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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 07:00 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)

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in His love.

ZEPHANIAH 3: 14-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

ISAIAH 12: 2-6

SECOND READING

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-7

GOSPEL

One mightier than I is coming... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

LUKE 3: 10-18



O, Jerusalem - Greg Olsen

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16 DECEMBER 2018

The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds.

PHILIPPIANS 4: 7

CALENDAR


SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 16 - 22 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Juan Mantelibano; † Antonio and Ramon Talens
	05:30 PM	† Edward J. Horgan, Jr.
TUE	07:30 AM	† William Wagstaffe
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
WED	07:30 AM	† Kenneth Hausler
	05:30 PM	Steve San Filippo; Ivica Milicivec; † Diane Voccolo; † Carrie Blessing Keith; † Philip Bank
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Matilda Soares
FRI	07:30 AM	† Gussie Tarmann
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin
SAT	08:00 AM	† Ama and Ruth Volavola; † Isiameli and Kelera Volavola; † Mirama Volavola

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)
16 DEC	(Sunday) 03:00 PM	RCIA
17 DEC	(Monday) 01:00 PM 07:30 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society Legion of Mary
18 DEC	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Simbang Gabi Mass H ⁴
19 DEC	(Wednesday) 07:00 PM	
20 DEC	(Thursday) 11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
21 DEC	(Friday)	
22 DEC	(Saturday)	

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 01-02 DEC
TOTAL:	\$14,374
Altar Society:	\$3,574
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$104,517
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 DEC (Friday):

SAINT PETER CANISIUS, Doctor of the Church (1521-1597)

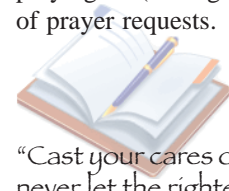
He was an excellent student, and received a master's degree by age 19; his closest friends at university were monks and clerics. Joined the Jesuits in 1543 after attending a retreat conducted by **Blessed Peter Faber**. He travelled and worked with **Saint Ignatius of Loyola** who was his spiritual director in Rome, Italy. In his later years, his advice was sought by **Saint Francis de Sales**, and by his friend **Saint Charles Borromeo**. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1925 by **Pope Pius XI**.

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**



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 DEC 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.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **09 FEB 2019** at **10:00 AM** at the Cathedral. All couples who in 2019 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. **Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P.** will be the principal celebrant.

Register at www.anniversarymass.info or call **415/614-5547**. St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. For more information contact **Ed Hopfner**, Office of Marriage and Family Life hopfnere@sfarch.org



PRO-LIFE PROCESSION: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join our rosary-praying procession beneath Our Lady's banner starting from the statue of St. Matthew at El Camino Real and 9th Ave, San Mateo, north up El Camino to Planned Parenthood (35 Baywood Ave) and return. [about 1.5 mile round-trip] Rain or shine!

Sunday, 16 DEC 2018, 02:00-03:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pre-born, Pray for us!

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Beginning **Wednesday, 02 JAN 2019**, and every **Wednesday** evening after the **05:30 PM** Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena will take about 20 minutes. In addition to the novena, once a month the **05:30 PM** Mass will be in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join in this celebration in honor of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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.

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):



Saturday: 03:00 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

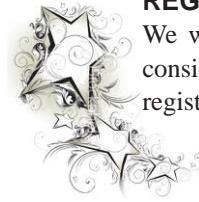
OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.



- BAPTISMS**
- **Vivienne Anne**, daughter of **Scott and Alicia Baker**
 - **Samuel**, son of **Mario Madriz and Michelle Rodrigues**
 - **Kaden James**, son of **David and Danielle Pickham**
 - **Phoenix Celine**, daughter of **Brock and Angela Woody**

- DEATHS**
- **Jeanne Gressens**
 - **Barry Stergion**



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ST. ANTHONY'S PADUA DINING ROOM

