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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

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

28 APRIL 2019

I am the first and the last, the One Who lives.
Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

REVELATION 1: 17-18

FIRST READING

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.
ACTS 5: 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
PSALMS 118

SECOND READING

He touched me with His right hand and said, "Do not be afraid".
REVELATION 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19

GOSPEL

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples.
JOHN 20: 19-31



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 APR - 04 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Russ Zabala
TUE	07:30 AM	† Juan and Flor Arguello
	05:30 PM	The Fisse, Saylor and Holbrook families
WED	07:30 AM	† Mary Gonos
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
THU	07:30 AM	† Frederick Heyeck
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	Anthony Novello
	05:30 PM	† Charles Tuzar; † Divina H. Guytingco; † Kevin Bledsoe; † Margaret Mary Fennie
SAT	08:00 AM	Tyler N. Titre; The Peloso and Munk families; † Mac MacCorkle; † Jesusa Pineda

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

28 APR (Sunday)

29 APR (Monday)
03:00 PM RCIA
06:15 PM Legion of Mary

30 APR (Tuesday)
07:00 PM H⁴

01 MAY (Wednesday)
06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

02 MAY (Thursday)

03 MAY (Friday) 1st

04 MAY (Saturday) 1st
05:00 PM *Nativity Feeds* Collection




Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao (The Philippines)



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 13-14 APR
TOTAL:	\$12,600
Altar Society Flowers:	\$2,440
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$28,310
2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

01 MAY (Wednesday):
SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

03 MAY (Friday):
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

Philip's request at the Last Supper, "Lord, show us the Father," prompted Jesus to proclaim unequivocally that he and the Father are one. **James**, the son of Alphaeus, was a cousin of Jesus, and eventually presided over the church in Jerusalem. In his epistle, he encourages us to ask God for wisdom and faith.

02 MAY (Thursday):
SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
(297-373)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **68th National Day of Prayer** will be held on **02 MAY 2019**. From George Washington's first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln's call for prayer and fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the **National Day of Prayer**. Need some ideas? Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org. This year's theme is *Love One Another*.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Right now over **40%** of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this special this appeal eased the struggle of these diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

On the first Sunday after Easter, known as *Divine Mercy Sunday*, there will be a special Mass and celebration. Limited confessions will be available from **01:00-02:00 PM**, Mass is at **02:00 PM**, followed by a sung Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a pot luck in the **O'Hare Center**. Because there is only one priest available for confessions, everyone is encouraged to confession on the Saturday before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. It will still count for the plenary indulgence. See the flyers around the church, or call **Deacon Dominick Peloso (650/269-6279)** for more details.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **12 MAY 2019!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.



MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

For this session, we will discuss and reflect on insights from **Dr. Greg** and **Lisa Popcak's** *Just Married*. Called "required reading for every Catholic married couple," we will explore topics such as praying together, commitment, conflict resolution, and raising children.

This week we are meeting at Faye'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: *The First Five Years of Your Catholic Marriage*

Date: **Wednesday, 01 MAY 2019**

Place: **Faye'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

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 • Harold J. and Bernadette T. Giordano

DEATHS • Kathleen Hahn
• Pepa Ver

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Every **Wednesday** evening after the **05:30 PM** Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena will take about 20 minutes. In addition to the novena, once a month the **05:30 PM** Mass will be in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join in this celebration in honor of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY FEEDS: A VOICE FOR OTHERS

Next weekend, 04-05 MAY 2019, there will be a second collection for *Nativity Feeds*. **Alexander Harding Bradley** will be speaking at all Masses and will once again ask you to contribute to *Nativity Feeds*, which has been providing lunches of corn, beans and rice for over 1000 children in Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia. Through your generosity they were also able to



provide food for senior citizens, who would otherwise go hungry. Because the funding for this program has been raised by young people for the benefit of young people and senior citizens,

every cent you donate is guaranteed to go directly to feeding these people. Thanks so much for your continued support of this important program and your amazing generosity.

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: *Nativity Feeds*.

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)

OPEN HOUSE

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade families are invited to the **Mercy High School Burlingame Open House** on **Monday, 29 APR 2019** from **01:00 - 4:00 PM**. Mercy is an all-girls, Catholic, college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. For more information contact the Admissions Office at **650/762-1114** or visit www.mercyhsb.com.

YOU MATTER!

The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.

Pope Saint John Paul II



H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a **Holy Hour** at the Church of the Nativity (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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>

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity*

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

32ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONVENTION

The **Northern California Renewal Coalition**, which includes seven Catholic dioceses, will hold the **Northern California Catholic Charismatic Convention** in **Santa Clara** from **Friday–Sunday, 24-26 MAY 2019** at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The theme is “*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*” There are separate seminars in English for Adults, Teens, and Children, and in Vietnamese and Spanish. For complete information on speakers and participants, and to register, visit www.ncrcspirit.org.



