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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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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year."

GENESIS 18: 1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

PSALMS 15

SECOND READING

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

COLOSSIANS 1: 24-28

GOSPEL

Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

LUKE 10: 38-42



Martha and Mary -- Harold Copping

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JULY 2019

There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

LUKE 10: 42

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 JUL

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Deborah Lynn Wright
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin
TUE	07:30 AM	† Deborah Lynn Wright
	05:30 PM	† Norma Ricci
WED	07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
	05:30 PM	In thanksgiving for friends and family of Peggy Smyth (†)
THU	07:30 AM	† Debbie Wright
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI	07:30 AM	† Kathy Doerr
	05:30 PM	Mary Henriques
SAT	08:00 AM	Sara Munk; † Lawrence Saez; † Paul Rogers; † Robert Kolar; † Rod Salazar

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)

21 JUL (Sunday)

22 JUL (Monday)

06:15 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

23 JUL (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

24 JUL (Wednesday)

06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

25 JUL (Thursday)

26 JUL (Friday)

27 JUL (Saturday)




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



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 06-07 JUL
	TOTAL:	\$11,169
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:		\$40,008
2019 ADA Goal:		\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 JUL (Monday):

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

It is clear from the Gospels that Mary of Magdala was a devoted disciple. We know that Christ cast from her seven devils, that she ministered to Him in Galilee, and that she was present at the Crucifixion. Matthew tells us that she was the first to see the Risen Christ, Who sent her to tell His disciples what she had seen. She is traditionally regarded as a penitent.



23 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINT BRIGIDA OF SWEDEN, Religious (1302-1373)

Daughter of the governor of Uppland and descended from the royal house of Sweden, Bridget began receiving visions, most of the Crucifixion, at age 7. She wed Prince Ulfo of Nercia at age 13 and raised 8 children, including **Saint Catherine of Sweden**. She pursued a religious life after her husband's death in 1344, and founded the *Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines)*. She was a counselor to kings, queens, and popes, and encouraged everyone to meditate on the Passion, and of Jesus Crucified.



25 JUL (Thursday):

SAINT JAMES ("THE GREATER"), Apostle

James and his younger brother, **John**, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen of Galilee when called by Jesus to follow Him. James was present at most of the miracles performed by Christ, and the two brothers, along with **Peter**, were the only disciples to witness the Transfiguration. James, the first apostle to be martyred, was put to death by Herod around the year 42.



26 JUL (Friday):

SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM, Parents of Mary

We know nothing about Mary's parents except what we can infer from Mary's own life -- she was devout, generous, able to recognize God when He called, and courageous enough to accept God's call without knowing where it would lead. She must have had exceptional parents. They are mentioned in the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James*, which speaks of the life of Mary and her elderly, well-to-do parents, **Joachim** and **Anna**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.

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 or **650/257-7780** for more information.

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)**.

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.

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 • Charles Elliott, son of
Allan and Caterina Olin

MARRIAGES • Allan Olin and Caterina Rose

PARISHIONERS • Alex and Meghan Jones

DEATHS • Bishop Robert Christian, O.P.

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

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

DONATIONS OF LIFE-SAVING BLOOD

Since 2008 the Stanford Bloodmobile has come to Nativity four times a year so that our parishioners could conveniently donate blood on Sunday mornings after Mass. Unfortunately, for several reasons, they are no longer able to bring the bloodmobile here. The good news is that Stanford has a **Blood Center** at 445 Burgess Drive, Suite #100, in Menlo Park, just a few blocks from Nativity. The Blood Center is open from **12:00-07:30 PM** on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** and from **07:30 AM-03:00 PM** on **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday**.

You may make an appointment by calling **888/723-7831**, emailing giveblood@med.stanford.edu

or visiting <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/bcinfo/maps-mp.html>.

If you have given blood at the bloodmobile in the past or if you have never given blood, please consider making a donation of lifesaving blood at the Blood Center in Menlo Park.

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**.

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.

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.



#KEEP THE SEAL UPDATE

Good News for Catholics and all concerned Californians. Legislation that would have mandated that priests break the seal of confession was **pulled indefinitely from consideration** in the California Legislature on July 8. Over 125,000 letters were collected from all over the state of California and delivered to the State Senate. **SB360 was withdrawn indefinitely from committee and was not heard in Sacramento as scheduled.** The California Catholic Conference says the bill is dead, at least for this year. Thank you to all who signed the letters. We will be advised if the bill is reactivated in the coming months.

To read more: <https://tinyurl.com/SB360pulled>

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.



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

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 FIRST Day: St. John Vianney
27 JUL (SAT)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney
29 JUL (MON)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney
30 JUL (TUE)	NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney
31 JUL (WED)	Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney
01 AUG (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney
02 AUG (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi
03 AUG (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. John Vianney SECOND Day: St. Clare of Assisi

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Ignatius of Loyola:

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

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

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

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.

