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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

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Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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FIRST READING

He brought us out of Egypt with His strong hand and outstretched arm.

DEUTERONOMY 26: 4-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To His angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

PSALMS 91

SECOND READING

One confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

ROMANS 10: 8-13

GOSPEL

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus ... was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.

LUKE 4: 1-13



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 MARCH 2019

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.

LUKE 4: 13

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 10 - 16 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Benefactors of the parish
	05:30 PM	† Forest Smith
TUE	07:30 AM	† Ron Neilson
	05:30 PM	Sid and Audrey Custodio; Bill and Debbie Miller; Brian and Susan Hart; † Dinka Spajic
WED	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
THU	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
FRI	07:30 AM	† James L. Barrett
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Wynne
SAT	08:00 AM	Maggie O'Driscoll; Liz J. Khouri; Timothy Renstrom; † Herminia N. Cando

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

Lighting for the Stations of the Cross
We are very grateful to Marjorie Wagstaffe for her very generous donation of the funds necessary to illuminate individually the Stations of the Cross. This will be a nice enhancement to the beauty of our church, and particularly effective for devotions during the season of Lent.
Please say a word of thanks to Marjorie when you see her in church.

Msgr Steven Otellini

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)

10 MAR (Sunday)

11 MAR (Monday)
06:15 PM Legion of Mary

12 MAR (Tuesday)
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Confession
07:00 PM H⁴

13 MAR (Wednesday)
06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena
07:00 PM Confirmation Class (School)

14 MAR (Thursday)
11:00 AM The Thursday Group

15 MAR (Friday) *Lenten Friday*
06:00 PM Stations of the Cross
07:00 PM Confirmation Practice




16 MAR (Saturday)



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 23-24 FEB
TOTAL:	\$9,252
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2019 ADA Goal:	TBD

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

www.theholyyrosary.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

www.savior.org/wwrc/



BEGIN A NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

You can observe a solemn novena to **St. Joseph** beginning on **Sunday, 10 MAR 2019**. The ninth day of the novena will be the day before his feast day on **19 MAR 2019**.

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

- **What Sacrifices Are You Willing To Make This Lent?**
- **Do You Think You Can Do It For Forty Days?**
- **Do You Think You Can Make It Into a Permanent Offering to Our Lord and Savior?**

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

"Not all can become rich, wise, famous... Yet, all of us—yes, all of us—are called to be saints." --**St. Josemaría Escrivá**

Do you have a special devotion to a particular saint? Is there a saint who inspires you in your vocation as a mother? Join us as we share our favorite holy men and women of God and discuss how their examples can lead us and our families to heaven.

New Location: Due to the renovation of the **O'Hare Center**, we now will be meeting in the library of **Nativity School**. Please enter through the front office and you will be directed to the library.

Topic: *Striving to Be Saints*

Date: **Wednesday, 13 MAR 2019**

Place: **Nativity School Library**

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

Contact: **Katie Froula** or **Christina Lee**
midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com

Online: 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.



NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, The **Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **30 MAR 2019** at **06:00 PM** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, Caesar salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and two tickets redeemable for wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. Non-seafood ravioli option is also available. The cost is **\$50** at **650/281-1339**. Reservation forms are available at the entrance to the church, and reservation forms may be dropped off at the Nativity School office or parish office.



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.

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: 10:00 AM

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 • Charles Joseph David, son of Jeff and Kathy Coelho

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Alyssa Fantin (*Taylor*)

DEATHS



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

ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

TUESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS

Beginning on **12 MAR 2019**, from **06:00-08:00 PM**, Nativity will have Confessions on all Tuesdays in Lent. "*The Light is on for You*" is an initiative of **Archbishop Cordileone** to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It began in the Washington, DC area and has spread throughout the country in the last decade. The Archbishop has asked all pastors to open their parishes for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 06:00-08:00 PM as a means of making this sacrament more convenient and available.

CONFIRMATION

Next **Sunday, 17 MAR 2019** at **02:00 PM**, students of Nativity School and our School of Religion along with several adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Bishop William Justice** will be the celebrant. Please pray for all those who are to be confirmed.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK

Next weekend, **16-17 MAR 2019**, the **Little Sisters of the Poor** will be visiting our parish, giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry of caring for the elderly poor. The Little Sisters care for 86 elderly resident in St. Anne's Home in San Francisco, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like you, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Any assistance you are able to give will be deeply appreciated. To more know about the work and lives of the Little Sisters, visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorsanfrancisco.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2019

San Mateo 40 Days for Life runs from *Ash Wednesday* (**06 MAR 2019**) through *Palm Sunday* (**14 APR 2019**). **New** Vigil location: sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City; Vigil hours: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** every day. Local contact: **Jessica 650/572-1468** or email: themunns@yahoo.com. Nativity's Days are **Wednesday, 13 MAR 2019** and **Saturday, 06 APR 2019**. Contact **Laura Claude** at **650/743-9015** or LauraClaude@msn.com to sign up for either or both of Nativity's days.

