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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. Alner Nambatac

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Jerome Magat, P.S.S. (cand.)
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

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 JUNE 2015

When it is sown in the ground, (it) is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

MARK 4: 31



FIRST READING

It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar.

EZEKIEL 17: 22-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.

PSALMS 92

SECOND READING

We walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous.

2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10

GOSPEL

Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

MARK 4: 26-34

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 14-20 JUN

SAT 08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	† John Kates
05:30 PM	† Barbara Wynne
TUE 07:30 AM	† Mary Delodovici
05:30 PM	† Mary Rita Crittenden
WED 07:30 AM	† Ismael Nieva
05:30 PM	Linda Potter; The Canessa family, living & deceased; † Eunice Locke; † Benjamin Guingona
THU 07:30 AM	† Louise Barsotti
05:30 PM	All fathers, living and deceased
FRI 07:30 AM	Dale Firenzi
05:30 PM	† Suzanne Walsh
SAT 08:00 AM	All fathers, living and deceased; † Fr. Clement Davenport; † Pedro Cojuangco; † Benjamin Guingona

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing


PRAYER FOR THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court will this month make an important decision about the status of so-called "gay marriage". The decision is in the hands of the justices. All we can do is pray and fast. On **Sunday, 14 June 2015** we will again pray the **2,000 Hail Mary Novena** for a favorable ruling. The prayers will begin promptly after Sunday Mass at **12:30 PM**, and, after a break for the **05:00 PM** Mass, end at **09:00 PM**. You may join us for all or just part of the time. Perhaps, each one can do an hour of prayer. Every prayer, especially in community like this and through the intercession of Mary, is very powerful. The prayer service will be in the church. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso 650/269-7784** or **Deacon Dominick 650/269-6279**.

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)
14 JUN	(Sunday) 12:30 PM	2000 Hail, Mary's
15 JUN	(Monday) 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
16 JUN	(Tuesday) 08:00 PM	H ⁴
17 JUN	(Wednesday) 01:00 PM 07:30 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society Opus Dei Men's Group
18 JUN	(Thursday) 11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
19 JUN	(Friday)	
20 JUN	(Saturday) 09:00 AM 06:00 PM	Natural Family Planning Class Nativity Date Night



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 30-31 MAY
TOTAL:	\$11,131
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020
2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

19 JUN (Friday):

SAINT ROMUALD, Abbot (~956~1026)

Founder of the Order of Camaldoli. An austere hermit and confessor.

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 June 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 throughout our gratitude.*

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

- www.theholyrosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc/



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE PROGRAM

It has come to our attention that individuals have been distributing flyers entitled *"the truth about birth control pills"* at some parishes. The flyer states that they were *"approved by the Archdiocese of S.F."* **This is not true.**

Our **Respect Life Program** and **Office of Marriage and Family Life** can provide you with accurate resources on this and other pro-life and pro-family topics. We are here to discuss and respond to your questions and concerns regarding artificial contraception and natural family planning. Please contact us at **415/614-5533** or evansv@sfarch.org.

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 04:00 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.

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**.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City, is in need of clothing - clean, gently-used clothing for men, women, children and infants. The Center also accepts towels, linens and blankets. No shoes please. We are open **Monday-Friday 08:30 AM-03:00 PM** for donations at 151 Buckingham Avenue. If you have any questions, please call **Kristin Bright** at the Center **650/365-7829**. Thank you so much for helping those in our community!

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**
- Liam Patrick, son of Antonio and Tiffany Inguscio
 - Ava Marie, daughter of Robert and Jacqueline McMahon

- MARRIAGES**
- Mario Moreno and Paloma Fuentes

- PARISHIONERS**
- Jose Luis Relinque

- DEATHS**
- Peg Chandler
 - Julie Benson
 - Robin McGlohn
 - Joann Ferguson

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.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Father's Day is June 21st! What could be a better gift to your father, husband, father-in-law, grandfather, godfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, son, or friend than to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Father's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Father's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are fathers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite father. These names will be placed on the altar during June so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

2ND ANNUAL CATHERINE CENTER FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County's (SVdP) **Catherine Center** invites you to join us at our second annual Fashion Show Fundraiser "*Blossoming into Transformation*" on **Thursday, 18 June 2015** at historic **Filoli Gardens**, celebrating the beautiful transformation that is possible for the women of SVdP's Catherine Center, which helps women reclaim their lives after incarceration. Please note the private garden area opens at **11:30 AM** with luncheon and fashion show to follow. Tickets are \$75 each. Purchase online at www.svdpsm.org or call **650/373-0622** for information.

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH INFERTILITY?

Modern medicine has made great strides in helping couples overcome infertility, by restoring reproductive health through the application of **Natural Procreative Technology™**. Yet many people, even in the medical profession, are still unfamiliar with it, even though it has a success rate of up to 75% in restoring natural fertility. Contact **Ed Hopfner** for more information: **415/614-5547** or by email at hopfner@sarchdiocese.org.

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.



