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



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**FIRST READING**

If you are called, reply, *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.*

1 SAMUEL 3: 3-10, 19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

He put a new song into my mouth.

PSALMS 40

**SECOND READING**

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with Him.

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 13-15, 17-20

**GOSPEL**

As he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1: 35-42



# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 14 JANUARY 2018

He first found his own brother and told him,  
"We have found the Messiah."

JOHN 1: 41

### CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 14 - 20 JAN

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Anna Zappettini; † Paula Zappettini
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Virginia Munk
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Arthur Bellaire
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Fulgencia Rodriguez
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Paul Otellini
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	The Parsons family; † Melvin Kerwin; † Fr. Patrick LaBelle, O.P.; † Robert Saldich
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Robin McGlohn
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Danny Olin
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	The Neff family; † Ricky Torres; † Matthew Cruz; † Andrew Gonzales

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



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through our website  
[www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)  
or call the parish office  
for a paper form



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

18-25 JAN 2018  
is the  
Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity



*Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power*

<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)

**14 JAN (Sunday)**

**15 JAN (Monday)**

07:30 PM Legion of Mary

**16 JAN (Tuesday)**

09:30 AM Faith Formation Class  
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**17 JAN (Wednesday)**

09:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms  
01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society  
07:00 PM Confirmation Class

**18 JAN (Thursday)**


11:00 AM The Thursday Group

**19 JAN (Friday)**

**20 JAN (Saturday)**

09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class  
10:00 AM First Reconciliation

### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>30-31 DEC</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$17,417</b>
ADA Progress: 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	<b>GOAL MET! \$165,940</b>

Donate online: [www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA](http://www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA)

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**17 JAN (Wednesday):**

**SAINT ANTHONY (OF THE DESERT), Abbot (251-356)**

St. Anthony is known as the **patriarch of the monastic life**, for he founded the first two monasteries. Following the direction to “sell what you have and give to the poor”, he gave away all his vast possessions and retired to the desert in solitude, where he lived an extremely austere and punishing life. He was assaulted mercilessly by demons, but his faith never wavered. He was persuaded to establish two monasteries and a rule only after great numbers of people sought him out for the life he led and example he provided.



**20 JAN (Saturday):**

**SAINT FABIAN, Pope (d. ~250)**

A layman farmer who happened to be in Rome on the day a new pope was to be chosen. A dove flew over the crowd and alighted on Fabian’s head, and the assembled clergy and laity took this as a sign from God, and made Fabian the 20th pope. He was martyred in the persecutions of Decius.

**SAINT SEBASTIAN, Martyr (d. ~288)**

The son of a wealthy Roman family, Sebastian was an officer in Diocletian’s army, and captain of the guard. When he was charged as a Christian, Diocletian ordered him tied to a tree and shot with arrows. He survived and recovered with the help of **Saint Irene**, and returned to preach directly to Diocletian, who then had him martyred by being beaten to death.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We welcome young children and mothers of all stages and ages. Bring a toy to share. Refreshments are provided. We will talk about some New Year’s resolutions, especially around our most important relationships.

Topic: *Marriage and Making it Better*

Date: **Wednesday, 17 JAN 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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**Christina Lee** [lee.christina.s@gmail.com](mailto:lee.christina.s@gmail.com)

**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)

### 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 JAN 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](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com). *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

*You have never strayed too far for the Father’s forgiveness and grace.*

### HOLY SPIRIT CLASS

Our **Faith Formation Class** on the Holy Spirit will continue on **Tuesday, 16 JAN 2018**. The class is held at **09:30 AM** in the O’Hare Center, and then repeated at **07:00 PM**. All are encouraged to attend. Call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** with questions: **650/269-6279**.

### 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):

**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.

*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**
- **Sebastien Ravi Joseph**, son of **Adam Goldman** and **Nidhi Jacob**
  - **Jane Gearoidin**, daughter of **Mitchell** and **Alexandria Morey**

## MARRIAGES

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **Richard Cesarn**
  - **Alida Moore**

## A NEW TYPE OF DONATION: GOLD AND SILVER

Often we find things in church that people don't know what to do with, so they leave them here -- old medals (Sacred Heart, Miraculous Medal, etc.), broken bits of chain, broken rosaries. Often these objects are silver and do have some monetary value. If you have scrap silver or gold that you don't know what to do with consider donating it to Nativity. Any money we receive will be given to the **Altar Society** to further their work in beautifying the Church. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

## LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND:** • women's black gloves

Call **650/323-7914**.

