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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. Mark G. Mazza

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11 MARCH 2018

God did not send His Son into the world
to condemn the world, but that
the world might be saved through Him.

JOHN 3: 17



FIRST READING

Early and often did the Lord ... send His messengers to them.

2 CHRONICLES 36: 14-16, 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land?

PSALMS 137

SECOND READING

This is not from you; it is the gift of God.

EPHESIANS 2: 4-10

GOSPEL

The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light.

JOHN 3: 14-21

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 11 - 17 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Paul Otellini
	05:30 PM	† Patricia and Gene Winnike
TUE	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Matilda Soares
WED	07:30 AM	† Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
THU	07:30 AM	† James Barrett
	05:30 PM	Jim Burke; † Melvin Kerwin; † Phil and Theresa DiGioia; † Roderick Barbanica
FRI	07:30 AM	† Joe Mantero
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Wynne
SAT	08:00 AM	Rich Martinez; † Frances Hogan; † Grace and Richard Hughes; † Carol Burton; † Viola Zoodsma

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




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

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)

11 MAR	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
12 MAR	(Monday)	07:00 PM 07:30 PM	Apostle's Creed Class Legion of Mary
13 MAR	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H ⁴ Faith Formation Class
14 MAR	(Wednesday)	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
15 MAR	(Thursday)	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
16 MAR	(Friday)	02:15 PM 06:00 PM	<i>Lenten Friday</i> Stations of the Cross (School) Stations of the Cross
17 MAR	(Saturday)		



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 24-25 FEB
TOTAL:	\$11,703
Ash Wednesday:	\$3,691

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

17 MAR (Saturday):

SAINT PATRICK OF IRELAND, Bishop (385-461)



Patrick was probably the son of a Roman-British official. At 16, he was captured by raiders and taken to pagan Ireland to tend sheep. He escaped from slavery, studied for the priesthood in Britain, and was ordained. He was consecrated a bishop around **432** and was returned to Ireland. He raised the standards of scholarship and tirelessly preached the Gospel despite the opposition of chieftains and Druids whom

he is said to have overcome by miraculous means. He converted most of the island to the faith, and of course is now revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

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

NATIVITY LIBRARY

Our library, located in the **O'Hare Center**, has a librarian present to assist you on weekends.

Wayne Reuss is there after both **05:00 PM** Masses on the weekend, as well as after the **09:30** and **11:30 AM** Masses on Sunday morning. Stop by and check out this excellent library for all your spiritual needs. There are books on Apologetics (to help explain and defend the faith), Lives of the Saints, Scripture, Marian devotion and theology, and the most popular: Spirituality. It contains hundreds of classic and modern works as well as many DVD's and CD's to assist you in your growth and conformity to Jesus. You can borrow books on the honor system, returning them when completed. During the week, you can get the library key from the office. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso: 650/269-6279**.



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 remaining schedule:

- 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."

CHILDRENS ADORATION

A Holy Hour designed to bring your little ones along! Jesus said "Let the children come to Me." He will be so excited to see them there! Hosted by **Bay Area Catholic Moms** and **Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms**. A potluck lunch will follow in the **O'Hare Center**. Bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share. Sandwiches provided.

Date: **Wednesday, 21 MAR 2018**
Place: **Church of the Nativity**
Time: **10:00-11:00 AM** (adoration)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (lunch)

Contact:
Monica Hendricks mmthendricks@gmail.com
home phone: **650/704-4201**

Lindsey Gilmore linz1688@gmail.com
937/329-0414

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

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**
- Kyle Yves, son of Douglas and Marjorie Janiewicz
 - Alessandra Marie, daughter of Freddy Garcia and Jazmyn Silva
 - Jayden Brandon, son of Dale Orthner and Maryah Pimentel

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Mary Ruder
 - Suzanne Lussier
 - Teresa Burris
 - Dorothy Dell'omo

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRS collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about this collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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: *CRS*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 17 MAR 2018**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vai) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for our April program, beginning with a weekend on **13-15 APR 2018**, call **415/893-1005** or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site online at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

**RETROUAILLE**
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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. The deadline for submitting applications is **01 MAR 2018**.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a **Holy Hour** at the Church of the Nativity (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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 newynne55@yahoo.com. Thank you.



BEST. LENT. EVER.

Dynamic Catholic

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.

