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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



FIRST READING

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard.

ISAIAH 50: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 6-11

GOSPEL

Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from Me, but not what I will but what You will.

MARK 14: 1-15: 47



Triumphal Entry -- Harold Copping

PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

29 MARCH 2015

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 9

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 29 MAR-04 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	† Lemuel Southorn; † Lloyd Miglio; † Imelda Ryan; † Andy LeBeau
TUE	07:30 AM	† Rosaleen Kelly
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Gene Winneki
	05:30 PM	† Bennie Sylvestri
THU	07:00 PM	Priest's intentions (<i>Holy Thursday</i>)
FRI		<i>Good Friday (no Masses)</i>
SAT		<i>Holy Saturday (no morning Mass)</i>

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

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 (<i>Opus Dei priest</i>)
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (<i>parish priest</i>)

29 MAR	(Sunday)	
30 MAR	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
31 MAR	(Tuesday)	
01 APR	(Wednesday)	<i>Spy Wednesday</i> 07:00 PM Confirmation Class
02 APR	(Thursday)	<i>Holy (Maundy) Thursday</i> 07:00 PM Holy Mass (one Mass only)
03 APR	(Friday)	<i>Good Friday</i> 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM Good Friday Reflections 02:00 PM Our Lord's Passion 07:00 PM Stations of the Cross
04 APR	(Saturday)	<i>Holy Saturday</i> 08:30 PM Easter Vigil (one Mass only)

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Once a year, on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection requested by **Pope Francis**, the annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. **Franciscans** and others in the Holy Land are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday-collection.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	14-15 MAR
TOTAL:	\$12,260
Catholic Relief Services:	\$4,170
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$3,550
2015 ADA Goal:	\$121,400

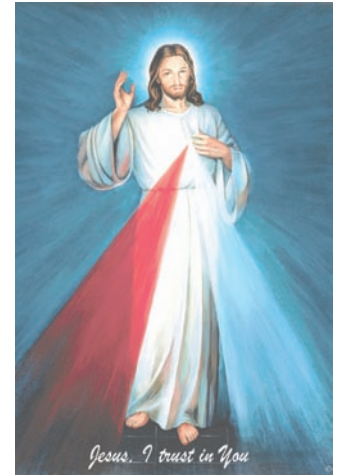
SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Nativity will again be celebrating **Divine Mercy Sunday** on the afternoon of **Sunday, 12 April 2015**. More than ever, the world needs our prayers for mercy, and for people to call on Mercy. There will be confessions beginning at **01:00 PM** and going until all are heard. The reflections on Divine Mercy also start at **01:00 PM**. Mass will be at **02:00 PM** followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a potluck in the O'Hare Center. Please come to pray and celebrate with us. For questions, see **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso: 650/269-6279**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EVENINGS

Ten thousand hours? No way! The twenty-minute secret to marriage success. Marriage OK? --take it to the next level. Learn why couples say it's the best thing they ever did for their relationship. For husbands and wives on the go, a team of married couples and a priest will present the Worldwide Marriage Encounter series on seven Saturday evenings **07:00-09:30 PM** at Nativity's O'Hare Center **25 April-06 June 2015** (each evening builds on prior sessions, so please plan to attend from the beginning). Apply early! Please see www.sanfranciscowme.org or call **Yvonne** and **Paul Ziemba** at **650/366-7093**.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**. If you would like to learn more about this altar bread visit www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php



"40 DAYS FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN: LENT 2015

Each parish of our county is asked to take one day of the **40 Days for Life** campaign and commit to pray peacefully outside an abortion facility during a 12-hour vigil there. We need two or more people committed to be there each hour. For Nativity parish, the day is: **Saturday, 21 March 2015**. The location: 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo (just 1/2 block from El Camino Real). The time: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** (Choose your hour(s) during this time period). To sign up your commitment, please phone **Eileen: 650/799-4722**. Thank you.

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

FLOWERS NEEDED

The Calla Lilies are in bloom again! This is a great way to share the fruits of your garden with our Lord! Even though you may not have too many, please bring what you can of your callas and their leaves to the **O'Hare Center** on **Tuesday evening 31 March 2015** to **Wednesday morning, 01 April 2015**. There will be water buckets outside the O'Hare Center door for drop-off. The



Altar Society will use them for Holy Thursday and Easter. Blue or white potted Hydrangeas in 4-inch or 6-inch pots are also used and appreciated, and may be dropped off behind the outside bar by the O'Hare Center. If you don't have a green thumb or you are short on time to shop for potted plants, consider a donation to the Altar Society for Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!

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 10:00 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.

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

PARISHIONERS • Agnieska and Mark Barycza (*John*)

DEATHS • Frances Hogan

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

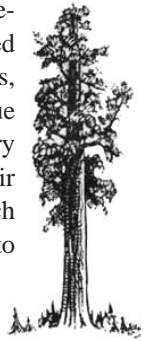
This weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Altar Society*.

