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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

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Rev. Mark G. Mazza

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

When he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one shall open.

ISAIAH 22: 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the presence of the angels I will sing Your praise.

PSALMS 138

SECOND READING

How inscrutable are His judgments and how unsearchable His ways.

ROMANS 11: 33-36

GOSPEL

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

MATTHEW 16: 13-20



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 AUGUST 2017

I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 16: 19

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 AUG - 02 SEP

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Sue Fitzpatrick |
| | 05:30 PM | † Magno Vallespin; † Hilaria Vallespin; † Anastacio Cacafranca; † Benita Cacafranca |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Harlon Ingvanson |
| | 05:30 PM | † Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Gaudencia Santiago |
| | 05:30 PM | † Ellie Chovel; † Juan Wong |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Joseph P. Ward |
| | 05:30 PM | † Katherine Eastman |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | The Neylan and Cardine families |
| | 05:30 PM | † Gerhard Wehr |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Bernie and Dave Kruetner; † Lois Seals; † Rosario Cacho Cojuangco; † Souls in Purgatory |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The *4th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament* will be held on **Saturday, 14 OCT 2017** at the **Golf Club at Moffett Field**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**; **08:10 AM** Opening Ceremony and Prayer; **08:30 AM** Shotgun Start. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. To register and make your payment, please visit <http://fatherdavenportgold.com>. For questions contact **Mike Livingston** at mike@lon1basketball.com.



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| 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) |

27 AUG (Sunday)

28 AUG (Monday)

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

29 AUG (Tuesday)

08:00 PM H⁴

30 AUG (Wednesday)

31 AUG (Thursday)

01 SEP (Friday)

First Friday

1st

02 SEP (Saturday)

First Saturday

1st




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



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | WEEK OF 12-13 AUG |
| TOTAL: | \$12,775 |
| ADA Progress: | \$46,530 |
| 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal: | \$165,940 |

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

29 AUG (Tuesday): THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. The Church specially honors John by celebrating the feasts of both his martyrdom and birth.

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

Prefect of Rome who 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 plainchant so associated with him that they are today referred to as *Gregorian Chants*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY LADIES DINNER

On **11 SEP 2017** please join the **Nativity Ladies** for dinner at **06:00 PM** at the **Palo Alto Elks Club**, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. For information call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/269-4635**.

MYSTERY OF LOVE

Do you want the keys to the Mystery of Love and Relationship? Everyone has a driving desire to love and be loved. So why do we seem to miss the mark so often? We invite you to join us in discovering the keys to the mystery of love and relationships! The Dominican cloistered nuns of **Corpus Christi Monastery** and guest **Jim Brady** will be unraveling this mystery in a five-session series based on the ground-breaking "*Love and Responsibility*" by Karol Wojtyla (Pope St. John Paul II). Some of the very practical, real-life relationship issues to be addressed include: What makes up true friendship? How does attraction lead to either selfless love or a relationship in which someone is being used? How do I know if I am in a relationship of authentic love or just another relationship doomed to failure? If everyone is made for spousal love, how is this desire reconciled with vocations to the priesthood, religious life or dedicated singlehood? ... and more! Join us every **second Saturday** morning beginning **09 SEP 2017** from **09:15-11:30 AM** (Mass at **08:00 AM**) Join us on **09 SEP, 14 OCT, 11 NOV, 09 DEC, and 13 JAN**. The cost is **\$45** and includes books and materials. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave. Menlo Park. For more information or to register, visit www.nunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at domicanuns@nunsmenlo.org.

THE THURSDAY GROUP RESUMES

After a summer break the **Thursday Group** will resume meeting on **07 SEP 2017** at **12:00 PM** with a Rosary in the Church and our lunch social in the **O'Hare Center**. Bring your lunch (dessert, coffee and tea are provided). New members are welcome to our senior group. Those interested in our Scripture Study come to the O'Hare Center at **11:00 AM** (optional).



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 on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café.

All are welcome. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.



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):

Monday: 08:00 AM

Tuesday: 01:00 AM

Thursday: 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).*

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 SEP 2017**, we will have our next celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. We will have a Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the message of Fatima, rosary candlelight procession around the church grounds, and healing Benediction. Please join us and bring your family. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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 • Jesus Santos and Lisa Conchas
• Moises Torres and Steffanie Jimenez

PARISHIONERS • Charlene Marie Sumabat

DEATHS • Irma Pulido



PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Friday, 13 OCT 2017**, **Monsignor Otellini** will be consecrating our Nativity Parish to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. It will be during the **07:30 PM** Mass that day celebrating the 100th year of the great Fatima Miracle. We encourage you to put it on your calendar now so that you can participate first hand. NOTE: In preparation for the Consecration, we have copies of Fr. Gaitley's book "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" available for purchase. This book provides meditations and prayers for us to methodically get ourselves ready for the consecration. We anticipate great spiritual benefit for the parish and for those who seriously participate. Contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279** or the rectory to purchase one of these books (\$10 donation).

