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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



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21 MAY 2017

I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.

JOHN 14: 18



FIRST READING

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or His kindness.

PSALMS 66

SECOND READING

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

1 PETER 3: 15-18

GOSPEL

You know Him, because He remains with you, and will be in you.

JOHN 14: 15-21

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased
TUE	07:30 AM	The President and all elected officials
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
WED	07:30 AM	All mothers, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	† Tony and Anna Arata
THU	07:30 AM	† Narciso Trinidad
	05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased
FRI	07:30 AM	Lisa and Bob Andrews
	05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased; † Alfonso Yuchengco; † Cecilia Tommei; † Gussie Tarmann; † Jane Fisher Tucker; † Mary Louise Frawley
SAT	08:00 AM	All mothers, living and deceased; † Agustin Valderama; † Mila Milicevic; † Jose Silveira

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your infinite mercy, hear and answer us.

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)

21 MAY (Sunday)

22 MAY (Monday)

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

23 MAY (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: Pivotal Players
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08:00 PM H⁴

24 MAY (Wednesday)

25 MAY (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group

26 MAY (Friday)

09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

27 MAY (Saturday)



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 06-07 MAY
TOTAL:	\$13,151
Mission Cooperation Plan:	\$6,700
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$33,048
2016 ADA Goal:	\$165,940

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 MAY (Monday): SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, Religious (1381-1457)

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow and member of a religious community. Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

24 MAY (Wednesday): DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, (1253)

Because of the remarkable witness that **St. Francis** has made to the world, a magnificent church was built in his honor. In **1253** on the 25th of May **Pope Innocent IV** solemnly consecrated the Church. Seven years later to the day, the remains of Saint Francis were taken from the chapel of Saint George and placed in the new church.



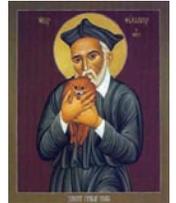
25 MAY (Thursday): SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE (672-735)

Considered the most learned man of his day, Bede was born around the time England was finally Christianized. His writings started the idea of dating our era from the birth of Christ, and our knowledge of the history of England before the 8th century is mainly the result of Bede's writings. He is a Doctor of the Church.

POPE GREGORY VII (1020-1073) SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI (1566-1607)

26 MAY (Friday): SAINT PHILIP NERI, Priest (1515-1595)

While visiting a Dominican chapel in San Germano, Philip received word in a vision that he had an apostolate in Rome, so he cut himself off from his family and went there. During the Easter season of 1544, while praying in the catacomb of San Sebastiano, he received a vision of a globe of fire that entered his chest, and he experienced an ecstasy that physically enlarged his heart. He would hear confessions by the hour, and could tell penitents their sins before they confessed them. He founded both the *Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity* and the *Congregation of the Oratory*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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 **Laura** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/257-7780** 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**.

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: 01:00 PM (twice per month)

Tuesday: 01:00 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 MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 26 MAY 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.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 JUN 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**.



*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**
- Leo, son of **Brian Monje** and **Mio Hidaka**
 - **Henry Marshall**, son of **Maxwell** and **Kathleen Warne**
 - **Zoie Grace**, daughter of **Ian** and **Megan Wikramanayake**

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Katherine** and **Timothy Summers** (*Timothy, Jacqueline*)
 - **Sandra Cernobori**
 - **Jacklyn Gutierrez**
 - **Trisha** and **Daniel Bell** (*Dylan*)
 - **Barbara McCanna**
 - **Oris** and **Ryan Martin** (*Addison*)
 - **Kristy Pak**
 - **Tara** and **Joshua Gill** (*Delia, John*)

DEATHS

MISSING

On **Saturday, 30 APR 2017** at **01:00 PM** a “lasso” was missing from the vestibule of the church. It was put there in preparation for the afternoon wedding when it was to be used. The “lasso” is part of a tradition that is used in many weddings here. This particular “lasso” is a family heirloom. If found please return it to the parish office as soon as possible. The family would appreciate it very much.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next week there will be a second collection for **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to fund local communication efforts, such as our TV Mass. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Please be generous. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

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: *Catholic Communications Campaign*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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**.



FULL-TIME CLASSROOM ASSISTANT POSITIONS: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting resumes for full-time classroom assistant positions for the 2017–2018 school year. A BA/BS degree is preferred. Experience working with children is required. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and locally competitive. Submit cover letter and resume to **Mrs. Susie Foster**, Principal, via the postal mail or email sfoster@nativityschool.com. Phone: **650/325-7304**.

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.



NATIVITY LADIES OF YESTERYEAR

We will once again be having a **Nativity Ladies of Yesteryear** dinner at **Angelo Mio's** on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, on **05 JUN 2017** at **05:00 PM**. For more information call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/269-4653**.

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Christians in Africa*

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA MARTO

FATIMA, Portugal — On Saturday, Pope Francis told those gathered at Fatima, in particular the sick and suffering, to follow the example of the newly canonized Sts. Francisco and Jacinta, offering their lives — both the joy and suffering — as a gift for God.

