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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

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Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

ACTS 4: 34, 32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my Savior.

PSALMS 118

SECOND READING

For the love of God is this, that we keep His commandments.

1 JOHN 5: 1-6

GOSPEL

These are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ.

JOHN 20: 19-31



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

08 APRIL 2018

This is the One Who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ.

1 JOHN 5: 6

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 08 -15 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
	02:00 PM	† Teresa Burris
MON	07:30 AM	Dominick and Mary Ellen Peloso; Lindsay Fifield
	05:30 PM	Joe Personeni; † Robert Stephenson; † Doran Laidlaw; † Stanley Rozynski
TUE	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Bern Hussy
WED	07:30 AM	† Bridget Dawson
	05:30 PM	Benefactors of the parish
THU	07:30 AM	† Garth Stevick
	05:30 PM	† Berenice Ruiz Roxas
FRI	07:30 AM	The Greene family
	05:30 PM	Virginia Alba
SAT	08:00 AM	† Gregory Turner, Jr.; † Shelby Drazan; † Grace and Richard Hughes; † Teresa Burris

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing




Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao (The Philippines)

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)

08 APR	(Sunday)	
	01:00 PM	Divine Mercy Talk
	02:00 PM	Divine Mercy Mass
09 APR	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	Prayer Group
10 APR	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
11 APR	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
12 APR	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary District Mtg
13 APR	(Friday)	
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith/Fellowship
14 APR	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Baptism Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 24-25 MAR
	TOTAL:	\$13,150
	Altar Society:	\$3,720
	Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$21,315
	2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 APR (Wednesday):

**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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

- www.theholyrosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc/



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark G. Mazza will be having training for new Altar Servers for boys and girls in Grades 5 and above on five consecutive **Tuesday** afternoons from **03:15-04:15 PM**, beginning **17 APR 2018**. The dates for the training are **17 and 24 APR, 01, 08 and 15 MAY 2018**. There will be a mandatory practice on **Friday, 18 MAY 2018** from **03:15-04:15 PM**. Installation of the new Altar



Servers will be on **Sunday, 20 MAY 2018** at the **09:30 AM** Mass. For more information see the letter and application from **Fr. Mazza** in the vestibule of the church, or call him at **650/323-7914**. Applications may be turned in to the parish office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Sunday, 29 APR 2018** 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, 27 APR 2018**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We are celebrating Easter with a Family Event!

Event: *Bayland Walk and Ice Cream Shop*
Date: **Saturday, 14 APR 2018**
Place: **Byxbee Park**
(contact us for more information)
Time: **02:15-04:30 PM**
Contact:

Monica Hendricks mmthendricks@gmail.com
home phone: **650/367-4944**

Christina Lee lee.christina.s@gmail.com
650/450-8498 (text best)

www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic or
www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

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):

Thursday: 12:00 PM, 01:00 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.

*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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Blanca and Denis Posunko (*Maxime*)
• Nancy and John Smolek

DEATHS • Rose Heller
• Geraldine Myers

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

NATIVITY FEEDS: A VOICE FOR OTHERS

On **14-15 APR 2018** there will be a second collection for *Nativity Feeds*. Alexander and Luke Edward Harding Bradley will be speaking at all Masses and will once again ask you to contribute to *Nativity Feeds*, which has been providing lunches of corn, beans and rice for over 1000 children in **Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia**. Through your generosity they were also able to provide food for senior citizens who would otherwise go hungry. Because the funding for this program has been raised by young people for the benefit of young people and senior citizens, every cent you donate is guaranteed to go directly to feeding these people. Thank you so much for your continued support to this important program and your amazing generosity.

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: *Nativity Feeds*.



