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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

ISAIAH 50: 5-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For He has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

PSALMS 116

SECOND READING

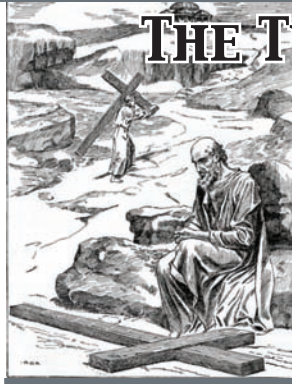
Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

JAMES 2: 14-18

GOSPEL

Peter said to Him in reply, "You are the Christ."

MARK 8: 27-35



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 SEPTEMBER 2018

Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.

MARK 8: 34

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 16 - 22 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	† Suzanne Walsh
TUE	07:30 AM	† Ignacio Correa
	05:30 PM	Judy Woods; Sid and Audrey Custodio; The Micheletti, Rueq and Colombetti families, living and deceased; † Cresenciano Mahinay
WED	07:30 AM	John Roofff
	05:30 PM	† Deborah Talavera
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Jackson Clark
FRI	07:30 AM	† Teresa Burris
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin
SAT	08:00 AM	All priests; † Calvin Joe; † Vicki MacDonald; † Ira Castain

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

FACING THE ABUSE CRISIS

Many parishioners have asked about help in dealing with the sexual abuse crisis in the Church, especially in the light of the most recent news emerging from Pennsylvania and Rome.

Bishop Robert Barron's website, www.wordonfire.org, has many good articles and interviews which can be easily accessed by the search button on the site.

I am also working to arrange a prayer service/discussion with competent professionals for the parish. I will keep you informed about this.

Please continue to pray for our Church, for all victims of abuse, for those whose Faith is challenged by these events, and especially for our young people.

Mmgr. Steven Otellini

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 SEP (Sunday)**17 SEP (Monday)**

01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

18 SEP (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

19 SEP (Wednesday)

10:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms

20 SEP (Thursday)


11:00 AM The Thursday Group

21 SEP (Friday)**22 SEP (Saturday)**

09:00 AM Baptism Preparation Class



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 01-02 SEP
TOTAL:	\$9,199
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$75,880
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

17 SEP (Monday):
THE SACRED STIGMATA OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, Bishop (1542-1621)

Jesuit who taught and wrote extensively; he authored the most complete work of his time defending Catholicism against the Protestant attack. He also wrote catechisms for children and teachers, and was part of the commission for the 1592 revision of the Vulgate Bible. He was a spiritual advisor to **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**, helped **Saint Frances de Sales** in the founding of the Visitation Order, and defended **Galileo Galilei**, with whom he corresponded regularly. He was also the head of the Vatican Library.

20 SEP (Thursday):
SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAEGON, Priest and Martyr, PAUL CHONG HASANG, Martyr, and Their Companions, Martyrs

During an outbreak of persecution that occurred in **Korea** in **1839, 1846, and 1867**, some 103 members of the Korean Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on **06 May 1984**.

21 SEP (Friday):
SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus to follow Him. Matthew's gospel, more than any other, sets out to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Written for his countrymen in Palestine, Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic, probably between 42-52 A.D.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY RESPECT LIFE: FIND OUT MORE

Interested in learning more about the **Nativity Respect Life** team? Please join us for a meeting on **Wednesday, 19 SEP 2018**, at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. We will discuss our current pro-life activities, share ideas and plan upcoming events to celebrate October as *Respect Life* month. For more information call **Laura** at **650/257-7780** or **Mary Ellen** at **650/269-7794**.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

Join Catholics from around the Bay Area at the **8th Annual Rosary Rally** at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. This year's theme is "*Accompaniment of Youth 2018*." The day starts at **09:00 AM** with a gathering and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. At **10:00 AM**, the Young People's Rosary Rally Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. For full details visit www.rosaryrallysf.com.

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 SEP 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.*

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)**.

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at the **05:00 PM** Mass, we will be renewing our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be followed by a rosary procession and Benediction. To better prepare for it, we encourage everyone to get **Father Gaitley's** book, "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" (many of you have that book from last year). We will also be placing a beautiful memorial plaque generously donated by parishioners to commemorate the parish consecration. Please join us for this special time in our parish history.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA: MALE VOICES NEEDED

Schola Seraphica has already begun rehearsing for our December concert. *We are in need of tenor and bass voices*. Practices are on **Monday** evenings. Please join us if you are able. We are looking forward to a wonderful concert season. For more information please contact **Margaret Durando, 650/322-2789**.

