostles' Creed Class</i>
<b>Fridays</b>	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>21 MAR (Wednesday)</b>	07:00 PM	Penance Service
<b>29 MAR (Thursday)</b>	07:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
<b>30 MAR (Friday)</b>	12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	<i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. George Schultze, S.J.) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
<b>31 MAR (Saturday)</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
<b>01 APR (Sunday)</b>	08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
<b>02 APR (Monday)</b>	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

**25 FEB (SUN)**

**26 FEB (MON)**

**27 FEB (TUE)**

**28 FEB (WED)**

**01 MAR (THU)**

**02 MAR (FRI)** Lenten Friday

**03 MAR (SAT)**

**04 MAR (SUN)**

**05 MAR (MON)**

**06 MAR (TUE)**

**07 MAR (WED)**

**08 MAR (THU)**

**09 MAR (FRI)** Lenten Friday

**10 MAR (SAT)**

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

At the age of 18, a young Spaniard entered the Novitiate of The Brothers of the Christian Schools at Buggedo, Spain. Shortly after taking his vows, Brother Estanislao fell ill. Within several months he died saintly in March 1927. He was, according to the Master of Novices, a Privileged Soul, who had received Messages from Heaven. Confessors and Theologians recognized these supernatural facts. His Director asked him before his death to write the Promises made by Our Lord to those who have devotion to The Way of The Cross (The Stations of the Cross).

- I will grant everything that is asked of Me with faith when making The Way of The Cross.
- I promise Eternal Life to those who pray, from time to time, The Way of The Cross.
- I will follow them everywhere in life and I will help them, especially at the hour of death.
- Even if they have more sins than blades of grass in the fields, and grains of sand in the sea, all of them will be erased by The Way of The Cross.
- Those who pray The Way of The Cross often will have a special glory in Heaven.
- I will deliver them from Purgatory, indeed if they go there at all, the first Tuesday or Friday after their death.
- I will bless them at each Way of The Cross, and My blessing will follow them everywhere on earth and, after their death, in Heaven for all Eternity.
- At the hour of their death I will not permit the devil to tempt them; I will lift all power from him in order that they will repose tranquilly in My Arms.
- If they pray it [The Way of The Cross] with true love, I will make each one of them a living Ciborium in which it will please Me to pour My grace.
- I will fix My Eyes on those who pray The Way of The Cross often; My hands will always be open to protect them.
- As I am nailed to the Cross, so also will I always be with those who honor Me in making The Way of The Cross frequently.
- They will never be able to separate themselves from Me, for I will give them the grace never again to commit a mortal sin.
- At the hour of death I will console them with My Presence and we will go together to Heaven. Death will be sweet to all those who have honored Me during their lives by praying The Way of The Cross.
- My Soul will be a protective shield for them, and will always help them, whenever they have recourse.