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 **June 2015**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Immigrants and Refugees*

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Missionary: *Vocations*

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

Our fourth **Date Night for Married Couples** will be on **Saturday, 20 June 2015, 06:00-08:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center (back of church). This month **Lisa Andrews**, a professional artist and parishioner, will show us what goes into religious art, both artistic principles and methods, as well the theology behind it, and how it complements the spirituality of the "domestic church", the family. Additionally, **Deacon Dominick** and **Mary Ellen Peloso** will present a conference on "*Some of the Myths and Realities of Marriage*." These evenings have been times of great joy and a celebration for married and soon-to-be married couples. The **Nativity Men's Prayer Group** will be barbecuing. We ask that attendees bring some food to share as a supplement to their cooking. We also ask for reservations to properly plan and prepare: call **Mary Ellen, 650/269-7794**, or email dominickpeloso@aol.com.



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

14 JUN (SUN)	
15 JUN (MON)	FIRST Day: John the Baptist
16 JUN (TUE)	SECOND Day: John the Baptist
17 JUN (WED)	THIRD Day: John the Baptist
18 JUN (THU)	FOURTH Day: John the Baptist
19 JUN (FRI)	FIFTH Day: John the Baptist
20 JUN (SAT)	SIXTH Day: John the Baptist FIRST Day: Saints Peter and Paul
21 JUN (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: John the Baptist SECOND Day: Saints Peter and Paul
22 JUN (MON)	EIGHTH Day: John the Baptist THIRD Day: Saints Peter and Paul
23 JUN (TUE)	NINTH Day: John the Baptist FOURTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
24 JUN (WED)	Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist FIFTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
25 JUN (THU)	SIXTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
26 JUN (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
27 JUN (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint John the Baptist:

svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Novena-St-John-Baptist.pdf

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul:

<http://op54rosary.ning.com/events/novena-to-ss-peter-and-paul>

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

PADRE PIO'S
FAVORITE!

Young Believers

SANTAREM, PORTUGAL

In 1247, a woman in Santarem, Portugal, was concerned about her husband's faithfulness. She went to a sorceress, who promised the woman that her husband would return to his loving ways if the wife would bring a consecrated host back to the sorceress. The woman agreed.

At Mass, the woman managed to obtain a consecrated host and put it in a kerchief, but before she could return to the sorceress, the cloth became bloodstained. This frightened the woman. She hurried home and hid the cloth and host in a drawer in her bedroom. That night, the drawer emitted a bright light. When her husband saw it, the woman told him what had happened. The following day, many townspeople came to the house, attracted by the light.

The people reported the events back to the parish priest, who went to the house. He took the host back to the church and put it in a wax container where it continued to bleed for three days. The host remained in the wax container for four years. One day when the priest opened the tabernacle door, he saw that the wax had broken into numerous pieces. In its place was a crystal container with the blood inside.

AVIGNON, FRANCE

In Avignon, France, in November 1433, a small church run by the Gray Penitents of the Franciscan order was exhibiting a consecrated host for perpetual adoration. After several days of heavy rain, the Sorgue and Rhône rivers had risen to a dangerous height. On November 30, Avignon was flooded. The head of the order and another friar rowed a boat to the church, certain that their little church had been destroyed. Instead, they saw a miracle.

Although water around the church was four feet high, a pathway from the doorway to the altar was perfectly dry, and the sacred host was untouched. The water had been held back in the same way the Red Sea had parted. Amazed by what they had seen, the Friars had others from their order come to the church to verify the miracle. The news spread rapidly, and many townspeople and authorities came to the church, singing songs of praise and of thanks to the Lord. Still today, the Gray Penitent brothers reunite at the Chapelle des Pénitents Gris every November 30 to celebrate the memory of the miracle. Before the blessing of the sacrament, the brothers perform a sacred chant taken from the Canticle of Moses, which was composed after the parting of the Red Sea.

REGENSBURG, GERMANY

In the Eucharistic miracle of Regensburg, a priest was assailed by doubts concerning the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist during the Holy Mass. He delayed, therefore, in elevating the chalice and suddenly heard a light noise come from the altar. From the wooden crucifix above the altar, the Lord slowly extended his arms to the priest, took the chalice from his hands and exhibited the Blessed Sacrament for the adoration of the faithful. The priest, repentant, fell to his knees and begged forgiveness for having doubted. The Lord returned the chalice to him as a sign of pardon.



Miracles of the Holy Eucharist

SIENA, ITALY

In the Basilica of San Francesco in Siena, 223 consecrated Hosts have remained intact for over 280 years. On August 14, 1730, thieves were able to enter San Francesco's Church in Siena and steal the chalice containing 351 consecrated Hosts. After three days, on August 17th, the 351 consecrated Hosts were found intact in the dust of the alms box of the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provengano. The entire population celebrated the finding of the consecrated Hosts which were immediately taken back to the church of San Francesco in a solemn procession. With the passing of time the Hosts did not change in appearance. Many times, distinguished men examined them with every means available and the conclusions were always the same: "The Sacred Hosts are still fresh, intact, uncorrupted, chemically pure, and do not present any sign of alteration".

In 1914, Pope St. Pius X authorized a test which was attended by many professors of health, chemistry and pharmaceuticals, among whom was also the well-known Professor Siro Grimaldi. The final conclusion of the edited report of the test stated: "The Sacred Hosts of Siena are the classic example of the perfect conservation of particles from unleavened bread, consecrated in the year 1730, and constitute a unique and most interesting phenomenon ... the laws of nature have been reversed."