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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

He walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God.

1 KINGS 19: 4-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in Him.

PSALMS 34

SECOND READING

be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

EPHESIANS 4: 30 - 5: 2

GOSPEL

The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.

JOHN 6: 41-51



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 AUGUST 2018

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

JOHN 6: 51

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 - 18 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	Benefactors of the parish
TUE	07:30 AM	Rebecca Peters
	05:30 PM	Shelby Drazan
WED	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	John and Charlene Dorman
	07:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
THU	07:30 AM	† Anthony Zele
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
FRI	07:30 AM	† Ivan Rajkovich
	05:30 PM	Catherine Laicono; † Hilda Cabrera; † Bob and Dot Connelly; † Roberto Guitron, Sr.
SAT	08:00 AM	† Estella Bonafacio; † Fr. Clement Davenport; † Mary Hurley; † Mrs. Kolb

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 AUG	(Sunday)	
13 AUG	(Monday)	
	07:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
14 AUG	(Tuesday)	
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
15 AUG	(Wednesday)	<i>Feast of the Assumption</i>
16 AUG	(Thursday)	
17 AUG	(Friday)	
	01:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 AUG	(Saturday)	

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

15 AUG (Wednesday)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday, 15 AUG 2018 is the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on **Tuesday, 14 AUG 2018 at 05:30 PM** (vigil Mass) and **Wednesday, 15 AUG 2018 at 07:30 AM, 05:30 PM and 07:30 PM.**

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 28-29 JUL
TOTAL:	\$11,547
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$70,325
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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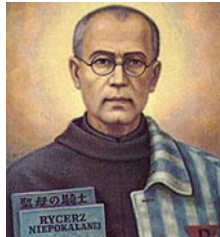
SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

13 AUG (Monday):
POPE SAINT PONTIAN AND SAINT HIPPOLYTUS

14 AUG (Tuesday):
SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, Martyr
(1894-1941)

Polish Franciscan priest who was imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. On **31 July 1941**, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die by being locked up without food or water. Maximilian offered himself in place of a young husband and father, where he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect.



15 AUG (Wednesday):
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

"Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory [over sin and death] and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body ... Hence, the august Mother of God ... the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer ... gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges -- to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb ... to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her son, the immortal King of the ages."

Pope Pius XII



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 AUG 2018** 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.*

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**.

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.

On **Monday, 13 AUG 2018**, we will continue with our celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **101** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will start at a **new time: 07:00 PM**.

All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

FATIMA
CELEBRATION



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):

Tuesday: 02:00 PM (prayer partner)

**Wednesday: 02:00 AM,
12:00 PM (noon)**

**Thursday: 12:00 AM-02:00 AM (twice per month),
12:00 PM (noon),
11:00 PM**

**Friday: 12:00 AM, 01:00 AM, 02:00 AM,
12:00 PM (noon)**

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**
- **Emiliano**, son of **Noe and Quenia Chavez**
 - **Nora Claire**, daughter of **Andrew and Katie Ehrlich**
 - **Jacob Louis**, son of **John and Jennifer Finkelstein**
 - **Damian Wayne**, son of **Gustavo and Marilyn Mendoza**

- MARRIAGES** • **Gustavo Mendoza and Marilyn Calderon**

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS** • **Roberto Guitron, Sr.**

NOVENA FOR LIFE

On **Fridays** from **03 AUG-28 SEP 2018**, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urge our participation in a nationwide **Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life**. This is a call to prayer and fasting that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being from conception to natural death is protected in law and welcomed in life. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the intention of this novena. To join visit www.usccb.org/pray.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 **11-12, 18-19** and **25-26 AUG 2018** 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*. **Confirmation** preparation classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **26 SEP 2018**.

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.



