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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

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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

Hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live.

DEUTERONOMY 4: 1-2, 6-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

PSALMS 15

SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only.

JAMES 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL

From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts... All these evils come from within and they defile.

MARK 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



The Aurora Borealis ("Northern Lights")

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02 SEPTEMBER 2018

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights.

JAMES 1: 17

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	09:00 AM	Special intention
TUE	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
WED	07:30 AM	† Betsy MacDonald
	05:30 PM	† Ira Castain
THU	07:30 AM	† Jeanette Castro
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	Paula San Filippo
	05:30 PM	† Cesar Cabrera; † Asuncion Burke; † Joseph Laird
SAT	08:00 AM	Jim Denton; † Yvonne Salinger

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Monday, 03 SEP 2018
for Labor Day.

There will be one Mass,
at 09:00 AM, on Monday.

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 year. 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!



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)

02 SEP (Sunday)

03 SEP (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary

04 SEP (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

05 SEP (Wednesday)

10:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms

06 SEP (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group
06:00 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

07 SEP (Friday)

First Friday


1st

08 SEP (Saturday)



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 18-19 AUG
TOTAL:	\$10,536
Feast of the Assumption:	\$3,148
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$73,265
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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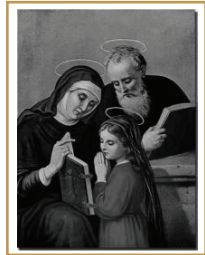
SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

03 SEP (Monday):

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (540-590)

Prefect of Rome who then sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily, plus one in Rome. He collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are today referred to as *Gregorian Chants*.



**08 SEP (Saturday):
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

03 SEP (Monday):

LABOR DAY

On **05 SEP 1882**, the first **Labor Day** parade was held in New York City. Twenty thousand workers marched in a parade up Broadway. They carried banners that read *LABOR CREATES ALL WEALTH* and *EIGHT HOURS FOR WORK, EIGHT HOURS FOR REST, EIGHT HOURS FOR RECREATION!* After the parade there were picnics all around the city. At night, fireworks were set off. Within the next few years, the idea spread from coast to coast, and all states celebrated **Labor Day**. In **1894**, Congress voted it a federal holiday.



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES

Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms will resume our regular meetings this week. We will be hosting meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, from **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**, in the **O'Hare Center**. We welcome any mother, grandmother, or caretaker from any parish. Children are welcome to come and play while the moms chat. Light refreshments will be provided; feel free to bring additional snacks or lunch for yourself or your children if you wish. Meetings will consist of short, casual presentations to instigate conversations relevant to Catholic motherhood.

Topic: *The Five Love Languages of Children*

Date: **Wednesday, 05 SEP 2018**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Contact: ... for more information, to RSVP (not required), or to join our email list ...

Katie Froula midpencatholicmoms@googlegroups.com

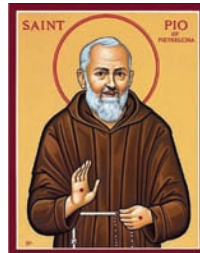
Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

A brief presentation will summarize the insights of **Gary Chapman** and **Ross Campbell's** *The Five Love Languages of Children* (no need to have read the book), and we will discuss ways to identify our children's primary love languages and most effectively make them feel loved. We will also discuss the year ahead, so bring your hopes and ideas for the group!

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).

RELICS OF SAINT PIO TO VISIT THE BAY AREA

Relics of **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina** – better known as *Padre Pio* – will be at **St. Mary, Star of the Sea** parish, 180 Harrison Ave., **Sausalito**, on **08-09 SEP 2018**. On the following day (**10 SEP 2018**) the relics will travel to **Our Lady of Peace** church in **Santa Clara** for a full day of veneration.



before he died.

<https://www.olop-shrine.org/event/st-pio-relics-visit/>

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**
- Violet Elfieda, daughter of James and Jessica Fosco
 - Elliott, son of Michael Heldmann and Natalia Potente
 - Dylan, son of Eric Koon and Dara Tang

- MARRIAGES**
- David Villescay and Kristy Pak
 - Germie Lazo and Charlene Sumabat

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

THURSDAY GROUP NEWS

The **Nativity Thursday Group** resumes after the summer break on **Thursday, 06 SEP 2018**. The Nativity Thursday Group provides an opportunity for seniors and others to get together once a week in the **O'Hare Center**.

You are welcome to join the Scripture Group at **11:00 AM** (optional) or come for the Rosary at **noon** every week; often we have a Mass as well. After these we get together to socialize. Coffee, tea, and dessert are always provided. Members usually bring their own lunch. Once a month students from Nativity School join us for a lunch provided by their parents. We also celebrate many holidays with a special lunch. New members are very welcome to join us.



