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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

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Paul Maillet, P.S.S.

Rev. Gladstone Stevens, P.S.S.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

02 APRIL 2017

I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live.

JOHN 11: 25



Lazarus, Come Forth! -- Harold Copping

FIRST READING

I will put My spirit in you that you may live.
EZEKIEL 37: 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With You is forgiveness, that You may be
revered.

PSALMS 130

SECOND READING

The spirit is alive because of righteousness.
ROMANS 8: 8-11

GOSPEL

This illness is not to end in death, but is for
the glory of God.

JOHN 11: 1-45

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Ambrose Mainini
	05:30 PM	† Frances Hogan
TUE	07:30 AM	† George Gould
	05:30 PM	† John Gaffney
WED	07:30 AM	† Virginia Ames
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
THU	07:30 AM	Bill Widmer
	05:30 PM	† Cecilia Tommei
FRI	07:30 AM	† Scotty Wickstrom
	05:30 PM	† Nancy Phelps
SAT	08:00 AM	† Kay Romatowski; † Souls in Purgatory; All who are in prison

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

BULLETIN NEWS

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES


During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **16 APR 2017** bulletin (**Easter Sunday**) must be submitted by **Wednesday, 05 APR 2017**.

Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

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 APR	(Sunday)	
03 APR	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
04 APR	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	07:30 PM	Bible Study
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
05 APR	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
06 APR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 PM	The Thursday Group
	03:15 PM	Altar Server Training ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
07 APR	(Friday)	
		First Friday Lenten Friday
	09:30 AM	Nativity Moms Group
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
08 APR	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Baptism Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 18-19 MAR
TOTAL:	\$11,831
Nativity Feeds:	\$11,306
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$6,500
2017 ADA Goal:	\$165,940

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

04 APR (Tuesday):

SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, Bishop (560-636)

Isidore required seminaries in every diocese, and wrote a rule for religious orders. He was a prolific writer, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world beginning with creation.

05 APR (Wednesday):

SAINT VINCENT FERRER (1350-1419)

A great preacher, who converted thousands in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, and Ireland. He was invited to preach in Muslim Granada; counselor to Pope Benedict XIII.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

THE CALLA LILIES ARE IN BLOOM AGAIN!

This is a great way to share the fruits of your garden with our Lord! Please bring your callas and leaves to the **O'Hare Center** on **Wednesday morning, 12 APR 2017**. There will be water buckets outside the O'Hare Center door for drop off. The **Altar Society** will use them for **Holy Thursday** and **Easter**. Potted hydrangeas are also used and appreciated, and may be dropped off behind the outside bar by the O'Hare Center. If you don't have a green thumb or you are short on time to shop for potted plants, consider a donation to the Altar Society for Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 07 APR 2017** from **09:30-11:00 AM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** or **Monica Hendricks** at **650/367-4944** for more information.

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):

Sunday: 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 04:00 AM

Thursday: 09:00 AM

Friday: 09:00 AM

Saturday: 07:00 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.

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/799-4722** for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark Mazza has begun training of new altar servers. Practice sessions will be on **Thursdays** from **03:15-04:15 PM** on **06 APR** and **27 APR 2017**. Applications and the training schedule are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the parish office. Please return the applications to Fr. Mazza.



FULL-TIME TEACHING POSITIONS: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting resumes for full-time teaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year. A BS/BA degree and a current California Teaching credential is required. Candidates should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. Submit cover letter, resume, and copy of credential to **Mrs. Susie Foster** via postal mail or email sfoster@nativityschool.com. Phone: **650/325-7304**.



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/lowgluten.php

*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**
- **Connor James**, son of **Stan Berezovsky** and **Meghan O'Holleran**
 - **Aiden James**, son of **Angelo** and **Danna Cua**
 - **Stephen Zachary**, son of **Christopher Lomboy** and **Verona Salvaleon**
 - **Aiden**, son of **Efren Magat** and **Janet Hernandez**

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **Doran Laidlaw**
 - **Katherine Eastman**

Thank you very much indeed for your generous support of those affected by the Italian earthquakes.

Yours in Christ,

Nigel Wallace, Caritas Internationalis

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society.

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: *Altar Society*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. PIUS YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

St. Pius Parish is having a **Hog'n'Heat Rib and Chili Competition** on **Saturday, 08 APR 2017**, from **11:00 AM-04:00 PM**. 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City. This is a fun family day and a chance to support the St. Pius Parish Youth Ministry while eating competition-style ribs and chili. More than 40 cooking teams, professional and amateur, are competing for prizes. Official judging is by certified judges; and the People's Choice Awards are voted by the customers. The more you spend, the more People's Choice Award votes you get, and funds raised go to support the parish Youth Ministry. Come join the real fun, and a real BBQ competition. For more information contact **Jessica Wayne** hognheat@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

The **IHM Northern California Homeschool Conference** will be held at the **Concord Centre** (Diablo Ballroom), 5298 Clayton Rd. Concord, on **Thursday, 20 APR 2017 (12:00-06:00 PM)**. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

MANAGING BEHAVIORS WITH DEMENTIA PATIENTS

Join **Catholic Charities Adult Day Services** of San Mateo County on **Saturday, 06 MAY 2017** from **10:00 AM-12:00 PM** for a free presentation at San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Catholic Charities Aging Support Services Division Director, **Patty Clement-Cihak**, and Program Manager, **Carmen Santoni**, will cover effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find information and assistance. (This course is not for professional caregivers. To register visit www.erecrag.com (Course #142033). For help with registration call **650/522-7490**. For more information call Catholic Charities at **650/592-9325** or visit

CatholicCharitiesSF.org/our-programs/adult-day-services-san-mat/

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriages. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about, or to register for the November program, beginning with the weekend of **04-06 NOV 2017**, call **415/893-1005** or email sf@retroca.com. Or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

