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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

ISAIAH 50: 1, 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

GOSPEL

He did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

MATTHEW 26: 14 - 27: 66



PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

09 APRIL 2017

While they were eating, He said,
“Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

MATTHEW 26: 21

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 APR

SAT 05:00 PM Priest's intentions

SUN Masses Priest's intentions

MON 07:30 AM † Carmelita Lenz
05:30 PM Amanda George;
† Bern Hussey;
† Dolores Westfall;
† Joan Briggson

TUE 07:30 AM † Lore Araujo
05:30 PM The Zappettini family

WED 07:30 AM † Shelby Drazen
05:30 PM † Jim and Terry Young

THU 06:30 PM Priest's intentions

FRI *No Masses*

SAT *No Masses*

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

BIBLICAL ART



The Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem (detail) -- Corbis (19th century)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on Good Friday, as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the work of the **Franciscans** in the **Holy Land**. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection our Lord. Thank you for your generosity.

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 <i>(Opus Dei priest)</i>
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions <i>(parish priest)</i>

09 APR **(Sunday)**

10 APR	(Monday)	Prayer Service (St. Raymonds)
	07:00 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary

11 APR **(Tuesday)**

09:30 AM	Bible Study
07:30 PM	Bible Study
08:00 PM	H ⁴

12 APR **(Wednesday)**

13 APR	(Thursday)	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
	06:30 PM	Holy Mass (one Mass only)

14 APR **(Friday)**

12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
12:30 PM	Good Friday Reflections
02:00 PM	Our Lord's Passion
07:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

15 APR **(Saturday)**

<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Easter Vigil (one Mass only)
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PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 25-26 MAR
TOTAL:	\$12,555
Catholic Relief Services (CRS):	\$4,718
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2017 ADA Goal:	\$6,500 \$165,940

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 APR (Monday):

SAINT STANISLAUS, Bishop and Martyr (1030-1079)

Stanislaus was born to the Polish nobility. When his parents died, he distributed his inheritance to the poor. He became (reluctantly) bishop of Cracow in 1072. He was known for his preaching against sinful living, regardless of the sinner's class. Stanislaus was killed by King Boleslaus the Cruel after Stanislaus ex-communicated him



due to his war crimes and attempted theft of land from the Church; Stanislaus was murdered while celebrating Mass. Reaction against Boleslaus was so great that he fled the country, never to return; his guilt led him to become a monk. Stanislaus became a symbol of Polish patriotism and nationalism.

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**

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!

EUCARISTIC 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.

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.

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

- Mariano Christopher, son of Mario Sanchez and Nellie Maldonado

MARRIAGES

- Cornelius Carey and Brittany Villeggiante

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

- Bob Glockner
- Doran Laidlaw
- Katherine Eastman



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

Dear Monsignor, parishioners of Nativity, and friends, We thank you from our hearts for the wonderful response to the Nativity Feeds collection, to fund our feeding programs in East Africa - Nativity parish is truly *A Voice for Others*. Thank God and thank you for this success. Please know that every day for the next year we can now provide rice and beans, twice daily, for children in two public schools in Tanzania and a third school exclusively for disabled children. Based on this collection of \$17,400, our parish is on target to feed 1,000 children per day, who would otherwise simply not eat. This level of food intake and security is a new dawn for these students - it will change both their own lives and that of their families in ways we cannot imagine here in Silicon Valley. There is no better way to thank God for our bounty than to share it with those who are impoverished. We will work tirelessly to ensure your generosity touches the lives of those children who have nothing. Thank you for the food, the security, the hope and prayers.

Humbly,
Alexander and Luke Edward Harding Bradley



PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Sunday, 30 APR 2017** for his annual pilgrimage to **Lourdes, France**, with the **Order of Malta**. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **Friday, 28 APR 2017**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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

AID FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES IN GREECE

The **Int'l Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** is a Catholic organization that for more than 62 years has served and protected refugees and other up-rooted people. These times are of unbearable hardship for the Church, fellow Christians, and other families trapped inside war-torn Syria. ICMC provides emergency aid of food and basic supplies to the people. Your donations also provide primary healthcare and pre-natal, delivery, and post-natal care. To learn more about ICMC visit www.icmc.net. You may make contributions to Syrian relief through ICMC by going to give.icmc.net/Syria, or by calling **617/367-4770** (ask for Lucy).

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.

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 froy@stcharlesparish.org or call **650/591-7349 x407** for more information.

