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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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FIRST READING

I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven.

DANIEL 7: 13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your throne stands firm from of old.

PSALMS 93

SECOND READING

Behold, He is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see Him.

REVELATION 1: 5-8

GOSPEL

For this I was born and for this I came into the world.

JOHN 18: 33-37



SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

25 NOVEMBER 2018

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away.

DANIEL 7: 14

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 NOV - 01 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Marta Montelibano
	05:30 PM	† Souls in Purgatory
TUE	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Tere Rios
	05:30 PM	Patty Kaufusi; † The Jones family, deceased members † Milagros Mahiney; † Lily Griffith Trigueros; † Souls in Purgatory
THU	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Judy Woods
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Kathleen Demeter
	05:30 PM	Audrey Custodio; † Souls in Purgatory
SAT	08:00 AM	Steve San Filippo; Sharon Duanowicz; † Sally O'Hare; ✠ Miriam Mueller

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)

25 NOV (Sunday)

26 NOV (Monday)

06:15 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

27 NOV (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Faith Formation: The Mass
07:00 PM H⁴
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28 NOV (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class (School)

29 NOV (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group

30 NOV (Friday)

01 DEC (Saturday) *First Saturday*

1st

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**.



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 10-11 NOV
TOTAL:	\$12,219
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$80,085
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

26 NOV (Monday)

SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, Martyr (d. ~305)

(*apocryphal*) At 18, she debated the pagan philosophers of Maximinus, leading many to conversion (and immediate martyrdom), including the empress and the leader of Maximinus' army. When her touch destroyed the wheel upon which she was to be broken, she was beheaded, and her body whisked away by angels. She is one of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*.

28 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT JAMES OF THE MARSH, Priest (1391-1476)

29 NOV (Thursday)

ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

30 NOV (Friday)

SAINT ANDREW, Apostle

St. Andrew was first a disciple of **John the Baptist**. When he became a follower of Christ, he brought along his brother, **Simon Peter**. Andrew is the apostle who found a boy carrying loaves and fishes, which Jesus multiplied for the hungry multitude. He was crucified at Achaia on an "X"-shaped cross (in heraldry an "X"-shaped charge (*saltire*) is often referred to as a *St. Andrew's cross*). Andrew is said to have preached for two days while on the cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY!

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual Thank You Christmas Party on **Saturday, 15 DEC 2018**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic Adoration, Men's club, Mom's club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, school of religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

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)*.

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 or **650/257-7780** for more information.

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.

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**

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

- MARRIAGES**
- Matthew Mendez and Alejandra Meir
 - Cesar Fletes and Leslie Fajardo

- PARISHIONERS**
- Kathleen Montine
 - Niela Kleinsmith-Delay and Emmanuel Delay (*Camille, Henry, Claire, Alexandre*)
 - Rosemary and Dennis Heyeck (*Michael*)

- DEATHS**
- Jack Lucier

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**. If you would like to learn more about this altar bread, visit www.altarbreadsbspa.com/



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

TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, "*My Sunday Mass*" on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit www.mysundaymass.org.

EWTN also broadcasts (cable and on-line) the daily and Sunday Masses at **05:00 AM** (Pacific), with encore broadcasts at **09:00 AM**, **04:00 PM** and **09:00 PM** daily (www.ewtn.com/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp#).

For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

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.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our **28th Annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family** is underway. 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**.



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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: In the Service of the
(Evangelization) Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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)	Advent Penance Service
	07:00 PM	
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)	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	07:30 AM	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
	05:30 PM	
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

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

02 DEC (SUN) SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

03 DEC (MON) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

04 DEC (TUE) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

05 DEC (WED) NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

06 DEC (THU) Feast of Saint Nicholas
FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

07 DEC (FRI) FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

08 DEC (SAT) SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

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:

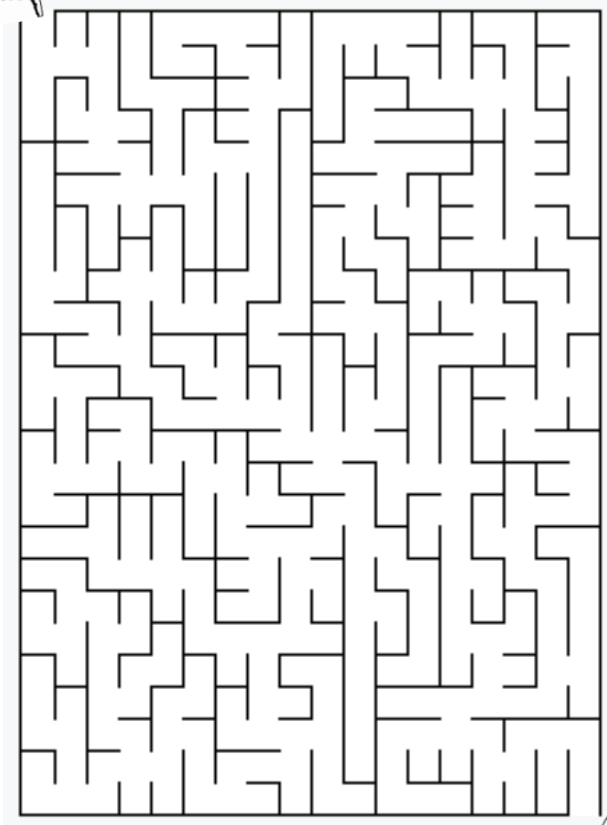
www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

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.

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.



The Names of Jesus (from The Catholic Encyclopedia)

Jesus

The word *Jesus* is the Latin form of the Greek *Iesous*, which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew *Jeshua*, or *Joshua*, or again *Jehoshua*, meaning "*Jehovah is salvation*." Though the name in one form or another occurs frequently in the Old Testament, it was not borne by a person of prominence between the time of Josue, the son of Nun and Josue, the high priest in the days of Zorobabel. During the Hellenizing period, *Jason*, a purely Greek analogon of *Jesus*, appears to have been adopted by many. The Greek name is connected with the verb *iasthai*, "*to heal*"; it is therefore not surprising that some of the Greek Fathers allied the word *Jesus* with the same root. Though about the time of Christ the name *Jesus* appears to have been fairly common, it was imposed on our Lord by God's express order ([Luke 1:31](#); [Matthew 1:21](#)), to foreshow that the Child was destined to "save His people from their sins."

So *Jesus*, *Joshua* and *Jason* are all variants of the same name ("*God saves His people*").

Christ

The word *Christ*, *Christos*, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew *Messias*, means "anointed." According to the Old Law, priests, kings and prophets were supposed to be anointed for their respective offices; now, the *Christ*, or the *Messias*, combined this threefold dignity in His Person. It is not surprising, therefore, that for centuries the Jews had referred to their expected Deliverer as "the Anointed". Thus the term *Christ* or *Messias* was a title rather than a proper name. The Evangelists recognize the same truth; except in a few passages, the word *Christ* is always preceded by the definite article "*the*". *Christ* is not Jesus' last name: He is "*The Christ*".

Only after the Resurrection did the title gradually pass into a proper name, and the expression *Jesus Christ* or *Christ Jesus* became only one designation. But at this stage the Greeks and Romans understood little or nothing about the significance of the word *anointed*; to them it did not convey any sacred conception. Hence they substituted *Chrestus*, or "*excellent*", for *Christus* or "*anointed*".

The use of the definite article before the word *Christ* and its gradual development into a proper name show the Christians identified the bearer with the promised *Messias* of the Jews. He combined in His person the offices of prophet, of king and of priest.

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