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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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**FIRST READING**

I will ... put My words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.  
**DEUTERONOMY 18: 15-20**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

**PSALMS 95****SECOND READING**

I am telling you this ... for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

**1 CORINTHIANS 7: 32-35****GOSPEL**

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him.

**MARK 1: 21-28**

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 28 JANUARY 2018

What is this?  
A new teaching with authority.

**MARK 1: 27**

### CALENDAR

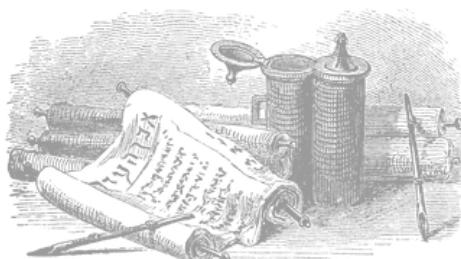
#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 JAN - 03 FEB

<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>	† Paul Otellini
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Lucienne Woods
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† George Gould
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Marie Masuda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	In thanksgiving; † Melvin Kerwin; † Alida Moore; † Kevin Contreras
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Dennis De Cota
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF #351 living and deceased members
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	John and Boo Rackers
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Marie Firenzi
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Pat Kolbe; † Adolph and Marie Firenzi; † Max Francois; † Tony Sanchez-Corea

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*



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>28 JAN</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>29 JAN</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>30 JAN</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM	Faith Formation Class
		07:00 PM	H <sup>4</sup>
		07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class
<b>31 JAN</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
<b>01 FEB</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>02 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>		<i>First Friday</i> <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>
<b>03 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	06:00 PM	<i>First Saturday</i> <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> Nativity Date Night



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

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>13-14 JAN</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$12,621</b>
ADA Progress: 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	<b>GOAL MET! \$165,940</b>

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

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**31 JAN (Wednesday):**

**SAINT JOHN BOSCO, Priest (1815-1888)**



Born in Becchi, Italy, John devoted his priestly life to children. He was ordained in 1841, and by 1846 he had befriended 800 difficult boys. He founded a religious society, now known as the **Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians)**, which spread worldwide. He also helped found the **Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians** who work with poor girls.

**02 FEB (Friday):**

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

According to the Law of Moses, Jesus would have been brought to the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth to be presented to God. It was then that **Simeon** and **Anna** made their prophecies concerning the lives of the child and His mother. At the beginning of the 8th century, **Pope Sergius** inaugurated a candlelight procession to commemorate this event, including the blessing and distribution of candles. This gave the feast its popular name: **Candlemas**.



**03 FEB (Saturday):**

**SAINT BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr (d. ~316)**

Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who was persecuted under the governor Agricola. While in prison, he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone (leading to the blessing of throats on his feast day). Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and join him to prove the power of their gods: they all drowned. He was then martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs, and beheaded.

**SAINT ANSGAR, Archbishop (801-865)**

Benedictine monk and Archbishop of Hamburg. He established the first Christian school in Denmark and was responsible for many conversions in Scandinavia, including Erik, the King of Jutland.

There will be a blessing of the throats after the 08:00 AM Mass on Saturday, 03 FEB 2018, the feast day of Saint Blaise



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### WOMEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Ladies, please join us for spiritual enrichment, development, growth, and fellowship. Our group will meet on the second **Friday** of the month in the **O'Hare Center** at **07:00 PM**. This group is open to all women of the parish for fellowship, prayer, finger foods, and drinks. We will often show Christian-based movies. Our first meeting will be on **09 FEB 2018** at **07:00 PM**. This month we will be showing *The Case for Christ*. 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).

### 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

*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** • Daniel Sanchez  
• Joe Freese

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

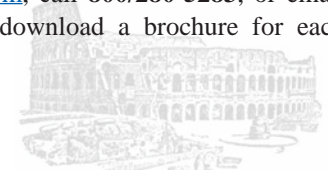
This year's **Spiritual Warfare Conference** will be on **Saturday, 24 FEB 2018** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. **Father Gary Thomas**, exorcist of the San Jose diocese, and **Fr. Robert Spitzer**, a physicist and EWTN host, will be our featured speakers. Brochures are around the 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).

