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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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 JULY 2015

They went off and preached repentance.
The Twelve drove out many demons.

MARK 6: 12-13



Jesus Discourses with His Disciples -- Tissot

FIRST READING

The Lord took me from following the flock.
AMOS 7: 12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord Himself will give His benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.

PSALMS 85

SECOND READING

In all wisdom and insight, He has made
known to us the mystery of His will.

EPHESIANS 1: 3-14

GOSPEL

He instructed them to take nothing for the
journey but a walking stick.

MARK 6: 7-13

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 - 18 JUL

SAT	08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Michael Conway
	05:30 PM	Judy Woods
TUE	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	Molly Widmer; Billy Widmer; In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; † Viet Nguyen
WED	07:30 AM	† John Kates
	05:30 PM	† Jennifer Ann Britz
THU	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Frances Galea
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	Germaine and Lou Defreitas and family
SAT	08:00 AM	† Luz Conanan; † John Kates; † Frank Joseph Quinn, Jr.; † Peg Chandler

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

12 JUL (Sunday)

13 JUL (Monday)

07:30 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

14 JUL (Tuesday)

08:00 PM H⁴

15 JUL (Wednesday)

07:30 PM Opus Dei Men's Group

16 JUL (Thursday)

17 JUL (Friday)

01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society


18 JUL (Saturday)

09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class
10:00 AM Baptism Class

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.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 27-28 JUN
TOTAL:	\$10,669
Peter's Pence:	\$4,184
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2015 ADA Goal:	\$30,020 \$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

13 JUL (Monday):

SAINT HENRY, Holy Roman Emperor (972-1024)

("Good King") Henry became Duke of Bavaria upon his father's death, and ascended to the throne of Germany in 1002. He was later crowned King of Pavia, Italy and became Holy Roman Emperor in 1014, the last of the Saxon dynasty of emperors. Henry founded schools, quelled rebellions, protected the frontiers, worked to establish a stable peace in Europe, and to reform the Church while respecting its independence.

14 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, Virgin (1656-1680)

Kateri was born near the town of Auriesville, NY, the daughter of a Mohawk warrior. She converted to Christianity as a teenager, and her baptism at age 20 incurred the hostility of her tribe. She went to the new Christian colony of Indians in Canada and there lived a



life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. Kateri is known as the *Lily of the Mohawks*. She was declared venerable by the Catholic Church in 1943 and she was Beatified in 1980. Her decess of canonization was promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be canonized. She is the patroness of the environment and ecology.



15 JUL (Wednesday):

SAINT BONAVENTURE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1221-1274)

Healed from a childhood disease by the prayers of **St. Francis of Assisi**. He was a friend to **King Saint Louis** and **Saint Thomas Aquinas**. At the age of 35 he was General of the Franciscan Order.

16 JUL (Thursday):

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sacred Scripture celebrates the beauty of Carmel, where the prophet **Elijah** defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the 12th century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the **Carmelite Order**, devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. The Carmelites celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary, and in 1726 it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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):



Monday 01:00 PM

Thursday 02:00 PM

Friday 08:00 AM

Saturday: 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

Sunday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 AM (Prayer Partner)

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.

San Mateo Pro-Life Rummage Sale
coming 01 August 2015

Needed on or before 31 July 2015:
gently-used, saleable items (not too large or too heavy)

To donate items or to help, call:
JANET at 650/931-5467

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

MARRIAGES • Dan Knoepfle and Ivy Nguyen

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Mary Ann Josvai

MONTHLY EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Men's Group** has a monthly evening of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Menlough Study Center (www.menlough.org). They meet on the third **Wednesday** of the month beginning at **07:30 PM** in the Church. You can find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

Your planned donations help us forecast, with confidence, the level of financial support our parish will receive in the year ahead.

Electronic Giving is a way to automate your offerings. It is convenient for you and provides consistency for the church budget. Traditional basket offerings fluctuate significantly from week to week but when contributions are automated, the church receives the funds to carry out its work on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

Please visit the church website at www.nativitymenlo.org and click on the e-Giving link on the left side of the page. You may set up recurring and one-time contributions. Or, if you wish, you may call the office and request a paper authorization form.

Msgr Steven Otellini

IN THE COMMUNITY

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 18 July 2015**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

RECEPTIONIST WANTED

Vallombrosa Retreat and Conference Center in Menlo Park, which is owned by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, is seeking to hire a full-time receptionist and events coordinator. Immediate opening for someone who is a "people person," is organized, has basic computer skills (knowledge of Microsoft Office preferable), and is comfortable meeting the public, as this person is often the first person a guest meets at Vallombrosa. Pleasant working environment. To apply or to request further information, write to apply@vallombrosa.org.

