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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

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Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Patrick Hartin

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## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 21 JANUARY 2018

Jesus came to Galilee  
proclaiming the gospel of God.

**MARK 1: 14**



The Calling of the Fishermen -- Harry Anderson

### FIRST READING

God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way.

JONAH 3: 1-5, 10

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior.

PSALMS 25

### SECOND READING

For the world in its present form is passing away.

1 CORINTHIANS 7: 29-31

### GOSPEL

They abandoned their nets and followed Him.

MARK 1: 14-20

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 JAN

<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>	† Edward Turner
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Patricia and Gene Winnike
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Ricky Torres; † Matthew Cruz
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Katherine Eastman; † Mrs. Jerry Spyrow; † Dr. Joseph Dimino; † John Gaffney
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Joseph McGinn
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Irene Tkacz
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Paul Otellini
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Terry Edel; † George Edel
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Celia Micheletti
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Max Francois; † Isaac Puthota; † Matilda Soares; † Matthew Lloyd Bell, II

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

18-25 JAN 2018  
is the  
Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity



*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*




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

<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>21 JAN</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>22 JAN</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:30 PM 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society
<b>23 JAN</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H <sup>4</sup> Faith Formation Class
<b>24 JAN</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
<b>25 JAN</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM 07:00 PM	The Thursday Group First Eucharist Parent Meeting
<b>26 JAN</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>		
<b>27 JAN</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>		<i>Walk for Life West Coast</i>



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF <b>06-07 JAN</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$13,605</b>
ADA Progress: 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	<b>GOAL MET!</b> <b>\$165,940</b>

Donate online: [www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA](http://www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA)

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 22 JAN (Monday): DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Pray fervently for an end to abortion.

## 24 JAN (Wednesday): SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1567-1622)

Bishop of Geneva who sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, written especially for ordinary lay people living active lives in the world. With **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** he co-founded the Visitation Order.

## 25 JAN (Thursday): THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

*The Conversion of St. Paul,*  
Bartolome Murillo



## 26 JAN (Friday): SAINTS TIMOTHY and TITUS, Bishops

**Timothy** joined **St. Paul** on his missionary journeys and became his close friend and confidant, receiving at least two Pauline letters that would become part of the canon. **Titus**, a Gentile, was converted by **St. Paul** and became his disciple and fellow missionary.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Thank you for your donations at SVdP **Brown Bag Sundays** throughout the year. The collection at the most recent Brown Bag on New Year's Eve was **\$4,908**. For all of 2017, Nativity Parishioners contributed more than **\$45,000** to Nativity's Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The mission of SVDP's Nativity Conference is to assist any living within our parish boundaries with short-term emergency assistance. During 2017, SVdP members made **475** home visits, provided more than **\$15,000** of Safeway Gift Cards, and with the help of 2nd Harvest delivered more than **20,000** pounds of food. In conjunction with SVdP San Mateo County District Council, the conference also helped people stay in their homes and keep the utilities on by paying almost **\$45,000** in rent and utility bills. This good work is due to your continued support at Brown Bag Sundays throughout the year.

We can always use a few more hands, so please also consider joining us for as little as 3 hours per month. You will receive more than you give. Thank you again.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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**.

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

## NATIVITY LIBRARY

Nativity has an excellent library in the **O'Hare Center**. It is chock full of books on Lives of the Saints, Spirituality, Bible Studies, Theology, Teens, Family, Catholic Fiction, and lots of Children's books. It is open on Sunday morning from **07:30 AM-12:30 PM**. For other times, you may get a key from the office. Take advantage of the great books that will supplement and increase your spiritual growth. All books (400+) and DVDs (100+) have been donated by parishioners, and the borrowing is on the honor system. For questions, call **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):

**Sunday: 04:00 PM**

**Thursday: 10:00 PM**

**Friday: 09:00 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.

*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

DEATHS • Richard Cesarin

OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to a special Open House on Sunday, 28 JAN 2018, from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM. This is especially for families interested in joining the Nativity community (grades PreSchool-7). The open house is at the school at 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Visit our website: [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com)

