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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

VISITING PRIESTS

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

The earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.

WISDOM 9: 13-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For a thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday.

PSALMS 90

SECOND READING

If you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

PHILEMON: 9-10, 12-17

GOSPEL

Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be My disciple.

LUKE 14: 25-33



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08 SEPTEMBER 2019

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

LUKE 14: 27

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 08 - 14 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	Sid and Audrey Custodio; Shannen O'Driscoll; † Shirley White; † J. B. Maitia; † Kurt Michalski
TUE	07:30 AM	† Katherine and Louise Koepf
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
WED	07:30 AM	† Annabel Vivas Downing
	05:30 PM	In honor of Saint Joseph
THU	07:30 AM	† Severina Vallespin
	05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenze
FRI	07:30 AM	† Frances Galea
	05:30 PM	Colette Chiamparino
SAT	08:00 AM	Benefactors of the parish; † Shelby Drazan; † Metudia Cayson; † Baby Cortes; † Gilbert Barreras

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)

08 SEP (Sunday)**09 SEP (Monday)**

06:15 PM Legion of Mary

10 SEP (Tuesday)

07:00 PM H⁴

11 SEP (Wednesday)

12:00 PM Thursday Group-on-Wednesday
06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

12 SEP (Thursday)

09:30 AM Opus Dei Womens Group

13 SEP (Friday)

07:00 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration


14 SEP (Saturday)

09:00 AM Latin Mass



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 24-25 AUG
TOTAL:	\$8,991
Mission Cooperation Plan:	\$11,132
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2019 ADA Goal:	\$43,743 \$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 SEP (Tuesday):

PATRIOT DAY: EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

13 SEP (Friday):

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-407)

It was for his sermons that John earned the title "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). They were always on point, they explained the Scriptures with clarity, and they sometimes went on for hours.

14 SEP (Saturday):

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast was celebrated in Rome before the end of the 7th century. Its purpose is to commemorate the recovering of that portion of the **Holy Cross** which was preserved at Jerusalem, and which had fallen into the hands of the Persians. **Emperor Heraclius** recovered this precious relic and brought it back to Jerusalem on **03 May 629**.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

NIGHT OF PRAYER

Our next night of prayer and sacrifice reparation will be on **Friday** evening, **20 SEP 2019, 11:00 PM** to **Saturday** morning, **21 SEP 2019** at **05:00 AM**. This night will be a "*Call for Holiness of Life for Priests.*" Please try to attend at least for part of the time. Our clergy depend on our prayers and sacrifices. For questions, see **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sick of innocent babies being daily slaughtered in our county? Take a stand for justice and life for all this Autumn of 2019: From **25 SEP-03 NOV 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 commitment by scheduling yourself online at: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

For questions, difficulties or help, contact **Jessica** (scheduler) at **650/572-1468** or **650/918-9119** (mobile)

or at themunns@yahoo.com

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



FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 13 SEP 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**.

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, 14 SEP 2019** at **09:00 AM** at the Church of the Nativity.

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):

Monday: 09:00 PM

Friday: 02:00 PM

Saturday: 02:00 PM

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 • Alexander Palmiere and Courtney Wallace

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Barbara Douglass
• Peter Gaeta
• Felomena Rising
• Angel Barragan

RESTORATION AND GILDING OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You may have already noticed that our *Stations of the Cross* are undergoing a careful restoration and gilding. After the completion of the very beautiful lighting for the individual stations, the next phase of re-gilding is under way. Our own resident artist and art restorer, **Lisa Andrews**, is doing the work. It is a slow and careful project which we hope to have finished by Christmas. Be sure to extend your compliments to Lisa when you see her at work in the church.

Mmgr. Otellini

IN THE COMMUNITY

2019 ROSARY RALLY

Join Catholics from around the Bay Area at the **Family Rosary Rally**, an annual tradition, on **05 OCT 2019**. The theme this year is “*We are all one in the family of God.*”

For complete information, or to offer support, visit the website, www.SanFranciscoRosaryRallySF.com or call **415/419-9477**.

Schedule on **05 OCT 2019**:

10:00 AM Mass at Cathedral celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, including Investiture with the Scapular of Our Blessed Mother, and Renewal of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

11:30 AM Solemn Procession to United Nations Plaza at Hyde and Market Streets.

12:15 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Rosary. (Confession is available.)

12:30 PM Homily by **Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD**.

