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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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 FEBRUARY 2017

Before man are life and death, good and evil,
whichever he chooses shall be given him.

SIRACH 5: 17



FIRST READING

If you trust in God, you too shall live.
SIRACH 15: 15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keep-
ing Your statutes!

PSALMS 119

SECOND READING

The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the
depths of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2: 6-10

GOSPEL

Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No'
mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil
one.

MATTHEW 5: 17-37

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 - 18 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Victor Sygengco
	05:30 PM	Tim Kennedy; Gabiella Chahroui; The Michelette, Rucq and Colombetti families; Christopher and Melissa Howe
TUE	07:30 AM	† Gussie Tarmann
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
WED	07:30 AM	David Barbieri
	05:30 PM	† John Kates
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Viet Nguyen
FRI	07:30 AM	† James McLaughlin, Jr.
	05:30 PM	† Eve Bielecki
SAT	08:00 AM	Alfred Araujo; Encarnacion Candido Acluba; † Joanne Gainer; † Lore Araujo

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

12 FEB (Sunday)

13 FEB (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM RCIA

14 FEB (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study
07:30 PM Bible Study
08:00 PM H⁴

15 FEB (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class

16 FEB (Thursday)

11:00 PM The Thursday Group

17 FEB (Friday)

01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society

18 FEB (Saturday)

09:00 AM NFP Class
06:00 PM Date Night

BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



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


Deadline: 12:00 PM (noon) Friday by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

EXAMPLE: For inclusion in the **26 FEB 2017** bulletin, submit by **Friday, 17 FEB 2017** at noon.



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 28-29 JAN
	TOTAL:	\$11,218

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

14 FEB (Tuesday):

SAINT CYRIL and SAINT METHIDIUS, Bishops
(~826 - ~884)

Greek brothers, both monks, who preached successfully among the Russians and Moravians and became known as the “*Apostles to the Slavs*.” They mastered the Slavic language and codified an alphabet for it (the forerunner of the “Cyrillic” alphabet used in the Russian language today). They frequently incurred ecclesial censure for using Slavonic—the vernacular of their congregation—in the liturgy.



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.

17 FEB (Friday):

THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (1233)

On the **Feast of the Assumption** in **1240**, the Founders received a vision of Our Lady. She held in her hand a black habit, and a nearby angel bore a scroll reading *Servants of Mary*. Mary told them, “You will found a new order, and you will be my witnesses throughout the world. This is your name: *Servants of Mary*. This is your rule: that of **Saint Augustine**. And here is your distinctive sign: the black scapular, in memory of my sufferings.” By **1285** there were 10,000 members with houses in Germany, France, Italy, and Spain.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 FEB 2017** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

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

Saturday: 09:00 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.

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

All married or engaged couples are encouraged to attend our next **Date Night, Saturday, 18 FEB 2017, 06:00-09:00 PM**. We will have time for getting to know each other, renewing old friendships and making new ones. We especially encourage the newly-married and new parishioners to attend as we continue to build up our faith community. We will have guest speakers who will present ideas for practical living (such as food) and building up our marriages in the Spirit. Dinner is potluck. Contact **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794** to let us know you are attending, and for any questions.

NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini, The Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **11 MAR 2017** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience and the phenomenal recording artists **The Bell Brothers** will provide the entertainment. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic beverage. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite, technology upgrades on the school campus, and faculty appreciation gifts. Cost is **\$50/person**. Drop off your reservation at the Nativity School office or the parish office. If you have any questions contact **Josh McClenahan** at **650/281-1339** or nativitymc@gmail.com.



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**
- Lily Catherine Lucy, daughter of Andrew and Laura Blaich
 - Sabine Sanae, daughter of Ethan and Regina Chan
 - Dylan Jaian, son of Joseph and Karina Young

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Teresa Ulloa
 - Mary Gallo

NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at www.nativityschool.com > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 18 FEB 2017**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, 650/868-3090 or love2pray@gmail.com.

PERSONAL PLANNING SEMINARS

The **Office of Development** announces its Spring series of personal planning seminars. Topics at these seminars include end-of-life bioethical decisions, funeral and burial planning, and estate planning. When it comes to these topics, many people do not know where to begin. Because of this, a great number of people die without having had the opportunity to make funeral and estate plans. And when it comes to making good ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice. All parishioners are welcome to attend any workshop. The workshops are free, but please register to attend. For reservations or information, contact **Fr. Anthony Giampietro** at 415/614-5580 or development@sarch.org.

The workshops will be held:

- **Saturday, 18 FEB 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Raymond Church** 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park
- **Saturday, 04 MAR 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Bartholomew Church** 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo
- **Saturday, 01 APR 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Hilary Church** 761 Hilary Dr., Tiburon.

EIGHTH GRADE FUNDRAISER

In order to earn funds for their trip to Yosemite in the spring, the **Eighth Grade** of Nativity School will be selling See's Candy after the **09:30** and **11:30 AM** Masses on **12 FEB 2017**. Please help them meet their goal.



BEST. LENT. EVER.

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. Don't give up chocolate for Lent! This year we invite you to do something different. Join **Dynamic Catholic** for the *Best Lent Ever*, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness, and what to do about it. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, 01 MAR 2017**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to bestlentever.com.

