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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 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. 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

They shall know that a prophet has been among them.

EZEKIEL 2: 2-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord.

PSALMS 123

SECOND READING

He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

2 CORINTHIANS 12: 7-10

GOSPEL

He was not able to perform any mighty deed there ... He was amazed at their lack of faith.

MARK 6: 1-6



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

05 JULY 2015

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12: 9

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05 - 11 JUL

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|---------------------|--|
| SAT 08:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON 07:30 AM | † John Kates |
| 05:30 PM | John Reber; Barbara Brosi and family; † Helen Atkins; † Peg Chandler; † Andéol de Carpentier |
| TUE 07:30 AM | † Bruce Foster |
| 05:30 PM | † Soni and Meke Haunga |
| WED 07:30 AM | † Fr. Clement Davenport |
| 05:30 PM | † Willi Helbig |
| THU 07:30 AM | † John Kates |
| 05:30 PM | Benefactors of the parish |
| FRI 07:30 AM | † Mary Rivello |
| 05:30 PM | Judy Woods |
| SAT 08:00 AM | Linda Massoni; † Lucile and Bill Deis; † Frank Joseph Quinn, Jr.; † Viet Nguyen |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

FATIMA STATUE

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting Nativity Parish all day, **Monday, 13 July 2015**. It will be placed in the church at **07:00 AM** and removed at **10:00 PM**, after the Fatima Mass and celebration. Please take time to come and pray to our Blessed Mother. Her intercession is greatly needed for our parish, Archdiocese, country, and the world today. Our special intention is an end to terrorism and a conversion of pagans to Christianity.

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| 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) |
| 05 JUL | (Sunday) | |
| 06 JUL | (Monday) | |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 07 JUL | (Tuesday) | |
| | 08:00 PM | H ⁴ |
| 08 JUL | (Wednesday) | |
| 09 JUL | (Thursday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Opus Dei Women's Group |
| 10 JUL | (Friday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Nativity Moms' Group |
| 11 JUL | (Saturday) | |

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | | WEEK OF 20-21 JUN |
| | TOTAL: | \$11,361 |
| | Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: | \$30,020 |
| | 2015 ADA Goal: | \$130,840 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 JUL (Monday):

SAINT MARIA GORETTI, Virgin and Martyr (1890-1902)

Maria was born to a poor farming family in Corinaldi, Italy, and spent a difficult childhood assisting her widowed mother. She was devout and often at prayer. In 1902, at age 12, she was attacked by a young man intent on seduction. When she refused to submit, he stabbed her repeatedly. As she lay dying, she forgave him. The man was imprisoned and was unrepentant until he had a dream in which Maria appeared to him from heaven. He was converted at that point, and testified at her canonization in 1950.

09 JUL (Friday):

SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO HONG and COMPANIONS, Martyrs (d. ~1815)

The *Martyrs of China*, they were imprisoned and died for their faith and work. Augustine was a soldier who escorted **Saint Gabriel John Tauin du-Fresse** to Beijing during his missionary work. Augustine became a convert to Christianity and a priest, working in the Sichuan apostolic vicarate.

11 JUL (Saturday):

SAINT BENEDICT, Abbot (480-543)

The “Father of Western Monasticism” was educated in Rome and, repelled by the vices of the world, decided to live the life of a hermit. He organized his many followers into 12 monasteries, including



Monte Cassino, which became the birthplace of Western monasticism. The rule he wrote for his monks prescribed common sense, moderate asceticism, prayer, study, work and community life under one superior. It would serve as the model of monastic life in the West for centuries to come.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms’ Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 10 July 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.

NATIVITY MOMS AND DADS OF YESTERYEAR

Renew past friendships and make new ones. Join the **Nativity Moms and Dads of Yesteryear** at Harry’s Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, on **Tuesday, 14 July 2015** at **06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

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):



Thursday 02:00 PM

**Friday 08:00 AM,
12:00 PM (noon)**

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.