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



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
THE PASSING OF BISHOP CHRISTIAN**

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Christian has died unexpectedly at his residence at St. Patrick Seminary and University in Menlo Park. Bishop Christian was appointed rector of the Seminary on January 14th of this year. I was deeply saddened to learn this morning of his passing. The Archdiocese was greatly blessed to have his wisdom and leadership even if for so brief a time as auxiliary bishop and even briefer time as rector of the Seminary. We join with the Dominican community in praying for the repose of his soul and for peace and comfort for his wonderful family in their time of mourning.

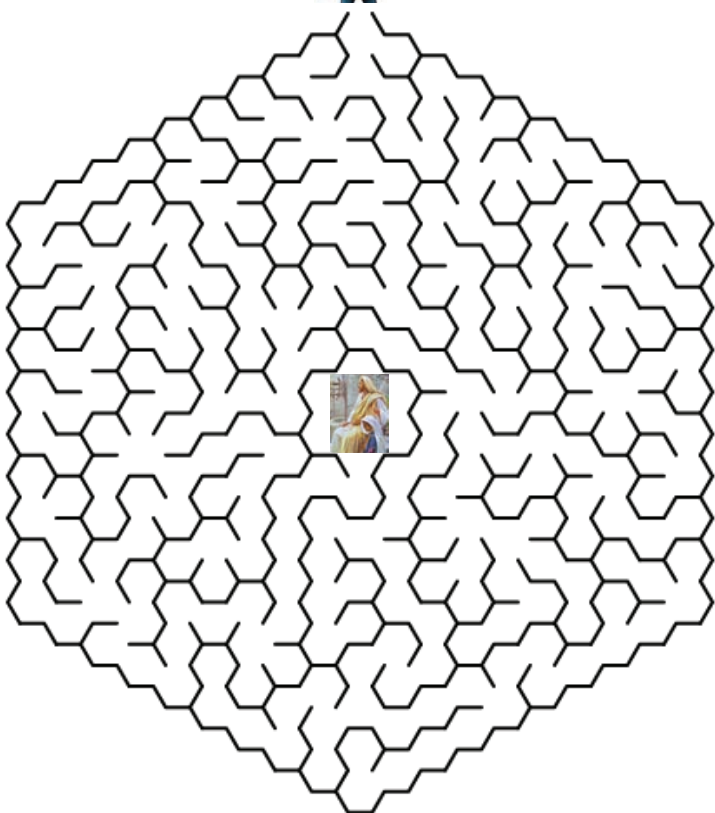


Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone

A Vigil service (not a Mass) will be held on **Monday, 22 JUL 2019**, at **07:00 PM**, in **St. Dominic Church**, 2390 Bush St. San Francisco. The funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday, 23 JUL 2019**, at **10:00 AM**, in **St. Mary's Cathedral**, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. All are welcome to attend; a reception will follow the funeral Mass at the cathedral.

The funeral liturgy will be livestreamed on the archdiocesan YouTube channel.

HELP MARTHA PUT ASIDE THE CHORES AND MAKE HER WAY TO THE FEET OF JESUS WITH HER SISTER



Young Believers

LIVES OF THE SAINTS:

Saints Anna and Joachim

Born: unknown Died: unknown
Feast Day: July 26th



WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT THEM

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "I entrust to the protection of **Saint Anna** and **Saint Joachim** all the grandparents of the world and bestow on them a special blessing."

WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE

Anna and Joachim lived in Nazareth, a small village in Galilee. Many of the people made their living by growing grapes, olives, and grains on the hills surrounding the town. Grandparents, parents, and children lived and worked together. At harvest time, the entire village would pitch in to help pick the crops. They would also keep watch in one of the stone towers erected to guard against thieves. At night they might pass the time and entertain the children by playing musical instruments or telling stories.

WHO THEY WERE

Anna (whose name means "grace") was born in Bethlehem but settled in Nazareth after she and Joachim were married. Joachim was a shepherd, and the two lived happily together for many years. Their one great sorrow was that they had no children. This was not only a hardship for them, but it was a source of shame, since children were considered a blessing from God. One day, after Joachim heard the neighbors making fun of him and Anna for being childless, he went out into the desert to pray for a child. Anna remained at home, dressed in mourning clothes and weeping in sadness. A servant girl, seeing her distress, reminded Anna to put her trust in God. Both Anna and Joachim were assured by angels that God would bless them with a child who would be known throughout the world. Anna gave birth to Mary, who was to become the Mother of Jesus.

Joachim and Anna are considered patrons of those who want to have children. They are celebrated as the grandparents of Jesus, and so they are also the patrons of grandparents.

