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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



**FIRST READING**

Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men."

ACTS 5: 27-32, 40-41

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

PSALMS 30

**SECOND READING**

They cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

REVELATION 5: 11-14

**GOSPEL**

Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

JOHN 21: 1-19



# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 05 MAY 2019

Jesus said to him a third time,  
'Simon, son of John, do you love Me?'

REVELATION 1: 17-18

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05 - 11 MAY

<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>	Anthony Novello
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Bronwyn Dobberstein; † Charles Tuzar; † Angelina Ochoa; † Margaret Mary Fennie
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sid and Audrey Custodio
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Henedina Salumbides
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	In honor of Saint Joseph
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Abraham Zamudio; † Al Young
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Nuvia Downs
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Souls in Purgatory
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sue Connolly
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	All mothers, living and deceased; Benefactors of the parish; † Juan and Flor Arguello; † Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Kaemmerer; † William Wagstaffe

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

### BIBLICAL ART



Christ's Charge to Peter (Feed My Sheep)  
-- Raphael

<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)

**05 MAY (Sunday)** *Nativity Feeds* Collection

**06 MAY (Monday)**  
06:15 PM Legion of Mary

**07 MAY (Tuesday)**  
07:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**08 MAY (Wednesday)**  
06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

**09 MAY (Thursday)**


**10 MAY (Friday)**

**11 MAY (Saturday)**  
09:30 AM Baptism Class



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

### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>20-21 APR</b>
TOTAL:	\$24,822
Holy Thursday:	\$2,400
Good Friday (Holy Land):	\$4,356
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$32,498
2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**10 MAY (Friday):**

**SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER, Priest  
(1840-1885)**

Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support. Damien contracted Hansen's disease (leprosy) and died of its complications.

## 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

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Laura** at [nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com) or **650/257-7780** for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

**Mother's Day** is **12 MAY 2019!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend than to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend is **Catholic Charities Sunday**. This second collection is an invitation to parishioners to personally invest in the lives of thousands of marginalized and vulnerable residents in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties. Your generous support keeps families together by preventing poverty and homelessness; enriches the lives of aging and disabled adults; welcomes and supports immigrants and unaccompanied minors, and nurtures the healthy development of children and youth. Envelopes are available on Catholic Charities Sunday. You can visit [www.catholiccharitiessf.org](http://www.catholiccharitiessf.org) or text CCSunday to **41444** to donate. Please respond with a generous and open heart. For more information contact **Jane Ferguson Flout** at **415/972-1227** or [jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org).

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 Charities*.

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).

FATIMA  
CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 MAY 2019**, we will begin our annual celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **102** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will continue to begin at **07:00 PM**.

All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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



Nativity's 39th  
Annual Carnival  
7-9 June 2019

## 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**

**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.*

# 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**
- **Scarlett Emily**, daughter of **Eulises and Joana Flores**
  - **Michaela**, daughter of **Scott and Erqi Pollom**

## MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Tust and Amanda Erin Techasith**
  - **Fatima Aguila**

## DEATHS

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS AT NATIVITY

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Latin will be offered in the Extraordinary form (according to the 1962 Roman Missal) on **Saturday, 11 MAY 2019** at **09:00 AM** at the Church of the Nativity.

## 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 FEEDS: A VOICE FOR OTHERS

This weekend, **04-05 MAY 2019**, there will be a second collection for *Nativity Feeds*. **Alexander Harding Bradley** will be speaking at all Masses and will once again ask you to contribute to *Nativity Feeds*, which has been providing lunches of corn, beans and rice for over 1000 children in Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia. Through your generosity they were also able to provide food for senior citizens, who would otherwise go hungry. Because the funding for this program has been raised by young people for the benefit of young people and senior citizens, every cent you donate is guaranteed to go directly to feeding these people. Thanks so much for your continued support of this important program and your amazing generosity.



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: *Nativity Feeds*.

## 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: 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: 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))

## 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](http://www.ncrcspirit.org).



## TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, *"My Sunday Mass"* on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit [www.mysundaymass.org](http://www.mysundaymass.org). (For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.)

## 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](mailto:holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com). All are welcome.

YOU MATTER!

The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love.

Pope Saint John Paul II



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** *The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity*

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



### THE MIRACLE OF THE GREAT DRAUGHT OF FISH

Sometimes called "The Miracle of the 153 Fish", the fact that St. John was so specific as to the number of fish caught has been discussed by theologians, scholars and Hebrew numerologists for centuries. Any time a precise number is mentioned

in Scripture, it is held to be of great significance.

There are competing theories about this. In one version, it is observed that Aristotle once stated that in the course of his studies, he determined that at his time in history, there were **153** distinct types of fish. If this is true, then the symbolize is interpreted as the apostles having caught "all" men - a universal church.

But perhaps more interesting are the mathematical considerations. The analysis of numbers, or **gematria**, has been used by the Jewish people in Scripture analysis for many thousands of years (this is **not** "numerology"). And one cannot apply gematria to "**153**" without considering "**3**", which has tremendous significance in Scripture (the Trinity, **3** hours of suffering, **3** days in the tomb, **3** denials by Peter, **3** questions by Jesus to redeem Peter, etc.).

