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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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**FIRST READING**

Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

NEHEMIAH 8: 2-6, 8-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before You.

PSALMS 19

**SECOND READING**

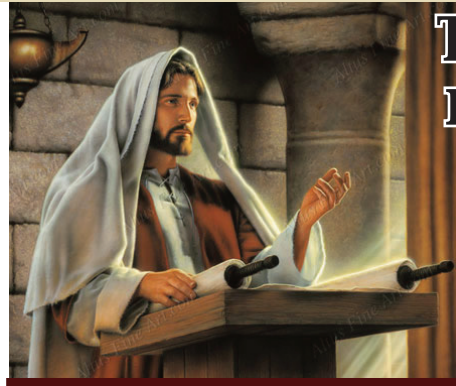
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-30

**GOSPEL**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.

LUKE 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



Light and Truth -- Simon Dewey

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 27 JANUARY 2019

He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

LUKE 4: 21

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 JAN - 02 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>	The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Ted and Maureen George; Bill Zappettini and family; † Elizabeth Ting; † Ruth McCann
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Janice Elliott
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Robin McGlohn
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Msgr. James Kidder
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Marie Masuda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Brigid O'Donnell
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	John Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Marie Firenzi
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Martin Nolden; Charlene and John Dorman; † Fred Fifeld; † Brian Seter

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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


<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>27 JAN</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	Nativity School Open House
	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>28 JAN</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
<b>29 JAN</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	07:00 PM	H <sup>4</sup>
<b>30 JAN</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
<b>31 JAN</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>01 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	<i>First Friday</i> <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>
<b>02 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	<i>First Saturday</i> <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup>



Electronic giving is offered  
through our website  
[www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)  
or call the parish office  
for a paper form

### OPEN HOUSE

**Nativity School** invites you to a special *Open House* for families interested in joining the Nativity community (grades PreSchool-7) on **Sunday, 27 JAN 2019**, from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM** at the school, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come to see the creative displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. If you are interested in a private tour prior to the Open House, please contact the Nativity School office at **650/325-7304**. Please visit our website for more information about Nativity School, [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com).

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF <b>12-13 JAN</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$14,039</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

## 28 JAN (Monday): SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, Doctor of the Church (1225-1274)

Educated by Benedictine monks at Monte Cassino, and at the University of Naples, his works (e.g., *Summa Theologica*) are seminal to the thinking of the Church. Pope Leo XIII commanded that his teachings be studied by all theology students. He was proclaimed a **Doctor of the Church** in 1567.



## 31 JAN (Thursday): SAINT JOHN BOSCO, Priest (1815-1888)



Born in Becchi, Italy, John devoted his priestly life to children. He was ordained in 1841, and by 1846 he had befriended 800 difficult boys. He founded a religious society, now known as the **Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians)**, which spread worldwide. He also helped found the **Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians** who work with poor girls.

## 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 GIRLS BASKETBALL: HELP NEEDED

Attention -- CCD/School of Religion Families: Calling out to CCD families with **4th grade girls**. Nativity School is looking for additional players to complete their 4th Basketball Team. We would love to have you be a part of the Nativity School team. Great teammates, great coaches and great fun.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact **Bill Loftus** at [billloftus@rocketmail.com](mailto:billloftus@rocketmail.com) or you may contact the Nativity School office at 650/325-7304. Thank you.



### NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

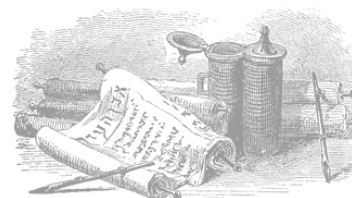
Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or to set up a private tour. Visit our school website at [www.nativityschool.com](http://www.nativityschool.com) to learn more about our school.

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.

### ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Laura** at [nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com) or 650/257-7780 for more information.



### 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

### MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- Katarina Milicevic
  - Carmen Alvarado
  - Alicia and Sergio Gonzalez (*Esveide, Andre*)
  - Elena and Matteo Fusi (*Francesco*)

- DEATHS**
- Mary Carlstead
  - Norma Wallace

## 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 AUCTION 2019! SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars to join us at this year's annual fundraising auction, *Mardi Gras, Masquerade Ball*, on **Saturday, 02 MAR 2019**. There will be hors d'oeuvres with a *LIVE* jazz band, dinner and dancing, and of course both a silent auction and live auction. This event is a success due to the generous participation and donations of our parishioners and school community. Please help us to make this year's event the best yet! *Looking to get involved?* We have two simple opportunities leading up to the event where we could use some help:



1. Help us in promoting the event following Mass.
2. Help us fill out our Silent Auction offerings (available in the church office).

Please send your completed donation form to: [nativityauction@yahoo.com](mailto:nativityauction@yahoo.com) or place it in the Auction mailbox in the School Office no later than **20 DEC 2018**.

If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to **Lindsey Brill** ([lindseydrill@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseydrill@yahoo.com)) or **Melissa Fedoronko** ([mfedoronko@hotmail.com](mailto:mfedoronko@hotmail.com)) for more information. Feel free to send us any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of Nativity School!

## 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 [hopfnere@sfarch.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarch.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@sfarch.org](mailto:summerhays.patrick@sfarch.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@sfarch.org](mailto:martin.thomas@sfarch.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.

### 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.



### 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: [veo@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:veo@streetlifeministries.org)

driving: [bruce@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:bruce@streetlifeministries.org)

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

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>27 JAN (SUN)</b>	<b>NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas</b> FIRST Day: St. Agatha
<b>28 JAN (MON)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas</b> SECOND Day: St. Agatha
<b>29 JAN (TUE)</b>	THIRD Day: St. Agatha
<b>30 JAN (WED)</b>	FOURTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>31 JAN (THU)</b>	FIFTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>01 FEB (FRI)</b>	SIXTH Day: St. Agatha
<b>02 FEB (SAT)</b>	SEVENTH Day: St. Agatha FIRST Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
<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>	<b>Feast of Saint Agatha</b> 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

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Saint Thomas Aquinas:**

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

**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)

**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

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

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our **Celebration of the World Day of the Sick** at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, on **Saturday, 02 FEB 2019** at **11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." (St. John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Contact **Gerry Sangiacomo**, [gerrystjames@gmail.com](mailto:gerrystjames@gmail.com), **415/298-3383** for more information.

# Young Believers

## The First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

Many Catholics observe special devotions on the First Friday and First Saturday of each month, particularly attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist.

### First Friday:

Our Lord revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, as one of the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart:

*"In the excess of the mercy of My Heart, I promise you that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."*

### First Saturday:

Subsequent to the apparitions at Fatima, our Blessed Mother appeared again to Saint Lucia, on 10 DEC 1925, with the Child Jesus by her side. At that time, she revealed her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, and told her:

*"Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."*

Would you consider making these your own special devotions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary?

### THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER:

*May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.*

### 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."*

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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Bring the scroll to Jesus so He can read the words of Isaiah.