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):

Wednesday: 03:00 PM

Friday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 AM

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**
- Emery Graham, son of Christian and Maria Murdock
 - Charles Martin, son of Jason and Deborah Vera
 - Lucy Francis, daughter of Aaron Wenger and Mary Elizabeth James

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

FR. DAVENPORT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers (and people who like to hang out with golfers). The **5th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will take place on **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at The Golf Club at Moffett Field. This event is hosted by the **Nativity Men's Club** and features an **08:30 AM** shotgun start followed by a reception back at the school. All skill levels are encouraged to play, even those who haven't touched a golf club in years. Register at www.fatherdavenportgolf.com. For questions, please contact Chairperson **Mike Livingston** at **650/804-5226** or mike@lon1basketball.com. We hope to see everyone on the course!



IN THE COMMUNITY

PAULINE BOOKSTORE

The **Daughters of St. Paul** have a brand new Book Center! **Pauline Books and Media** (*The Miracle on Middlefield*) is now open at their new location: 3250 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. **650/562-7060**. It is on the corner of Middlefield Road and 6th Avenue, with parking behind the store. Store hours are **Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-06:00 PM** and **Sat. 10:00 AM-05:00 PM**. If you are looking for Bibles, books, DVDs, religious gifts, and a Eucharistic chapel, the Pauline Books and Media Center will be one of your favorite places to visit.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM

On **Saturday, 03 NOV 2018**, the *Office of Marriage and Family Life* is hosting its second annual mother-daughter event at **St. Bartholomew Church**.

Visit the webpage, www.sfarchdiocese.org/md for more information and to register.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Beginning **19 SEP 2018**, *New Beginnings: a Catholic Divorce Ministry* will offer a support group in San Francisco, meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, **07:00 PM** at the Parish Center, **St. Brendan Church** (29 Rockaway Ave, SF). Please go to www.newbeginningsf.info or contact **Diana** (415/929-0999 / dianawild@gmail.com) or **Martin** (650/739-6446) for more information.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

The annual *St. John Vianney Luncheon* for the benefit of the **Priests Retirement Fund**, will be held on **Friday, 26 OCT 2018** at **11:30 AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral (Patrons Hall). These funds cover medical expenses, assisted living, and nursing care for retired priests of the archdiocese. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than \$1.8 million has been raised, providing invaluable financial assistance to our retired priests.

You can support our retired priests by attending the Luncheon or by making a donation directly to the Retirement Fund at the Priests Retirement Luncheon webpage:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch>

"STAY OR GO?"

Are you a long-time home owner, considering your future housing wants, needs and dreams? Downsizing/re-purposing/remodelling? Adding an accessory unit, or maybe selling and moving? These decisions require careful thought and planning. Join me, Siobhan (pronounced *Sha-vonne*), and meet some local professionals to help ensure your maximum success. The dates are **Tuesday, 25 SEP 2018** from **07:00-08:30 PM** or **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018** from **10:00-11:30 AM**. The location is the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce. *Space is limited* so RSVP to reserve your seat. Email: sos@osullivanteam.com or text: **650/776-5445**.

SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRANT AND SPEAKER

Thursday, 25 OCT 2018 at the **05:30 PM** Mass, noted Catholic priest and speaker **Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC.** will be the celebrant. A conference on "*Healing the Family Tree*" is to follow Mass. More info forthcoming.

STANFORD HOSPITAL SPIRITUAL CARE

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathetic, well-grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours per week, then becoming a *Spiritual Care Service Volunteer* at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on **Saturday, 06 OCT 2018**, at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact **Raksha Patel** at **650/723-5101** or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is **22 SEP 2018**.

ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising event for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Young People in Africa
(Universal)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The *Youth Club* at **St. Francis Assisi Parish** is in need of volunteers for after-school tutoring for underserved students in grades 3 to 5. They are looking for volunteers to tutor students in Reading/Literacy or Math. The hours are **04:00-06:00 PM, Monday through Friday**. Volunteers can work one day a week up to five days a week.