So consider these facts about **153**:

- If you add up the digits in **153** ( $1+5+3$ ), you get 9, which is **3** sets of **3**
- If you cube (i.e., raise to the **3**rd power) each digit in **153** and add them, like this:  $(1 \times 1 \times 1) + (5 \times 5 \times 5) + (3 \times 3 \times 3)$ , you get **153**.
- In both Hebrew and Greek, the characters of the alphabet can represent both letters and numbers. In Greek, the words "fishnet" and "fishing" both evaluate as  $8 \times 153$ , and 8 in Scripture refer to the Anointed One, the Messiah.
- There are **153 Hail, Marys** in the traditional recitation of the rosary
- **153** is what is known as a "triangular" number. The triangular numbers are those for which the formed pattern of dots will make a triangle. **3** is the first triangular number: you can draw one dot with two underneath, and you have a triangle. The next is 6 (a triangle with **3** dots on each side). **153** is the 17th triangular number, forming a triangle with 17 dots on each side. Hmm ... triangle ... Trinity. How about that?

*Isn't our Creator amazing?*

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

**05 MAY (SUN)**

**06 MAY (MON)**

**07 MAY (TUE)**

**08 MAY (WED)**

**09 MAY (THU)**

**10 MAY (FRI)**

**11 MAY (SAT)**

**12 MAY (SUN)**

**13 MAY (MON)**

**14 MAY (TUE)**

**15 MAY (WED)**

**16 MAY (THU)**

**17 MAY (FRI)**

**18 MAY (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:

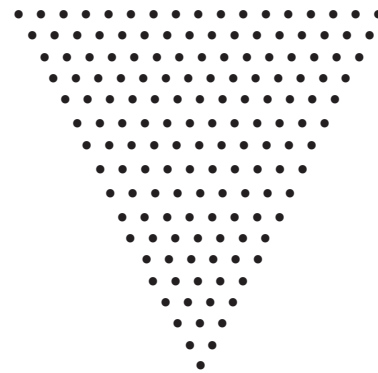
[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

Novena for Priests:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

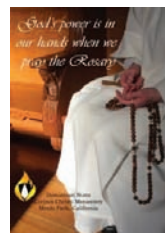
Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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



### 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.

Please pray for our children, who made their **First Holy Communion** on **13 April 2019**.

Grace Badawi  
Anna Beasley  
Beatrice Bohmann Farrell  
Eliza Carpenter  
Edgar Chipres  
Russell Davis  
Bodhi Duffey  
Elizabeth Freeman  
Kathryn Freeman

Katherine Gaffey  
Gianna Goudey  
Tristan Goudey  
John Kuhns  
Angelina Lopez  
Mackenzie Morales  
Audrey Page  
Angelina Rosales  
Jackson Ryan

Eliana Sandoval  
Quintin Solbeck  
Felipe Sroka  
Magnolia Teymourian  
Zackery Tiznado  
Theodore Trakul  
Ignacio Valdes  
Beckett Williams  
Michael Winn, Jr.



Please pray for those who participated in our **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** program, who were **Baptized** or made a **Profession of Faith** and received the sacraments of **First Holy Communion** and **Confirmation** at the **Easter Vigil, 20 April 2019**.

Eulises Flores  
Joana Galvin  
Hannah Nickell

Iris Lee  
Erqi Pollom  
Wayne Reus  
Marshall Sifford

Tust Techasith  
Jacqueline Texier-Calhoun  
Kellie Ullom



**CARNIVAL**

**Dear Friends  
of Nativity**

The 2019 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Nativity Carnival  
will be here in **less than 5 weeks!**  
Save the dates: **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



Once again we are offering discount **Pre-Sale Eager Beaver All You Can Ride Wristbands** and **Ride Tickets**; these are available to order on-line, by mail, at the Rectory, and at the Nativity School office. Monsignor will be giving away a **\$10,000** Grand Prize in our Raffle Drawing. **Pride and Joy** return for another engagement.

We need your help to ensure a successful carnival again and we ask for your volunteer help. To volunteer to help at the Carnival please click on the *iVolunteer* banner located on the [nativitycarnival.com](http://nativitycarnival.com) website.

We need volunteers for food booths, Men's Club dinner on Friday and Saturday nights, Pan Game, Game Booths, setup and break-down, to name a few. Please go to the website and sign up for your favorite choices.

We are looking to cover 100% of the shifts. Please help us in contributing to the success of the Carnival, by participating in a fun event throughout the weekend.

Stay tuned for weekly updates through the week of the carnival, and for more upcoming information about our Free Pancake Breakfast and Raffle Drawing.

The Nativity Men's Club Dinner will be serving *Tri-tip* on **Friday, June 7th** and for the first time will be offering a generous serving of *Smoked Pulled Pork* on **Saturday, June 8th**.

Questions and comments please call **Leighton Ford** at **650/799-2867** or **Sal Ruiz** At **650/400-6910**.

See you at the Carnival!

*Leighton and Sal*

[www.nativitycarnival.com](http://www.nativitycarnival.com)



For the most up-to-date  
information any time!

**CARNIVAL**