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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife.

GENESIS 2: 18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May you see your children's children.

PSALMS 128

SECOND READING

He is not ashamed to call them 'brothers'.

HEBREWS 2: 9-11

GOSPEL

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

MARK 10: 2-16



Perfect Love - Del Parson

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

07 OCTOBER 2018

Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

MARK 10: 15

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07 - 13 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	John Roof
	05:30 PM	† Avelino and Loreta Reyes
TUE	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
WED	07:30 AM	† Vicki MacDonald
	05:30 PM	† Judy Woods
THU	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	Mary Henriques; Sid and Audrey Custodio; Benefactors of the parish; † Edgar Vidal
FRI	07:30 AM	† Bill Marques
	05:30 PM	Lydia Fiore Smith
SAT	08:00 AM	† Shelby Drazan; † Lil Kavanaugh; † Souls in Purgatory; All priests

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at the **05:00 PM** Mass, we will be renewing our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be followed by a rosary procession and Benediction. To better prepare for it, we encourage everyone to get **Father Gaitley's** book, "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" (many of you have that book from last year). We will also be placing a beautiful memorial plaque generously donated by parishioners to commemorate the parish consecration. Please join us for this special time in our parish history.

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)

07 OCT	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
08 OCT	(Monday)	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
09 OCT	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM	H ⁴
10 OCT	(Wednesday)		
11 OCT	(Thursday)	09:30 AM 11:00 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group The Thursday Group
12 OCT	(Friday)		
13 OCT	(Saturday)	05:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
FIGURES AT TIME OF	UNAVAILABLE PUBLICATION
TOTAL:	
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$76,500
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

Donate online: <http://www.sfarch.org/aaa#DonateForm>

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

09 OCT (Tuesday):

SAINT DENIS and COMPANIONS

Denis was the first Bishop of Paris. His success roused the ire of local pagans, and he was imprisoned by the Roman governor. Denis was martyred in the persecutions of Valerius with **Saint Rusticus** and **Saint Eleutherius**. His feast was added to the Roman Calendar in **1568** by **Pope Saint Pius V**. Denis is one of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*.

12 OCT (Friday):

SAINT SERAPHIN OF MONTEGRANARO, Religious (d. 1604)

Born of a poor, pious family. An uneducated shepherd in his youth, he spent his time in the fields in prayer. He entered the **Capuchins** at age 16, receiving the name **Seraphin**. Noted for his simple, obedient, ascetic life, and his charity to the poor. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and to Our Lady.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

We will continue our celebration of Respect Life month by taking up a second collection next weekend, **13-14 OCT 2018**, with the proceeds going to purchase items for a baby shower for mothers facing crisis pregnancies. We appreciate your generosity in support of these mothers who chose life for their children. If you would like to help plan the baby shower, please contact **Laura Claude** at **650/257-7780**.

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.



SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Rehearsals are underway for **Schola Seraphica's 12th Annual Christmas Concert** on **09 DEC 2018**, at **02:30 PM**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA: MALE VOICES NEEDED

Schola Seraphica has already begun rehearsing for our December concert. *We are in need of tenor and bass voices*. Practices are on **Monday** evenings. Please join us if you are able. We are looking forward to a wonderful concert season. For more information please contact **Margaret Durando**, **650/322-2789**.



Please make sure your cell phones are **turned off or muted** when you enter the church.

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).

RCIA IS UNDERWAY

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. Also welcome are Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the **Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, 20 APR 2019**. We will accept new participants throughout **September and October**. Please see the green brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information, or the Nativity website (www.nativitymenlo.org). Contact **Charlotte Pace** (**650/325-6978**, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need **Confirmation only** are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact **Charlotte** for more info.



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):

Wednesday: 03:00 PM

Friday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 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.

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

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/

NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

This weekend there will be a special collection for **Nativity School**. Instead of relying on monthly collections at Sunday Mass, as we have done in the past, we are once again issuing an appeal to our parish family for a single donation to support Nativity School. The parish has always answered this call with extraordinary generosity. This appeal has doubled the amounts collected in monthly installments. On **06-07 OCT 2018** our second collection will be for our Nativity School, our parish school, which is indeed thriving. We are blessed with a strong Catholic identity. We hope all will give generously to this vital ministry and excellent education that is provided for our children.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FR. DAVENPORT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers (and people who like to hang out with golfers). The **5th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will take place on **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at The Golf Club at Moffett Field. This event is hosted by the **Nativity Men's Club** and features an **08:30 AM** shotgun start followed by a reception back at the school. All skill levels are encouraged to play, even those who haven't touched a golf club in years. Register at www.fatherdavenportgolf.com. For questions, please contact Chairperson **Mike Livingston** at **650/804-5226** or mike@1on1basketball.com. We hope to see everyone on the course!