Glasses not reclaimed are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to a special Open House on Sunday, 28 JAN 2018, from 11:00 AM-01:00 PM. This is especially for families interested in joining the Nativity community (grades PreSchool-7). The open house is at the school at 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Visit our website: [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com)

## NATIVITY AUCTION 2018

Please save the date to join us for the **15th Annual Nativity Auction, Enter the Forbidden City**, on **Saturday, 10 FEB 2018** at Nativity School. Cocktails and Silent Auction will start at **05:30 PM** with Dinner and the Live Auction to follow. This year for your entertainment we will have Lion Dancers perform during dinner. After the Live Auction ends our **Shanghai Gambling Den** will open! The Nativity Auction is a huge success every year due to the involvement and support of our wonderful community and the incredible items that you donate and we hope that you can help again to make this year's Auction a smashing success! This fundraising event helps provide financial assistance for classroom technology, teacher development, scholarships and many more resources that directly benefit the students of Nativity School.

If you would like to attend, donate to or help sponsor this year's Auction or have any questions please email [nativityauction@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityauction@yahoo.com) or visit the auction website at [www.nativityauction.com](http://www.nativityauction.com).

## NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 20 JAN 2018**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or [love2pray@gmail.com](mailto:love2pray@gmail.com).

## NATIVITY SCHOOL PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER

Our program is looking for a **preschool teacher** to add to our team. We have a play-based classroom environment with dedicated teachers and supportive parents. If you are interested in being a part of a preschool program that uses project-based curriculum, please send cover letter and résumé to **Tina Baluyut**, Pre-School Director at [tbaluyut@nativityschool.com](mailto:tbaluyut@nativityschool.com), Subject: Preschool Teacher. For more information about our program, please visit [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com).

## 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**.

## SVdP CATHERINE CENTER: RELIEF STAFF (P/T)

**Saint Vincent de Paul's Catherine Center** is a transitional place of safety and dignity for women to live and heal upon leaving incarceration. We seek compassionate individuals who can be present to our women when the program manager is not available (nights, holidays and weekends). Duties include supervising activities on and off site, keeping case notes, being a kind and listening presence to the residents, maintaining a safe and supportive atmosphere, coordinating activities that promote a healthy lifestyle (such as weekend walks), communicating with the program staff, and transporting and accompanying the women to worship services and community events, as needed. The ideal candidate has experience working with those in recovery, an open heart and excellent communication skills.

Email: [vclausing@svdpsm.org](mailto:vclausing@svdpsm.org)

For questions call Program Director **Vivian Clausing** at **650/838-9800**.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Religious Minorities in Asia (Evangelization)

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On **03 FEB 2018** at **10:00 AM** the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold its annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass** for husbands and wives and their families who will be celebrating a 5-year anniversary in 2018 (5, 10, 15, ... 30, 35, ... 50, or more than 50 years of marriage). The principal celebrant will be **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. The Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Registration is required at [www.anniversarymass.net](http://www.anniversarymass.net).

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our celebration of the **World Day of the Sick** at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, on **Saturday, 10 FEB 2018** at **11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco, in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. Contact **Kenneth Ryan**, [kennryan@aol.com](mailto:kennryan@aol.com), **415/613-0395** for more information.

### WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **27 JAN 2018**. There will be Mass at **09:30 AM** celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at **12:30 PM** in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at **01:30 PM**. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call **415/658-1793**.



### WALK FOR LIFE BUS

On **Saturday, 27 JAN 2018**, our Archdiocese will again be sponsoring the annual **West Coast Walk for Life**. This is always the biggest and most peaceful demonstration in San Francisco and a great way to pray and motive the preservation of life from conception to natural death. To facilitate our participation, we have a bus to take us up and back. It will leave at **10:30 AM** and return in the afternoon. To reserve a place on it or for any questions, please contact **Mary Ellen Peloso**, **650/269-7794**.



## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>14 JAN (SUN)</b>	<b>THIRD Day: St. Agnes</b>
<b>15 JAN (MON)</b>	<b>FOURTH Day: St. Agnes</b>
<b>16 JAN (TUE)</b>	<b>FIFTH Day: St. Agnes</b>
<b>17 JAN (WED)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day: St. Agnes</b>
<b>18 JAN (THU)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes</b>
<b>19 JAN (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes</b> <b>FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>20 JAN (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH Day: St. Agnes</b> <b>SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>21 JAN (SUN)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Agnes</b> <b>THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>22 JAN (MON)</b>	<b>FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>23 JAN (TUE)</b>	<b>FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>24 JAN (WED)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>25 JAN (THU)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>26 JAN (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>27 JAN (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b>

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

#### Saint Agnes:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

#### Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

### 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\\_gloria.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_gloria.htm)

#### Novena for Priests:

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

#### Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELPS IRAQI CHRISTIAN FAMILIES GET HOME

