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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## 18 FEBRUARY 2018



This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come,  
of the covenant between Me and you.

**GENESIS 9: 12**

### FIRST READING

I will establish My covenant with you.  
**GENESIS 9: 8-15**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me Your paths, guide me in Your truth  
and teach me, for You are God my Savior.  
**PSALMS 25**

### SECOND READING

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous  
for the sake of the unrighteous.  
**1 PETER 3: 18-22**

### GOSPEL

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and He remained in the desert for forty days.  
**MARK 1: 12-15**

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 FEB

<b>SAT 05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON 09:00 AM</b>	Lucienne and Judy Woods; † Paul Otellini; † Ted Amirkhan; † Joe Freese; † Teresa and Jerry Priorē
<b>TUE 07:30 AM</b>	Lisa Andrews
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Melvin Kerwin
<b>WED 07:30 AM</b>	† Eloise Libby
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Danny Olin
<b>THU 07:30 AM</b>	† Marie Masuda
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Celia Micheletti Sanssone; † Cliff Greenman
<b>FRI 07:30 AM</b>	† Gladys Long Tropeano
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Katherine Eastman
<b>SAT 08:00 AM</b>	Nicholas Divito; † Elsa Pompili; † Angela Ziesler Belt; † Odile Bongrain

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*



The parish office will be closed  
on Monday, 19 FEB 2018  
for Presidents Day.  
There will be one Mass,  
at 09:00 AM, on Monday.



We will have Stations of the  
Cross every Friday during Lent,  
following the 05:30 PM Mass




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

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>18 FEB</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>19 FEB</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:30 PM	<i>Presidents Day</i> Legion of Mary
<b>20 FEB</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H <sup>4</sup> Faith Formation Class
<b>21 FEB</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms Confirmation Class
<b>22 FEB</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>23 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	06:00 PM	<i>Lenten Friday</i> Stations of the Cross
<b>24 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	08:00 AM	Spiritual Warfare Conference



### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>03-04 FEB</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$11,375</b>
ADA Progress: 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	<b>GOAL MET!</b> <b>\$165,940</b>

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# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 19 FEB (Monday): PRESIDENTS DAY

**“Presidents” Day? Not really...** In 1796, the country first celebrated the birthday of **George Washington**. In 1866, Congress gathered to remember **Abraham Lincoln** on **12 FEB**, but although many states began to celebrate his birthday as a holiday, it was never made into a national holiday. In 1885, **Chester A. Arthur** made Washington’s birthday (**22 FEB**) an official national holiday. In 1968, Congress passed legislation to move the observance of Washington’s birthday from **22 FEB** to “the third Monday in February” -- this went into effect in 1971. While many people think Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthday observances were combined at that time, the Congressional decree still officially refers to this as **Washington’s Birthday**.

## 22 FEB (Thursday): WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”



## 22 FEB (Thursday): THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, Apostle

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, in addition to a similar feast on 18 January, celebrating the first Mass over which Peter presided in Rome. At each place a chair (cathedra) is venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. This feast is emblematic of the world unity of the Church.



Chair of St. Peter (Vatican Basilica)

## 23 FEB (Friday): SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop and Martyr (d. 155)

**Bishop of Smyrna**, Polycarp was loved and revered by his flock. We know that he accompanied **St. Ignatius of Antioch** to Rome to confer with **Pope Anicetus** concerning the celebration of Easter. He was martyred by a dagger after unsuccessful attempts that he be burned at the stake in the amphitheater at Smyrna.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### LENTEN CLASSES WITH FR. MARK MAZZA

Taking up from last year, **Fr. Mazza** will finish his study and explanation of the *Apostles’ Creed*. We will cover articles eight, nine, and ten.

Included is a discussion of the role of Mary in the life of the Church. All classes will be in the **O’Hare Center** on **Mondays** from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Please bring your own copy of the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. A few copies will be available for sale.

### MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We welcome young children and mothers of all stages and ages. Bring a toy to share. Refreshments are provided. At this meeting we will discuss early childhood development and discipline.