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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

28 APR (SUN)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort

NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena

SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

29 APR (MON)

Feast of Catherine of Siena

EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

30 APR (TUE)

NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

01 MAY (WED)

Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

02 MAY (THU)

03 MAY (FRI)

04 MAY (SAT)

05 MAY (SUN)

06 MAY (MON)

07 MAY (TUE)

08 MAY (WED)

09 MAY (THU)

10 MAY (FRI)

11 MAY (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Catherine of Siena:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:

www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/

CARNIVAL

Dear Friends
of Nativity

The 2019 39th Annual Nativity Carnival
will be here in **less than 6 weeks!**
Save the dates: **June 7th, 8th and 9th, 2019**



Once again we are offering discount **Pre-Sale Eager Beaver All You Can Ride Wristbands** and **Ride Tickets**; these are available to order on-line, by mail, at the Rectory, and at the Nativity School office. Monsignor will be giving away a **\$10,000** Grand Prize in our Raffle Drawing. **Pride and Joy** return for another engagement.

We need your help to ensure a successful carnival again and we ask for your volunteer help. To volunteer to help at the Carnival please click on the **iVolunteer** banner located on the nativitycarnival.com website.

We need volunteers for food booths, Men's Club dinner on Friday and Saturday nights, Pan Game, Game Booths, setup and break-down, to name a few. Please go to the website and sign up for your favorite choices.

We are looking to cover 100% of the shifts. Please help us in contributing to the success of the Carnival, by participating in a fun event throughout the weekend.

Stay tuned for weekly updates through the week of the carnival, and for more upcoming information about our Free Pancake Breakfast and Raffle Drawing.

The Nativity Men's Club Dinner will be serving **Tri-tip** on **Friday, June 7th** and for the first time will be offering a generous serving of **Smoked Pulled Pork** on **Saturday, June 8th**.

Questions and comments please call **Leighton Ford** at **650/799-2867** or **Sal Ruiz** At **650/400-6910**.

See you at the Carnival!

Leighton and Sal

www.nativitycarnival.com



For the most up-to-date
information any time!

CARNIVAL

DID YOU KNOW?

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

There have been multiple images of the Divine Mercy produced over the years. Although **Saint Faustina** was frequently consulted about the progress of the original painting, it was her spiritual director and confessor, **Venerable Michael Sopocko**, who was responsible for hiring an artist by the name of **Eugene Kazimirowski** to paint from **Saint Faustina's** description. There is a detailed letter from Fr. Sopocko that describes what happened. He wrote: "For several months the painter was unable to satisfy the author, who became sad on that account, and it was at this time that she wrote in her diary: "Once when I was at that painter's, who's painting this image, and saw that it is not as beautiful as Jesus is, I became very sad, but I hid that deep in my heart. When we left the painter, Mother Superior remained in the city to settle various matters, but I returned home by myself, immediately I made my way to the chapel and I had a good cry. I said to the Lord: 'Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?' Of a sudden I heard the words: 'not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush is the greatness of this image, but in My grace.'" ...



Kazimirowski's painting is the "original", and now hangs in the **Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania**. But many have noted that the facial expression and direction of the rays do not match what Saint Faustina described.

I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one.

*Saint Faustina
(diary paragraph 1452)*



At the end of World War II, an artist named **Adolf Hyla** presented the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy with a painting in thanksgiving that his family had been spared during the war. This painting now hangs above the tomb of Saint Faustina in the convent chapel in **Lagiewniki, Poland**. Hyla's version is popular in Europe and Latin America.



Based on Saint Faustina's original description of the image, many people were dissatisfied with details of both the Kazimirowski and Hyla versions (the rays in the original were pointing downward, and the right hand in Hyla's is too high, being raised above the shoulder). So an American artist named **Robert Skemp** tried to correct these with his own version. The Skemp version is the most popular version in the Philippines even today, and hangs above the **Divine Mercy Shrine in Manila**.



All three of the images above have ecclesiastical approval for display in churches and for distribution to the faithful. But a fourth image has become possibly the most wide-spread, painted by another American, **Kathleen Weber**, based on Hyla's version. In fact, some refer to this as the "**Hyla by Weber**" image.

LISTEN TO OUR LORD'S OWN WORDS

Jesus Himself speaks of His limitless Mercy for us in the **Diary of Saint Faustina**. No Christian should ever despair if they hear what our Lord and Savior has promised us. These are only a few of the messages:

(1577) **Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy.**

(1520) **I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death.**

(1146) **Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: **before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice...****

(1273) **There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it.**