12:45 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

THURSDAY GROUP FOR SENIORS

The Nativity Senior Group, called *The Thursday Group*, will resume their get-together each week on **Wednesdays** in the **Sobrato Pavilion** at Nativity School **04 SEP 2019** at **12:00 PM** (due to the construction of the O’Hare Center). We will say the Rosary for our members and then have lunch. Please bring your own lunch; however, coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided. All are welcome, hope to see you! Once the construction of the O’Hare Center is finished, our meetings will once again be on **Thursdays!**



NATIVITY MIXER

For anyone wanting to meet and talk with new people, join us for conversation and a no-host happy hour and/or dinner. Meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month from **06:00-09:00 PM**. On **18 SEP 2019**, we’ll be at **Celia’s Mexican Restaurant** (1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park) on the enclosed patio. Invite your friends; open to everyone. Drop-ins are welcome.

Send questions and requests to be added to the email list to nativitymixer@yahoo.com.

ANGELIC PARISH MISSION AT NATIVITY

Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, chief editor of *The Angels* magazine, will be here **30 SEP-02 OCT 2019**, to conduct a parish mission. There will be four talks each day. The theme for each day is:

MON, 30 SEP *The Angels, Our Invisible Companions*
TUE, 01 OCT *Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael*
WED, 02 OCT *Guardian Angels, Our Soul- and Bodyguards*

The schedule each day will be:

07:30 AM Holy Mass, with homily and Talk #1
Followed by a 2nd talk each day
05:00 PM Introduction
05:10 PM Liturgy of the Hours
05:30 PM Holy Mass, with homily and Talk #3
06:30 PM Talk #4
07:00 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour and Benediction, including the Angelic Chapel

Followed by Veneration of a first class relic of St. Faustina and blessing of religious items.

Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA, a priest from the *Congregation of St Michael the Archangel* based in Marki, Poland, has traveled the world preaching on St. Faustina, St. Michael the Archangel and the Holy Angels. He served for four years as the chaplain for the Sisters of Mercy (St. Faustina’s order) in Warsaw, Poland. He will be leading an Angelic Mission at our parish on September 30, Oct 1-2 (Feast of the Holy Angels). He will give 4 talks each day on the mission of the Holy Angels, ending the day with a Holy Eucharistic Hour and veneration of a first class relic of St Faustina.

To learn more about Fr. Prusakiewicz and his mission visit

www.stmichaelthearchangel.info or
www.stmichaelthearchangel.us



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

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *The Protection of the Oceans*

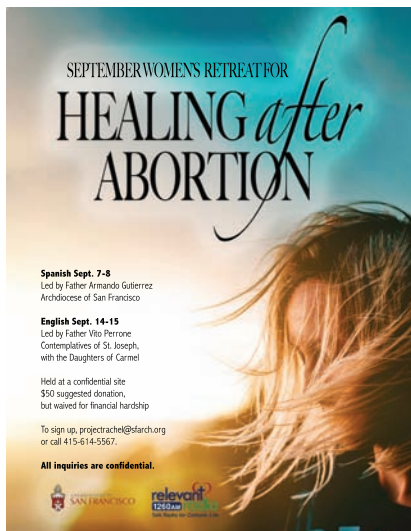
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

SILENT IGNATIAN RETREATS

Based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of **St. Ignatius of Loyola**, these retreats are offered by the *Priests of Miles Christi*, a religious order devoted to the laity's sanctification. Throughout the centuries, the spiritual exercises have become known as an excellent means of sanctification, highly praised by popes and saints. There will be spiritual talks, Eucharistic adoration, daily Mass and Rosary.

Men: **25-27 OCT 2019** in **Burlingame, CA**.

For more information, contact **Christine Timmerman** at california@spiritualexercises.net or at **858/263-5113**. The retreats will be held at the **Mercy Center** in Burlingame. More information can be found online at <https://www.mileschristi.org/activities/spiritual-exercises/burlingame-ca/>.



12TH ANNUAL GALA AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

St. Patrick's Seminary and University hosts their premier fundraising event on the campus in Menlo Park. This year the Gala honors *Ignatius Press* of San Francisco for its contributions to Catholic education and culture. Campus tours are available at **04:00 PM**, followed by Vespers at **05:00 PM**, then cocktails and dinner, with raffles and silent and live auctions. Join fellow Catholics, mingle with our bishops, and enjoy a lovely evening on the beautiful grounds. Online registration and donation are open now at www.stpsu.edu/gala. For information, contact **Myra Phelan** in the Advancement Office, **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

