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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

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Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

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

ISAIAH 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O Lord, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

GOSPEL

When He arrived at the place He said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

LUKE 22: 14 - 23: 56



PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

14 APRIL 2019

Pilate asked Him,
"Are You the king of the Jews?"
He said to him in reply, "You say so."

LUKE 23: 3

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 14 - 20 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Gregory Turner, Jr.
	05:30 PM	† John Joseph Saylor
TUE	07:30 AM	† John Briscoe
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
WED	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	In honor of Saint Joseph; The Micheletti, Rucq and Colombetti family; † Hilda Cabrera; † Anne Dunn
THU	06:00 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)

14 APR	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
15 APR	(Monday)	06:15 PM	<i>Fig Monday</i> Legion of Mary
16 APR	(Tuesday)	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	<i>Great and Holy Tuesday</i> Confessions
		07:00 PM	H ⁴
17 APR	(Wednesday)	06:00 PM	<i>Spy Wednesday</i> St. Joseph Novena
18 APR	(Thursday)	06:00 PM	<i>Maunder Thursday</i> Holy Mass (one Mass only)
19 APR	(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
20 APR	(Saturday)	08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Easter Vigil (one Mass only)



PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 30-31 MAR
TOTAL:	\$12,596
Catholic Relief Services:	\$5,404
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$27,815
2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

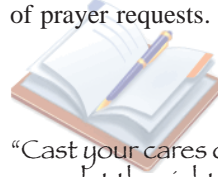
The *Divine Mercy Novena* starts on **Good Friday** ending on **Divine Mercy Saturday**. Brochures can be found around the church.

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 (**28 APR 2019**). Please join us -- more details to follow. Jesus promises great graces to those who celebrate the Divine Mercy on that day. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-6279)** 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

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

On this Wednesday of Holy Week, we will reflect on Mary's privileged participation in the redemptive suffering of her Son. We will prayerfully meditate on her seven sorrows and discuss how her deep love and maternal suffering can lead and inspire us in our own vocations as mothers.

This week we are meeting at Christina's house. We will send out her address via email and Meetup the night before. Be sure to join our email list to get that message!

Topic: *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Date: **Wednesday, 17 APR 2019**

Place: **Christina's House**

Time: **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Contact: **Katie Froula or Christina Lee**

midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on **Good Friday**, as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the work of the **Franciscans** in the **Holy Land**. The money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord. Thank you for your generosity.

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: NEXT 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.

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 church on **Wednesday** morning, **17 APR 2019**. There will be water buckets in back of the Church next to the stairs for drop off. The Altar Society will use them for Holy Thursday and Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!



SVdP Volunteering

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**.

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: 03:00-05:00 AM (twice per month)

Wednesday: 02:00 AM

Saturday: 10:00 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.

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

PARISHIONERS • Daniel Efren Lopez and Angelica Ayala Gutierrez (*Sofia, Diego*)

DEATHS • Barbara Huber
• Linda Miller

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Saturday, 27 APR 2019** for his annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, with the Order of Malta. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **Friday** morning, **26 APR 2019**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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:

Mondays: 06 MAY, 03 JUN: 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)

Thursdays: 02 MAY, 06 JUN: 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 (summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org)

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: CYCLONE IDAI

Catholic Relief Services is accepting donations for survivors of *Cyclone Idai*, which affected **Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe** on **14 MAR 2019**. More than 1000 people are feared dead. *Cyclone Idai* touched down in Mozambique, causing devastation across the country, and continuing through neighboring Malawi and Zimbabwe. Now, families throughout all three countries are displaced and in need of food, water and shelter. Catholic Relief Services—along with local partners—is working quickly to provide emergency support. Your gift helps bring relief to families affected with critical supplies, including food, shelter, water and hygiene.

To donate directly to CRS to help alleviate the effects of this disaster visit <https://support.crs.org/donate/idai>

GOOD FRIDAY PRO-LIFE WALK

The **45th annual "8-mile" Prolife Prayer Walk** will be on **Good Friday, 19 APR 2019**. It will start at **07:45 AM** at **St. Martin's Church** (200 O'Connor Drive, San Jose) and end at **Our Lady of Peace Church** (2800 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara). A penitential meal will be served at the end.

