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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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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation.

ECCESIASTES 1: 2, 2: 21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday.

PSALMS 90

SECOND READING

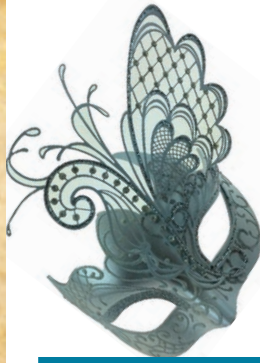
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

COLOSSIANS 3: 1-15, 9-11

GOSPEL

The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

LUKE 12: 13-21



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

04 AUGUST 2019

You have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self.

COLOSSIANS 3: 9-10

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Debbie Wright
	05:30 PM	† Charles Tuzar
TUE	07:30 AM	† Kathleen Hahn
	05:30 PM	Sid and Audrey Custodio; Healing of the sick; The Delaney and Massouras families, living and deceased; † Fiorella Grillo
WED	07:30 AM	† Swede and Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Bob and Dot Connelly
THU	07:30 AM	† Kathleen Hahn
	05:30 PM	† Garrett, † Todd and † Angelica
FRI	07:30 AM	Special intentions
	05:30 PM	† Margarita Talavera
SAT	08:00 AM	Fr. Raymond Steffes; Sara Munk; Marisa Malatesta; † Peggy Ann Prazma; † Robert Valverde

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506**.

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)

04 AUG (Sunday)

05 AUG (Monday)

06:15 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM Medjugore Prayer Group

06 AUG (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

07 AUG (Wednesday)

06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

08 AUG (Thursday)

09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group


09 AUG (Friday)

10 AUG (Saturday)

09:00 AM Latin Mass



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 20-21 JUL
TOTAL:	\$11,049
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$40,043
2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 AUG (Tuesday): THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



“This is My Son,
Whom I have chosen.
Listen to Him.”

Luke 9: 35

08 AUG (Thursday): SAINT DOMINIC, Founder of the Order of Preachers (1170-1221)

Spanish friar devoted to preaching against the Albigensian heresy. In 1206 he founded a community of nuns in Prouille, France, and later, with six followers, founded a community of preaching friars which gained papal approval in 1216 and became known as the **Order of Preachers**. Popularly known as the **Dominicans**, the order today has 6500 religious worldwide and is based on Dominic’s concept of harmonizing the intellectual life with asceticism and apostolic works.

09 AUG (Friday): SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN), Martyr (1891-1942)

Youngest of seven children in a Jewish family, who lost interest and faith in Judaism by age 13. Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends led her to an interest in and conversion to Catholicism. Edith became a Carmelite nun in 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; she was a profound spiritual writer. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, she and her sister Rose, also a convert to Catholicism, were captured and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz where they died in the ovens like so many others.

10 AUG (Saturday) SAINT LAWRENCE, Martyr (d. 258)

Lawrence was archdeacon of Rome during the 3rd century. When Pope Saint Sixtus II and 6 deacons were martyred, Lawrence became the ranking Church official in Rome. Before dying, the pope told Lawrence they would be reunited in 4 days. Lawrence used this time to distribute the full wealth of the Church to the poor, so that the Romans could not lay hold of it. He was martyred by being cooked to death on a gridiron.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)**. The AMS is the only U.S. diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any Veterans Affairs Medical Center, or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders. AMS priests and deacons serve approximately **1.8 million** Catholic from all over the United States and U.S. territories. While salaries and retirement are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for program and administrative costs. Learn more about AMS at www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. This collection is take up every three years. Your generous donation will directly help our men and women in the military.

ST. FRANCIS CENTER: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Francis Center in Redwood City is look for volunteer ESL teachers for adult students. Starting in **August** for the **2019/2020** school year, English tutors/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 a half one day a week, you would be making a huge difference in the life of your future student. Please contact **Tess** at St. Francis Center at **650/365-7829** for more information and 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).*

NATIVITY MIXER

For anyone wanting to meet and talk with new people, join us for conversation and a no-host happy hour and/or dinner. Meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month from **06:00-08:00 PM**. On **21 AUG 2019**, we’ll be at **Celia’s Mexican Restaurant** (1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park) on the enclosed patio. Invite your friends; open to everyone. Drop-ins are welcome.

Send questions and requests to be added to the email list to NativityMixer@yahoo.com.



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

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Tuesday, 13 AUG 2019**, we will have our next **2019 Fatima Celebration**. It will include Holy Mass, a talk on the apparition, Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. As the world seems to grow in chaos and confusion, the messages of Fatima and these prayers become more and more important. Please join us and help bring Jesus back into the lives of everyone. We will pray especially for the healing of so many hurts.

