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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • [mon.hickam@gmail.com](mailto:mon.hickam@gmail.com)

## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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**FIRST READING**

They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you.

JEREMIAH 1: 4-5, 17-19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

From my mother's womb You are my strength.

PSALMS 71

**SECOND READING**

At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 31-13: 13

**GOSPEL**

No prophet is accepted in his own native place.

LUKE 4: 21-30



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 03 FEBRUARY 2019

All spoke highly of Him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth.

LUKE 4: 22

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 FEB

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Margaret Nolden
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Adolph and Marie Firenzi
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Scott Anderson
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Mary and Steve Rudolph and family; Stephen and Peter O'Driscoll; Benefactors of the parish; † Cesar Domingo Cabrera; † Albert Balderas
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† James Custodio
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Virginia and Gary Vanderplaats
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF #351 living and deceased members
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Souls in Purgatory
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	The Zappettini family
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Hal Fletcher and family; Christina Anaya; The Dankoski family; † Fred Fifield

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

### BULLETIN NEWS

#### REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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**Deadline: 12:00 PM (noon) Friday** by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

**EXAMPLE:** For inclusion in the **17 FEB 2019** bulletin, submit by **Friday, 08 FEB 2019** at noon.

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>03 FEB</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b> 03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>04 FEB</b>	<b>(Monday)</b> 06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>05 FEB</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b> 07:00 PM	H <sup>4</sup>
<b>06 FEB</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b> 10:30 AM 06:00 PM 07:00 PM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms St. Joseph Novena Confirmation Class (school)
<b>07 FEB</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b> 11:00 AM 06:15 PM	The Thursday Group ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
<b>08 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
<b>09 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b> 09:30 AM	Baptism Class



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



### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>19-20 JAN</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$9,375</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2018 ADA Goal:	<b>GOAL MET!</b> <b>\$152,524</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 05 FEB (Tuesday): SAINT AGATHA, Virgin and Martyr (d. ~250)

We have little reliable information about this martyr, who has been honored since ancient times, and whose name is included in the canon of the Mass. Legend says that carrying her veil, taken from her tomb in Catania, in procession has averted eruptions of Mount Etna. Her intercession is reported to have saved Malta from Turkish invasion in 1551.



## 06 FEB (Wednesday): SAINTS PAUL MIKI and COMPANIONS, Martyrs (d. 1597)

Paul, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuits in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified with 25 other Japanese Catholics (the Martyrs of Nagasaki), mostly laymen, during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruler of Japan in the name of the emperor. Paul delivered his final sermon from the cross.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### NATIVITY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

Nativity School Student Council and Nativity alumna **Hazel Tillson**, who is working toward her **Girl Scout Gold Award**, are collaborating to expand the collection of the Nativity School Library to include middle school-appropriate books and to add flexible seating options. In conjunction with **Catholic Schools Week**, starting **Sunday, 27 JAN 2019**, Nativity School is hosting a book drive to collect books for the library. If you would like to help, please donate any new or gently-used books appropriate for middle schoolers! You may drop off book donations at the school.



Additionally, if you have a comfy, squasy armchair, rocking chair, or side tables you would like to donate, please contact **Ms. Jessica Patti**, Principal, to coordinate your donation: [jpatti@nativityschool.com](mailto:jpatti@nativityschool.com) or **650/325-7304**. Thank you!

### 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.

### NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, **650/325-7304**, to request an application or to set up a private tour. Visit our school website at [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com) to learn more about our school.

Nativity School is mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, and admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

### MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

*"Let the little children come to Me."* We'll discuss the beauty and importance of bringing children to Church. Taking children to Mass can admittedly be a challenge, so the discussion will also cover tips for both parents and children to participate more fully in the Sacred Liturgy.

Topic: *Children at Holy Mass*

Date: **Wednesday, 06 FEB 2019**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

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

Contact: **Katie Froula or Christina Lee**  
[midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com](mailto:midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com)

Online: [www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms](http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms)

### 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.



### 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):

**Saturday: 03:00 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**
- **Liam Antonio**, son of **Jeffrey Clauser** and **Pamela Palacios**
  - **Marjorie Lynne**, daughter of **Mark** and **Noelle Nugent**

## MARRIAGES

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **Betty O'Halloran**

## 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](http://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.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## NATIVITY AUCTION 2019!