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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
16 APR (SUN)	THIRD Day: Divine Mercy EASTER SUNDAY
17 APR (MON)	FOURTH Day: Divine Mercy
18 APR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Divine Mercy
19 APR (WED)	SIXTH Day: Divine Mercy
20 APR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Divine Mercy
21 APR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Divine Mercy
22 APR (SAT)	NINTH Day: Divine Mercy

HOLY WEEK

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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

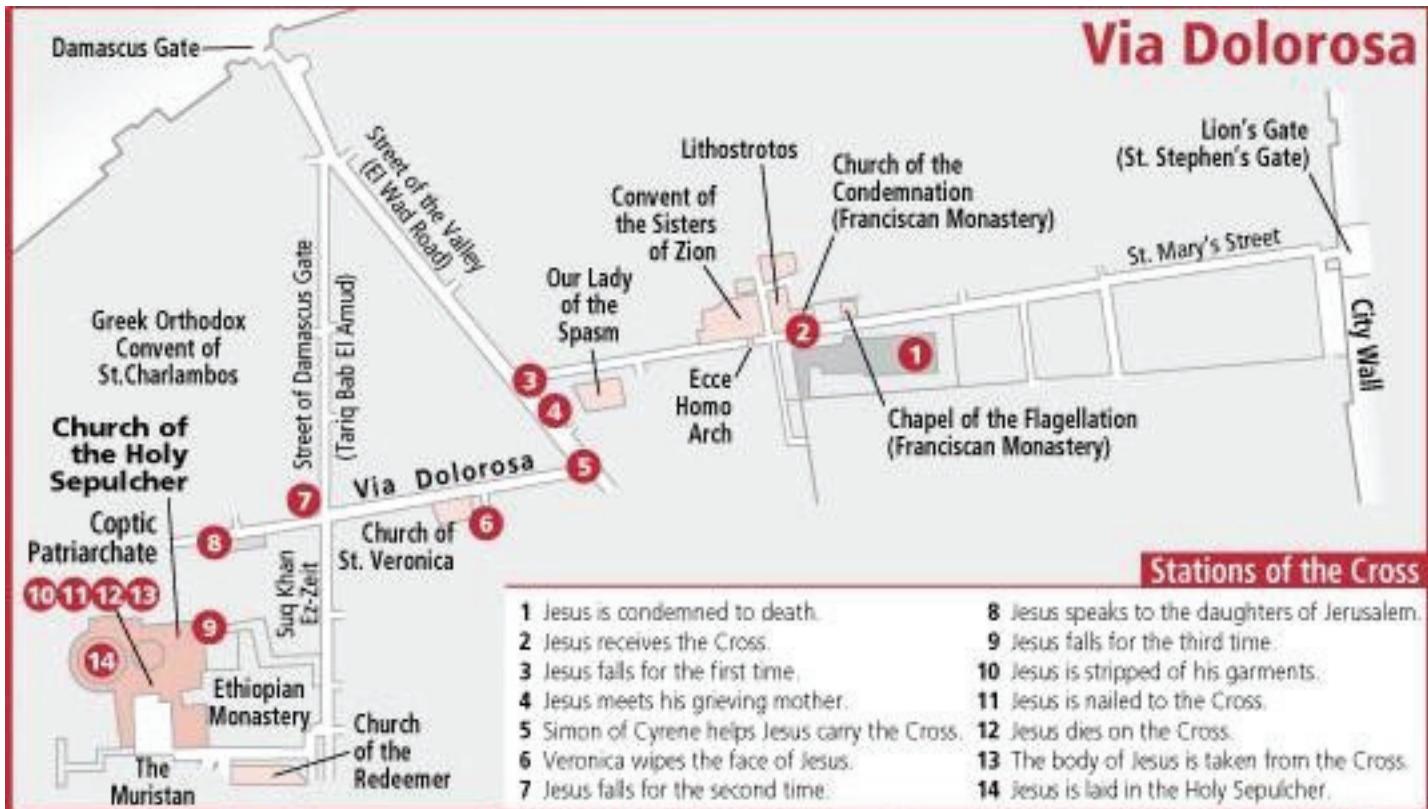
EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

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.

Via Dolorosa



Stations of the Cross



The Ordo states “*In dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.*” These dates correspond to the time of **Passiontide**, and explain why the crosses and statues in church are now covered with violet cloth. During this same period, which is an even more penitential time within Lent, the *Gloria* is also omitted from the Mass and Office.

The rubric in the Sacramentary (Roman Missal) states “*The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides*”; the U.S. Conference of Bishops has voted that, if desired, this custom may be followed by individual parishes.