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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

They ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

JOSHUA 5: 9, 10-12

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

PSALMS 34

### SECOND READING

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 17-21

### GOSPEL

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.

LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32



The Prodigal Son -- Harold Copping

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 31 MARCH 2019

This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.

LUKE 15: 24

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 31 MAR - 06 APR

<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>	† Steven Rojkovich
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Frank Garrett
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Betty MacDonald
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Dave and Valerie Estes
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	In honor of Saint Joseph
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Fokololo Mafileo
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Candido and Encarnacion Acluba
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	George Lippi
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Special intention; Eman Fallah; † Scott Anderson; † Juan Dominquez
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Linda Brooks; † Shannon Tyree; † Sveto Olujich, Sr.; † Kurt Rosler

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

### 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.



<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)

**31 MAR (Sunday)**



**01 APR (Monday)**

06:15 PM Legion of Mary

**02 APR (Tuesday)**

06:00 PM -  
08:00 PM Lenten Reconciliation  
(Confession)  
07:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**03 APR (Wednesday)**

06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

**04 APR (Thursday)**

11:00 AM The Thursday Group

**05 APR (Friday)**

*First Friday*  
*Lenten Friday*  
06:00 PM Stations of the Cross




1<sup>st</sup>

**06 APR (Saturday)**

*First Saturday*

1<sup>st</sup>

### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>16-17 MAR</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$13,937</b>
Little Sisters of the Poor:	<b>\$8,976</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2019 ADA Goal:	<b>\$21,355</b> <b>\$152,041</b>



# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**04 APR (Wednesday):**

**SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, Bishop (560-636)**

Isidore required seminaries in every diocese, and wrote a rule for religious orders. He was a prolific writer, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world beginning with creation.

**05 APR (Thursday):**

**SAINT VINCENT FERRER (1350-1419)**

A great preacher, who converted thousands in Spain, France, Italy, Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, and Ireland. He was invited to preach in Muslim Granada; counselor to Pope Benedict XIII.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### “BROWN BAG” SUNDAY



This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.

On the fifth Sunday of each month, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

### SVdP Volunteering

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area, please call **Mike Wilmer at 650/346-1089**.

### 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.

**APRIL GORETTI NIGHT**

Friday  
April 5, 2019

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
751 Waverly St, Palo Alto

7pm Mass  
Stations of the Cross  
at 6:15pm

7:45pm Dinner

8:15pm Talk **“The Song of the Beloved”**  
Guest speaker: Robbie Ocampo  
Associate Director, Youth & Young Adult Office  
Diocese of San Jose

*Saint Augustine remarks: “to sing is the work of a lover.” What, therefore, impels the human person to pine and ache for such a love? If love, in fact, is the origin of the human person what does that reveal about one’s destiny and identity? Within the heart of every human person is the existential yearning to be known and loved. Can a robust rediscovery of our beginning lead us to the song of all songs?*

Please RSVP to [bavarea@thegorettigroup.org](mailto:bavarea@thegorettigroup.org) by April 3rd  
Donations welcome and/or please bring a side/ salad/ dessert to share.

### SAVE THE DATE: TUESDAY NIGHT FAITH TALK

On **Tuesday, 09 APR 2019**, parishioners are invited to the banquet room of **Celia’s** restaurant on the El Camino Real, Menlo Park. We will have the opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, hear a talk from **Deacon Dominick** on the Faith, and enjoy a pleasant dinner and discussion. Please plan on attending. The meeting begins at 07:00 PM and ends at 08:30 PM. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick at 650/269-6279**.

### MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

A woman’s experience of motherhood, from conception to nursing to diaper changes, offers her a path to holiness and a “sacramental” experience of God. Please join us for a discussion of the ways in which our own motherhood has given us insight into the life of Christ and the Sacraments, and is helping us become the saints we are called to be.

*This week we are meeting at Christina’s house.* We will send out her address via email and Meetup the night before. Be sure to join our email list to get that message!

Topic: *Finding God in Motherhood*

Date: **Wednesday, 03 APR 2019**

Place: **Christina’s house**

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)

### 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):

**Sunday: 03:00-05:00 AM** (twice per month)

**Wednesday: 02:00 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

### MARRIAGES

**PARISHIONERS**

- Carolyn Kathleen Mulhall
- Paul D. Bocanegra

**DEATHS**

- George Trelut
- Mike Cassidy
- Czeslaw Iwanski

## 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.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## 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:

**Mondays:** 01 APR, 06 MAY, 03 JUN: **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))

**Thursdays:** 04 APR, 02 MAY, 06 JUN: **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 ([summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org](mailto:summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org))

## UNDERSTANDING REAL ESTATE FOR SENIORS

On **Tuesday, 02 APR 2019** at **02:00 PM**, parishioner **Mercedes Roses** will hold a seminar regarding understanding real estate for seniors and how your home can give you the best care when making decisions for your future. Seminar location: Gordon Manor, 1616 Gordon Street, Redwood City. Seating is limited so please contact Mercedes at [mercedesroses@kw.com](mailto:mercedesroses@kw.com) or **650/766-3910**.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:LauraClaude@msn.com) to sign up for either or both of Nativity's days.

Learn more and get involved: [www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo).