CAR RAFFLE: ST. ANTHONY'S DINING ROOM

The **Redwood City Rotary** is having a car raffle that is for the benefit **St. Anthony's Dining Room** in Menlo Park. Tickets are **\$5.00** apiece and give you the chance to win a **2016 Honda Civic LX** or **\$18,000.00**. The drawing will be on **04 JUL 2017** in downtown Redwood City. Tickets will be available until **03 JUL 2017**. If you would like to purchase tickets, please send a check, payable to **Rotary Club**, and they will send you tickets. Mail your check to Rotary Club, c/o St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, Ca 94025. Include your name, address, telephone number, and the number of tickets that you would like to purchase and the total amount of your purchase. Your ticket stubs will be mailed to you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

St. Charles parish is starting a new sacramental preparation ministry for special needs children/young adults in **September 2017**. Sacramental preparation will cover the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Those eligible will be any young person who requires assistance to perform ordinary daily tasks, whether intellectual, physical and/or psychological impairment.

If you are interested either as a directly-affected parent, or in becoming a special needs catechist, please contact **Monica Miller** at mmiller@stcharlesparish.org or **Fr. Roy Remo** at frroy@stcharlesparish.org or call **650/591-7349 x407** for more information.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **April 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Intention: *Young People*

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they have become extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** usually has room for more worshipers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshipers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Monsignor reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the Gospel "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. Those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. We end the evening with a reception in the O'Hare Center. This deeply moving vigil is our inheritance as Christians, and we owe it to ourselves to experience it several times in our lifetime. **Saturday, 15 APR 2017, 08:00 PM.**

HOLY WEEK PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

The Triduum liturgies (**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday**) are rich in detail, with extra rites that require volunteers. Particularly, 12 "disciples" are needed for the *Washing of the Feet* which takes place at the **06:30 PM Mass on Holy Thursday, 13 APR 2017**. This ceremony recalls Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, to illustrate what it means to serve one another. While not a sacrament, it is an occasion of grace for all participants and is deeply moving. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. We also need extra helpers at all the Triduum and Easter Masses. In particular, we need several hosts to help with the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, 15 APR 2017, 08:00 PM**, by distributing candles and other tasks, and also to help set up the simple reception afterwards to welcome the newly baptized and confirmed. Ushers are needed at the Easter morning Masses to help with seating and standing at these very-crowded Masses. If you would like to help, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. These liturgies are the highlight of the liturgical year, and deserve extra care and attention from the whole community.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

02 APR (SUN)	
03 APR (MON)	
04 APR (TUE)	
05 APR (WED)	
06 APR (THU)	
07 APR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i> First Friday
08 APR (SAT)	
09 APR (SUN)	PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY
10 APR (MON)	FIG MONDAY
11 APR (TUE)	
12 APR (WED)	SPY WEDNESDAY
13 APR (THU)	MAUNDY THURSDAY
14 APR (FRI)	FIRST Day: Divine Mercy GOOD FRIDAY
15 APR (SAT)	SECOND Day: Divine Mercy HOLY SATURDAY

HOLY WEEK

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

EL RETIRO JESUIT RETREAT CENTER: APR/MAY

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos, CA 650/917-4010

www.jrclosaltos.org

Upcoming Retreats:

07-09 APR Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat

Fr. Antony Mechery, S.J. and Pastoral Staff

Prepare for Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

21-23 APR Save the World ...or Savor It?

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of Homeboys Industries and author of *Tattoos on the Heart*

Non-Silent Retreat for Women and Men

Explore inclusion, non-violence, and unconditional love.

25 APR Easter Day of Retreat

Pastoral Staff

Non-Silent Retreat for Women and Men

Recognize the Lord in our presence as we live the Resurrection

28-30 APR Retreat for Family and Friends of Alcoholics

Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.

Non-Silent Retreat for family members of alcoholics

04-07 MAY Five-Day Guided Retreat

Pastoral Staff

Silent Retreat for Women and Men

For those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

19-21 MAY Ignatian Discernment Workshop

Fr. Kevin Leidich, S.J. and Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J.

Non-silent Workshop for Women and Men

Involve God in the major decisions in your life.



What Does the Catechism Say About . . .

Penance and Lent?



Section 2, Chapter 2, Article 4 (The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation)

(1438):

The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).

DID YOU KNOW?

Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord. The word 'passion', in the Christian sense, does not mean an intense emotion; it refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death. Although for several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as **Passion Sunday**, after the Second Vatican Council this name was restored to the Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week, formerly called **Palm Sunday**. As a penitential season of the Church, **Passiontide** is even more ancient than Lent.

DID YOU KNOW?

In **1342**, the **Franciscans** were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the following stations: At Pilate's house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.

DID YOU KNOW?

When the Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the *Stations of the Cross* were erected at popular spiritual centers, including the **Dominican Friary** at **Cordova** and **Poor Clare Convent** of **Messina** (early 1400s); **Nuremberg** (1468); **Louvain** (1505); **Bamberg**, **Fribourg** and **Rhodes** (1507); and **Antwerp** (1520). Many of these stations were reproduced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today.

DID YOU KNOW?

- During **Bach's** day, the organ and choirs were silent during Lent.
- **St. Leonard Casanova** (1676-1751) of Porto Maurizio, Italy, reportedly erected over **600** sets of the *Stations of the Cross* throughout Italy.
- In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to **6** days. About **800 AD** it was changed to **40** days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
10 APR	(Monday) 07:00 PM	Communal Penance Service: St. Raymond Church (1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park)
13 APR	(Thursday) 06:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
14 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
15 APR	(Saturday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
16 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
17 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)