For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

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**
- **Khloe**, daughter of **Kevin Esparza** and **Ivana Layosa**
 - **Gabriella**, daughter of **Max** and **Roxana Farias**
 - **Antony**, son of **Michal Kopec** and **Emilia Buczkoska-Kopec**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Tim Brown** and **Lucero Torres**

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Vanessa L. Vazquez**

- DEATHS**
- **Max Tarmann**
 - **Judy Lucier**
 - **Joe Francesconi**

NATIVITY SCHOOL: PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Nativity School in Menlo Park is accepting applicants for a part-time teacher for the play-based preschool program for the **2019-2020** school year. Our preschool program is looking for a 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 part of a preschool program that uses project-based curriculum, please send a cover letter and resume to tbaluyut@nativityschool.com, Subject: Part Time Position. The requirements are: completed 12 units of ECE (or completed 6 units and currently enrolled to complete another 6); pass background check and TB test; work collaboratively in a teaching team. The benefits are: paid sick and vacation days and paid holiday breaks.

NATIVITY'S ONLINE GIVING TRANSITION: UPDATE

The transfer of the Church of the Nativity online giving to OSV Online Giving is well underway. If you have been giving online previously, you should have received an email giving you the link to enter your information into their website.

If you **do not have an email address with your e-giving**, or if you do not yet give online, but would like to begin, you may go to <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4667/> now to [Create New Account](#) and follow the step-by-step instructions to begin giving online. If you have any questions or need any help with this transition please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**.

This would be a good opportunity for us to re-examine our level of giving in consideration of rising costs to our parish operation, and increasing our weekly contribution.

GUEST SPEAKER: NEXT WEEK

Next weekend, **Sophia Sage** will be at Nativity to share her mission as a *FOCUS* missionary. *FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students)* teams are in place at hundreds of college campuses around the country, working to develop authentic friendships with college students and, through these, to introduce them to a deeper relationship with Christ. As a *FOCUS* missionary, Sophia is required to fundraise 100% of her missionary budget. She will be giving a brief presentation next weekend (**10-11 AUG 2019**) after each of Nativity's Masses, seeking your financial and especially spiritual support.

IN THE COMMUNITY

YOUTH RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The **Sisters of Perpetual Adoration** in San Francisco are having a *Youth Retreat: Sanctifying Grace*. This retreat is for young women who are considering the religious life. It begins on **Friday, 23 AUG 2019 at 03:30 PM** and ends on **Sunday, 25 AUG 2019 at 12:00 PM**. It will be held at the **Monastery of Perpetual Adoration**, 771 Asbury Street, San Francisco. If attending you will need to bring: Bible, notebook, pen, toiletries, sleeping bag, and pajamas. It is important to register and reserve your space. Please call **415/518-6990**.

WOMENS CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

The **Women's Catholic Scripture Study of San Mateo County** invites you to join us for our 2019-20 study, *The Gospel According to John: An Encounter with Grace and Truth*. We meet at **St. Mark Catholic Church**, Belmont on **Thursdays, 12 SEP 2019-07 MAY 2020**, (w/holiday breaks), **09:45 AM-12:00 PM**. For more info, please go to: www.cssbelmont.com. To register, contact **Diane Masetti** at diane@cssbelmont.com, or **650/593-3681**.

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.

MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS FOR MEN

DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

Interested in knowing more about the priesthood as a vocation? 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:

Thursdays: 08 AUG, 05 SEP 2019, (05:45-08:30 PM)

Star of the Sea, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco.

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Cameron Faller**
faller.cameron@sfarch.org

Mondays: 05 AUG, 02 SEP 2019 (05:45-08:30 PM)

St. Pius X Church, 1100 Woodside Rd, Redwood City

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Tom Martin**
martin.thomas@sfarch.org

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Families, Schools of Human Growth*

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2019-2020

Registration has begun for **Nativity's Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under **School of Religion** link. A kick-off celebration will be held on **15 SEP 2019** (*Catechetical Sunday*), at the **09:30 AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 22 SEP 2019**. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving 1st Communion on to the next grade level through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **03-04, 10-11, 17-18** and **25 AUG 2019** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. **Sacraments Class** and classes for Grades 1-6 are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at **Nativity School** and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. **Confirmation Preparation** Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** at Nativity School, beginning **02 OCT 2019**.

1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion requires **2 years** of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in **1st Grade**.

Confirmation Preparation is also a **2-year** program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter **7th Grade**, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.



