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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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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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FIRST READING

At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

DANIEL 12: 1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

PSALMS 16

SECOND READING

Now He waits until His enemies are made His footstool.

HEBREWS 10: 11-14, 18

GOSPEL

But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

MARK 13: 24-32



A General Before His King - Tim Davis

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 NOVEMBER 2018

Heaven and earth shall pass away,
But My words shall not pass away.

MARK 13: 31

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18-24 NOV

SAT 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	Merle Talens; † Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	The Dorman and Tropeano families, living and deceased
TUE 07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
05:30 PM	The Grimberg family; † Danny Olin; † Lou La Torre; † Deceased members of the Wagstaffe family; † Souls in Purgatory
WED 07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	† Mary Ellen Eichler
THU 09:00 AM	† Marie Kitano
FRI 09:00 AM	The Zappettini family
SAT 08:00 AM	The Ocafrain family; † Sally O'Hare; ✠ Miriam Mueller; † Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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**.

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)
18 NOV	(Sunday) 03:00 PM	Adopt-a-Family RCIA
19 NOV	(Monday) 06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
20 NOV	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation: The Mass H ⁴ Faith Formation: The Mass
21 NOV	(Wednesday)	
22 NOV	(Thursday)	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
23 NOV	(Friday)	
24 NOV	(Saturday)	



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 03-04 NOV
TOTAL:	\$11,379
All Saints Day:	\$3,522
St. Patrick's Seminary:	\$7,028
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2018 ADA Goal:	\$79,735 \$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 NOV (Wednesday):

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Commemorating the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child in the Temple where, according to tradition, she was educated. The feast originated in the Orient, probably about the 7th century. It was introduced into the Western Church in the 14th century, abolished by Pope Pius V, but reestablished by Sixtus V in 1585.

22 NOV (Thursday)

SAINT CECILIA, Martyr (d. 177)

Cecilia was a cultivated patrician woman of high Roman society.



She vowed her virginity to God, and on her wedding night converted her husband, Valerian. He and his brother began a ministry to bury Christian martyrs, and were martyred themselves because of it, along with Cecilia. Her body was found incorrupt almost 1500 years after its burial.

THANKSGIVING DAY

23 NOV (Friday)

SAINT CLEMENT I, Pope and Martyr

Consecrated by **Saint Peter**, he was the fourth pope. He was said to have worked closely with **Saint Paul**. Clement was martyred during the persecutions of Trajan.

SAINT COLUMBAN, Abbot

Missionary to Ireland, England and France, who went on to found many monasteries. Among the miracles attributed to him is the taming and yoking of a bear to help with the monastery's harvest.

BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTIN PRO, Martyr

Priest who conducted an "underground" ministry in Mexico in the 1920's, when the Church was greatly persecuted.

24 NOV (Saturday):

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Martyr (1735-1839), AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs

Andrew was imprisoned and repeatedly tortured in the persecutions of Minh-Meng, and died with **Saint Peter Thi** and the **Martyrs of Vietnam**.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week the second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in seven people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remain in our archdiocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. You may learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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: 02:00 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).

THANKSGIVING MASS COLLECTION

The collection taken at Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, 22 NOV 2018**, will benefit the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and their work in our local community with needy families. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society obtains the non-perishable food they distribute from Second Harvest. With the money donated SVdP also provides chickens and Safeway cards for fresh vegetables to the people and families they visit. They use some of the money donated to provide rental and PG&E assistance to some families. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, **22-23 NOV 2018** for Thanksgiving. There will be one Mass, at **09:00 AM**, on both Thursday and Friday.

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.



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 • Lucia Amantia, daughter of Hirav and Jordan Gandhi
• Marcelo, son of Jesus and Chelsea Cordero

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Philip Bank

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)

UPDATE ON FR. MARK MAZZA

Fr. Mark Mazza has been appointed permanent pastor of the **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Belmont. He was originally to stay there as an administrator until January and then become pastor of St. Isabella Catholic Church in San Rafael, but he will now stay in Belmont. His address there is 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, Ca 94002. The parish phone number is **650/593-6157**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our **28th Annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family** will begin this month. Sign-ups are after all the Masses on the weekend of **17-18 NOV 2018**. 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. The delivery date is also a great time to get involved with and get to know fellow parishioners. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso: 650/269-7794**.