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.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

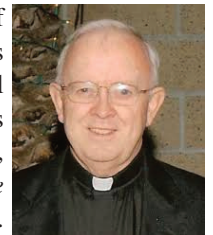
The annual *St. John Vianney Luncheon* for the benefit of the **Priests Retirement Fund**, will be held on **Friday, 26 OCT 2018** at **11:30 AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral (Patrons Hall). These funds cover medical expenses, assisted living, and nursing care for retired priests of the archdiocese. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than \$1.8 million has been raised, providing invaluable financial assistance to our retired priests.

You can support our retired priests by attending the Luncheon or by making a donation directly to the Retirement Fund at the Priests Retirement Luncheon webpage:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch>

HEALING THE FAMILY TREE

Father Michael Barry, SSCC, a noted speaker and retreat director, will offer a talk entitled "*Healing the Family Tree*" at the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, on **Thursday, 25 OCT 2018** at **06:30 PM**. The talk is open to the public and free of charge. Fr. Barry will also be the celebrant of the **05:30 PM** Mass that will precede the talk that evening. Born and raised in Cork, Ireland, Fr. Barry graduated from Catholic University of America and was ordained on June 14, 1964, as a member of the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. A priest for 54 years, Fr. Michael Barry has served as the provincial for his congregation's western province in the USA, at which time he was granted the *Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia* Award by Pope Saint John Paul II.



Fr. Barry is a founder of "*Mary's Table*," a ministry that feeds the poor and homeless. He also opened a home for single and unwed mothers called "*Veronica's Home of Mercy*." For decades, Fr. Barry has conducted numerous retreats and workshops. This charismatic priest is best known for his healing ministries, especially through retreats, healing Masses, healing the family tree, and spiritual direction. He feels a special call to the inner healing of the person.

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: The Mission of Religious (Evangelical)

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

PILGRIMAGE TO WYD 2019



Join young adults from the Archdiocese of San Francisco to share faith and fun with young people around the world at **World Youth Day, 21-28 JAN 2019, in Panama.**

Learn details of the Archdiocese-organized pilgrimage at gp.myfaithjourneys.com/login. Our Group Number is **19019**. The cost is **\$2,625** per person (including airfare, lodging, food, and most other costs) if our group is 40 or more persons; otherwise, cost is **\$2,845** each. For those who cannot afford the entire cost, a limited number of partial scholarships are available (pastor recommendation is required). For more information about the pilgrimage, contact **Amanda George**, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at: georgea@sfarch.org or **415/614-5595**.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

07 OCT (SUN)

08 OCT (MON)

09 OCT (TUE)

10 OCT (WED)

11 OCT (THU)

12 OCT (FRI)

13 OCT (SAT) FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

14 OCT (SUN) SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

15 OCT (MON) THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

16 OCT (TUE) FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

17 OCT (WED) FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

18 OCT (THU) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

19 OCT (FRI) SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
SECOND DAY: Saint Jude

20 OCT (SAT) EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
THIRD DAY: Saint Jude

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

St. Jude:

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



OCTOBER IS "RESPECT LIFE" MONTH

Each week throughout October we will publish a *Bulletin Box* excerpt from the USCCB.

ANOTHER LOOK AT CONTRACEPTION

Read the full version at www.usccb.org/contraception.

To some, the Catholic Church's consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception's negative consequences keeps piling up.

In the time since birth control first became widely used, science has shown that some contraceptives can cause early abortions; procured abortions and nonmarital births skyrocketed; and women have been subjected to sometimes serious or fatal health issues, as well as what economist George Akerlof calls "the feminization of poverty."*

As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate His generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and eternal love. Through the Church's teaching, He invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

*(Full citation at www.usccb.org/contraception.)

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Please join us for an informative evening

SERVING & SAVING
Homeless & Pregnant
Young Ladies

a Fundraising Community Dinner

benefiting the Juan Diego Women's Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
ST. LUCY'S CHURCH ~ CAMPBELL, CA

Admission is Free ~ kindly RSVP

Banquet@JDWCenter.org ~ (408) 258-2008

BY THE NUMBERS

Last week's first reading was from the [Book of Numbers](#) (one we don't hear from often in the cycle of readings). 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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