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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. Mark G. Mazza

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

25 MARCH 2018

The high priest asked Him ... "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"
Then Jesus answered, "I am."

JOHN 12: 32



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Jorge Zavala
	05:30 PM	Bob Bilus; † Maria Goretti Ermang; † Charlotte Renauer; † Don Ginter
TUE	07:30 AM	Daniel Joseph Zavala
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Fokololo Mafileo
	05:30 PM	† Alida Moore
THU	07:00 PM	Priest's intentions
FRI		No Masses
SAT		No Morning Mass

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



The Last Supper - Juan de Juanes

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)

25 MAR	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
26 MAR	(Monday)	07:30 PM	<i>Fig Monday</i> St. Vincent de Paul Societ
27 MAR	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM	<i>Great and Holy Tuesday</i> H ⁴
28 MAR	(Wednesday)		<i>Spy Wednesday</i>
29 MAR	(Thursday)	07:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Mass (one Mass only)
30 MAR	(Friday)	12:00 PM 12:30 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	<i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Good Friday Reflections Our Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
31 MAR	(Saturday)	08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Easter Vigil (one Mass only)



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 10-11 MAR
TOTAL:	\$9,814
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$7,060
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

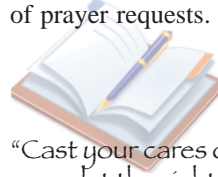
SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Following the request of Jesus to **St. Faustina, Pope Saint John Paul II** instituted the **Feast of Divine Mercy** on the Sunday after Easter (**08 APR 2018**). Nativity's special celebration begins at 01:00 PM that afternoon with a talk on Divine Mercy and confessions. Mass is at 02:00 PM with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy following. After that, we have a potluck celebration of both Divine Mercy and 22 years of Perpetual Adoration in the **O'Hare Center**. Please join us. Jesus promises great graces to those who celebrate the Divine Mercy on that day. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)** with questions about the celebration and the potluck.

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

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.

Here is the remaining schedule:

Monday, 26 MAR Article 10, "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins."

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.

NATIVITY LIBRARY

Nativity parish has a small but well-stocked library in the **O'Hare Center**. It has hundreds of books on spirituality, lives of the saints, and how to explain the faith. It has also has almost 100 DVDs. Stop by and check it out (on the honor system). On the weekends our parish librarian, **Wayne Reus**, is there to help you find what you want after the **05:00 PM** Mass on Saturday, and after the **09:30** and **11:30 AM** Masses (until **01:00 PM**) on Sunday. During the week, the key is available in the office. Enjoy reading, watching, and learning about the faith. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**.



THE CALLA LILIES ARE IN BLOOM AGAIN!

This is a great way to share the fruits of your garden with our Lord! Please bring your callas and leaves to the **O'Hare Center** on **Wednesday** morning, **28 MAR 2018**. There will be water buckets outside the O'Hare Center door for drop off. The Altar Society will use them for **Holy Thursday** and **Easter Sunday**. Potted hydrangeas are also used and appreciated, and may be dropped off behind the outside bar by the O'Hare Center. If you don't have a green thumb or you are short on time to shop for potted plants, consider a donation to the Altar Society for Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God Bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!



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**.

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: 08:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 01:00 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.

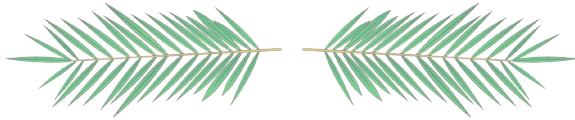


BAPTISMS

MARRIAGES • Jonathan Sharpe and Angela Yanes Diez

PARISHIONERS • Eric Daza
• Mandie Selin

DEATHS • Mary Ruder



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: GOOD FRIDAY

On **Good Friday, 30 MAR 2018**, there will be the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support this collection, which helps support the Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools, offer religious education and help preserve sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection you become an instrument of peace and join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up during the Good Friday services.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: THIS WEEK

This weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Altar Society*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HELP VETERANS WITH THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

Volunteers are currently needed to help wheel veteran patients at the VA Hospital on Willow Road in Menlo Park for Sunday Mass. Please join Nativity's **St. Vincent de Paul Society** in this ministry on the **second Sunday** of each month from **10:15 AM** to approximately **12:00 PM**.