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.monicacross.com.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 July 2015** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your our heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

SCHOLA CANTORUM ANNUAL SUMMER SING

This summer, fill your Monday evenings with music and fun at *Schola Cantorum's Summer Sings*. Experience the joy of singing great works you love, and pieces you would like to know better, under the baton of some of the most respected choral conductors working today. **Mondays at 07:30 PM, 13 July - 17 August 2015**, at **Los Altos United Methodist Church**, 665 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos. **\$13.00** general admission. **Free** for ages 25 and under with student ID. As a special savings, Schola offers a *Sing Flex Pass*: six tickets for \$66.00, to be used as one ticket at attend all six concerts, or to be shared with friends over one or more concerts. Call **650/254-1700**, or visit www.ScholaCantorum.org.

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.

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 hopfner@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

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)	
19 JUL (SUN)	
20 JUL (MON)	
21 JUL (TUE)	
22 JUL (WED)	FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
23 JUL (THU)	SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
24 JUL (FRI)	THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (SAT)	FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.htm>

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

PADRE PIO'S FAVORITE!

CHILDRENS BOOKS NEEDED

Samaritan House Medical Clinic in San Mateo is collecting children's books to use in the literacy program they have set up. **Nativity** is a drop-off point for collecting new or used children's books for this program. If you have children's books that you no longer need or your children have outgrown, please think about donating them to this program. There are blue bags in the alcove of the **O'Hare Center** where they can be dropped off on Sundays,



or you may bring them to the rectory during the week. Thank you to all who have already donated books. They are appreciated.

BIOETHICS WORKING GROUP

Our **Archdiocesan Bioethics Working Group** – composed of local physicians and nurses, theologians and philosophers – is interested in hearing about your recent experiences, and responding to your questions and ethical concerns, on issues related to death and dying.

Please contact the **Archdiocesan Respect Life Program** by calling **415/614-5533** or emailing evansv@sfarchdiocese.org or writing to Respect Life Program, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, California 94109.

REFLECTIONS

ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: AMOS 7

The person who points out the wrongs others are doing seldom wins any popularity polls. Amos was a poor shepherd and harvester of figs when God called him to be a prophet. When Amos prophesied that Israel's king would be killed and the people sent into exile if they did not repent, he became very unpopular. The priest Amaziah evicted him and told him never to return.

Amos makes it clear that he did not seek the prophet's job. He simply did what God required of him. His story encourages us to be open to the prophets in our midst who call us back to God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1

Good parents, teachers, and preachers provide us with genuine praise as well as corrective guidance. Saint Paul did both well. In this reading, he helps us count our blessings and recognize our good spiritual qualities. In fact, he assures us that in Christ God has given us every spiritual blessing. These blessings include holiness, goodness, wisdom, and love.

Paul assures us that we are part of God's plan to unite everything in heaven and on earth under Christ's reign. We participate in this plan by using our spiritual gifts for the benefit of all.

GOSPEL: MARK 6

If you and a partner were sent to several different schools to talk about your faith, what worries might you have? When Jesus sent his apostles out two by two, He warned them that some people would not welcome them. He insisted that they take to the road without food or money, trusting in God and the goodness of their hosts. If people would not provide for them or listen to their message, they were to move on to the next place.

But those who accepted the apostles were rewarded. The sick were healed, the possessed were freed of demons, and sinners were reconciled.

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."

SOLEMNITIES, MEMORIALS, AND FEASTS, OH, MY!

Throughout the year we celebrate solemnities, feast days, and memorials (obligatory and optional) to the Blessed Mother, the apostles, saints, and significant events in the life and history of the Church. What is the source of this "calendar", and what is the difference between the types of celebrations?

The reference used by the Church is the Roman Martyrology. You can find a copy on-line at

www.breviary.net/martyrology/mart.htm

The martyrology is a catalog of martyrs and saints arranged according to the order of their feasts (usually the day of their death). Since the time when the commemorations of martyrs, to which were added those of bishops, began to be celebrated, each Church had its special martyrology. Little by little these local lists were enriched by names borrowed from neighboring Churches, and when the era of martyrs was definitively closed, those were introduced who had shone in the community by the sanctity of their life and notably by the practice of asceticism.

The difference between the three basic categories resides in their importance, which in turn is reflected in the presence or absence of different liturgical elements.

Solemnities are the highest degree and are usually reserved for the most important mysteries of faith. These include Easter, Pentecost and the Immaculate Conception; the principal titles of Our Lord, such as King and Sacred Heart; and celebrations that honor some saints of particular importance in salvation history, such as Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. John the Baptist on his day of birth. Some solemnities are also holy days of obligation, but these vary from country to country. A solemnity is celebrated if it falls on a Sunday of ordinary time or Christmastide. But it is usually transferred to the following Monday if it falls on a Sunday of Advent, Lent or Easter, or during Holy Week or the Easter octave.

A feast honors a mystery or title of the Lord, of Our Lady, or of saints of particular importance (such as the apostles and Evangelists) and some of historical importance, such as the deacon St. Lawrence.

A memorial is usually of saints but may also celebrate some aspect of the Lord or of Mary. Examples include the optional memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus or the obligatory memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. From the point of view of the liturgical elements there is no difference between the optional and obligatory memorials.