## SUMMER PROGRAM IN ROME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

*ProRome* is an organization that offers summer programs for boys and girls ages **14-17** in Rome. The programs for boys, *Catholica Summer Program: Forming Young Men into Confident, Catholic Gentlemen*, will be held **18 MAY-05 JUN 2018** and **08-26 JUN 2018**. The program for girls, *Bella Vita Summer Program: A Young Woman's Immersion Program in Art History, Cooking and Italian*, will be **28 JUN-18 JUL 2018**. Space is limited for each program. Every day begins with Mass, which is usually (but not always) in St. Peter's Basilica. The programs' chaplains celebrate both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Mass. For an application or for more information about each of these highly-recommended programs visit [www.prorome.com](http://www.prorome.com), call **800/280-5283**, or email [jlong@prorome.com](mailto:jlong@prorome.com). You can download a brochure for each program from the website.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

## 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>

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Say 'No' to Corruption  
**(Universal)**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### 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).



Dear Msgr. Otellini,  
Our St. Juan Diego Women's Center is deeply grateful for the presents your Adopt-a-Family program donated to our needy families. They brought much joy to our families.

May God bless you,  
The St. Juan Diego Center Family

Dear Adopt-a-Family,  
We are so fortunate to have your personal sponsorship and support of Nativity with your assorted gift/duffle bags and backpacks filled with toiletries and Target Gift Cards. Thanks so very much. Your kindness profoundly touched our homeless brothers and sisters in different ways. Some of our clients were moved to tears, and others were filled with visible joy to see the assortment of gift bags and had difficulty deciding which bag to choose. Some announced they'd be using their gift cards to buy toys for their child/children. My wish for you is that you all could have personally experienced the very special reception of your efforts.

Thank you and God bless you all.  
Joan Madera,  
St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Desk, Redwood City

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<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
<b>04 FEB (SUN)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Agatha THIRD Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>05 FEB (MON)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Agatha</b> FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>06 FEB (TUE)</b>	FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>07 FEB (WED)</b>	SIXTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>08 FEB (THU)</b>	SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>09 FEB (FRI)</b>	EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>03 FEB (SAT)</b>	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**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)

**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)

### 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**, [kennryan@aol.com](mailto:kennryan@aol.com), **415/613-0395** for more information.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Here are some numbers we should all remember.

### THE EIGHT BEATITUDES

(Matthew 5: 3-10)

- Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
- Blessed are they who mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.
- Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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### THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5: 22-23 and CCC.1832)

- CHARITY
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- MODESTY
- SELF-CONTROL
- CHASTITY

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### THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Isaiah 11: 2-3)

- WISDOM
- UNDERSTANDING
- COUNSEL
- FORTITUDE
- KNOWLEDGE
- PIETY
- FEAR OF THE LORD

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### SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT (CCC.2091+)

- DESPAIR
- PRESUMPTION OF GOD'S MERCY (either presuming on one's own capabilities, or presuming that God, in His infinite mercy, will grant forgiveness without conversion, and glory without merit)
- IMPUGNING THE KNOWN TRUTH (to attack, resist or contradict the truth)
- ENVY OF THE SPIRITUAL GOOD OF ANOTHER
- OBSTINACY IN SIN (stubbornly persisting in sin)
- FINAL IMPENITENCE (being unwilling to repent)

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### THE TWELVE APOSTLES

- PETER
- ANDREW
- MATTHEW
- THOMAS
- PHILIP
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JOHN
- JAMES
- SIMON
- JUDE (THADDEUS)
- JAMES (the Less)
- JUDAS-ISCARIOT
- MATTHIAS

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### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

- I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before Me.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not kill.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- You shall not covet your neighbor's possessions.

### THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

- PRIDE
- ENVY
- GLUTTONY
- LUST
- ANGER
- GREED
- SLOTH

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