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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

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



FIRST READING

It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.

ACTS 14: 21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

PSALMS 145

SECOND READING

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth.

REVELATION 21: 1-5

GOSPEL

This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

JOHN 13: 31-35



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 MAY 2019

The One Who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new."

REVELATION 21: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19 - 25 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Jelka Rajkovich
	05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased
TUE	07:30 AM	† Diane Dimatteo
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin; † George Trelut; † Mike Cassidy; † John Algeo
WED	07:30 AM	All mothers, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	† Peter Lazzeroni
THU	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
FRI	07:30 AM	† Czeslaw Iwanski
	05:30 PM	† Doreen Fetu'u
SAT	08:00 AM	All mothers, living and deceased; The Peloso and Munk families; † Jo Ann Bedrossian Conway; † Laverne Plesha

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

Deadline: 12:00 PM (noon) Friday by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

EXAMPLE: For inclusion in the **01 June 2019** bulletin, submit by **Friday, 24 May 2019** at noon.

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)

19 MAY (Sunday)

20 MAY (Monday)

06:15 PM Legion of Mary

21 MAY (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

22 MAY (Wednesday)

06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

23 MAY (Thursday)

24 MAY (Friday)

25 MAY (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 04-05 MAY
	TOTAL:	\$13,650
	Nativity Feeds:	\$20,153
	Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$35,213
	2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

20 MAY (Monday):

SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA, Priest
(1381-1457)

His preaching skills were so great, and the conversions so numerous, that he has become associated with all areas of speaking, advertising, public relations, etc.

21 MAY (Tuesday)

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES
AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs**
(1869-1927)

Martyred by the anti-Church government of Mexico during the persecutions that were fought by the *Cristeros* rebels. ¡Viva Cristo Rey!

22 MAY (Wednesday):

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA, Religious
(1381-1457)

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow and member of a religious community. Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

24 MAY (Friday):

**DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, (1253)**

Because of the remarkable witness that **St. Francis** has made to the world, a magnificent church was built in his honor. In **1253** on the 25th of May **Pope Innocent IV** solemnly consecrated the Church. Seven years later to the day, the remains of Saint Francis were taken from the chapel of Saint George and placed in the new church.



25 MAY (Saturday):

SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE (672-735)

Considered the most learned man of his day, Bede was born around the time England was finally Christianized. His writings started the idea of dating our era from the birth of Christ, and our knowledge of the history of England before the 8th century is mainly the result of Bede's writings. He is a Doctor of the Church.

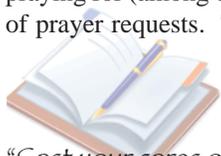
POPE GREGORY VII (1020-1073)

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE DE'PAZZI (1566-1607)

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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**

FATIMA CELEBRATION
On **Thursday, 13 JUN 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)**.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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**
- Braden Ascher, son of Sanjay and Emily Bhatia
 - Luca James, son of Christopher and Kristie Mezzavilla
 - Chloe Mae, daughter of Kevin and Shayne O'Flanagan

- MARRIAGES**
- Aaron Gumbinger and Ritzi Lam

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Rod Salazar
 - Margaret Smyth

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's 39th
Annual Carnival
7-9 June 2019

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

The **Columbian Senior Residence** is located in historic Marysville, California. It is an independent living residence for seniors in a small community setting. There are opportunities for spiritual growth and apostolic outreach. It has low rates, meals and housekeeping included; concessions are considered in the case of hardship. This community is a charitable enterprise of the **California Knights of Columbus**. For more information call **530/743 7542** or visit www.columbiansenior.com.

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.

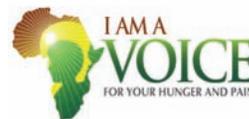
Upcoming dates:

Mondays: 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)

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)

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

We would like to thank you for your incredibly generous contribution to the Nativity Feeds collection on May 4/5. We are delighted and extremely grateful for the donations given in this collection, which amounted to \$20,153.00. This exceptionally generous level of funding means the continuation of the feeding program for at least another year and allows for more children to be included. Please know that every day for the next year and more, Nativity parish will feed over 1,000 people. Your donations will allow us to feed the school-children and the seniors caring for them in Kenya (with the Daughters of Charity) our Tanzanian public school where there are over 750 students, and our Catholic school for orphans (managed by the Diocese of Moshi). In addition to providing over 1,000 children with food, these children will by extension avail of the education at the schools where the lunch programs are in operation. Luke Edward and I will be going to work in Tanzania soon, and while there we will supervise the purchasing and distribution of the food purchased, ensuring that it is bought at a fair price and is well stored for the upcoming year. As always, we remind the students of the generosity that Nativity parish has shown over these past five years. We are proud to be part of Nativity and proud to represent Nativity when we travel. Thank you for this life-changing donation.