IN THE COMMUNITY

SAN MATEO PRO-LIFE: MEETING

Calling **Parish Respect Life Representatives** coming to pick up parish packets:

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet on **Wednesday, 05 SEP 2018** at **07:30 PM** in **St. Gregory's Worner Center**, 138 28th Ave. San Mateo (corner Hacienda)

Everyone is welcome - both reps and others

For more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**

GUATEMALAN MISSION SALES

On **09 SEP 2018**, **Kay Sweeney** will be at Nativity once again to sell Guatemalan handicrafts. These crafts are made by indigenous women in Guatemala, who are part of the Kateri Tekakwitha Fund. The sales of these handicrafts help support and educate these women. There will be information available on how to support a scholarship for a young indigenous woman. Visit their website for more information at www.kateri-fund.org. The crafts will be available in the **O'Hare Center** after the **Sunday morning** Masses only.



CURSILLO WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

A **Cursillo weekend** is a short course in Christian living. The weekend is shared within small groups who represent a wide variety of lifestyles. The weekend provides

- Spiritual growth through fellowship and trust
- An opportunity to renew and expand one's faith
- Ongoing support system to promote Christian commitment

A women's retreat will be held **Thursday** evening, **20 SEP 2018** through **Sunday, 23 SEP 2018**, and will be held at **Holy Redeemer Center**, 8945 Golf Links Road, Oakland. The cost is **\$165**. If interested please contact parishioner Corie Duffey at **650/704-1256**.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco Catholic Charismatic Renewal** will hold the **21st Annual Holy Spirit Conference** on **22 SEP 2018** at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. The doors open at **08:00 AM**, and the closing Mass is at **07:00 PM**. Talks and workshops are in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The day includes praise and worship, a healing service, Adoration Chapel, and fellowship. The cost is **\$20** per person. Meals are also available for purchase. The closing Mass is open to the public. For more information call **John Murphy** at **650/261-0825** or visit

www.sfsfspirit.com/annual-holy-spirit-conference.html.

ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising event for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

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, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. 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. The Luncheon also provides an opportunity to come together with our priests and show our gratitude to these men for their life's work and their unyielding devotion. 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>

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Young People in Africa
(Universal)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PART-TIME EXTENDED CARE POSITION AVAILABLE

Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting applicants for part-time extended care supervisors for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Salary is commensurate with experience. Hours are **M-F** from **03:00-05:00 PM**. Contact **Ms. Patti**, Principal, via email jpatti@nativityschool.com or call: **650/325-7304**.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

02 SEP (SUN)	FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
03 SEP (MON)	FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
04 SEP (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
07 SEP (FRI)	NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
08 SEP (SAT)	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM
09 SEP (SUN)	
10 SEP (MON)	
11 SEP (TUE)	
12 SEP (WED)	
13 SEP (THU)	
14 SEP (FRI)	FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
15 SEP (SAT)	SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

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

RCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning **16 SEP 2018**. 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.

The Doctors of the Church

This is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints. This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians "in any age of the Church." Such men and women are also particularly known for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings.

Certain ecclesiastical writers have received this title on account of the great advantage the whole Church has derived from their doctrine. In the Western church four eminent Fathers of the Church attained this honor in the early Middle Ages: **St. Gregory the Great**, **St. Ambrose**, **St. Augustine**, and **St. Jerome**. In the Eastern Church four Doctors were pre-eminent: **St. John Chrysostom**, **St. Basil**, **St. Athanasius**, and **St. Gregory Nazianzen**.

The requisite conditions for being declared a Doctor are enumerated as three: *eminens doctrina*, *insignis vitae sanctitatis*, and *Ecclesiae declaratio* (i.e., *eminent learning*, *a high degree of sanctity*, and *proclamation by the Church*). Benedict XIV explains the third as a declaration by the supreme pontiff or by a general council. But though general councils have acclaimed the writings of certain Doctors, no council has actually conferred the title of Doctor of the Church.

There are currently **35** Doctors of the Church:

St. Albert

St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Ambrose

St. Anselm

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Athanasius

St. Augustine

St. Basil

St. Bede, the Venerable

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Bonaventure

St. Catherine of Siena

St. Cyril of Alexandria

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St. Ephraem of Syria

St. Francis de Sales

St. Gregory Nazianzus

St. Gregory the Great

St. Hilary of Poitiers

St. Hildegard of Bingen

St. Isidore

St. Jerome

St. John Chrysostom

St. John Damascene

St. John of Avila

St. John of the Cross

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

St. Leo the Great

St. Peter Canisius

St. Peter Chrysologus

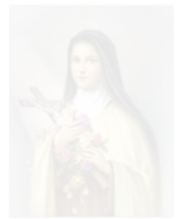
St. Peter Damian

St. Robert Bellarmine

St. Teresa of Avila

St. Therese of Lisieux

St. Thomas Aquinas



After the proclamation of the original 8 Doctors of the Church (4 Western and 4 Eastern Catholic), the next Doctor named was **St. Thomas Aquinas**, proclaimed by **Pope Saint Pius V** in **1568**.

The two most recent Doctors of the Church, **St. Hildegard of Bingen** and **St. John of Avila**, were proclaimed by **Pope Benedict XVI** in **2012**.

Search on-line, Young Believers! What can you find out about these saints? They led very different lives from one another.

You might start searching here:
<https://catholicsaints.info>



Detail from a Melkite icon showing three of the Eastern Doctors of the Church

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."