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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

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

It is something very near to you ... you have only to carry it out.

DEUTERONOMY 30: 10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

PSALMS 69

SECOND READING

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20

GOSPEL

He said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

LUKE 10: 25-37



The Good Samaritan -- Harold Copping

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 JULY 2019

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1: 17

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 14 - 20 JUL

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Kathleen Hahn
	05:30 PM	Lisa Paszkowski; † Mary Lou Joseph; † Seamus Carty; † Manriqueta Ver
TUE	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
WED	07:30 AM	† Sheila Chambers
	05:30 PM	† Raimonda Bartolini
THU	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† George Trelut
FRI	07:30 AM	Yvonne Sangiacomo
	05:30 PM	† Tony San Juan
SAT	08:00 AM	Bob and Lisa Andrews; Lindsay Fifield; † Richard Oxsen; † Rod Salazar

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)

14 JUL	(Sunday)	
15 JUL	(Monday)	
	06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
16 JUL	(Tuesday)	
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
17 JUL	(Wednesday)	
	06:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
	06:00 PM	Nativity Mixer
18 JUL	(Thursday)	
19 JUL	(Friday)	
20 JUL	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class


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.



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

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

		WEEK OF 29-30 JUN
	TOTAL:	\$13,011
	Peter's Pence:	\$3,070
	Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$38,548
	2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER



**15 JUL (Monday):
SAINT BONAVENTURE, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
(1221-1274)**

Healed from a childhood disease by the prayers of **St. Francis of Assisi**. He was a friend to **King Saint Louis** and **Saint Thomas Aquinas**. At the age of 35 he was General of the Franciscan Order.

**20 JUL (Saturday):
SAINT APOLLINARIS, Martyr (d. ~79)**

Disciple of **Saint Peter**, he was the first **Bishop of Ravenna, Italy**. He was tortured and martyred under the persecutions of **Vespasian**.

**16 JUL (Tuesday):
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

Sacred Scripture celebrates the beauty of Carmel, where the prophet **Elijah** defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the 12th century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the **Carmelite Order**, devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. The Carmelites celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary, and in **1726** it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 20 JUL 2019**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact **Finola, 650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

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.

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**.

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 **17 JUL 2019**, we'll be at **Celia's Mexican Restaurant** (1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park) in the back room. Invite your friends; open to everyone. Drop-ins are welcome. Send RSVPs or questions to NativityMixer@yahoo.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING BILINGUAL MASS AND PICNIC

NFP friends and family picnic Come celebrate the US Bishops' **National NFP Awareness Week** by joining us for a bilingual Mass and picnic on **Saturday, 27 JUL 2019** at **St. Raymond's Parish** in Menlo Park. Mass is at **10:00 AM** with **Fr. Larry Goode** and will be followed by a potluck picnic. The Archdiocese will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, and utensils. Please bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to **Ed Hopfner**, Office of Marriage & Family Life **415/614-5547** (HopfnerE@SFArch.org) so we know how much food to purchase. **St. Raymond Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park.**

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):

Wednesday: AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 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.

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 • Morgan MacBride and Chelsea Garrett

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

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.



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

NATIVITY'S ONLINE GIVING TRANSITION: UPDATE

For several years the Church of the Nativity has had an "e-giving" option for our parishioners who would rather donate to Nativity online instead of using our weekly envelopes. More than 300 parishioners have taken advantage of this service. This option has been provided by **Vanco Services, LLC**. We are now in the process of transitioning our online giving to *Our Sunday Visitor's (OSV) Online Giving* program. OSV is a Catholic organization that provides many services to the Catholic Church and this Online Giving program through OSV has been recommended for use by the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

If you are **already giving online and have an email address** with Vanco you will receive an email from OSV on or after **08 JUL 2019**, to help you with the transition of your account to OSV Online Giving.

If you **do not have an email address with your e-giving** or you **do not yet give online**, but would like to begin, you may go to <https://osvonlinegiving.com/4667/> now to "Create Account" and follow the step-by-step instructions to begin giving online.

As of **Monday, 22 JUL 2019** Online Giving with OSV will become active and Vanco will be deactivated. 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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**.

GREGORIAN CHANT SUMMER CAMP

Mater Ecclesiae Academy (MEA) is sponsoring a summer youth camp with a sacred difference, where campers 6-16 will learn the basics of the timeless sung prayer of the Church. This year the student will be instructed by **Mary Ann Carr-Wilson** with the Benedict XVI Institute. The camp will be held **23-25 JUL 2019** from **09:30 AM-01:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. For more information visit: www.materecclesiaeacademy.org/p/chant-camp-info.html, or call Mater Ecclesiae Academy **408/748-1887** or email office@materecclesiaeacademy.org.

INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE PRACTICES (RP) AND CIRCLES

In this two-hour experiential workshop, you will see how *Restorative Practices (RP)* can be used to build connections and community, develop agreement, and prevent, as well as address, conflict and harm. This free workshop, facilitated by **Susan Swope**, will be held **Monday, 22 JUL 2019** from **07:30-09:30 PM** in the Small Hall of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**. The workshop is limited to 30 participants. RSVP to **650/474-2628**.

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 **July 2019**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *The Integrity of Justice*

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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!

There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.

Pope Saint John Paul II



YOUNG ADULT CIRCLE NEWS

Join **Young Adult Circle**, a Catholic community for young adults in their 20's and 30's, single or married, from this and neighboring parishes, at our upcoming events.

Young Adult Mass, Tuesday, 30 JUL 2019 at 07:30 PM, **St. Simon Church**, 1860 Grant Rd, Los Altos

Join us to celebrate the Eucharist, reflect on the gospel and pray for each other. We'll gather in the St. Simon Chapel. The entrance is through the door on the left side of the church.

St. Martin of Tours welcomes all young adults in their 20's and 30's to their **4th Annual Young Adult Camping Trip**. You don't need to own camping gear to come.

When: **26-28 JUL 2019 (Friday 04:00 PM - Sunday 11:00 AM)**

Where: **Uvas Canyon County Park**, Morgan Hill, CA

Options: Full Overnight Camper (**\$50**) or Saturday only (**\$15**)

Registration and more information:

<https://smya2019camping.eventbrite.com>

For more information about our events, please check our website (www.youngadultcircle.org) or Facebook page. For any questions, contact us at yacircle@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

14 JUL (SUN) EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

15 JUL (MON) NINTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

16 JUL (TUE) **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

17 JUL (WED)

18 JUL (THU)

19 JUL (FRI)

20 JUL (SAT)

21 JUL (SUN)

22 JUL (MON) FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

23 JUL (TUE) SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

24 JUL (WED) THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

25 JUL (THU) FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

26 JUL (FRI) FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

27 JUL (SAT) SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.htm>

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

SPECIAL EVENT

Pacific Hearing Service is presenting an intimate evening with **Mandy Harvey**, who is an *America's Got Talent* finalist. Mandy lost her hearing at the age of 18. She tours the world performing her original music and sharing her inspirational story of choosing to follow her passion despite her obstacles. The concert will be on **24 JUL 2019**, with wine, cheese, silent auction and games at **06:00 PM** and the concert at **07:00 PM**, at the **Oshman Family JCC**, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

For tickets visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4218400.

VALLOMBROSA CENTER NEWS

Beating Back the Gates of Hell – How a Weak Church Strengthens Saints and Sinners Alike

Are you discouraged and heartbroken about the scandals rocking our Church? Find out how a weak Church strengthens Saints and Sinners. Join our new Auxiliary Bishop and Rector of St. Patrick Seminary, **Most Rev. Robert Christian, O.P.**, on **Friday, 26 JUL 2019, 06:30 PM to Sunday, 28 JUL 2019, 11:00 AM** for this 3-day retreat. He will explore how, without sugarcoating anything, and without being in denial about the presence of personal and structural sin in the Church, we can live, in His Church, in Jesus' victory: We **can** snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Renew yourself, renew the Church. Full weekend rates and commuter rates available at www.vallombrosa.org/calendar or call **650/325-5614**. Register soon as this event will sell out.

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park.



Young Believers

DID YOU KNOW ???

MOUNT CARMEL

Monday is the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. But what and where exactly is **Mount Carmel** (hint: it's not a small eclectic art colony just south of Monterey)? We must begin in the Old Testament, with a major prophet whose feast day is also celebrated this week: **Elijah** (July 20th).

Elijah was sent by God to King Ahab of Israel, because at the urging of his wife Jezebel, the king had erected a temple to the god Baal. God's punishment was a drought of three years on the land of Israel. During the drought, Elijah lived by the side of a stream, being fed by ravens, until the stream dried up. Elijah then lived with a widow in Sarepta, and finally went to confront Ahab and the 450 "prophets of Baal". Elijah challenged them to a contest on the top of Mount Carmel, where he built an altar to God and Baal's prophets built an altar to their god. The contest was to call upon their god and have the altar lit and the sacrifice consumed without any human intervention. The prophets of Baal moaned and wailed and cried all day, but nothing happened. Then Elijah ordered his altar and sacrifice to be soaked seven times with water, with a trench of water around it, and then when he called upon God, fire from heaven consumed everything: the sacrifice, the water, the altar, and even melted the rocks.