CATECHIST OPENINGS

Help our children be all they can be. Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Our program is in need of the following positions:

- **Grade 5 and 2nd Year Confirmation Preparation**
- **Assistant Catechists**

For questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Monica Hickam at mon.hickam@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

04 AUG (SUN)	Feast of Saint John Vianney THIRD Day: St. Clare of Assisi
05 AUG (MON)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi
06 AUG (TUE)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary
07 AUG (WED)	SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary
08 AUG (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary
09 AUG (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
10 AUG (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
11 AUG (SUN)	Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
12 AUG (MON)	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
13 AUG (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (WED)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (THU)	Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (FRI)	
17 AUG (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm

SURPRISE CELEBRATION!

The **Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** are having a celebration of the **centennial** birthday of **Sister Mary Euphemia O'Connor** on **Wednesday, 11 SEP 2019**. There will be a former student meet and greet at **01:00 PM** and High Tea at **02:00 PM** at the Presentation Mother House, 2340 Turk Street, San Francisco, California, 94118.

RSVP to teachernotes@hotmail.com.

If you are not able to attend, please send a birthday card.



YOU MATTER!

Today Christ is asking each of you the same question: *Do you love Me?* He is not asking you whether you know how to speak to crowds, whether you can direct an organization or manage an estate. He is asking you to love Him. All the rest will ensue.

Pope Saint John Paul II



A Prayer Before Logging Onto the Internet

Almighty and eternal God, Who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the Divine Person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the Internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee, and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



DID YOU KNOW ???

THERE IS A PATRON SAINT OF THE INTERNET?

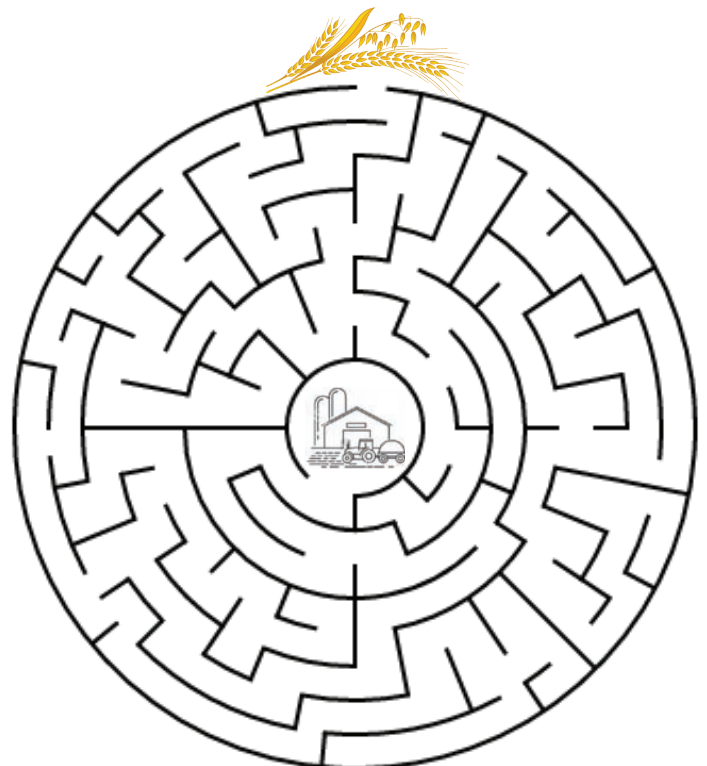
Saint Isidore of Seville (a *Doctor of the Church*) was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, **Leander** and **Fulgentius**, and one of his sisters, **Florentina**, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

His love of learning made Isidore promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want others to, either. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. He is considered by many to have been the most learned man of his age.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the **Etymologies**, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology.

Isidore was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in **1598** by **Pope Clement VIII** and declared a *Doctor of the Church* in **1722** by **Pope Innocent XIII**. **Pope Saint John Paul II** declared Saint Isidore of Seville the patron saint of the Internet and computer users in **1997**.

BRING THE GRAIN INTO THE STOREHOUSE



With the ever-increasing use of email and texting, the abbreviation "OMG" has come into widespread and common use (even appearing in advertisements for the California lottery at one time!). While many people may regard this as "simply an expression", it is in fact a blasphemy: you are taking the Lord's name in vain, in violation of the Second Commandment. Are you willing to be a strong Catholic and obey the Commandments that our Creator gave us? Don't use this "phrase", and encourage others to follow your good example (it's a small sacrifice: offer it up for the souls in Purgatory!).

The Church also offers us a partial indulgence if we say "*Blessed be God*" whenever we hear God's name taken in vain. So the next time someone texts you "OMG", text them back "BBG". And when they ask you what it means, explain this whole situation to them!

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

WHAT ARE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN?

Parents need to be fully informed.

www.savecalifornia.com
www.rescueyourchild.com