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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)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

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Rev. Patrick J. Driscoll

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FIRST READING

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority He confirms over her sons.
SIRACH 3: 2-6, 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your children (shall be) like olive plants around your table.

PSALMS 128

SECOND READING

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
COLOSSIANS 3: 12-21

GOSPEL

Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety.

LUKE 2: 41-52



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

30 DECEMBER 2018

His mother kept all these things in her heart.
And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age
and favor before God and man.

LUKE 2: 52

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 30 DEC - 05 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Bruce Price
	05:30 PM	† Judy Woods
TUE	09:00 AM	† David Hubbard
	12:00 PM	† Josephine Lee
	05:30 PM	† Adolph and Marie Firenzi
WED	07:30 AM	† Lygia Lucas
	05:30 PM	Bill Zappettini
THU	07:30 AM	† Ted Farewzena
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	The Head and Lauder families; † Deceased members of the Herschmann and Delaney families; † Doran Laidlaw; † Robert McGivern
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intentions; Sean Masuhara and family; Ted Szalay; † Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Tuesday, 01 JAN 2019
for New Year's Day.

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)
30 DEC	(Sunday)	
31 DEC	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
01 JAN	(Tuesday)	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
02 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
03 JAN	(Thursday)	
	06:00 PM	ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
04 JAN	(Friday)	<i>First Friday</i> ^{1st}
05 JAN	(Saturday)	<i>First Saturday</i> ^{1st}


Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form



HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION

01 JAN (Tuesday)
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Tuesday, 01 JAN 2019 is the **Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God**, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on **Monday, 31 DEC 2018 at 05:30 PM** (vigil Mass) and **Tuesday, 01 JAN 2019 at 09:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 05:30 PM.**

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 15-16 DEC
TOTAL:	\$11,606
Immaculate Conception:	\$3,808
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$124,832
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

Donate online: <http://www.sfarch.org/aaa#DonateForm>

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

31 DEC (Monday)

SAINT SYLVESTER I, Pope (d. 335)

Pope in the reign of **Emperor Constantine I**, who built the *Lateran* and other churches. Sent legates to the **First Council of Nicaea**, and was involved in the controversy over Arianism.

01 JAN (Tuesday):

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The **World Day of Peace** was established by **Pope Paul VI**, and is celebrated annually on **01 January**.

02 JAN (Wednesday):

SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Students together, they fought against the Arian heresy. Basil founded monasteries and drew up a rule for monks; he is considered as key in the founding of eastern monasticism as **Saint Benedict** is to western monasticism. Gregory became Bishop of Constantinople, and Basil was Archbishop of Caesarea. Both were proclaimed Doctors of the Church.

04 JAN (Friday):

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1775-1821)

First native-born American to be canonized. She formed a religious community while still raising her children, and founded two orphanages and another school. Today, six communities of sisters trace their origins to Mother Seton.

05 JAN (Saturday):

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, Bishop (1811-1860)

Renowned as a founder of the American Catholic school system. Born in Bohemia, he became a Redemptorist priest (the first in the United States) in a struggling parish in New York, and later became Bishop of Philadelphia. He organized the first diocesan Catholic school system, and increased the number of schools from two to 100. He also built 50 churches and began construction of a cathedral. He was the first American man and bishop to be canonized.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check.

The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.

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

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).

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.

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Laura** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/257-7780** for more information.

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.

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

DEATHS

- Scott Anderson
- Alberta Kranz

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**.

St. Anthony's is located at 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, **650/365-9664**.

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. St. Anthony's is located at 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, **650/365-9664**.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The **Archdiocesan Office of Vocations** offers a weekend vocation discernment retreat for men who wish to explore a possible call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at **St. Patrick's Seminary and University, 18-20 JAN 2019**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. For information on this mid-January event, visit the website www.sfpriest.org or contact **Fr. Patrick Summerhays**, Vocation Director, **415/614-5684** or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **January 2019**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: Young People and
the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE
1 JANUARY 2019

Good politics is at the service of peace

1. "Peace be to this house!"

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house!"

2. The challenge of good politics

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy celebrated. It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction. Jesus tells us that, "if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35). In the words of Pope Paul VI, "to take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and worldwide – is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind".

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

30 DEC (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Epiphany Novena
31 DEC (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
01 JAN (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
02 JAN (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
03 JAN (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
04 JAN (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
05 JAN (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Epiphany Novena
06 JAN (SUN)	Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord
07 JAN (MON)	
08 JAN (TUE)	
09 JAN (WED)	
10 JAN (THU)	
11 JAN (FRI)	
12 JAN (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Epiphany Novena:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00073.htm



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.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

31 DEC	(Monday)	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary
01 JAN	(Tuesday)	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
02 JAN	(Wednesday)	Regular daily Mass schedule

The 12 Days of Christmas

Although there is no historical evidence to support the claim, there are widely-circulated stories and speculation that during the 16th century, when English Catholics were being persecuted by the Church of England, the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was created with religious symbolism to allow the study of many tenets of the faith without fear.

According to the stories, the hidden references are:

1. MY TRUE LOVE (GOD, OUR FATHER) GAVE TO ME ... A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE (OUR LORD JESUS UPON THE CROSS).
2. TWO TURTLE DOVES: THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.
3. THREE FRENCH HENS: FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.
4. FOUR COLLY BIRDS: THE FOUR GOSPELS (OR THE FOUR EVANGELISTS).
5. FIVE GOLD RINGS: THE FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE (THE PENTATEUCH).
6. SIX GEESE A'LAYING: THE SIX DAYS OF THE CREATION.
7. SEVEN SWANS A'SWIMMING: THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (OR THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS).
8. EIGHT MAIDS A'MILKING: THE EIGHT BEATITUDES.
9. NINE LADIES DANCING: THE NINE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
10. TEN LORDS A'LEAPING: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
11. ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING: THE ELEVEN FAITHFUL APOSTLES.
12. TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING: THE TWELVE POINTS OF DOCTRINE IN THE APOSTLES' CREED.

YOUR FAMILY IS A GREAT TREASURE

A family is one of God's greatest gifts. Sometimes we are all so busy that we forget to be thankful for our families, and to take the time to tell each other how much they are loved and appreciated.

1. Try to find out one new special thing about your mother and father, that you didn't know before. Did your mom once win the state Science Fair? Is your dad an expert with a yo-yo? Parents are amazing people that have amazing things to share with you: give them a chance to do that.
2. Find out more about your ancestors. Start with both sets of your grandparents. Ask your parents to tell you one special thing about each grandparent that you didn't know before. Maybe your grandfather was the mayor of the town in which he was born. Maybe your grandmother was the first woman in your family to graduate from college.

Your family is a unique treasure, and a big part of that treasure is YOU.

DID YOU KNOW ???

For the last 35 years, PNC Wealth Management has calculated the cost of purchasing all the gifts named in "The 12 Days of Christmas". In 2018, to purchase 12 drummers drumming, 22 pipers piping, 30 lords-a-leaping, 36 ladies dancing, 40 maids-a-milking, 42 swans-a-swimming, 42 geese-a-laying, 40 gold rings, 36 calling birds, 30 French hens, 22 turtle doves, and 12 partridges in pear trees would cost **\$170,609**. The partridge is the least expensive (\$20.18 each), pear trees are \$200 each, and swans are the item that is usually subject to the most price fluctuation year-over-year. This year, surprisingly, the geese took the biggest jump, up 8.3% over last year.

www.pncchristmaspriceindex.com

The "Twelve Days" of Christmas are December 26th to January 6th (the Feast of the Epiphany).

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."

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