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park is in great need of donations of food and clothing "*We prepare about 500 meals a day, our needs are large quantities of items.*" Your help will be much appreciated. They need the following food: **meats** -- frozen turkeys; ham (whole or canned); frozen whole chickens; beef (bulk); **canned foods** -- cranberry sauce; pasta sauce (#10 can); tomato sauce (#10 can); juices, olives; **dry goods** -- pinto beans and long grain white rice (25 lb. bags); **pasta** -- penne, elbow macaroni, spaghetti, egg noodles; instant potatoes (10 lb. size); salad dressing; cooking oil; olive oil; butter (salted, whipped, or unsalted); sugar; coffee; ground pepper; garlic powder; **fresh fruit and vegetables** in bulk amounts -- onions, carrots, celery, potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini, summer squash, yams, apples lemons, oranges. **Cash donations** are always appreciated. Cash donations can also be made to [St. Anthony's Vegetable Account](#) at **Sigona's Market**, 2345 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, **650/368-6993**.

MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS FOR MEN DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

Interested in knowing more about the priesthood as a vocation? Discernment involves listening to God, learning about yourself, and seeking the guidance of others. Discernment is not a solitary endeavor. The **Archdiocesan Office of Vocations** offers two monthly meetings for men who are interested in discovering more about the priesthood. **First Monday** meetings are in **Redwood City**. **First Thursday** meetings are in **San Francisco**. The program each time is Eucharistic Adoration in the church, followed by dinner and discussion in the rectory.

Upcoming dates:

Thursdays: 03 JAN, 07 FEB, 07 MAR 2019, (06:15-08:30 PM)

Church of the Epiphany, 826 Vienna St., San Francisco.

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Patrick Summerhays**

415/614-5684 or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org

Mondays: 07 JAN, 04 FEB, 04 MAR 2019 (06:15-08:30 PM)

St. Pius X Church, 1100 Woodside Rd. Redwood City

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Tom Martin**

martin.thomas@sfarch.org

NATIVITY AUCTION 2019! SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars to join us at this year's annual fundraising auction, **Mardi Gras, Masquerade Ball**, on **Saturday, 02 MAR 2019**. There will be hors d'oeuvres with a **LIVE** jazz band, dinner and dancing, and of course both a silent auction and live auction. This event is a success due to the generous participation and donations of our parishioners and school community. Please help us to make this year's event the best yet!



Looking to get involved? We have two simple opportunities leading up to the event where we could use some help:

1. Help us in promoting the event following Mass.
2. Help us fill out our Silent Auction offerings (available in the church office).

Please send your completed donation form to:

nativityauction@yahoo.com or place it in the Auction mailbox in the School Office no later than **20 DEC 2018**.

*If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to **Lindsey Brill** (lindseydrill@yahoo.com) or **Melissa Fedoronko** (mfedoronko@hotmail.com) for more information. Feel free to send us any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of Nativity School!

ST. ANTHONY'S CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Anthony's Clothes Closet is also in need of new or gently used clothing for men, women and children, including warm coats and sweaters, sweatshirts and shoes; New athletic socks, new sleeping bags; disposable diapers of all sizes; ball caps; toiletries. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

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 (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: In the Service of the
(Evangelization) Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

This year prepare for Christmas again with *Best Advent Ever*, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy season. Each day of Advent you will receive and email with a short inspirational video, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. Each Sunday you will receive a thought provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life. To sign up, visit www.bestadventever.com/Christmas

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

20 DEC	(Thursday)	Advent Penance Service
	07:00 PM	
24 DEC	(Monday)	Christmas Eve
	07:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	06:00 PM	Vigil Mass of Christmas
	10:00 PM	Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass
	10:45 PM	Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib
	11:00 PM	Midnight Mass of Christmas
25 DEC	(Tuesday)	Christmas Day
	08:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	09:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	11:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Wednesday)	Feast of St. Stephen
	09:00 AM	Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Monday)	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	07:30 AM	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
	05:30 PM	
01 JAN	(Tuesday)	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	12:00 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
02 JAN	(Wednesday)	Regular daily Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

16 DEC (SUN)	FIRST DAY: Christmas Novena
17 DEC (MON)	SECOND DAY: Christmas Novena
18 DEC (TUE)	THIRD DAY: Christmas Novena
19 DEC (WED)	FOURTH DAY: Christmas Novena
20 DEC (THU)	FIFTH DAY: Christmas Novena
21 DEC (FRI)	SIXTH DAY: Christmas Novena
22 DEC (SAT)	SEVENTH DAY: Christmas Novena
23 DEC (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Christmas Novena
24 DEC (MON)	NINTH DAY: Christmas Novena
25 DEC (TUE)	Christmas Day
26 DEC (WED)	
27 DEC (THU)	
28 DEC (FRI)	
29 DEC (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Christmas Novena:

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

DID YOU KNOW ???