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**. You may find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro Life will meet on **Thursday, 09 July 2015** at **07:30 PM** in the Worner Center of St. Gregory parish.

Let’s defend all people from conception to natural death.

All are welcome; for more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

A reminder that the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be here for this celebration.

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 July 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**.



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**
- Jane Lindsay, daughter of Alfred and Kelly Griggs
 - Augustus Robert, son of John and Katherine Houston
 - Mark and Eric, sons of Cristina Rosas

- MARRIAGES**
- Jibb Brady and Julie McDonnell
 - Daniel Wang and Christina Lee
 - Daniel Martinez and Anna Flores

- PARISHIONERS**
- Elizabeth Bugarin

- DEATHS**
- William Barca
 - Mary Ann Josvai

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.

CATHOLIC WEBSITES

Virtue Media (www.virtuemedia.org) and **Catholics Come Home** (www.catholicscomehome.org). These websites contain information on the Catholic Church, scripture references, and videos. They have information for lapsed Catholics considering returning to the church or for non-Catholics looking into the faith.

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE GORETTI GROUP

July Goretti Night: Catholic Couple Testimony

For our July Goretti Night, a Catholic couple Pat and Sarah Ku will share their story about living out Church teaching on sexuality in dating and marriage.

Speaker Info: Pat is a cradle Catholic born to a Protestant mother and a Catholic father, a software engineer by profession who was the youth director at the San Jose Chinese Catholic Mission for 7 years. Sarah is an Evangelical convert to the Church and the former staff team leader for the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship ministry at Stanford. She is currently a full-time mother to their two children (with one on the way).

Event Details:

Where: **St Thomas Aquinas Church**-751 Waverley St, Palo Alto

When: **Friday, 10 July 2015 at 06:30 PM**

Schedule:

06:30 PM Mass

07:15 PM Dinner

08:00 PM Talk

09:00 PM Social time



Please RSVP for catering purposes either on the Facebook event or via e-mail. *St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!*

COURAGE

The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers support to persons with same-sex attraction and their loved ones through the ministry of **Courage**, which is faithful to the teachings of the Church. For home information go to their website couragec.org or our local website, www.sfarchdiocese.org/courage. We encourage you to watch an excellent documentary, *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, which Courage recently produced. It is available on line at www.everlastinghills.org/movie/. For those wishing to support people who are struggling with same-sex attraction you can go to www.moniacross.com.

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 on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café.

If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Scripture says about married people that *"Two shall live as one"*. How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. Go to www.sanfranciscowwme.org or call **Paul** and **Yvonne** at **650/366-7093**. 2015 San Francisco/ Santa Rosa Weekends: Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park: **20-22 November 2015**. Space is limited; apply early.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Call Retrouvaille -- **415/893-1005**.

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Would you simply like to improve communication skills?

Retrouvaille is the name of a Catholic Ministry designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is not just for hurting couples and welcomes all couples wanting to bring new life to your marriage. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend. The ultimate goal of Retrouvaille is solely to help save marriages. Retrouvaille is not a retreat, marriage counseling, or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing.

For more information go to www.retrouvaille.org. The next **San Francisco** weekend will be **06-08 Nov 2015**; in the **East Bay 18-20 Sept 2015**; in **San Jose 14-16 Aug 2015**; and in **Sacramento 10-12 July** and **09-11 Oct 2015**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Responsibility*

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Missionary: *Latin America*

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

The **World Meeting of Families** is an international event, begun by St. John Paul II in 1994. In 2015, it will be held for the first time ever in the United States, in Philadelphia, from **22-27 September 2015**. There will be a Congress from **noon Tuesday to noon Friday (22-25 Sept)** with speakers and breakout sessions. 10,000-15,000 people are expected. The highlight of the meeting will be a Papal visit **Friday to Sunday (25-27 Sept)**, culminating in a Papal Mass on Sunday, which is expected to draw over a million people.

A tour is being offered through the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For a brochure or more information, contact **Ed Hopfner** at hopfnere@sfarchdiocese.org or **415/614-5680**, or **Greg Sylvain** at gregory@canterburytours.com or **800/653-0017**.