IN THE COMMUNITY

DAY OF RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN (CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY)

Are you a single Catholic young women between the ages of 18 and 38 and not actively discerning a vocation, yet still want to know more about growing in your relationship with God and others in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme of the **April 21st Janua Caeli Retreat Day** is "*Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts*." Our retreat master is **Rev. Quan Tran**, a priest for the Diocese of Orange and founder of *Fullness of Grace*, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in the spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! Lunch will be provided. The suggested donation is **\$20**. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

HELP VETERANS WITH THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Volunteers are currently needed to help wheel veteran patients at the VA Hospital on Willow Road in Menlo Park for Sunday Mass. Please join Nativity's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** in this ministry on the **second Sunday** of each month from **10:15 AM** to approximately **12:00 PM**.

For more information, please contact **James Killmond** at **650/441-2224** or e-mail jkillmond@hotmail.com.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Are you living the "Married Singles Lifestyle"? This describes married couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouville (*retro-vi*) teaches couples how to survive times like these. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing all levels of marital distress, from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on **13-15 APR 2018**, call **415/893-1005** or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Details of the location in Mountain View will be given with registration.



EVENTS AT VALLOMBROSA CENTER

- Our beloved **Mother's Day Lunch and Mass** returns **Sunday, 13 MAY 2018**. Mass will be celebrated in our chapel at **11:00 AM** with a gourmet lunch served afterwards. Single tickets, multiple tickets, and entire tables are available.
- **Mother Mary's Love** silent retreat for men and women from **11 MAY 2018 (01:00 PM)** to **13 MAY 2018 (04:00 PM)** will be conducted by **Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.** Fr. Brian examines grace and growth in prayer after the heart and example of the Blessed Mother. Guests have multiple attendance options of the full weekend in a private room, or a shared bedroom. A commuter option for Saturday is also available.

Please visit www.vallombrosa.org/calendar to register for either event and see our growing calendar of events. Vallombrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park. **650/325-5614**.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **April 2018**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: For Those who have Responsibility in
(Universal) Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Following the request of Jesus to **St. Faustina, Pope Saint John Paul II** instituted the *Feast of Divine Mercy* on the Sunday after Easter, **08 APR 2018**. Nativity's special celebration begins at **01:00 PM** that afternoon with a talk on Divine Mercy and confessions. Mass is at **02:00 PM** with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following. After that, we will have a potluck celebration of both Divine Mercy and *22 years of Perpetual Adoration* in the **O'Hare Center**. Please join us. Jesus promises great graces to those who celebrate the Divine Mercy on that day. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)** for questions on the celebration and the potluck.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOMILY OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II Sunday, 22 April 2001

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore" (Rv 1: 17-18).

We heard these comforting words in the Second Reading taken from the Book of Revelation. They invite us to turn our gaze to Christ, to experience his reassuring presence. To each person, whatever his condition, even if it were the most complicated and dramatic, the Risen One repeats: "Fear not!"; I died on the Cross but now "I am alive for evermore"; "I am the first and the last, and the living one".

"The first", that is, the source of every being and the first-fruits of the new creation; "the last", the definitive end of history; "the living one", the inexhaustible source of life that triumphed over death for ever. In the Messiah, crucified and risen, we recognize the features of the Lamb sacrificed on Golgotha, who implores forgiveness for his torturers and opens the gates of heaven to repentant sinners; we glimpse the face of the immortal King who now has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rv 1: 18)

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever!" (Ps 117: 1).

Let us make our own the Psalmist's exclamation which we sang in the Responsorial Psalm: the Lord's mercy endures for ever! In order to understand thoroughly the truth of these words, let us be led by the liturgy to the heart of the event of salvation, which unites Christ's Death and Resurrection with our lives and with the world's history. This miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny. It is a miracle in which is unfolded the fullness of the love of the Father who, for our redemption, does not even draw back before the sacrifice of his Only-begotten Son.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

08 APR (SUN)	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
09 APR (MON)	
10 APR (TUE)	
11 APR (WED)	
12 APR (THU)	
13 APR (FRI)	
14 APR (SAT)	FIRST Day: St. George
15 APR (SUN)	SECOND Day: St. George
16 APR (MON)	THIRD Day: St. George
17 APR (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. George
18 APR (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. George
19 APR (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. George
20 APR (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. George
21 APR (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. George

