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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 07:30 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. Mark G. Mazza

## PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

## WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Paul Maillet, P.S.S.  
Rev. Gladstone Stevens, P.S.S.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

*24-hour Eucharistic Adoration*



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

**FIRST READING**

Strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights.

1 KINGS 19: 4-8

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them.

PSALMS 34

**SECOND READING**

be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

EPHESIANS 4: 30 - 5: 2

**GOSPEL**

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

JOHN 6: 41-51



# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 09 AUGUST 2015

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

JOHN 6: 51

### CALENDAR

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 AUG

<b>SAT 08:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON 07:30 AM</b>	† Fr. Clement Davenport
<b>05:30 PM</b>	John Reber; Special intention; † Jack Kelly; † Pat Carroll
<b>TUE 07:30 AM</b>	Malia and John Peavler
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Joann Ferguson
<b>WED 07:30 AM</b>	† Nicholas Noviello, Sr.
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Mairead O'Connor
<b>THU 07:30 AM</b>	Benefactors of the parish
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† John Kates
<b>FRI 07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Shelby Drazan
<b>SAT 08:00 AM</b>	Religious vocations; The Neylan and Cardine families; † Bennie Sylvestri; † Rina Krevzel

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

<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)

<b>09 AUG</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
<b>10 AUG</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
<b>11 AUG</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	08:00 PM H <sup>4</sup>
<b>12 AUG</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>13 AUG</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group 07:30 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
<b>14 AUG</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group
<b>15 AUG</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	09:00 AM <i>The Assumption of Mary</i> Natural Family Planning Class

#### MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

We need to inform ourselves intellectually and spiritually, and this timely two-day event will do both! This statewide conference, held **21-22 August 2015** at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco, will be of interest to all who strive to fulfill God's design in their lives and relationships, and those who minister to them: Catholic school and CCD teachers, clergy, parish staff and ministry teams, NFP users, teachers, and promoters, Respect Life advocates and yes— singles, engaged and married couples and young adults. Join us at the Gala Banquet to honor **2015 Calegari Award** Recipient, **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**.

When: **21-22 August 2015**

Where: **St. Mary's Cathedral**, San Francisco


Info: [www.canfp.org](http://www.canfp.org) [info@canfp.org](mailto:info@canfp.org)

877/332-2637



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

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>18-19 JUL</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$9,170</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$30,020</b>
2015 ADA Goal:	<b>\$130,840</b>



# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**10 AUG (Monday)**

**SAINT LAWRENCE, Martyr (d. 258)**

Lawrence was archdeacon of Rome during the 3rd century. When Pope Saint Sixtus II and 6 deacons were martyred, Lawrence became the ranking Church official in Rome. Before dying, the pope told Lawrence they would be reunited in 4 days. Lawrence used this time to distribute the full wealth of the Church to the poor, so that the Romans could not lay hold of it. He was martyred by being cooked to death on a gridiron.

**11 AUG (Tuesday):**

**SAINT CLARE of ASSISI (1194-1253)**

An Italian noblewoman who followed her great friend, **Francis of Assisi** into a life of poverty. Several other women gathered round her at the monastery of San Damiano, which still stands today. Her monastic community endured, and came to be known as the **Poor Clares**. She daily meditated on the Passion. Towards the end of her life, when she was too ill to attend Mass, an image of the service would appear on the wall of her cell; thus her patronage of television.



**12 AUG (Wednesday):**

**SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

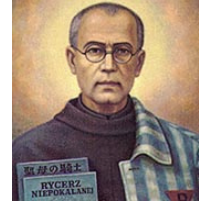
**13 AUG (Thursday):**

**POPE SAINT PONTIAN AND SAINT HIPPOLYTUS**

**14 AUG (Friday):**

**SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, Martyr (1894-1941)**

Polish Franciscan priest who was imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. On **31 July 1941**, in reprisal for one prisoner's escape, ten men were chosen to die by being locked up without food or water. Maximilian offered himself in place of a young husband and father, where he was the last to die, enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst, and neglect.