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.

RESPONSE TO THE CHURCH ABUSE CRISIS

I am very grateful to all of those who participated last Sunday in the prayer vigil and discussion of the clergy sexual abuse crisis in the Church. I believe it was constructive, informative, and encouraging. Some of the resources that I cited that evening are listed here, and readily available on the internet:

- The John Jay College of Criminal Justice study done for the Bishops' conference in 2004:

<https://tinyurl.com/JohnJayStudy2004>

- The John Jay Study follow-up done in 2011

<https://tinyurl.com/JohnJayStudy2011>

- An interesting and very readable article in Psychology Today about the "myths" regarding abuse in the Church:

<https://tinyurl.com/sixAbuseMyths>

- An analysis of the report of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania in Catalyst Magazine:

<https://tinyurl.com/grandJuryDebunked>

In addition to these articles, there is abundant information on the websites for the **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**.

Msgr. Steven Otellini

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH AND SCHOOL PRESENT..

On **18 NOV 2018** at **04:30 PM** at St. Raymond Church, **Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.** will speak in the transformative power of community and kinship happening through *Homeboy Industries*, one of the largest gang intervention programs in the country. Homeboy Industries serves over 10,000 men and women who walk through its doors each year, seeking to change their lives. This event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. Suggested age 13+. St. Raymond Catholic Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park, www.straymondmp.org

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: In the Service of Peace
(Universal)

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

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

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

18 NOV (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
19 NOV (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
20 NOV (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
21 NOV (WED)	NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
22 NOV (THU)	THANKSGIVING DAY Feast of Saint Cecilia
23 NOV (FRI)	
24 NOV (SAT)	
25 NOV (SUN)	
26 NOV (MON)	
27 NOV (TUE)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (WED)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas
29 NOV (THU)	THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas
30 NOV (FRI)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
01 DEC (SAT)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

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

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

OPEN HOUSE

All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade families are invited to the **Mercy High School, Burlingame Open House on Sunday, 18 NOV 2018** from **01:00-04:00 PM**. Mercy is an all-girls, Catholic college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. For more information contact the Admissions Office at **650/762-1114** or visit our website at www.mercyhhsb.com.

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.

Let Us Give Thanks

PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favor, able interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

--Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789

Washington



GIVE THANKS FOR: SARAH JOSEPHA BUELL HALE

"Who?", you may ask. **Sarah Hale** is "*the lady who saved Thanksgiving.*" This amazing woman raised five children, wrote poetry, children's books, novels and biographies, was the first female magazine editor in America, published great American writers like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Edgar Allan Poe, composed the nursery rhyme "*Mary Had a Little Lamb*", fought for playgrounds for children, schools for girls, the erecting of historical monuments, the abolition of slavery, and ... making Thanksgiving into a national holiday.

Sarah was born in 1788 and grew up hearing patriotic stories from her father, a disabled veteran of the Revolutionary War. Sarah Hale loved Thanksgiving, and noticed that even though people in the New England states celebrated the holiday, states in other parts of the country were starting to ignore Thanksgiving. Sarah was the editor of a magazine for ladies, and wrote editorials encouraging her readers to ask for a national holiday for Thanksgiving. She herself wrote thousands of letters to politicians in every state asking for a Thanksgiving holiday. One by one, the states agreed and made Thanksgiving a holiday in their state. But Sarah wanted a national holiday, that everyone celebrated together, at the same time, like a big family.

So Sarah Hale wrote letters to the President. **Zachary Taylor** said "No." **Millard Fillmore** said "No." **Franklin Pierce** said "No." **James Buchanan** said "No." But Sarah refused to give up. She wrote a letter to the next President after that ... and **Abraham Lincoln** said "Yes." In 1863 President Lincoln declared the fourth Thursday of November a national day of Thanksgiving. It had taken Sarah Hale thirty-eight years to make this happen, but this bold, brave, stubborn, smart lady saved Thanksgiving for all of us.

Taken from "*Thank You, Sarah - The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving*"
by **Laurie Halse Anderson**