Topic: *Early Childhood Program Philosophies*

Date: **Wednesday, 21 FEB 2018**

Place: **O’Hare Center**

Time: **09:30-11:30 AM**

Contact:

**Monica Hendricks** [mmthendricks@gmail.com](mailto:mmthendricks@gmail.com)  
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**650/450-8498** (text best)

[www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic) or  
[www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms](http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms)

Here is the schedule:

- Monday, 26 FEB Article 8, “I believe in the Holy Spirit”
- Monday, 05 MAR Article 9, “I believe in the Holy Catholic Church”
- Monday, 12 MAR the four marks of the true Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
- Monday, 19 MAR Christ’s Faithful. What does it mean to be the people of God?
- Monday, 26 MAR Article 10, “I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins.”

### 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: 04:00 PM**

**Thursday: 10:00 PM**

**Friday: 09:00 AM**

**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** • **Alessandra Keira**, daughter of **William and Luz Dale**

## MARRIAGES

**PARISHIONERS** • **Shirley and Bernard Ames**

## DEATHS

## NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, **The Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **10 MAR 2018** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and two tickets redeemable for wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. Non-seafood ravioli option is also available. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite. Cost is \$50/person.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SUMMER SEMINARS

This year **St. Thomas Aquinas** is offering two different summer seminars. On **23 JUN 2018**, they will be having a one-day seminar, *The Problem of Pain*, with **Dr. Peter Kreeft**, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College. **29 JUN-01 JUL 2018** will be the weekend seminar, *Faith is the Key*, with the **Most Reverend Robert Barron**, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. For more information: visit [www.thomasaquinas.edu/summer-seminar](http://www.thomasaquinas.edu/summer-seminar) or contact **Patti Harmonson**, Special Events Coordinator, [pharmonson@thomasaquinas.edu](mailto:pharmonson@thomasaquinas.edu) or 805/421-5929.



## BEST. LENT. EVER.

Lent comes every year. It is meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become "the best version of ourselves." But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it after Easter. This year you can change that with the BEST LENT EVER, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, **14 FEB 2018**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from **Matthew Kelly**, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to [www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent).

## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

**Peninsula Food Runners** is a volunteer organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and reducing food waste. They are building their volunteer base in the Menlo Park/Palo Alto area and invite you to join them. The volunteers pick up excess perishable and prepared food from participating donors (restaurants, caterers, corporate cafeterias, etc.) and then deliver the food directly to the recipients (shelters, day centers for the elderly, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.). They are in urgent need of drivers in this area. Surplus food is available, but they have too few drivers to transport the food to local non-profits which feed the hungry. Shifts usually take less than 90 minutes and can work around your schedule.

Go to [www.peninsulafoodrunners.org](http://www.peninsulafoodrunners.org) to register under "Volunteer Sign-up" or contact **Michelle** at [michelle@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle@yahoo.com) or 415/826-6903.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

This year's **Spiritual Warfare Conference** will be on **Saturday, 24 FEB 2018** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. **Father Gary Thomas**, exorcist of the San Jose diocese, and **Fr. Robert Spitzer**, a physicist and EWTN host, will be our featured speakers. Brochures are around the church, or you can register online by **09 FEB 2018** at [www.heartsoflove.biz](http://www.heartsoflove.biz). For questions, call **Deacon Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

## SAN MATEO 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*San Mateo 40 Days for Life* runs from **Ash Wednesday (14 FEB 2018)** through **Palm Sunday (25 MAR 2018)**.

**Vigil location:** Sidewalk, 35 Baywood Av, San Mateo;

**Vigil hours:** 07:00 AM-07:00 PM every day;

**Local contact:** Jessica –650/572-1468

or email: [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)

Nativity's day is **Sunday, 25 FEB 2018**.

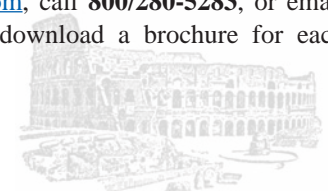
Learn more ... and get involved:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo>



## SUMMER PROGRAM IN ROME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

*ProRome* is an organization that offers summer programs for boys and girls ages **14-17** in Rome. The programs for boys, *Catholic Summer Program: Forming Young Men into Confident, Catholic Gentlemen*, will be held **18 MAY-05 JUN 2018** and **08-26 JUN 2018**. The program for girls, *Bella Vita Summer Program: A Young Woman's Immersion Program in Art History, Cooking and Italian*, will be **28 JUN-18 JUL 2018**. Space is limited for each program. Every day begins with Mass, which is usually (but not always) in St. Peter's Basilica. The programs' chaplains celebrate both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Mass. For an application or for more information about each of these highly-recommended programs visit [www.prorome.com](http://www.prorome.com), call **800/280-5283**, or email [jlong@prorome.com](mailto:jlong@prorome.com). You can download a brochure for each program from the website.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Say 'No' to Corruption  
**(Universal)**

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### 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](http://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.