IN THE COMMUNITY

DAUGHTERS OF CARMEL: COME AND SEE

Are you looking for an open contemplative way of life? Come and see. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to come and see the life of the nuns of the **Daughters of Carmel** on **Friday, 08 SEP 2017** between **10:00 AM-02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Their convent is located on the grounds of the Seminary. Their way of life is rooted in Carmelite spirituality. The event is free, but space is limited. To register for the event call **650/329-8518**. For more information email daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com or visit www.daughtersofcarmel.org.

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY GALA DINNER AND RAFFLE 2017

On **Saturday, 09 SEP 2017** at **05:00 PM** **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** will hold its annual fundraiser. This gala evening at St. Patrick's includes reception, dinner, raffle, and the honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: **Dolores Meehan** and **Eva Muntean** are co-chairs of the *Walk for Life West Coast*. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second-largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new **Lexus IS 200T** (or **\$25,000**). A limited number of raffle tickets are available at **\$50** each (you need not be present to win). To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or e-mail the Advancement Office, **650/289-3320** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

For more information, and to register for the Gala, or to donate online visit www.stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala. Please register by **03 SEP 2017**. Raffle tickets may also be purchased at the Nativity parish office **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Mon-Fri**.

SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS (STANFORD)

Stanford Medical Center/Stanford Health Care is looking for volunteers to assist in their Catholic Eucharistic Ministry in the Spiritual Care Department. Hours are flexible. Spiritual Care Volunteer Training will be held on **Mondays, 11, 18, 25 SEP 2017, 06:30-09:00 PM** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**, 3233 Cowper Avenue, Palo Alto. All three classes are mandatory. Please consider being a volunteer to serve the hospital bound who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested please call **Raksha Patel 650/723-5101** or email spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

St. Charles Parish is starting a new sacramental preparation ministry for children/young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special needs in **September 2017**. Sacramental preparation will cover the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation and also provide modified services that help them participate in the Mass and the Sacraments. Those eligible will be children/young adults who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities. That is, 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 parent interested for your child, or in becoming a special needs catechist, please contact **Ana Uribe-Ruiz** (acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or **Monica Miller** (mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). Please contact them as soon as possible so they may begin working on the necessary accommodations for each individual.

CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND

A **Cursillo** (a short course in Christian living) weekend is scheduled for **28 SEP-01 OCT 2017**. It will be held at **Holy Redeemer Retreat Center** in Oakland. Christians of all denominations are welcome. If you are interested in attending, call **Corie Duffey** at **650/704-1256** or you can obtain an application via the website at www.cantaegalgallo.com/resources.html.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Parishes*

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.



NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2017-2018

Registration has begun for Nativity's **Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under the *School of Religion* link. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving First Communion, through all grade levels until the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **12-13, 20 and 26-27 AUG 2017** and **09-10 SEP 2017** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. **Sacrament Class** and **Classes for grades 1-6** are held on **Sundays from 08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* (beginning **24 SEP 2017**) Confirmation Preparation Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center beginning **11 OCT 2017**.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion requires 2 years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in 1st grade.

Confirmation Preparation is also a 2-year program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter 7th grade, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.

A kick-off celebration will be held on **17 SEP 2017** (Catechetical Sunday), after the **09:30AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 24 SEP 2017** and the Confirmation Classes begin on **11 OCT 2017**.

Catechist Openings:

Help our children be all they can be! Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

Substitute Catechists

Assistants for Grade 1 to 4

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hickam** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hickam@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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| 27 AUG (SUN) | Feast of Saint Monica NINTH DAY: St. Augustine |
| 28 AUG (MON) | Feast of Saint Augustine |
| 29 AUG (TUE) | |
| 30 AUG (WED) | FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 31 AUG (THU) | SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 01 SEP (FRI) | THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 02 SEP (SAT) | FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 03 SEP (SUN) | FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 04 SEP (MON) | SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 05 SEP (TUE) | SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 06 SEP (WED) | EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 07 SEP (THU) | NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM |
| 08 SEP (FRI) | The Nativity of the BVM |
| 09 SEP (SAT) | |

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

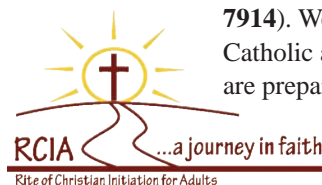
CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

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.