Invitations for our **Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball** on **Saturday, 02 MAR 2019**, were mailed out last week! The Auction Committee has been working hard for months to put together a magnificent night of entertainment, and of course an amazing selection of items to bid on at the auction - this will be a night you won't want to miss! The best part is that the money raised benefits our beloved parish, school and students! If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please stop by the rectory to pick one up today, and update your address on our mailing list for future event information.



**This year there is tiered pricing**, so be sure to go online to purchase your dinner tickets early to make sure you get the best pricing. Please RSVP, and make your meal and seating requests at [www.nativityauction.com](http://www.nativityauction.com).

We are collecting donations for this year's **Wine Pull**, as part of the fundraising efforts tied to the auction. Donations are scheduled for the week of **04 FEB 2019**. Please consider contributing 2-3 bottles of your favorite wine. Recommended value to range from **\$20 – \$??**. Please bring your wine to the rectory during the following hours: **Monday-Friday: 09:00 AM-07:00 PM, Saturday: 10:00 AM-02:00 PM, or Sunday: 09:00 AM-12:00 PM**.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or need assistance with ticket purchases, please contact

**Melissa** ([mfedoronko@hotmail.com](mailto:mfedoronko@hotmail.com)) or

**Lindsey** ([lindseydrill@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseydrill@yahoo.com)).

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **09 FEB 2019** at **10:00 AM** at the Cathedral. All couples who in 2019 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. **Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P.** will be the principal celebrant.

Register at [www.anniversarymass.info](http://www.anniversarymass.info) or call **415/614-5547**. St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. For more information contact **Ed Hopfner**, Office of Marriage and Family Life [hopfner@sarch.org](mailto:hopfner@sarch.org)

## 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:

**Thursdays: 07 FEB, 07 MAR 2019, (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** or [summerhays.patrick@sarch.org](mailto:summerhays.patrick@sarch.org)

**Mondays: 04 FEB, 04 MAR 2019 (06:15-08:30 PM)**

St. Pius X Church, 1100 Woodside Rd. Redwood City  
For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Tom Martin**

[martin.thomas@sarch.org](mailto:martin.thomas@sarch.org)



## SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

On **Saturday, 23 FEB 2019**, we will host our 11th annual **Spiritual Warfare Conference** at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. This year's featured speakers are **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, **Fr. Chris Alar** (director of the Marian Helpers of Stockbridge, MA), and **Fr. Gary Thomas**, exorcist for the diocese of San Jose. It promises to be a great conference, and is R&R time for those who both want to learn more, and celebrate the faith with fellow Christians.

Registration is online by **15 FEB 2019** at [www.heartsoflove.biz](http://www.heartsoflove.biz). For more information, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso 650/269-6279**.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** Human Trafficking

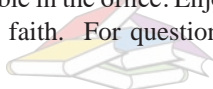
For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

### NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:00 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a mediation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

### 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**.



### STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

**Street Life Ministries** is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, [www.streetlifeministries.org](http://www.streetlifeministries.org), to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking and driving: [veo@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:veo@streetlifeministries.org)

servicing: [emily@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:emily@streetlifeministries.org)

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>03 FEB (SUN)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. Agatha SECOND Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>04 FEB (MON)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Agatha THIRD Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>05 FEB (TUE)</b>	Feast of Saint Agatha FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>06 FEB (WED)</b>	FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>07 FEB (THU)</b>	SIXTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>08 FEB (FRI)</b>	SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>09 FEB (SAT)</b>	EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>10 FEB (SUN)</b>	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>11 FEB (MON)</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
<b>12 FEB (TUE)</b>	
<b>13 FEB (WED)</b>	
<b>14 FEB (THU)</b>	
<b>15 FEB (FRI)</b>	
<b>16 FEB (SAT)</b>	

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agatha:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/qcm7zmr>

Our Lady of Lourdes:

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

Novena for Priests:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

### H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

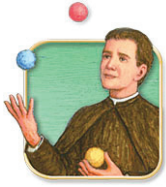
Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a **Holy Hour** at the Church of the Nativity (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail [holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com](mailto:holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com).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

### BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail Mary" related to the mystery



being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.