Learn more and get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo.



ST. RAYMOND'S RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for the **8th Annual St. Raymond Parish Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, 09 MAR 2019** from **08:00 AM-02:00 PM**, and **Sunday, 10 MAR 2019** from **11:00 AM-03:00 PM**. This **huge** sale is held in the school gym, located at 1211 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. It will be brimming with furniture, designer clothing and accessories, artwork, toys, sports equipment, housewares, antiques, collectibles, and so much more. Proceeds benefit our parish ministries and outreach programs. There is something for everyone, so bring your friends and join in the fun of this Menlo Park tradition. See you there!

LENTEN LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Holy Spirit guides us and is present to us as an inner moral compass, as an urge to pray, as the desire to forgive, as a concern for someone who has experienced tragedy, as direction for the future, and much more. Come grow in the power of the Spirit, led by very good speakers. The seminar begins on **Thursday, 07 MAR 2019** (the day after *Ash Wednesday*) for 6 weeks at **St. Mark's** parish (325 Marine Ave, Belmont) from **07:00-09:00 PM**. The seminar is free. For more information, call **Deacon Ernie von Emster** at **650/906-3451** or visit www.sfspirit.com.

THIRD ANNUAL CLERICUS CLASSIC

On **Friday, 22 MAR 2019, 06:30 PM** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory**, priests of the Archdiocese and St. Patrick's seminarians will once again lace up their sneakers, take to the hardwood, and dribble their way to glory (well, earthly glory anyway). The game is in the SHCP gym; parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot, a block from the school. Tickets are **\$10** adults, **\$5** students (at the door), or by calling **415/614-5552**. Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep is located at 1055 Ellis St., San Francisco.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Tuesdays	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Confessions
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
09 APR	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Penance Service
18 APR	(Thursday) 06:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>
19 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections (Rev. James Moore, OP) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
20 APR	(Saturday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Easter Vigil <i>(no other Masses)</i>
21 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(no 05:00 PM Mass)</i>
22 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

10 MAR (SUN)	THIRD Day: St. Patrick FIRST Day: St. Joseph
11 MAR (MON)	FOURTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
12 MAR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
13 MAR (WED)	SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph
14 MAR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph
15 MAR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph
16 MAR (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph FIRST Day: The Annunciation
17 MAR (SUN)	Feast of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation
18 MAR (MON)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation
19 MAR (TUE)	Feast of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation
20 MAR (WED)	FIFTH Day: The Annunciation
21 MAR (THU)	SIXTH Day: The Annunciation
22 MAR (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation
23 MAR (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Patrick:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm

Saint Joseph:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Sick of innocent babies being daily slaughtered in our county? Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent of 2019:

From 06 MAR-14 APR 2019 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the **40 Days for Life** peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Make this Lenten commitment by contacting:

Jessica (scheduler) at **650/572-1468** or **650/918-9119** (mobile) or at themunns@yahoo.com

or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone - and you may save a life!

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32ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONVENTION

The **Northern California Renewal Coalition**, which includes seven Catholic dioceses, will hold the **Northern California Catholic Charismatic Convention in Santa Clara** from **Friday-Sunday, 24-26 MAY 2019** at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The theme is "*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*" There are separate seminars in English for Adults, Teens, and Children, and in Vietnamese and Spanish. For complete information on speakers and participants, and to register, visit www.ncrcspirit.org.



ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN MESSAGE: 2019

Now, at this "acceptable time," Lent begins. We are called again to stop the ordinary routine, evaluate the areas where we have strayed from the ideals of Christian life, and make a deliberate turning back to God. In these days we only have to turn on the news to see vivid evidence of just how far our culture is from Christian ideals: the passing of horrific laws that permit the killing of full-term infants; family separation resulting from oppressive social and economic forces, affecting especially vulnerable immigrant families; an epidemic of homelessness; revelations of abuse of power even within the hierarchy of the Church; the list goes on and on.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. And our Lord is merciful. Things do change when we are willing to trust God, which means to obey Him and let God do things God's way. Our turning, or conversion, to God is a great act of trust, the ultimate sign of our repentance and belief, of our change of attitude and change of life, of our trust that God does care for us and guides our lives, and of our conviction that God wants us to share the eternal life of His risen Son and the fullness of His kingdom. It is trust that God will, in His own way and own time, bring order out of the chaos of our lives and of our world. And so it means never giving up on God, who never gives up on us. I encourage you to not let these 40 days slip by.

Be intentional in increasing your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Attend parish Lenten events. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation – all of our churches are open on Tuesday nights in Lent from 6-8 pm for this. I pray for fruitfulness of your efforts, resulting in increased joy when we arrive at Easter.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone

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TEMPTATION	JERUSALEM	FIRSTFRUITS