RCIA FOR 2017-18 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 **10 SEP 2017**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic, and for 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, 31 MAR 2018**. We will accept new participants throughout **SEP** and **OCT**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. 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.

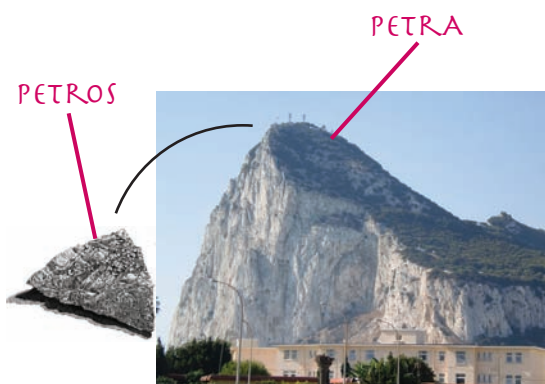


“And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are **Peter**, and on this rock I will build My church.”

Matthew 16: 17-18

“One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, **Simon Peter's** brother. He first found his brother **Simon** and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’. He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘So you are **Simon** the son of John? You shall be called **Cephas**.’”

John 1: 40-43



Gremus.

Canamus.

“PLAINCHANT”

Want to learn more about Gregorian Chant -- the form of sacred music sung by the Church for hundreds of years?

The **Church Music Association of America** (www.musicasacra.com) is one great place to start. They even have an introductory course in Chant for Children: (www.musicasacra.com/music-pedagogy-for-children).

Other wonderful sites include:

- The **Canons Regular of St. John Cantius** (www.canons-regular.org), which has on-line tutorials on the Latin Mass for clergy and laity
- The **Institute of Christ the King**, which has an on-line library of the Gregorian Chant Propers (www.institute-christ-king.org/latin-mass-resources/sacred-music/) for the entire liturgical year.

Questions From the Annals of Catechism Classes:

“What’s the deal with Peter’s name?”

It seems like everywhere you look in the New Testament, he is being called something else! To understand this, you need to realize that every week we read a translation (into English) of the Bible.

The New Testament was originally written in **Koiné (common) Greek**, except those places where the Evangelist (writer of the Gospel) is quoting Jesus directly. Luke was especially careful to write down Jesus’ exact words in **Aramaic**, the language spoken by Jesus and the Apostles (and all the Jews in the area of Judea -- what is now Palestine).

Jewish names held great meaning, telling what the person was expected to do in their life. The name “**Jesus**” is Greek for the Aramaic name “**Joshua**”. It means “**God among us**”. “**Simon**” (or “**Simeon**”) is an Aramaic name which means “one who hears” (Peter heard the call of Jesus to become an Apostle). The name “**Cephas**” is an Aramaic word (which is why it appears in John’s gospel as the exact word spoken by Jesus). It means “a large piece of rock.”

When translating from one language to another, you sometimes find that more than one word in a language translates to the same word in English. This is true of Greek in many places in the Bible. There are two forms of the Greek word for rock. One is “**Petros**” and the other is “**Petra**”. **Petros** means “a large piece of rock taken from a larger, living rock”, while **Petra** means “a large rock” (like the Rock of Gibraltar -- massive and solid).

In the original Greek text of the New Testament, when Jesus first meets Peter, He says **Simon** will be “**Petros**” (a large rock taken from the living rock of God). But in Matthew’s Gospel verse, Jesus calls him “**Petra**”, because as the foundation of the church, Peter must be a massive, solid rock of his own.

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms, formerly **Nativity Mother’s Group**, will be starting this **September**. This group focuses on mothers with young children but is open to any mother, grandmother, or caretaker from any parish. We will be hosting meetings on the **1st** and **3rd Wednesdays** of the month. Refreshments will be provided. Meetings will consist of short presentations to instigate relevant conversations to motherhood. **MPCM** will also be offering quarterly family events on the weekends. We are looking for mothers willing to help in any way.

Our first topic will be *Children at Mass: The Beauty and the Challenge*.

Date: Wednesday, 06 SEP 2017

Place: O’Hare Center

Time: 09:30-11:30 AM

For more information and to RSVP contact **Monica Hendricks** mmthendricks@gmail.com or home phone **650/367-4944**.