**15 AUG (Saturday):**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

*"Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory [over sin and death] and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body ... Hence, the august Mother of God ... the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer ... gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges -- to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb ... to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her son, the immortal King of the ages."* **Pope Pius XII**



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA  
CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 August 2015**, we will have our next celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. We will have a Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the message of Fatima, rosary candlelight procession around the church grounds, and healing Benediction. Please join us and bring your family. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Nativity Church is open 24/7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won't you join us by signing up for your 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 01:00 AM**

**02:00 AM (Prayer Partner)**

**Saturday 03:00 AM, 04:00 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.*

### NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 14 August 2015** from **09:30-11:00 AM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

### PRO-LIFE MEETING

**San Mateo Pro Life** will meet on **Thursday, 13 August 2015** at **07:30 PM** -- Worner Center of St. Gregory parish

Discussing:

- Current: Mustard Seed; Legislative Update
- Planned Parenthood videos and "Women Betrayed" rallies and other means of opposition to PP
- Upholding marriage in light of *Scotus* ruling
- Combating assisted suicide (SB 128): new sneak vote to pass it planned on Aug 17th

*Let's defend all people from conception to natural death.*

All are welcome -- for more info, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**

*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191) or Community Pregnancy Center (650/964-8093).*

# 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** • Mateo, son of  
Ivan Marinovic and Irina Danilkina

**MARRIAGES** • Eduardo Urie and Laura Maxwell

**PARISHIONERS** • Aaron Flores Mercado  
• Silvia Lauble (*Emma*)  
• Luca Caporicci  
• Maria Cristina Castro  
• Cristina Madrid (*Jackson*)

## DEATHS

## HOLY WATER



The holy water container in the Church vestibule entrance is to fill **small amounts** of holy water. If you would like more than a small bottle of holy water, please see one of the priests or deacons who will be happy to bless it for you.

*The Altar Society*

## FAMILY BLESSING

The **Nativity Youth Ministry** invites you to join us for Nativity's Family Blessing on **Sunday, 23 August 2015**, after the **09:30 AM** Mass. There will be a special blessing for all children, new mothers, and expectant mothers of our parish. Refreshments will be served.

## THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION (15 AUG)

Because the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** falls on a **Saturday** this year it is **not a Holy Day of Obligation**. "According to the 1992 general decree of the USCCB, the precept to attend Mass is dispensed when this solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday. All the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on this day, but are not obliged."

*Psssttt! Why not go to Mass anyway? It couldn't hurt, and it will definitely help. -- Editors*

*I agree. True devotion to Mary.  
-- St. Louis de Montfort*

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

*Sponsa Christi ... "Called by God, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His word, to ponder and call upon Him in solitude."* **Corpus Christi Monastery** will be holding two discernment days for single Catholic women (ages 18 to 40) on **10 October 2015** (registration by **03 October 2015**). Space is limited.

To register or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) or 650/322-1801x19. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATIONS

Through their Back-to-School Donation, **Catholic Charities** would like equip youth from low-income families with the much-needed supplies for school, as well as the necessary confidence and tools to succeed. The supplies you donate help children from kindergarten through high school. They are seeking backpacks, school supplies, and Target gift cards to provide students with uniforms. Donations are needed by **14 August 2015**. To donate please contact **Diana Contreras** at 415/972-1297 ([dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)) or **Jane Ferguson Flout** at 415-972-1227 ([jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)).

Your donations truly make a difference in the education of these children.

## FARMERS MARKET COMES TO NATIVITY

**Every First Sunday fresh veggies are for sale** – Beginning **02 August 2015**, come to the front of the Church after the **09:30 AM** Mass on 1st Sundays each month, and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally by **NanoFarms USA**, which is a worker-owned cooperative. Expect to see lettuce, beets, strawberries, kale, onions, squash, tomatoes, and more, depending on the various seasons throughout the year. All produce is grown on the property of **St. Patrick's Seminary** in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the **St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA**, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto, based in Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **August 2015**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**Universal:** *Volunteering*

That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

**Missionary:** *Neighbors*

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

### 2015-2016 RCIA

RCIA for 2015-2016 begins **14 September 2015**.