HOLY LAND TOUR

You are invited to take the trip of a lifetime to the **Holy Land**, the place where Jesus lived, walked, died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and where the Holy Spirit inspired the first generation of Christians. **Mrs. Jan Conway Willbanks**, a parishioner with much experience, has organized a trip especially for Nativity Parishioners from **13-22 October 2015**. There is an expertly-planned trip by **NAWAS International**, which has run these pilgrimages for over 66 years. In addition to the experienced Holy Land guide, **Deacon Dominick** and **Mary Ellen Peloso** will provide spiritual guidance and lead prayerful reflections. We will visit Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth (Mary's house is where God first became man), the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and more. We take many vacations in our lifetime, sometimes spending much. This will be unlike any other trip. As a pilgrimage, it will increase your love and knowledge of Jesus. Your reading of the Bible will come alive. And this knowledge coupled with a deeper sense of union with Jesus will not end as you fly back to Nativity. It will last a lifetime. It is also a time from bonding and community building with our great family here at church. Please join us. This will be the trip you will talk about until the day you die and see Jesus yourself face to face. For more information, check out the flyers around the church and contact **Mrs. Conway Willbanks: 650/619-0554** or jan@connectionsww.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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| 05 JUL (SUN) | FOURTH Day: Saint Benedict |
| 06 JUL (MON) | FIFTH Day: Saint Benedict |
| 07 JUL (TUE) | SIXTH Day: Saint Benedict FIRST Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 08 JUL (WED) | SEVENTH Day: Saint Benedict SECOND Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 09 JUL (THU) | EIGHTH Day: Saint Benedict THIRD Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 10 JUL (FRI) | NINTH Day: Saint Benedict FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 11 JUL (SAT) | Feast of Saint Benedict FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 12 JUL (SUN) | SIXTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 13 JUL (MON) | SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 14 JUL (TUE) | EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 15 JUL (WED) | NINTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 16 JUL (THU) | Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| 17 JUL (FRI) | |
| 18 JUL (SAT) | |

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Benedict:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/benedict.htm>

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.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_glor.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

PADRE PIO'S
FAVORITE!

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 **11 July 2015** (registration by **03 July 2015**) and **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 or **650/322-1801x19**. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



Young Believers

WHICH TWO IMAGES ARE THE SAME?



A.



B.



C.



D.



E.



F.

The apostle
"whom Jesus loved".

The only apostle
brave enough to
step out of the boat.

St. Paul's name
before his conversion.

To calm the storm,
Jesus spoke to the
wind and _____?

The harp-playing
giant-killer of
the Old Testament.

Now arrange the letters in the bold squares to reveal
the name of the next liturgical season we will enter
(after Ordinary Time):

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son,
Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all
the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the
Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

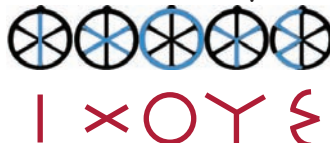


So what is the "ichthys symbol" (ICK-thoos)? It was a sign used by early Christians (1st and 2nd centuries A.D.) to identify one another as fellow believers in Jesus. In the early days of the Church, Christians had to practice their faith in secret: to openly be a follower of Jesus meant persecution and probably a martyr's death. So Christians had to meet secretly in each other's homes to pray, teach, and learn more about Our Lord. You might have found this symbol drawn in the dirt or carved near a door, and if you were a Christian, you would have known that

another Christian lived there. When two travelers met on the road, one might draw half of the symbol (just one of the arches). If the other traveler completed the symbol by drawing the other arch, both would know they were in the company of a believer.

The letters are Greek (which was the common language in those days) and spell the word "fish". But Christians used each of the letters to stand for "Iesous Christos, Theou Ulios, Soter", which means "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior".

In another form of the symbol, the five letters were drawn on top of each other, and the result looks like a 6-spoked wheel.



You can see many examples of the "wheel" symbol around the ruins of Ephesus in Turkey.