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:

Catechists for Grade 3 and Grade 6

Assistant Catechists

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at mon.hickam@gmail.com.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County (SVdP)** invites you to **We Rock**, a Happy Hour and Fashion Show in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard on **Tuesday, 14 AUG 2018**, from **05:30-07:30 PM**, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's **Catherine Center** blossoming into new life. Trinity Church is located at 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. The women will model fashions from SVdP's thrift stores. The evening, produced by Kim Selby, includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are **\$75** and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/werock2018svdp>. For more information, contact **650/343-1272**, visit www.svdpsm.org or email klang@svdpsm.org. Thank you for supporting SVdP's Catherine Center!

CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

Coming soon: an opportunity to begin a journey to discover the unique call God has for you, and the gifts He gives you to fulfill your mission in life. The *Called and Gifted Workshop* will be **Friday, 14 SEP 2018** from **07:00-09:00 PM** and **Saturday, 15 SEP 2018** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM** at **St Raymond Catholic Church**. This workshop includes presentations about Church teaching on the universal call to holiness and mission; the nature of spiritual gifts; and how to undertake the process of discernment. It is led by **Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, O.P.** To register visit www.straymondmp.org or call **650/323-1755** for more info. Cost is **\$50** per person (financial assistance is available) and includes lunch.

ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising even for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: The Treasure of Families
(Universal)

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

NOVENA FOR OUR NATION

For the third year in a row, the "Novena for Our Nation," a **54-Day Rosary Novena**, will run from **15 AUG 2018** (the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**) to **07 OCT 2018** (the **Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**) and will end with a National Rosary Rally in Washington DC. The project invites participants to pray the Rosary for 54 consecutive days, in a particular order and for particular intentions. For complete information visit the website: www.novenaforournation.com

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

12 AUG (SUN) SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary

13 AUG (MON) EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary

14 AUG (TUE) NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary

15 AUG (WED) Feast of the Assumption of Mary

16 AUG (THU)

17 AUG (FRI)

18 AUG (SAT) FIRST DAY: St. Monica

19 AUG (SUN) SECOND DAY: St. Monica
FIRST DAY: St. Augustine

20 AUG (MON) THIRD DAY: St. Monica
SECOND DAY: St. Augustine

21 AUG (TUE) FOURTH DAY: St. Monica
THIRD DAY: St. Augustine

22 AUG (WED) FIFTH DAY: St. Monica
FOURTH DAY: St. Augustine

23 AUG (THU) SIXTH DAY: St. Monica
FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine

24 AUG (FRI) SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica
SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine

25 AUG (SAT) EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica
SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

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



RCIA 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 **16 SEP 2018**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. Also welcome are 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, 20 APR 2019**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the green brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information, or the Nativity website (www.nativitymenlo.org). 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.

The First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

Many Catholics observe special devotions on the First Friday and First Saturday of each month, particularly attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist.

First Friday:

Our Lord revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, as one of the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart:

“In the excess of the mercy of My Heart, I promise you that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.”

First Saturday:

Subsequent to the apparitions at Fatima, our Blessed Mother appeared again to Saint Lucia, on 10 DEC 1925, with the Child Jesus by her side. At that time, she revealed her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, and told her:

“Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me.”

Would you consider making these your own special devotions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary?

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

“Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”

SEMINAR FOR PARENTS AND CATECHISTS

The *Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11* are pleased to present this a one-day seminar for parents and catechists **Saturday, 25 AUG 2018** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM** at **St. Denis Catholic Church**, 2250 Avy Ave. Menlo Park. What does it mean to say that “parents are the primary catechists” of their children? How are parents supposed to carry out this awesome responsibility? Here is a day to learn how. These workshops offer credits toward certification and recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical Certificates for volunteer catechists. All attend the morning sessions, and there are 4 workshop choices in the afternoon. Lunch is included. The event is free; but RSVP by **01 AUG 2018** to **Lucy Soltau**, lsoltau@stdenisparish.org.

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STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**.

We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: veo@streetlifeministries.org

driving: bruce@streetlifeministries.org

erving: emily@streetlifeministries.org