In one version of this Christmas devotion, often referred to as the *Saint Andrew Prayer* or the *Advent Novena*, the Christmas novena prayer is recited **15 times** each day, starting on the **Feast of Saint Andrew (30 NOV)** and continuing every day until **24 DEC**.

BUTTE COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The **Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento**, which includes **Butte County**, has established a Fire Assistance Fund. The diocesan website says, "In light of the Northern California fires that have devastated various parts of our Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful to remember in their prayers all those affected, especially the firefighters and emergency personnel, as well as residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated." To donate to the diocesan Fire Assistance Fund go to: www.scd.org/catholicfoundation/giving.

BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **30 DEC 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Tuesday, 18 DEC 2018**.
- Items for the **01 JAN 2019** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 26 DEC 2018**.

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Imagine you came home from school today and your family had received a note in the mail. The note said: *“The government requires your entire family to be in Monterey, CA in two weeks.”* Now imagine you have no car, there is no form of public transportation, and all the roads between Menlo Park and Monterey are dirt and gravel. You can bring one wagon to ride in, but it has no cushions inside and you will feel every single bump and hole in the road as you go.

Now you need to **WALK** from Menlo Park to Monterey, a distance of about **85** miles. It will take you several days to do this, and you will arrive very tired and very sore. When you arrive, there won't be a single empty hotel room anywhere in Monterey, from the hotel chains down to bed-and-breakfast inns in Carmel. One small hotel owner says you can sleep in his carport. It is open to the elements in front (no door you can close) and it smells like a garage that stores old tires and gym socks. And when the sun goes down, it is really cold in the carport.

This is similar to what Joseph and Mary had to do, right before the King of all kings was born. Nazareth and Bethlehem are **82** miles apart, and the Roman road through the Jordan Valley is dirt, gravel, and potholes. Today it is very dangerous to travel on the road



through the Jordan valley, because terrorists sit up in the hills and shoot at you. It was also dangerous to travel that road in the time of Joseph and Mary. Many parts of the road are long and deserted, and thieves and bandits would hide, then beat and rob travelers (remember the story of the *Good Samaritan*?). If you resisted the bandits, they might just kill you. Imagine taking that trip (on foot!). By the time you got to Bethlehem (or Monterey), all you would want to do was rest. But if you couldn't find a room, you would have to walk some more, all over town, trying to find some place to stay ... and then have to be satisfied with whatever was offered, even a barn or a cave (or a carport).

Let us remember to thank God for the incredible sacrifice the Holy Family made, so that God's Son could save each and every one of us from Hell forever.

SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning *“Masses at Night”*)? It is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it is celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on **15 DEC** and ending on **23 DEC**, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, Simbang Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth



of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for Simbang Gabi is the *parol*, or star lantern, which represents the star of Bethlehem. A *parol* is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger.

Through Simbang Gabi, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following Churches in Deanery 11 will be having Masses for Simbang Gabi:

SIMBANG GABI 2018 FOR DEANERY 11

15 DEC	(Saturday) 05:00 PM	St. Pius (Redwood City)
16 DEC	(Sunday) 05:00 PM	Vallombrosa Center (Menlo Park)
17 DEC	(Monday) 07:00 PM	St. Matthias (Redwood City)
18 DEC	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM	Church of the Nativity (Menlo Park)
19 DEC	(Wednesday) 07:00 PM	St. Charles (San Carlos)
20 DEC	(Thursday) 07:00 PM	St. Denis (Menlo Park)
21 DEC	(Friday) 07:00 PM	St. Raymond (Menlo Park)
22 DEC	(Saturday) 07:00 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Redwood City)
23 DEC	(Sunday) 07:00 PM	St. Charles (San Carlos)