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to this collection, and help Jesus in disguise. You can learn more about this collection by visiting [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Relief Services*.

## CATHOLIC MASS / BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

Each Sunday *God Squad Productions* airs a Catholic TV Mass on local TV channels. Our ministry focuses on those who are homebound, residents of assisted living, hospitalized, or imprisoned. Our program depends solely on private donations and the annual Bocce Ball Tournament. This year our tournament will be held on **Saturday, 27 APR 2019**, from **08:30 AM-04:40 PM**. We invite you, your family, and friends to join us in this event which includes food, beverages, and of course Bocce Ball. Please visit the *God Squad Productions* website for more information and the most recently-broadcast TV Mass.

[www.fatherharry.org](http://www.fatherharry.org)

## PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

**Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP**, will be at Pauline Books and Media on **Tuesday, 02 APR 2019** from **04:30-06:00 PM** for a talk and book-signing of her book *Reclaim Regret*. She will speak on a spiritual path for healing our woundedness. The book signing will be after the talk. Pauline Books is located at 3250 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park. For more information call 650-562-7060.

On **03-04 APR 2019**, **Sr. Kathryn** will be at **St. Charles Church – Borromeo Hall** from **07:00-08:30 PM**. She will present two conferences on a spiritual path for healing the wounds we all carry: the regrets we hold in our hearts and the wounds caused by what has happened to us or what we have done. St. Charles Church, 880 Tamarack Avenue, San Carlos.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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


**Intention:** *Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones*

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

### PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

St. Pius Music Ministry presents *Passion of Jesus Christ According to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*, on **Saturday** evening, **06 APR 2019** at **07:30 PM**. The musical setting is chorus and orchestra with music and lyrics by Tony Eiras. For tickets go to [www.stpius.eventsmart.com](http://www.stpius.eventsmart.com) or call **650/361-1411**. St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City.

## LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

**31 MAR (SUN)**

**01 APR (MON)**

**02 APR (TUE)**

**03 APR (WED)**

**04 APR (THU)**

**05 APR (FRI)**

**06 APR (SAT)**

**07 APR (SUN)**

**08 APR (MON)**

**09 APR (TUE)**

**10 APR (WED)**

**11 APR (THU)**

**12 APR (FRI)**

**13 APR (SAT)**

### 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)

## 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](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)

or go to: [www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity](http://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!

*Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

### CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM

The *California Telephone Access Program* offers a range of free, specialized phones that makes it easier to hear, dial, and call. They also have phones that are designed for individuals who have restricted mobility, speech impairments, or who are blind or deaf. For more information visit [www.californiaphones.org](http://www.californiaphones.org).



# Young Believers

Please pray for those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 17 MAR 2019.

Melanie Anderson  
 Katia Arreola  
 Ella Aspinall  
 Colton Assunto  
 Ella Bohmann Farrell  
 Ellery Burton-Tillson  
 Clara Cronin  
 Kieran Duffey  
 Isabela Duffy  
 Kayley Ebaugh  
 Caleb Fox  
 Gabriella Honda  
 Lauren Hughes  
 Annika Kaval

Matthew Kawkab  
 John Paul Killmond  
 Ciara Kingham  
 Joshua-Thomas Lim  
 Sienna Loar  
 Charles Loftus  
 Daniel Lopez  
 Isabel McDonald  
 Natialie Melgar  
 Kalie Miller  
 Carolina Noviello  
 Magdalena O'Driscoll  
 Toni Olivero  
 Adam Paczuski

Sierra Pestoni  
 Ana Pires  
 Mayah Rascon  
 Diego Rios  
 Selma Ruiz  
 Julian Ryczkowski  
 Iain Semler  
 Moises Sikaffy  
 Mary Stroth  
 Kathleen Tiznado  
 Alejandra Valdes  
 Daniel Villa  
 Brian Yen  
 Gabriel Zych



**DID YOU KNOW ???**

*Passiontide* is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord. The word 'passion', in the Christian sense, does not mean an intense emotion; it refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death. Although for several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as *Passion Sunday*, after the Second Vatican Council this name was restored to the Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week, formerly called *Palm Sunday*. As a penitential season of the Church, *Passiontide* is even more ancient than Lent.



**DID YOU KNOW ???**

When the Moslem Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the *Stations of the Cross* were erected at popular spiritual centers, including the **Dominican Friary at Cordova** and **Poor Clare Convent of Messina** (early 1400s); **Nuremberg** (1468); **Louvain** (1505); **Bamberg, Fribourg** and **Rhodes** (1507); and **Antwerp** (1520). Many of these stations were reproduced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today.



**DID YOU KNOW ???**

In **1342**, the **Franciscans** were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land. The faithful received indulgences for praying at the following stations: At Pilate's house, where Christ met His mother, where He spoke to the women, where He met Simon of Cyrene, where the soldiers stripped Him of His garments, where He was nailed to the cross, and at His tomb.



**DID YOU KNOW ???**

- During **Bach's** day, the organ and choirs were silent during Lent.
- **St. Leonard Casanova** (1676-1751) of Porto Maurizio, Italy, reportedly erected over **600** sets of the *Stations of the Cross* throughout Italy.
- In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to **6** days. About **800 AD** it was changed to **40** days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.