For more information contact **Rich 510/468-1446**.

CATHOLIC MASS / BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

Each Sunday *God Squad Productions* airs a Catholic TV Mass on local TV channels. Our ministry focuses on those who are homebound, residents of assisted living, hospitalized, or imprisoned. Our program depends solely on private donations and the annual Bocce Ball Tournament. This year our tournament will be held on **Saturday, 27 APR 2019**, from **08:30 AM-04:40 PM**. We invite you, your family, and friends to join us in this event which includes food, beverages, and of course Bocce Ball. Please visit the *God Squad Productions* website for more information and the most recently-broadcast TV Mass.

www.fatherharry.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The **Columbian Senior Residence** is located in historic Marysville, California. It is an independent living residence for seniors in a small community setting. There are opportunities for spiritual growth and apostolic outreach. It has low rates, meals and housekeeping included; concessions are considered in the case of hardship. This community is a charitable enterprise of the **California Knights of Columbus**. For more information call **530/743 7542** or visit www.columbiansenior.com.

VALLOMBROSA CENTER NEWS

A Sunday-Only Retreat for Mothers with *Mary Abinante*, **Sunday 28 APR 2019** from **09:00 AM-03:00 PM**. This day is for mothers of all ages and stages of life. Motherhood is a special calling. We will reflect on how God blesses and sustains and consoles us as we live our unique vocations. Mass and the Eucharist are part of the day. The fee for the day is **\$49**. A light snack and coffee will be served in the morning and lunch is also included.

To register call **650/325-5615** or visit <http://tinyurl.com/abinante> Seating is limited. *Mary da Silva Abinante* has worked in parish, retreat, and high school ministries in California and the Northwest for over 30 years. She recently retired from the Adult Spirituality Team at St. Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco. She has a M.A. in Religious Education from the University of San Francisco and has done additional graduate work in adult formation. She and her late husband Phil have three young adult children.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones*

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they are always very crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday, 20 APR 2019 at 08:00 PM** should have ample room for more worshipers. 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 worshipers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit quiet, Deacon Tom Kelly 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 welcome back the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Music for this Mass includes choral pieces 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.

WASHING OF THE FEET OPPORTUNITY

12 "disciples" from the parish are invited to participate in the *Washing of the Feet*, which takes place at the **06:00 PM** Mass on **Holy Thursday, 18 APR 2019**. **Monsignor Otellini** re-enacts Jesus' washing the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper. While not a sacrament, it is an occasion of grace for all participants and vividly illustrates what it means to serve one another. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. If you would like to be included, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. Or, simply show up at the Mass and let her know you're there.

YOU MATTER!

You are an eternal being.

You play a unique role
in God's creation.