For more information, please contact **James Killmond** at **650/441-2224** or e-mail jkillmond@hotmail.com.

DAY OF RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN (CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY)

Are you a single Catholic young women between the ages of 18 and 38 and not actively discerning a vocation, yet still want to know more about growing in your relationship with God and others in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme of the **April 21st Janua Caeli Retreat Day** is "*Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts.*" Our retreat master is **Rev. Quan Tran**, a priest for the Diocese of Orange and founder of *Fullness of Grace*, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in the spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! Lunch will be provided. The suggested donation is **\$20**. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on **13-15 APR 2018**, call **415/893-1005** or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com



HOUSING HELP NEEDED

Housing is needed for a young family moving to the Bay Area. The father will be teaching at **St. Patrick's Seminary** beginning in **August 2018**. This family (one child with one on the way) needs an affordable two-bedroom apartment, small house or cottage within commuting distance of the Seminary. If you have or know of such housing that will be available beginning July or later, please contact **Mary Wynne** at **650/367-8987** or newynne55@yahoo.com. Thank you.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Formation in Spiritual
(Evangelization) Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they are extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** should have ample room for more worshippers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshippers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Deacon Tom Kelly reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the Gospel "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. After the homily, those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. This deeply moving vigil is our inheritance as Christians, and we owe it to ourselves to experience it several times in our lifetime.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

12 "disciples" are needed for the **Washing of the Feet** which takes place at the **07:00 PM Mass on Holy Thursday, 29 MAR 2018**. This ceremony recalls Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, to illustrate what it means to serve one another. While not a sacrament, it is an occasion of grace for all participants and is deeply moving. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. Please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu.

TRIDUUM LITURGIES USHERS NEEDED

We need extra helpers at all the **Triduum** and **Easter** Masses. Particularly we need several hosts to help with the Easter Vigil, **Saturday, 31 MAR 2018, 08:00 PM** by distributing candles. Ushers are needed at the Easter morning Masses to help with seating and standing at these very crowded Masses. If you are interested in any of these acts of service, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. These liturgies are the highlight of the liturgical year, and deserve extra care and attention from the whole community.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

25 MAR (SUN)	PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY
26 MAR (MON)	FIG MONDAY
27 MAR (TUE)	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY
28 MAR (WED)	SPY WEDNESDAY
29 MAR (THU)	MAUNDY THURSDAY
30 MAR (FRI)	FIRST Day: Divine Mercy GOOD FRIDAY
31 MAR (SAT)	SECOND Day: Divine Mercy HOLY SATURDAY
01 APR (SUN)	THIRD Day: Divine Mercy EASTER SUNDAY
02 APR (MON)	FOURTH Day: Divine Mercy
03 APR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Divine Mercy
04 APR (WED)	SIXTH Day: Divine Mercy
05 APR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Divine Mercy
06 APR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Divine Mercy
07 APR (SAT)	NINTH Day: Divine Mercy