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## NATIVITY AUCTION 2018

Please save the date to join us for the **15th Annual Nativity Auction, Enter the Forbidden City**, on **Saturday, 10 FEB 2018** at Nativity School. Cocktails and Silent Auction will start at **05:30 PM** with Dinner and the Live Auction to follow. This year for your entertainment we will have Lion Dancers perform during dinner. After the Live Auction ends our **Shanghai Gambling Den** will open! The Nativity Auction is a huge success every year due to the involvement and support of our wonderful community and the incredible items that you donate and we hope that you can help again to make this year's Auction a smashing success! This fundraising event helps provide financial assistance for classroom technology, teacher development, scholarships and many more resources that directly benefit the students of Nativity School.

If you would like to attend, donate to or help sponsor this year's Auction or have any questions please email [nativityauction@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityauction@yahoo.com) or visit the auction website at [www.nativityauction.com](http://www.nativityauction.com).

## DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

Please join the **Nuns of Daughters of Carmel** for "A Fresh Encounter with the Love of God." This is a series of recollections on deepening God's love and mercy through the flame of the Holy Spirit. These days of recollection will be held on **20 JAN, 03 FEB** and **10 FEB 2018** from **09:30 AM-02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Registration is free. Please bring your own lunch. To register please contact the Daughters of Carmel at [daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com](mailto:daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com) or **650/329-8518**.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

This year's **Spiritual Warfare Conference** will be on **Saturday, 24 FEB 2018** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. **Father Gary Thomas**, exorcist of the San Jose diocese, and **Fr. Robert Spitzer**, a physicist and EWTN host, will be our featured speakers. Brochures are around the church, or you can register online by **09 FEB 2018** at [www.heartsoflove.biz](http://www.heartsoflove.biz). For questions, call **Deacon Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

## NATIVITY SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

Our program is looking for a **preschool teacher** to add to our team. We have a play-based classroom environment with dedicated teachers and supportive parents. If you are interested in being a part of a preschool program that uses project-based curriculum, please send cover letter and résumé to **Tina Baluyut**, Pre-School Director at [tbaluyut@nativityschool.com](mailto:tbaluyut@nativityschool.com), Subject: Preschool Teacher. For more information about our program, please visit [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com).

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a **free Clothing Distribution Center** which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

## SVdP CATHERINE CENTER: RELIEF STAFF (P/T)

**Saint Vincent de Paul's Catherine Center** is a transitional place of safety and dignity for women to live and heal upon leaving incarceration. We seek compassionate individuals who can be present to our women when the program manager is not available (nights, holidays and weekends). Duties include supervising activities on and off site, keeping case notes, being a kind and listening presence to the residents, maintaining a safe and supportive atmosphere, coordinating activities that promote a healthy lifestyle (such as weekend walks), communicating with the program staff, and transporting and accompanying the women to worship services and community events, as needed. The ideal candidate has experience working with those in recovery, an open heart and excellent communication skills.

Email: [vclausing@svdpsm.org](mailto:vclausing@svdpsm.org)

For questions call Program Director **Vivian Clausing** at **650/838-9800**.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Religious Minorities in Asia (Evangelization)

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **03 FEB 2018** at **10:00 AM** the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold its annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass** for husbands and wives and their families who will be celebrating a 5-year anniversary in 2018 (5, 10, 15, ... 30, 35, ... 50, or more than 50 years of marriage). The principal celebrant will be **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. The Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Registration is required at [www.anniversarymass.net](http://www.anniversarymass.net).

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our celebration of the **World Day of the Sick** at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, on **Saturday, 10 FEB 2018** at **11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Contact **Kenneth Ryan**, [kenmryan@aol.com](mailto:kenmryan@aol.com), **415/613-0395** for more information.

### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **27 JAN 2018**. There will be Mass at **09:30 AM** celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at **12:30 PM** in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at **01:30 PM**. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call **415/658-1793**.