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

Mondays	07:00 PM	<i>Apostles' Creed Class</i>
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
21 MAR (Wednesday)	07:00 PM	<i>Spy Wednesday</i> Penance Service
29 MAR (Thursday)	07:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
30 MAR (Friday)	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
31 MAR (Saturday)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
01 APR (Sunday)	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)
02 APR (Monday)	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

11 MAR (SUN)	FOURTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
12 MAR (MON)	FIFTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
13 MAR (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph
14 MAR (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph
15 MAR (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph
16 MAR (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph FIRST Day: The Annunciation
17 MAR (SAT)	Fest of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation
18 MAR (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation
19 MAR (MON)	Fest of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation
20 MAR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: The Annunciation
21 MAR (WED)	SIXTH Day: The Annunciation
22 MAR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation
23 MAR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation
24 MAR (SAT)	NINTH Day: The Annunciation

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Patrick:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm

Saint Joseph:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm

SVdP: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT WANTED

Are you looking for a meaningful career? Turn your compassion into action! The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County is currently hiring for the **Director of Development** position. SVdP's Director of Development will be responsible for managing activities related to fundraising and mission advancement. We are looking for an experienced, passionate, and joyful individual to join our team. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits! All applications should be submitted electronically to the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County*, Attention: Executive Director, at info@svdpsm.org and should include a letter of application, resume, writing sample and contact information for three professional references. A review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. SVdP is an equal opportunity employer.



LENT

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day during **Holy Week** has a traditional name associated with it:

- **Fig Monday** -- The Gospel for this day is from the 21st chapter of Matthew, where Jesus curses a fruitless fig tree, that it may never again bear fruit. It is a reminder to us of a coming judgment if we choose not to bear good fruit in the service of God.
- In the Byzantine Rite, the second day of Holy Week is called **Great and Holy Tuesday** or simply **Great Tuesday**.
- **Spy Wednesday** -- This is the day on which Judas conspired with the chief priests to betray Jesus in return for 30 pieces of silver. At that point Judas began to "spy" on our Lord's activities. Matthew tells us in the 26th chapter: *"From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus."*
- **Maundy Thursday** -- Better known as Holy Thursday, the word "maundy" comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "to give" or "to entrust", and refers in particular to Jesus' words that we are told in the 13th chapter of John: *"A new commandment I give to you, to love one another."*
- **Good Friday** -- The day on which Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, He Who is most sinless, gave His life for the good of all sinners.
- **Holy Saturday** -- In certain rites this is also called the **Great Sabbath** or **Black Saturday**. In some traditions the "Harrowing of Hell" is remembered (the part of the Creed that states *"He descended into hell"* to bring salvation to all the righteous who had died).

MISSION HOLY WEEK FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES

The **Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry** office is sponsoring *"Mission Holy Week"*—a mission trip in our own backyard for high school and college students, **Palm Sunday, 25 MAR 2018 to Easter Sunday, 01 APR 2018**. Join in on any day, for a different activity each day. Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge; do street missions; attend a rally; join in Eucharistic Adoration; create living Stations of the Cross; worship at the National Shrine of St. Francis; begin and end the week at Mass with **Archbishop Cordileone** in the Cathedral, on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. There are full-week and day-long opportunities to participate, with overnight accommodations available, as well as day opportunities for parents and younger children. Logistics missionaries are also needed. Visit www.missionyouthsf.com for more information and to register or support. For complete information on Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry events, visit the website www.sfarchdiocese.org/youthministry or contact **Amanda George 415/614-5595** georgea@sfarch.org



DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Gospel contains the **most-often-quoted passage** in the entire Bible:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

-- John 3:16

MORE JOHN 3:16 . . .

A video of former NFL quarterback **Tim Tebow** recalling an amazing Biblical 'coincidence' in his life went viral on social media in JAN 2018.

The story begins with Tebow in his college football years. It was **2009** and he was weeks away from competing in the highly televised national championship football game.

Tebow said God led him to write *John 3:16* under his eyes for all the world to see while he played.

After winning the championship game he found out something incredible happened: during the game, 94 million people Googled John 3:16

"Honestly my first thought was 'How do 94 million people not know John 3:16?'" Tebow said. *"I was just so humbled by how big the God is that we serve."*

But that's not where the story ends.

Fast-forward three years to **2012**. Tebow is a Denver Bronco playing the Pittsburgh Steelers in the playoffs, and after the Broncos won, he headed into the post-game press conference when his public relations representative stopped him in his tracks.

"He says, 'Timmy, did you realize what happened? It's exactly three years later from the day that you wore John 3:16 under your eyes,'" Tebow continued. *"I was like, 'Oh, that's really cool.'"*

"He said, 'No, I don't think you realize what happened. During the game you threw for 316 yards, your yards per completion were 31.6, your yards per rush were 3.16, the ratings for the night we're 31.6, and the time of possession was 31.06 and during the game 91 million people googled John 3:16 and it's the number one trending thing on every platform.'"

God still so loves the world . . .

TAIZÉ RETREAT FOR YOUTH

"Taizé for Youth: Inexhaustible Joy" is a weekend of prayer and reflection with the **Brothers of Taizé** for young people 16 to 35. Dig deeper into the wellsprings of joy! Join us for a weekend of community prayer, reflection, workshops, and sharing led by the Brothers of Taizé. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to join in a community of faith. This weekend is to be held on **18-19 MAY 2018** at the **Mercy Center**, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame.

For more information and to register visit

www.mercy-center.org/Flyers_2018/0518TaizeRetreat/retreat.html or email bsoracco@mercywmw.org.