You matter.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

14 APR (SUN) PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY

15 APR (MON) FIG MONDAY

16 APR (TUE)

17 APR (WED) SPY WEDNESDAY

18 APR (THU) MAUNDY THURSDAY

19 APR (FRI) FIRST Day: Divine Mercy
GOOD FRIDAY

20 APR (SAT) SECOND Day: Divine Mercy
HOLY SATURDAY

21 APR (SUN) THIRD Day: Divine Mercy
EASTER SUNDAY

22 APR (MON) FOURTH Day: Divine Mercy

23 APR (TUE) FIFTH Day: Divine Mercy

24 APR (WED) SIXTH Day: Divine Mercy

25 APR (THU) SEVENTH Day: Divine Mercy

26 APR (FRI) EIGHTH Day: Divine Mercy

27 APR (SAT) NINTH Day: Divine Mercy


HOLY WEEK

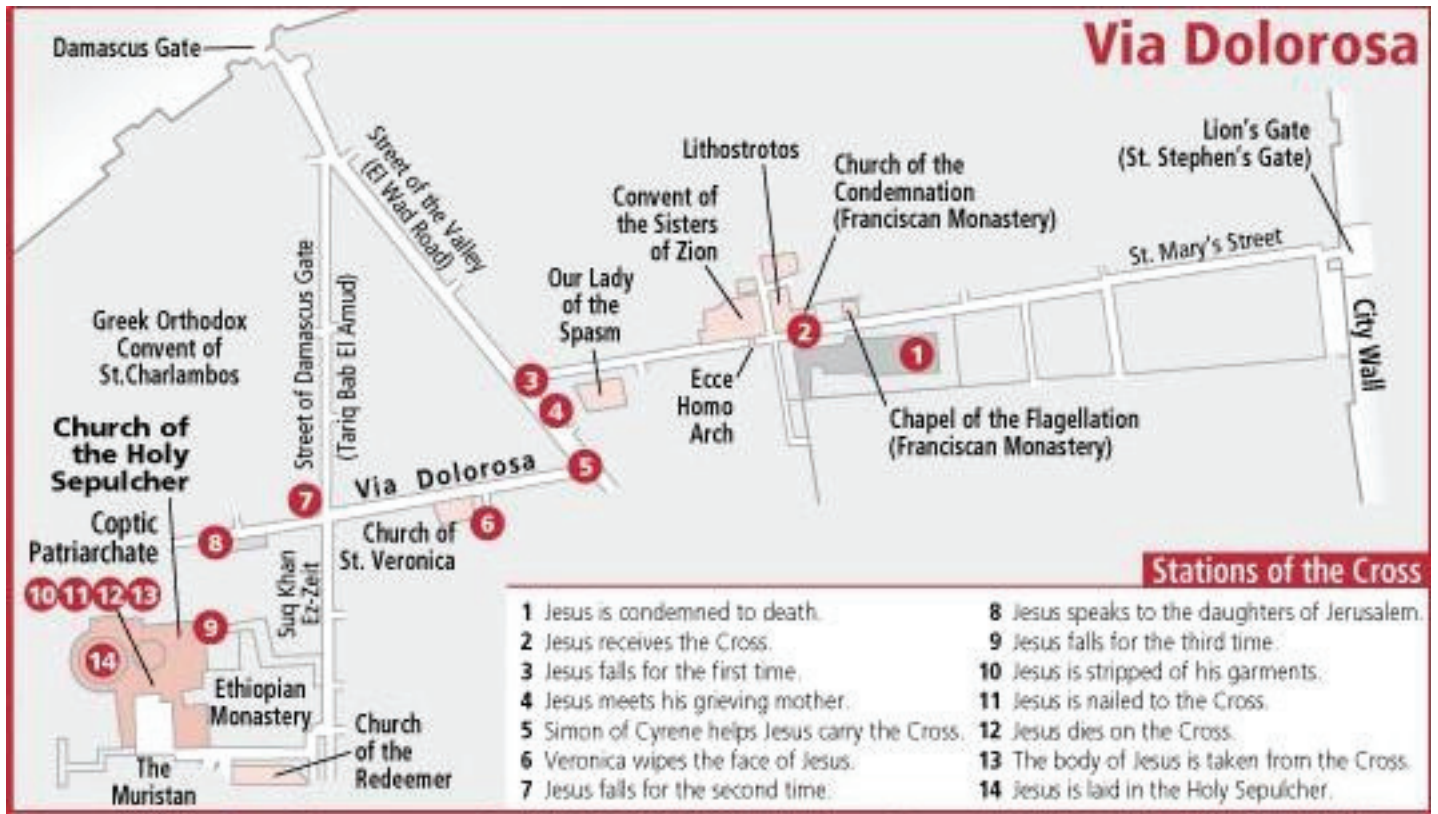
FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

18 APR	(Thursday) 06:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>
19 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross  Reflections (Rev. James Moore, OP) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
20 APR	(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 <i>(no other Masses)</i>
21 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 <i>(no 05:00 PM Mass)</i>
22 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>



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.