### WALK FOR LIFE BUS

On **Saturday, 27 JAN 2018**, our Archdiocese will again be sponsoring the annual **West Coast Walk for Life**. This is always the biggest and most peaceful demonstration in San Francisco and a great way to pray and motive the preservation of life from conception to natural death. To facilitate our participation, we have a bus to take us up and back. It will leave at **10:30 AM** and return in the afternoon. To reserve a place on it or for any questions, please contact **Mary Ellen Peloso**, **650/269-7794**.



## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>21 JAN (SUN)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Agnes</b> THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>22 JAN (MON)</b>	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>23 JAN (TUE)</b>	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>24 JAN (WED)</b>	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>25 JAN (THU)</b>	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>26 JAN (FRI)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
<b>27 JAN (SAT)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas FIRST Day: St. Agatha
<b>28 JAN (SUN)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas</b> SECOND Day: St. Agatha
<b>29 JAN (MON)</b>	THIRD Day: St. Agatha
<b>30 JAN (TUE)</b>	FOURTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>31 JAN (WED)</b>	FIFTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>01 FEB (THU)</b>	SIXTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>02 FEB (FRI)</b>	SEVENTH Day: St. Agatha FIRST Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>03 FEB (SAT)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. Agatha SECOND Day: Our Lady of Lourdes

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Saint Thomas Aquinas:**

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

**Saint Agatha:**

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/qcm7zmr>

**Our Lady of Lourdes:**

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

### 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)

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

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

### 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



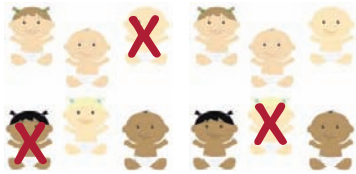
being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

# PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

EVERY FOURTH BABY CONCEIVED IN THE UNITED STATES IS KILLED BY ABORTION.

59,116,000 +

abortions in the United States since Roe v. Wade (1973)



<http://www.numberofabortions.com>

How big is 57+ million? Watch this:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qv6UDT\\_iU#t=51](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Qv6UDT_iU#t=51)

## ON-LINE PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

- National Right to Life Council [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)
- Priests for Life [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)
- California Pro-Life Council [www.californiaprolife.org](http://www.californiaprolife.org)
- Gospel of Life Institute [www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org](http://www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org)
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- Natl. Committee for a Human Life Amendment [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org)
- Project Rachel [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com)

IN THE TWO MINUTES IT TAKES YOU TO READ THIS PAGE, 7 BABIES WILL DIE BY ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT, PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATED THAT IT ABORTED 328,346 BABIES IN THEIR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.

That's 900 babies per day!

That's a baby every 96 seconds!

### COMPARE THE PPFA ABORTION NUMBERS:

2010: **329,445**  
 2011: **333,924**  
 2012: **327,166**  
 2013: **327,653**  
 2014: **323,999**  
 2015: **328,346**



## "MEET THE KILLERS"

GUNS	Kill approximately <b>30,000</b> people each year in the U.S. <b>55%</b> of those deaths are self-inflicted.
ALCOHOL	Kills approximately <b>35,000</b> people each year in the U.S. <b>71%</b> of those deaths are self-inflicted.
CIGARETTES	Kill approximately <b>440,000</b> people each year in the U.S. <b>91%</b> of those deaths are self inflicted.
ABORTION	kills approximately <b>1,210,000</b> people each year in the U.S. Less than <b>0.00001%</b> of those deaths are self inflicted.

Abortion kills **more than twice as many people** each year as guns, alcohol, and cigarettes combined.

<http://www.abort73.com>

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN DECLINE**  
 The Executive Director of HOPE Resource Center (on the Heartbeat Intl. website) observes that Planned Parenthood clinics hit their peak in 1995, with 935 clinics. Today they have only 597 (a 36% decline) -- PP closed another 32 clinics in 2017.