## LIVES OF THE SAINTS: Saint John Bosco

**Born:** 15 AUG 1815

**Died:** 31 JAN 1888

**Feast Day:** 31 JANUARY

### WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE

John Bosco was born at the end of the War of 1812, which was between the United States and Great Britain. During his lifetime, the Gold Rush took place in California, encouraging many settlers to travel to and settle in the American west. Abraham Lincoln was president and the American Civil War was fought. Alaska was purchased from Russia. The first railroad linking the eastern United States to California was completed. In other parts of the world, Ireland suffered the potato famine and the Suez Canal was opened.

The telephone, the light bulb, and the phonograph were all invented during John Bosco's lifetime. The first postage stamp was introduced. Anesthesia was used for the first time in an operation. The periodic table of the elements was constructed and the first construction of a steel-framed skyscraper was completed.

### WHO HE WAS

John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815. His father died when he was only two years old. He lived on a farm with his mother and two brothers. Because John had to help take care of the sheep, he was not able to go to school full time. Although he had to work hard, he was happy and had a great imagination. He learned how to juggle and do acrobatics from circus performers and would often entertain others with his tricks. John Bosco would begin and end each performance with a prayer.

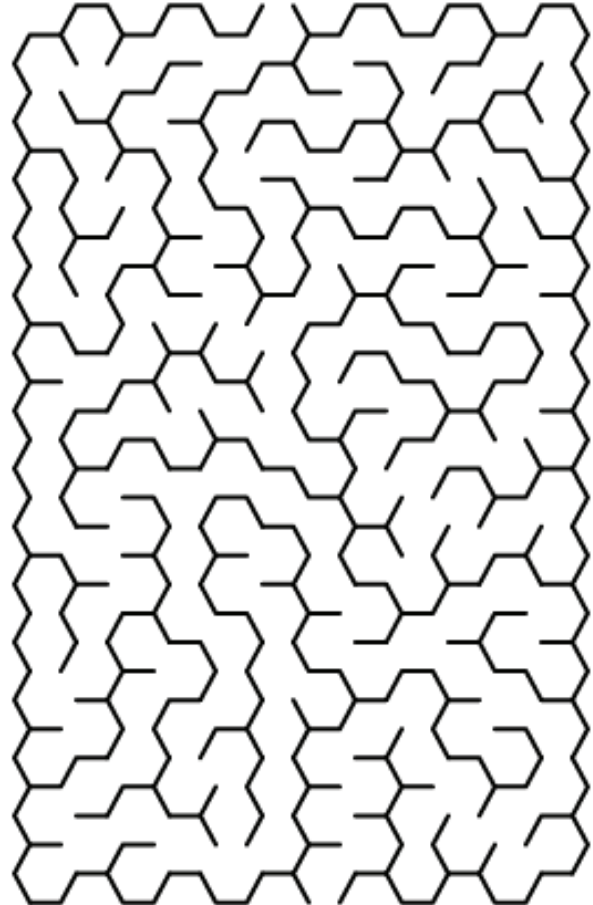
He was taught to read and write by a priest who recognized John Bosco's intelligence. Through the help of his mother, some kind neighbors, and money he earned doing various jobs, he was able to finish school and enter the seminary. As a seminarian, he spent his free time working with boys who were neglected and orphaned. He taught them religion, entertained them with his acrobatics, and told them stories that they could understand. He did not believe in punishment; he treated all with kindness and respect. John Bosco believed that God lived within each person he met and he treated each person with love.

At the age of twenty-six, John Bosco became a priest. He wanted to continue his work with neglected boys. He started a boarding school where these boys could live and learn the skills needed to make a living. With the help of a friend, John Bosco also started a home for poor neglected girls.

John Bosco founded an order of priests, the *Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians)*, an order for women, the *Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians*, and an organization of lay people to help work with and teach the boys and girls.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous,  
it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek  
its own interests, it is not quick-tempered,  
it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice  
over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.  
It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.

Help Jesus "pass through the midst" of the angry mob.



**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

2019 has been declared "The Bernadette Year" at Lourdes, France? It is the 175th anniversary of the birth of Bernadette Soubirous and the 140th anniversary of her death.

There are many activities and commemorations planned throughout this year, and the Lourdes Shrine has a wonderful and ever-expanding website (you can even watch the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated at the grotto via a live web stream).

Find out more at [www.lourdes-france.org/en](http://www.lourdes-france.org/en).

**LOURDES**  
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