Luke Edward and Alexander

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

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.

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.



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or

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CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

19 MAY (SUN)

20 MAY (MON)

21 MAY (TUE) FIRST Day: The Ascension

22 MAY (WED) SECOND Day: The Ascension

23 MAY (THU) THIRD Day: The Ascension

24 MAY (FRI) FOURTH Day: The Ascension

25 MAY (SAT) FIFTH Day: The Ascension

26 MAY (SUN) SIXTH Day: The Ascension

27 MAY (MON) SEVENTH Day: The Ascension

28 MAY (TUE) EIGHTH Day: The Ascension

29 MAY (WED) NINTH Day: The Ascension

30 MAY (THU) **The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

31 MAY (FRI) FIRST Day: Pentecost Novena

01 JUN (SAT) SECOND Day: Pentecost Novena

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Ascension of Our Lord:

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

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese “24 Glory Be’s” Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

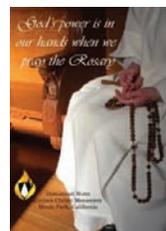
www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

“He who faithfully prays to God for the necessities of this life is both mercifully heard, and mercifully not heard. For the physician knows better than the sick man what is good for the disease.”

-- St. Augustine

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.

Young Believers

FORMS OF ADDRESS FOR THE CLERGY (from an article by Fr. William Saunders on catholiceducation.org)

Have you ever wondered how to properly address a bishop? A cardinal? The pope? A proper etiquette does exist for how we address our Church leaders. As a point of courtesy, all Catholics should be familiar with these forms of address. Even though we may live in an increasingly informal world, such good formalities help to make us respectful of proper authority.

So let's start at the top — the **Pope**. A person would greet Pope Francis as “*Your Holiness*,” “*Most Holy Father*,” or “*Holy Father*.”

Next in the hierarchy comes the **Cardinal**. A person would greet a Cardinal by saying, “*Your Eminence*” or “*Your Lordship*” (which is very British). Lately, some people will reverse the word order, saying, “Cardinal William Keeler” instead of “William Cardinal Keeler.” The formal word order originated in the time when last names were not common, but individuals were known by occupations or even places. For example, “John, the Smith” (or Blacksmith) eventually became “John Smith.” The same evolution occurred with Cardinals: What would have been “William, the Cardinal” would now be, with the use of family names, “William Cardinal Keeler.”

Another interesting diversion for us concerns a **Patriarch**. Patriarchs are Cardinals but have honorary precedence over a Cardinal. For example, the Patriarch Emeritus of Jerusalem is Archbishop Michel Sabbah. A person would greet him, saying, “*Your Beatitude*.”

Both an **Archbishop** and a **Bishop** would be greeted as “*Your Excellency*” or “*Your Grace*” (again very British).

A **Monsignor** would be greeted as “*Monsignor*.”

Prior to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, some Monsignori had the distinction of “*Right Reverend Monsignor*” or “*Very Reverend Monsignor*.” Such distinctions are no longer made among Monsignori except for certain members of the Papal Household and those who serve in special offices of the Vatican Curia.

Finally, we come to the **Priest**. He would be greeted simply as “*Father*,” which reflects his spiritual fatherhood to those entrusted to his care by virtue of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Some “Fathers” are also formally addressed “*Very Reverend*” when they have a special duty.

CARNIVAL

Dear Friends
of Nativity

The 2019 39th Annual Nativity Carnival
will be here in **less than one month!**
Save the dates: **June 7th, 8th and 9th, 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** at **06:00 PM** on **Friday, June 7th**. **The Bell Brothers** at **06:00 PM** on **Saturday, June 8th**.

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 website.

We need volunteers for food booths, Men's Club dinner on Friday and Saturday nights, Pan Game, Game Booths, setup and breakdown, 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



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

CARNIVAL