 **Dynamic Catholic**

Your planned donations help us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish will receive in the year ahead.

Electronic Giving is a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides consistency for the church budget. Traditional basket offerings fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives the funds to carry out its work on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Please visit the church website at www.nativitymenlo.org and click on the e-Giving link on the left side of the page. You may set up recurring and one-time contributions. Or, if you wish, you may call the office and request a paper authorization form.

Mgr Steven Otellini

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Comfort for the Afflicted*

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail Mary" related to the mystery



being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

Nativity will be hosting the **9th Annual Spiritual Warfare Conference** on **Saturday, 25 FEB 2017** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM**. It starts with Mass at Nativity Church, followed by a continental breakfast, lunch and speakers. Giving conferences this year will be **Father Gary Thomas**, Exorcist of the Diocese of San Jose, **Jim Burnham**, a popular Catholic apologist, and **Dr. Paul Thigpen**, author of the books "The Manual for Spiritual Warfare" and "Saints Who Battled Satan." It will be a full day of recharging our spiritual energy with about 500 other committed Christians. For more information, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso 650/269-6279**. To register, go online to www.heartsoflove.biz. It must be postmarked by **15 FEB 2017**. Don't miss it!!!



SAINT MICHAEL DEFEATS THE DEVIL - EUGENE DELACROIX

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

12 FEB (SUN)

13 FEB (MON)

14 FEB (TUE)

15 FEB (WED)

16 FEB (THU)

17 FEB (FRI)

18 FEB (SAT)

19 FEB (SUN)

20 FEB (MON)

21 FEB (TUE)

22 FEB (WED)

23 FEB (THU)

24 FEB (FRI)

25 FEB (SAT)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly **Young Professionals' Bible Study** on **Sunday** afternoons. We began our study with the "Epistle to the Romans." Join us at **01:30 PM** for lunch, followed by discussion at **02:30 PM**. We meet at **Hirav and Jordan Gandhi's** place at 1466 San Antonio Ave #8, Menlo Park. Please bring **\$5** to chip in for lunch! You can RSVP by calling or texting **Jordan** at **949/310-1393**.

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.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Peninsula Food Runners is a volunteer organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and reducing food waste. They are building their volunteer base in the Menlo Park/Palo Alto area and invite you to join them. The volunteers pick up excess perishable and prepared food from participating donors (restaurants, caterers, corporate cafeterias, etc.) and then deliver the food directly to the recipients (shelters, day centers for the elderly, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.). They are in urgent need of drivers in this area. Surplus food is available, but they have too few drivers to transport the food to local non-profits which feed the hungry. Shifts usually take less than 90 minutes and can work around your schedule. Go to www.peninsulafoodrunners.org to register under "Volunteer Sign-up" or contact **Maria Yap** at maria_yap@yahoo.com or **415/826-6903**.



The Story of Saint Valentine

Valentine was a Roman bishop at a time when the emperor Claudius was persecuting the church. Claudius also issued an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died.

“It was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived,” says Father Frank O’Gara, a priest at Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland. “Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church taught that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman, for their life, and that it was to be encouraged. And so this edict immediately presented a problem to the Christian church of what to do about this. The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married couples because of the edict.”

Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against the command of Emperor Claudius II. There are legends surrounding Valentine’s actions while in prison.

One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. Valentine was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became a Christian as a result.

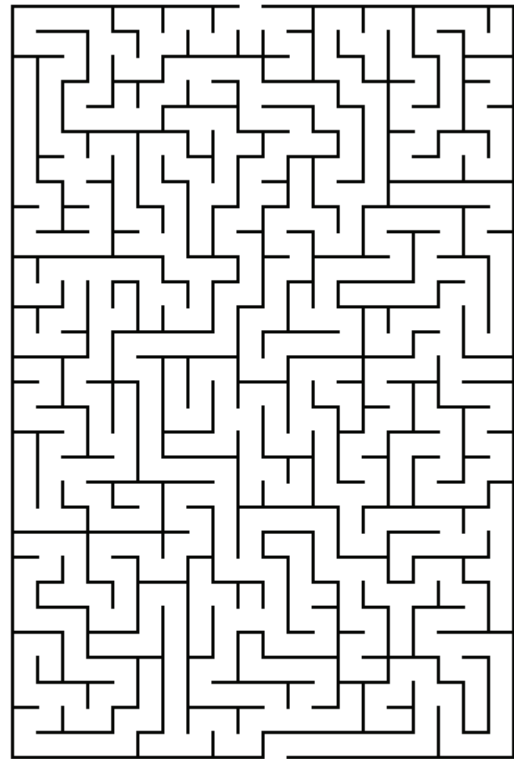
In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation, all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius’ daughter, signing it “from your Valentine.”

“What Valentine means to me as a priest,” explains Father O’Gara, “is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that -- even to the point of death.”

Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin is home to relics of Saint Valentine, granted by Pope Gregory XVI.

www.whitefriarstreetchurch.ie/shrines.html#Valentine

Lead the Christian couple to Saint Valentine to be married.



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