**ABSTINENCE:** Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

**FAST:** Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

18 FEB (SUN)

19 FEB (MON)

20 FEB (TUE)

21 FEB (WED)

22 FEB (THU)

23 FEB (FRI)

24 FEB (SAT)

25 FEB (SUN)

26 FEB (MON)

27 FEB (TUE)

28 FEB (WED)

01 MAR (THU)

02 MAR (FRI)

03 MAR (SAT)

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

### DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm)

[www.oblates.us/heart.htm](http://www.oblates.us/heart.htm)

[www.sacredheartdevotion.com](http://www.sacredheartdevotion.com)

### 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.

## FAITH FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Ave Maria University is pleased to announce that through the generosity of a donor, a new Faith and Football Scholarship is being offered for qualified football players who are committed Catholics. The scholarship parameters include a minimum test score of 23 on the ACT or 1130 on the SAT. A limited number of scholarships (renewable for up to \$7,000 a year, which is added to the athletic and academic scholarships awarded by AMU) will be awarded on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to early applications. Candidates must apply through this link: <https://www.avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/>. Please contact [eric.vanheusden@avemaria.edu](mailto:eric.vanheusden@avemaria.edu) with any questions.

 The Ave Maria Foundation



## DID YOU KNOW?

Ever since Saint Dominic established the devotion to the Holy Rosary, up until the time that Blessed Alan de la Roche re-established it in 1460, it has always been called the [Psalter of Jesus and Mary](#). This is because it has the same number of Angelic Salutations as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David. Ever since Blessed Alan de la Roche re-established this devotion, the voice of the people, which is the voice of God, have called it the Rosary. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses".

~ *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

Read these other fascinating stories that [Saint Louis Marie de Montfort](#) reported in his book [The Secret of the Rosary](#):

### Saint Dominic and the heretic

While St. Dominic was preaching the Rosary in Carcassone, a heretic made fun of the miracles and the fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary. As a punishment, God suffered fifteen thousand devils to enter the man's body.

His parents took him to Father Dominic to be delivered from the evil spirits. He started to pray and begged everyone who was there to say the Rosary out loud with him, and at each Hail, Mary Our Lady drove one hundred devils out of the heretic's body, and they came out in the form of red hot coals.

### The Prayerful Friar

The chronicles of St. Francis tell of a friar who had the habit of saying the Rosary each day before dinner. One day for some reason he did not manage to say it, but got permission from his Superior at the dinner table to be excused to pray first.

After he had been gone a long time, the Superior sent another friar to fetch him, and he was found in his room, bathed in a heavenly light, and facing Our Lady with an angel at either side. Each time he said a Hail, Mary a beautiful rose would issue from his mouth. The angels took them one by one and placed them on Our Lady's head.

Finally two other friars were sent after the first two, and they all beheld this lovely scene. Our Lady did not go away until the entire Rosary had been recited.

### The King and the Rosary

Alphonsus, King of Leon and Galicia, very much wanted all his servants to honor the Blessed Virgin by saying the Rosary. So he used to hang a large rosary on his belt and always wore it, but unfortunately never said it himself. Nevertheless his wearing it encouraged his courtiers to say the Rosary very devoutly.

One day the King fell seriously ill, and when he was given up for dead he found himself, in a vision, before the judgment seat of Our Lord. As Sovereign Judge, Our Lord was just about to condemn him to hell for all of his sins, when Our Lady appeared to intercede for him. She called for a pair of scales, and the king's sins were placed on one side. On the other side, Our Lady placed the rosary he had always worn, plus all of the Rosaries that had been said because of his example. It was found that the Rosaries weighed more than the sins.

Our Lady said to the king, "As a reward for this little honor that you paid me in wearing my Rosary, I have obtained a great grace for you from my Son. Your life will be spared for a few more years. See that you spend these years wisely, and do penance."

After he recovered his health, the king spent the rest of his life in spreading devotion to the Holy Rosary and said it faithfully himself every day.