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint George Novena:

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/NOVGEOR.TXT

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



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

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

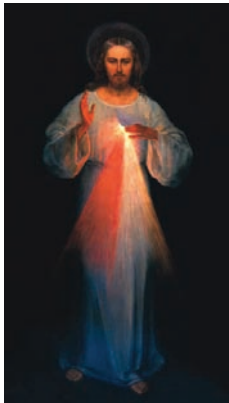
The **Octave of Easter** refers to both the eight-day period following Easter Sunday and the eighth day after Easter itself (i.e., the first Sunday after Easter). Over the course of history, that Sunday has been referred to as *St. Thomas Sunday*, *White Sunday* and *Low Sunday*. In the year **2000** it was designated *Divine Mercy Sunday* by **Pope Saint John Paul II**.

- *St. Thomas Sunday* is derived from the Gospel reading for that day, which recounts the story of "doubting" St. Thomas the Apostle.
- *White Sunday* is a historical reference to the time when those newly baptized at Easter would wear their baptismal gowns until that day.
- *Low Sunday* is believed to derive from the Latin "*Laudes*", which is the first word in the Sequence for that day ("*Laudes Salvatori voce modulemur supplicii*" -- "*Let us sing praises to the Savior with humble voice.*").

DID YOU KNOW?

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

There have been multiple images of the Divine Mercy produced over the years. Although **Saint Faustina** was frequently consulted about the progress of the original painting, it was her spiritual director and confessor, **Venerable Michael Sopocko**, who was responsible for hiring an artist by the name of **Eugene Kazimirowski** to paint from **Saint Faustina's** description. There is a detailed letter from Fr. Sopocko that describes what happened. He wrote: "For several months the painter was unable to satisfy the author, who became sad on that account, and it was at this time that she wrote in her diary: "Once when I was at that painter's, who's painting this image, and saw that it is not as beautiful as Jesus is, I became very sad, but I hid that deep in my heart. When we left the painter, Mother Superior remained in the city to settle various matters, but I returned home by myself, immediately I made my way to the chapel and I had a good cry. I said to the Lord: 'Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?' Of a sudden I heard the words: 'not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush is the greatness of this image, but in My grace.'" ...



Kazimirowski's painting is the "original", and now hangs in the **Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania**. But many have noted that the facial expression and direction of the rays do not match what Saint Faustina described.

I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one.

*Saint Faustina
(diary paragraph 1452)*



At the end of World War II, an artist named **Adolf Hyla** presented the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy with a painting in thanksgiving that his family had been spared during the war. This painting now hangs above the tomb of Saint Faustina in the convent chapel in **Lagiewniki, Poland**. Hyla's version is popular in Europe and Latin America.

LISTEN TO OUR LORD'S OWN WORDS

Jesus Himself speaks of His limitless Mercy for us in the **Diary of Saint Faustina**. No Christian should ever despair if they hear what our Lord and Savior has promised us. These are only a few of the messages:

(1577) *Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy.*

(1520) *I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death.*

(1146) *Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: **before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice...***

(1273) *There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it.*



Based on Saint Faustina's original description of the image, many people were dissatisfied with details of both the Kazimirowski and Hyla versions (the rays in the original were pointing downward, and the right hand in Hyla's is too high, being raised above the shoulder). So an American artist named **Robert Skemp** tried to correct these with his own version. The Skemp version is the most popular version in the Philippines even today, and hangs above the **Divine Mercy Shrine in Manila**.



All three of the images above have ecclesiastical approval for display in churches and for distribution to the faithful. But a fourth image has become possibly the most wide-spread, painted by another American, **Kathleen Weber**, based on Hyla's version. In fact, some refer to this as the "**Hyla by Weber**" image.