HOLY WEEK

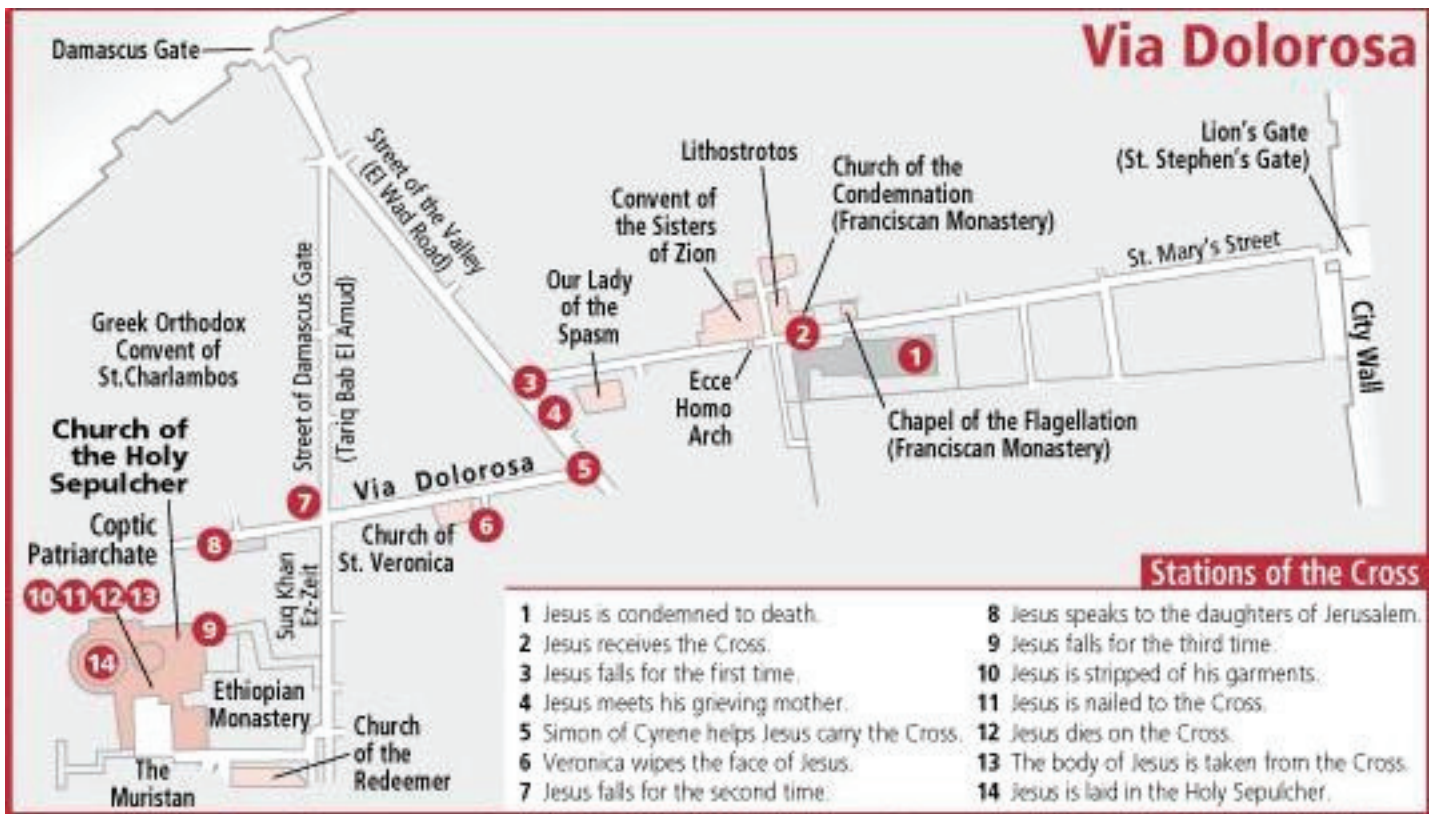
FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Mondays	07:00 PM	<i>Apostles' Creed Class</i>
29 MAR	(Thursday) 07:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
30 MAR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. George Schultze, S.J.) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
31 MAR	(Saturday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
01 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
02 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)



DID YOU KNOW?

Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord.

The word 'passion', in the Christian sense, does not mean an intense emotion; it refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death. Although for several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday, after the Second Vatican Council this name was restored to the Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week, formerly called Palm Sunday. As a penitential season of the Church, *Passiontide* is even more ancient than Lent.

† In 1342, the **Franciscans** were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the following stations: At Pilate's house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.

† During **Bach's** day, the organ and choirs were silent during Lent.

† **St. Leonard Casanova** (1676-1751) of Porto Maurizio, Italy, reportedly erected over 600 sets of the Stations of the Cross throughout Italy.

† In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to 6 days. About 800 AD it was changed to 40 days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Ordo** states "In dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." These dates correspond to the time of *Passiontide*, and explain why the crosses and statues in church are now covered with violet cloth. During this same period, which is an even more penitential time within Lent, the *Gloria* is also omitted from the Mass and Office.

The rubric in the Sacramentary (Roman Missal) states "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides"; the U.S. Conference of Bishops has voted that, if desired, this custom may be followed by individual parishes.