08 SEP (SUN)	Feast of the Nativity of the BVM
09 SEP (MON)	
10 SEP (TUE)	
11 SEP (WED)	
12 SEP (THU)	
13 SEP (FRI)	
14 SEP (SAT)	FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
15 SEP (SUN)	SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
16 SEP (MON)	THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
17 SEP (TUE)	FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
18 SEP (WED)	FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
19 SEP (THU)	SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
20 SEP (FRI)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul
21 SEP (SAT)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm

RCIA FOR 2019-2020 BEGINS 15 SEP 2019

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2019-2020 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** beginning Sunday, Sept. 15. This year we are combining the program with **St. Raymond's** to share resources, although the rites and sacraments for Nativity participants will still be held at Nativity. We will meet at St. Raymond's on **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM**, beginning **15 SEP 2019**. Once the O'Hare Center is completed in December, we may trade locations. RCIA is a faith formation series for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. We also welcome Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation, those who've been away from the faith and who wish to return, and those who just want to "brush up" on their faith. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly** and parishioner **Charlotte Pace**. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of study, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 11 APR 2020**. We will accept new participants throughout September and October. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information or the Nativity web site (<http://www.nativitymenlo.org/>). Contact **Charlotte Pace** (**650/799-9164**, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you.

Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more info.

MEDITATE ON THE WORD

We are told: “*This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night*” (Joshua 1:8). Read about God’s promises, then really think about them.

This week’s meditation (Psalms 91: 14-16):

“Because he loves Me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.”

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2019-2020

Registration has begun for **Nativity’s Children’s Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity’s School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under **School of Religion** link. A kick-off celebration will be held on **15 SEP 2019** (*Catechetical Sunday*), at the **09:30 AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 22 SEP 2019**. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving 1st Communion on to the next grade level through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sacraments Class and classes for **Grades 1-6** are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at **Nativity School** and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children’s Liturgy of the Word*. **Confirmation Preparation** Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** at Nativity School, beginning **02 OCT 2019**.

1st Reconciliation/1st Holy Communion requires **2 years** of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in **1st Grade**.

Confirmation Preparation is also a **2-year** program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter **7th Grade**, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.



CATECHIST OPENINGS

Help our children be all they can be. Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Our program is in need of the following positions:

- **Grade 5 and 2nd Year Confirmation Preparation**
- **Assistant Catechists**

For questions or more information, please contact Mrs. Monica Hickam at mon.hickam@gmail.com.

REFLECTIONS

ON THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING: **WISDOM 9**

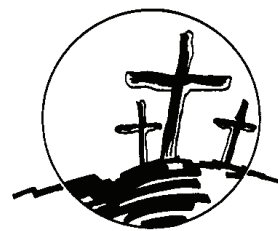
Today’s reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us of our limitations as human beings. By ourselves, we cannot understand God and God’s ways. We have enough trouble trying to figure out the world around us! But if we have the gift of God’s spirit of wisdom, we can learn to walk in God’s ways. We can grow in our knowledge of God’s intentions for us.

SECOND READING: **PHILEMON**

The letter of Paul to his friend Philemon is one of warmth and beauty. Paul is making an appeal for Onesimus, Philemon’s slave who has run away to be with Paul in prison. The apostle has not only converted Onesimus but has become close friends with him. Now he asks Philemon to treat Onesimus not as a lowly slave but as a brother in Christ

GOSPEL: **LUKE 14**

Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem when He stops to give this no-nonsense talk to a great crowd of people who want to follow Him. Like any rabbi of His time, Jesus uses exaggeration to command attention. He wants to get the point across that He must be at the center of His followers’ lives. Jesus insists that no one can be His disciple who does not consider Him before family or self. The disciple who thinks he or she can serve Jesus part-time is foolish. She is like a builder who has no idea how much it will cost to complete a tower; he like a king who goes to battle with no idea how many troops his enemy has. The disciple must be willing to renounce or give up everything out of love for Christ.



“PROTECT OUR KIDS” SEMINAR FOR PARENTS

Parents **do** have a say in what, whether, and how public schools teach their children about sex. Parents of children in California public schools have these rights: To be notified about planned sexual education instruction; to review those materials in advance; to “opt-out” or excuse their child from attending -- in part or all -- sex and HIV-prevention education programs. The **California Conference of Catholic Bishops** recently issued updated guidelines on the law which can be accessed here. The *Archdiocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity* offers two new seminars with Catholic experts for parents to learn the facts and discuss their concerns:

- **In English: Thursday, 12 SEP 2019, 06:30–08:30 PM**, at **St. Dominic’s Church**, 2390 Bush St, San Francisco