The **Knights of Columbus**, together with the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** and other Catholic organizations, are working in support of persecuted Christians in the Middle East, primarily in Iraq and Syria. With the defeat of ISIS in Iraq, Christians are theoretically free to return home—but most lack the resources to do so. The Knights have pledged **\$2 million** to move hundreds of refugee families back to their homes in Karamles, on the Nineveh Plain, the traditional Christian homeland of Iraq. The cost is about **\$2,000** per family. The Knights ask Catholics to join them in this effort, with donations and with prayers. Complete information is on the website [www.ChristiansAtRisk.org](http://www.ChristiansAtRisk.org)

# Young Believers

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO THE SANTO NIÑO DE ATOCHA?

Portrayed as a small Spanish pilgrim boy, the image of the child Jesus known as **Santo Niño de Atocha** is dressed in a long gown with a cape that has a wide lace collar and frilled cuffs. The traditional symbol of a pilgrim, a cockleshell, is on his cape, and he holds a little basket in his left hand and a water gourd suspended from a staff in his right hand. The little holy boy wears buckled sandals—huaraches—of silver, and a large, floppy hat with a feather. Although he is known as a wanderer, he is usually shown seated in a little chair.

The pious tradition of Santo Niño de Atocha is a story rich in both history and devotion. Although the Holy Child is the miracle worker, the devotion was originally a Marian one. As is proper, before a child is asked to do something, first the petitioner must ask permission from his mother. Thus, the prayers and novenas to the Infant of Atocha begin with a prayer to Mary, Our Lady of Atocha. The pious legend of the wonder working little Santo Niño is set in Spain.

In Atocha, a suburb of Madrid, many men were imprisoned because of their faith during the time the Moors controlled portions of Spain. The prisoners were not fed by their jailors, so food was taken to them by their families. At one time the caliph issued an order that no one except children twelve years old and younger would be permitted to bring food to the prisoners. Those with young children would manage to keep their relatives alive, but what of the others? The women of the town appealed to Our Lady, begging her to help them find a way to feed their husbands, sons, and brothers. Soon the children came home from the prison with a strange story. Those prisoners who had no young children to feed them were being visited and fed by a young boy. None of the children knew who he was, but the little water gourd he carried was never empty, and there was always plenty of bread in his basket to feed all the hapless prisoners without children of their own to bring them their food. He came at night, slipping past the sleeping guards or smiling politely at those who were alert. Those who had asked the Virgin of Atocha for a miracle began to suspect the identity of the little boy. As if in



confirmation, the shoes on the statue of the child Jesus were worn down. When they replaced the shoes with new ones, those too were worn out. After Ferdinand and Isabella drove the Moors from Spain in 1492, the people continued to invoke the aid of Our Lady of the Atocha and her Holy Child.

When the Spaniards came to the New World, they brought along the devotions of their native regions. Those from Madrid naturally brought their devotion to Our Lady of the Atocha. In 1540, silver mines were found in Mexico, and Spanish mineworkers migrated here. In Plateros, a tiny village near the mines of Fresnillo, a church was built in honor of Santo Cristo de los Plateros, a miraculous crucifix, beginning in the late 1690s. A beautiful Spanish image of Our Lady and her Divine child was placed on a side altar. Within a few weeks of the opening of the mine of Fresnillo, there was an explosion and many miners were trapped. The wives of the miners went to the church of St. Augustine to pray for their husbands and noticed that the child on the image of Our Lady of Atocha was missing. At the same time, it was said that a child came to the trapped miners, gave them water and showed them the way out of the mine. Whenever there was a problem at the mine the child helped the miners in need. Each time this happened, the image of the child on the Virgin's arms was found to be dirty and his clothes had little holes in them.

Through the years, as Santo Niño's reputation as a miracle worker increased, the shrine in the sparsely populated and rugged mountainous area became a major place of pilgrimage. Santo Niño has received so many votive offerings that in 1883 a special building, the salon de retablos, was built to house them and serves as a museum at the shrine. The miracles described are in favor of prisoners and those caught in an unfair legal system, miners, immigrants, victims of poor labor and economic conditions and crime, and the seriously ill. He has been called the **Patron of the Desamparados**, or "the abandoned." He is believed to travel throughout the

countryside at night performing miracles. He loves to visit sick children to heal them as they sleep. Often the figure of the Santo Niño is seen to be missing from His chair in the Fresnillo shrine at the same time that someone reports a miraculous rescue by a small boy.

The **Santo Niño de Cebú** (in the Philippines) is the oldest Catholic relic in that country, given by **Ferdinand Magellan** to the chieftain of the Cebú and his queen.