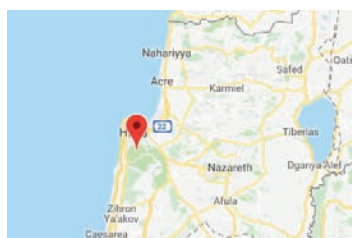
(great story: read it for yourself in **1 Kings 18-40**).

Many years later (in **1155**) a group of devout men (former pilgrims and Crusaders) decided to model their lives on Elijah and established the **Carmelite Order** on Mount Carmel. It later became unsafe for them to remain on the mountain in Palestine, so around **1240** they left for Cyprus, Sicily, France and England.

On **July 16, 1251**, Our Lady appeared to **St. Simon Stock** and gave him the *brown scapular* with all of its attendant graces and blessings. Somewhere between **1376** and **1386** the Carmelites began to celebrate the *Commemoratio B. Mariæ Virg. duplex* (Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and in **1609** **Cardinal St. Robert Bellarmine** declared this day as the patronal feast of the Carmelite Order.

References to Mount Carmel in the Bible speak of it as a symbol of beauty (the "*splendor of Carmel*" in **Isaiah** and "*your head crowns you like Mount Carmel*" in the **Song of Solomon**). *Karmel* is "*garden*" in Hebrew.

(Oh, and Carmel (the city) was named after the Carmel mission (on the Carmel River), whose official title is *Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo*)

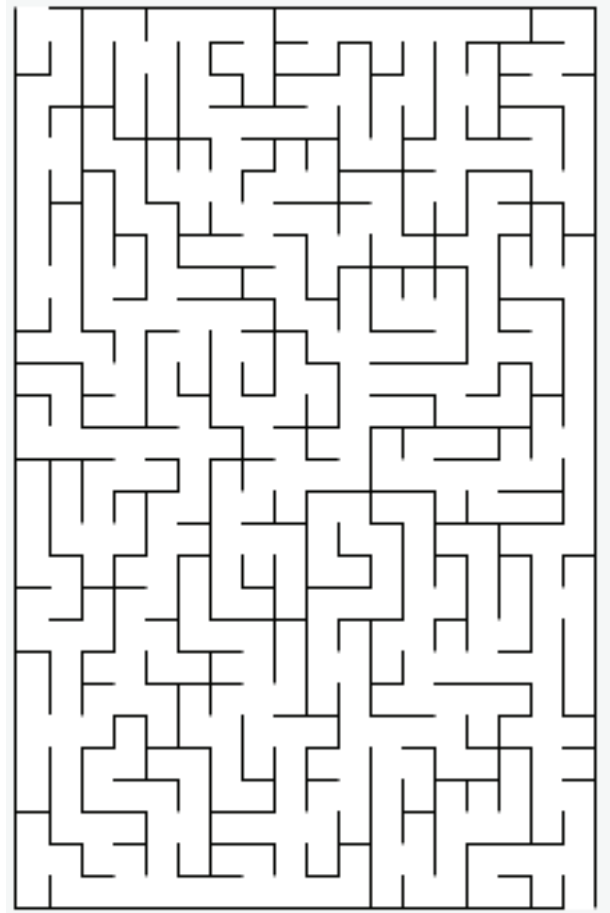


Mount Carmel is located south of Haifa. The lake on the right is the Sea of Galilee



The 1500-foot limestone southern face of Mount Carmel

Help the Samaritan bring the robbers' victim to the inn.



CAMP MONTE STELLA:

A Leadership Camp for Girls Entering 5th-9th Grades

Date: Sun-Thurs, 21-25 JUL 2019

Venue: 17301 Silver Spur Drive, Tuolumne, CA 95379

Fee: \$480. Sibling discount of \$25

Website: www.campmontestella.com

For video, photos, information and an application form

Email: ask@campmontestella.com



Our combined camp offers a unique, fun-filled week to explore your talents, make new friends, acquire good habits, and advance in the skills to be a leader. Try dance, creative arts, cooking, and STEM experiments. Learn etiquette at the Elegant Dinner, and party at the Decades Dance! The fun continues outdoors with the Miner's Flume water slide, Giant Swing, and Broken Hollow Archery. Additionally, deepen your leadership and faith through talks, daily Mass and the Rosary. Spaces fill up quickly, so register now!