“Today the Virgin Mary asks all of us the same question that, 100 years ago, she asked the shepherd children: ‘Do you want to offer yourselves to God?’ Their answer — ‘Yes, we do!’ — makes us able to understand and imitate their lives.”

“They lived life, with its share of joy and suffering, as an offering to the Lord. I invite those of you who are sick to live your lives as a gift. Like the shepherd children, tell Our Lady that you want to offer yourselves to God with all your heart,” Pope Francis said **13 May 2017**.

The Pope's words were said during a special greeting to the sick during Eucharistic adoration immediately following the canonization Mass of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

Francis presided over the Mass with around 500,000 pilgrims during his two-day pilgrimage **12-13 May 2017** for the 100th anniversary of her appearance to the two shepherd children along with their cousin, Lucia.

Speaking to all of the sick and suffering present, he said they should not think of themselves just as recipients of charitable solidarity, but know that they are full participants in the Church's life and mission.

“Your silent presence, which is more eloquent than a flood of words, your prayers, the daily offering of your sufferings in union with those of Jesus crucified for the salvation of the world, the patient and even joyful acceptance of your condition — all these are a spiritual resource, an asset to every Christian community,” he said.

“Do not be ashamed of being a precious treasure of the Church.”

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On **10 JUN 2017**, Deacons **Michael Liliendahl** and **Alvin Yu** will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The ordination Mass will be at **10:00 AM** at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. A reception will follow the Ordination Mass. If you cannot attend, you may watch this liturgy livestreamed on the homepage of the archdiocesan website www.sfarch.org.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

21 MAY (SUN)	SIXTH Day: The Ascension
22 MAY (MON)	SEVENTH Day: The Ascension
23 MAY (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: The Ascension
24 MAY (WED)	NINTH Day: The Ascension
25 MAY (THU)	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
26 MAY (FRI)	FIRST Day: Pentecost Novena
27 MAY (SAT)	SECOND Day: Pentecost Novena
28 MAY (SUN)	Feast of the Ascension (Observed) THIRD Day: Pentecost Novena
29 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Pentecost Novena
30 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Pentecost Novena
31 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Pentecost Novena
01 JUN (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Pentecost Novena
02 JUN (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Pentecost Novena
03 JUN (SAT)	NINTH Day: Pentecost Novena

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Ascension of Our Lord:

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

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

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.

Young Believers

FORMS OF ADDRESS FOR THE CLERGY (from an article by Fr. William Saunders on catholiceducation.org)

Have you ever wondered how to properly address a bishop? A cardinal? The pope? A proper etiquette does exist for how we address our Church leaders. As a point of courtesy, all Catholics should be familiar with these forms of address. Even though we may live in an increasingly informal world, such good formalities help to make us respectful of proper authority.

So let's start at the top — the **Pope**. A person would greet Pope Francis as “**Your Holiness**,” “**Most Holy Father**,” or “**Holy Father**.”

Next in the hierarchy comes the **Cardinal**. A person would greet a Cardinal by saying, “**Your Eminence**” or “**Your Lordship**” (which is very British). Lately, some people will reverse the word order, saying, “Cardinal William Keeler” instead of “William Cardinal Keeler.” The formal word order originated in the time when last names were not common, but individuals were known by occupations or even places. For example, “John, the Smith” (or Blacksmith) eventually became “John Smith.” The same evolution occurred with Cardinals: What would have been “William, the Cardinal” would now be, with the use of family names, “William Cardinal Keeler.”

Another interesting diversion for us concerns a **Patriarch**. Patriarchs are Cardinals but have honorary precedence over a Cardinal. For example, the Patriarch of Jerusalem is Archbishop Michael Sabbah. A person would greet him, saying, “**Your Beatitude**.”

Both an **Archbishop** and a **Bishop** would be greeted as “**Your Excellency**” or “**Your Grace**” (again very British).

A **Monsignor** would be greeted as “**Monsignor**.”

Prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, some Monsignori had the distinction of “**Right Reverend Monsignor**” or “**Very Reverend Monsignor**.” Such distinctions are no longer made among Monsignori except for certain members of the Papal Household and those who serve in special offices of the Vatican Curia.

Finally, we come to the **Priest**. He would be greeted simply as “**Father**,” which reflects his spiritual fatherhood to those entrusted to his care by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Some “Fathers” are also formally addressed “**Very Reverend**” when they have a special duty.

CARNIVAL



2017 Annual Nativity Carnival

Free Parking • Free Admission • Free Entertainment
Family • Community • Fun
Safe for the Whole Family • Security On-Site

June 9th, 10th and 11th, 2017



Featuring:

- Pre-Sale Unlimited Rides Wristbands (pre-sales end June 7th)
- \$10,000 Grand Prize raffle drawing
- Daily \$1,000 cash drawing (Friday and Saturday)
- Daily door prize drawings

Entertainment By:

- Bell Brothers
- Big Wave Band
- Bob Coons Band
- Dutch Uncle

Go to nativitycarnival.com for raffle drawing, ride tickets, and carnival or volunteering info. Put the date on your calendar and come join Monsignor, the Carnival Committee, and over one hundred volunteers for a weekend with families and friends.

See you at the carnival!
Executive Carnival Committee

www.nativitycarnival.com

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