If interested, contact **Sarah Burton** at **415/972-1226** or sburton@catholiccharitiessf.org.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

16 SEP (SUN)	THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
17 SEP (MON)	FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
18 SEP (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
19 SEP (WED)	SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
20 SEP (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
21 SEP (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
22 SEP (SAT)	NINTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FIFTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FIRST DAY: St. Terese
23 SEP (SUN)	Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina SIXTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul SECOND DAY: St. Terese
24 SEP (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul THIRD DAY: St. Terese
25 SEP (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FOURTH DAY: St. Terese FIRST DAY: St. Francis
26 SEP (WED)	NINTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FIFTH DAY: St. Terese SECOND DAY: St. Francis
27 SEP (THU)	Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul SIXTH DAY: St. Terese THIRD DAY: St. Francis
28 SEP (FRI)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Terese FOURTH DAY: St. Francis
29 SEP (SAT)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Terese FIFTH DAY: St. Francis

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm

St. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ST. FRANCIS CENTER OF REDWOOD CITY

The **St. Francis Center of Redwood City** is currently looking for volunteer tutors for ESL adult students at our center. Starting immediately, English tutor/teachers are needed **Monday through Friday** at various times during the day. No knowledge of Spanish is necessary. It is a wonderful ministry. If you can commit to an hour or an hour and half one day a week, you would be making a huge difference in the life of your future students. Please contact **Tess** at the St. Francis Center at **650/365-7829** for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

Young Believers

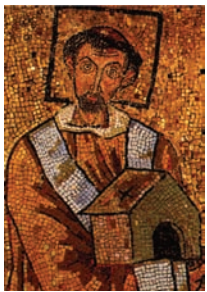
CHRISTIAN ICONOGRAPHY: THE HALO

The *halo*, also called a *nimbus* or *aureole*, is most often associated with Christianity and Christian art, but there is also evidence in the art of the Egyptians, Romans and Greeks.

Around the 4th century A.D., Jesus was depicted with a nimbus. By the 6th century its use had become widespread in depicting the Persons of the Trinity, saints, and the Virgin Mary. Saints were given circular halos, while Jesus was usually depicted with a cross proscribed by a circular halo (as in the picture to the right).



For a period of time, living persons considered to be particularly holy were painted with a square halo (including Pope Gregory the Great, who around the year 600 permitted himself to be painted with a square halo). In 1600 Pope Urban III stopped this practice, forbidding the use of the nimbus for any person that had not at least been beatified.



Pope John VII (mosaic detail)

In Renaissance art, the Persons of the Trinity are often depicted with triangular halos, particularly God the Father.



The *aureole*, also called a *mandorla*, is a full-body halo. The best-known example of the mandorla is the image of the Virgin Mary, as our Lady of Guadalupe, on Saint Juan Diego's tilma. Many other images of the Blessed Mother depict her with a mandorla.

In addition to the shapes, the color of a nimbus was once used to distinguish martyrs, virgins, religious, etc. The shape and style



has also changed over time, beginning with flat, upright solid disks, to solid disks angled in perspective behind the head, to translucent "glows" that slightly showed background, to the hollow ring first introduced by Raphael.

DID YOU KNOW ???

The **Hobby Lobby** chain of craft stores are closed on Sundays, so that employees can uphold the Third Commandment and honor the Sabbath with their families.



Chick-Fil-A restaurants do the same thing: they are not open on Sundays for the same reason.



In-N-Out Burger has been printing Bible verses on their cups and wrappers since the 1980's. Soda cups are inscribed with **John 3:16**. Burger wrappers show **Revelation 3:20**. Fry trays have **Proverbs 24:16**, and milk shakes come with **Proverbs 3:5**



And it's not just for fast food. The **Forever 21** retail chain also prints **John 3:16** on its shopping bags.



The mission statement of **Interstate Batteries** declares that the company exists "to glorify God". They have a corporate chaplain and a chapel in their headquarters building right off the main lobby.



The **Tyson Foods** website proclaims "We strive to honor God and be respectful of each other, our customers, and other stakeholders." Since starting a Chaplancy Program in 2000, there are now over 110 chaplains working throughout the company.



Mary Kay Ash, foundress of **Mary Kay Cosmetics**, attributes her company's success to their choice to "take God as our partner."



Fly on **Alaska Airlines**, and along with your breakfast you will get an inspirational notecard that includes a Bible passage.



Carl Karcher, a devoted Catholic, had a tradition of starting every meeting a **Carl's Jr.** with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