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2015-2016 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the O'Hare Center, beginning September 14th. This faith formation series is 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 classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 26 March 2016**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace** (650/325-6978, [cpace@stanford.edu](mailto: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 information.

### "GO, YOUR MOTHER IS CALLING"

Looking for a special Pilgrimage/Retreat to attend? Look no more. Join **Fr Gustavo Lopez OSJ, 09-14 October 2015**, at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey, for a wonderful stay at the Shrine. Participate in the festivities on the 13th, as the Shrine celebrates the 98th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Call **Gerianne Storelli** at 559/660-5228 or [www.mater-christi.org](http://www.mater-christi.org).

Email: [materchristi1@gmail.com](mailto:materchristi1@gmail.com). \$500.00 deposit is required by August 31st. Trip total is \$1450.00 (includes round trip airfare from San Francisco, round trip ground transportation, lodging, meals and snacks). Space is limited to 29 participants.

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

<b>09 AUG (SUN)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption
<b>10 AUG (MON)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption
<b>11 AUG (TUE)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi</b> SIXTH Day: The Assumption
<b>12 AUG (WED)</b>	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption
<b>13 AUG (THU)</b>	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption
<b>14 AUG (FRI)</b>	NINTH Day: The Assumption
<b>15 AUG (SAT)</b>	<b>Feast of the Assumption</b>
<b>16 AUG (SUN)</b>	
<b>17 AUG (MON)</b>	
<b>18 AUG (TUE)</b>	
<b>19 AUG (WED)</b>	
<b>20 AUG (THU)</b>	
<b>21 AUG (FRI)</b>	
<b>22 AUG (SAT)</b>	

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:**

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.htm>

**Novena to the Assumption of Mary:**

[https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption\\_mary.htm](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm)

### 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)

**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

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

PADRE PIO'S FAVORITE!





START (OR EXPAND) A FAMILY PRAYER TRADITION. FIND OPPORTUNITIES TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY, AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SAY THOSE PRAYERS TOGETHER AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.

1. Do you say a blessing before each meal? Do you do so even when you are dining at someone else's house, or at a restaurant? It is a simple and wonderful way to share your faith.

Bless Us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts,  
which we are about to receive;  
From Thy bounty, through Christ,  
Our Lord. Amen.



## 2. THE LEONINE PRAYERS

In 1884, Pope Leo XIII prescribed the recitation of a set of prayers immediately after Mass. In 1934, Pope Pius XI ordered that these same prayers be offered after Mass for the conversion of Russia. These prayers are now optional, but what a wonderful family tradition you could start if you stayed a few minutes after Mass and said this simple set of prayers. Here are the Leonine Prayers:

### A. "HAIL, MARY" (three times)

Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee;  
Blessed are thou amongst women, and  
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now and at  
the hour of our death. Amen.

### B. "HAIL, HOLY QUEEN"

Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy;  
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this,  
our exile, show unto us the blessed  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Oh clement, oh loving, oh sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
that we may be made worthy of  
the promises of Christ. Amen.

### C. A collect

Let us pray. O God, our refuge and our strength,  
look down in mercy on Thy people who cry to Thee,  
and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate  
Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of St. Joseph her Spouse,  
of Thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,  
and of all the saints, in mercy and goodness  
hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners,  
and for the liberty and exultation of  
our holy Mother the Church.  
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

### D. PRAYER to SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle;  
be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan  
and all the wicked spirits  
who wander through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### E. Conclusion (three times)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy upon us.

3. What other ideas can you come up with? How about an evening prayer before bed that the family says together? Or a morning prayer before everyone starts their day? Or maybe a family rosary, even once a week?

**DID YOU KNOW?**

POPE LEO XIII himself wrote the "St. Michael prayer" (a much longer version, which was changed to the one above in 1934). On 13 October 1884 the pope fell into a mystical faint after Mass, during which he was given a vision of the battle between the heavenly and demonic hosts. It was so horrifying that he immediately went to his office and composed this prayer of protection.