NEW TREE

Sadly, we lost one of our senior oak trees in the pre-Christmas storm. It was the same tree that demolished the fountain, and damaged the pool. As always, **McClenahan's Tree Service** came to our rescue removing the fallen tree in record time. I am also very grateful to **Jim** and **Peggy McClenahan** for their generous donation of the new redwood tree which now graces the church lawn, and will offer beauty to parishioners for centuries to come!

-- *Monsignor Otellini*



COMING EVENT

On **Friday, 15 May 2015** at **07:30 PM**, **Raymond Arroyo** will be speaking at **St. Edward Catholic Church**, 5788 Thornton Ave, **Newark**. Raymond Arroyo is the host of EWTN's World over Live, "*Signs of Hope: St. Pio, St. JP II, Mother Angelica and Other Modern Heroes*." Tickets are **\$10.00** each. To reserve your ticket call St. Edward's office at **510/797-0241**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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**.

AID FOR SYRIA

The **International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)** is a Catholic organization that for more than 62 years has served and protected refugees and other up-rooted people. These times are of unbearable hardship for the Church, fellow Christians, and other families trapped inside war-torn Syria. Today in the Middle East there are millions of internally-displaced persons and refugees who need ICMC's help to survive. They need help right now, especially those families trapped inside conflict-ridden Syria, as well as those who fled the carnage. To learn more about ICMC visit www.icmc.net. You may make contributions to Syrian relief through ICMC by going to give.icmc.net/Syria, or by calling **617/367-4770** and asking for **Lucy**.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DATE NIGHT

On **Saturday, 18 April 2015**, the parish will host our third "date night" for married and soon-to-be-married couples. We will again be featuring a demonstration by **Carmelo Sigona** on balsamics, a talk by **Fr. Jerome Magat**, and a potluck dinner. It will be in the O'Hare Center behind church from **06:00-08:30 PM**. Please join us for a great night of socializing and reflection. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso**, **650/269-7794**, for information and reservations (so we can plan the evening better).

ST. DENIS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Organist/Pianist: St. Denis in Menlo Park and **Our Lady of the Wayside** in Portola Valley are seeking an organist/pianist. The position is part-time and non-exempt.

St. Denis Parish is also seeking a *Director of Religious Education/ Youth Minister*. This is a full-time position and classified exempt. For both/either position, please visit www.stdenisparish.org for more information or contact Fr. Jose Shaji at joseshaji.62@gmail.com.

RETROUVILLE

Concerned about your marriage?

Call **Retrouville** (reh-trō-vī) at **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?

It's not too late to register for the **10-12 April 2015** weekend!

www.retrouville.com



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Respect for Creation*

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Missionary: *Persecuted Christians*

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

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 kitchen 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.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

02 APR	(Thursday)	Holy Thursday Mass (one Mass only)
03 APR	(Friday)	Good Friday 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM - Reflections 02:00 PM (Fr. Joseph Fox, O.P.) 02:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion 07:00 PM Stations of the Cross
04 APR	(Saturday)	Holy Saturday 10:00 AM - Reconciliation 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - Reconciliation 04:00 PM 08:00 PM Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
05 APR	(Sunday)	Easter Sunday 08:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 09:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 11:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
06 APR	(Monday)	09:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

29 MAR (SUN)	Palm (Passion) Sunday
30 MAR (MON)	
31 MAR (TUE)	
01 APR (WED)	Spy Wednesday
02 APR (THU)	Maundy Thursday
03 APR (FRI)	Good Friday FIRST Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
04 APR (SAT)	Holy Saturday SECOND Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
05 APR (SUN)	Easter Sunday THIRD Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
06 APR (MON)	FOURTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
07 APR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
08 APR (WED)	SIXTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
09 APR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
10 APR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy
11 APR (SAT)	NINTH Day: Novena of Divine Mercy

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.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_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

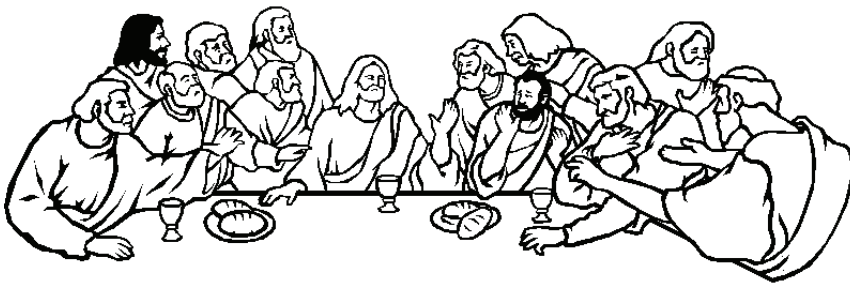
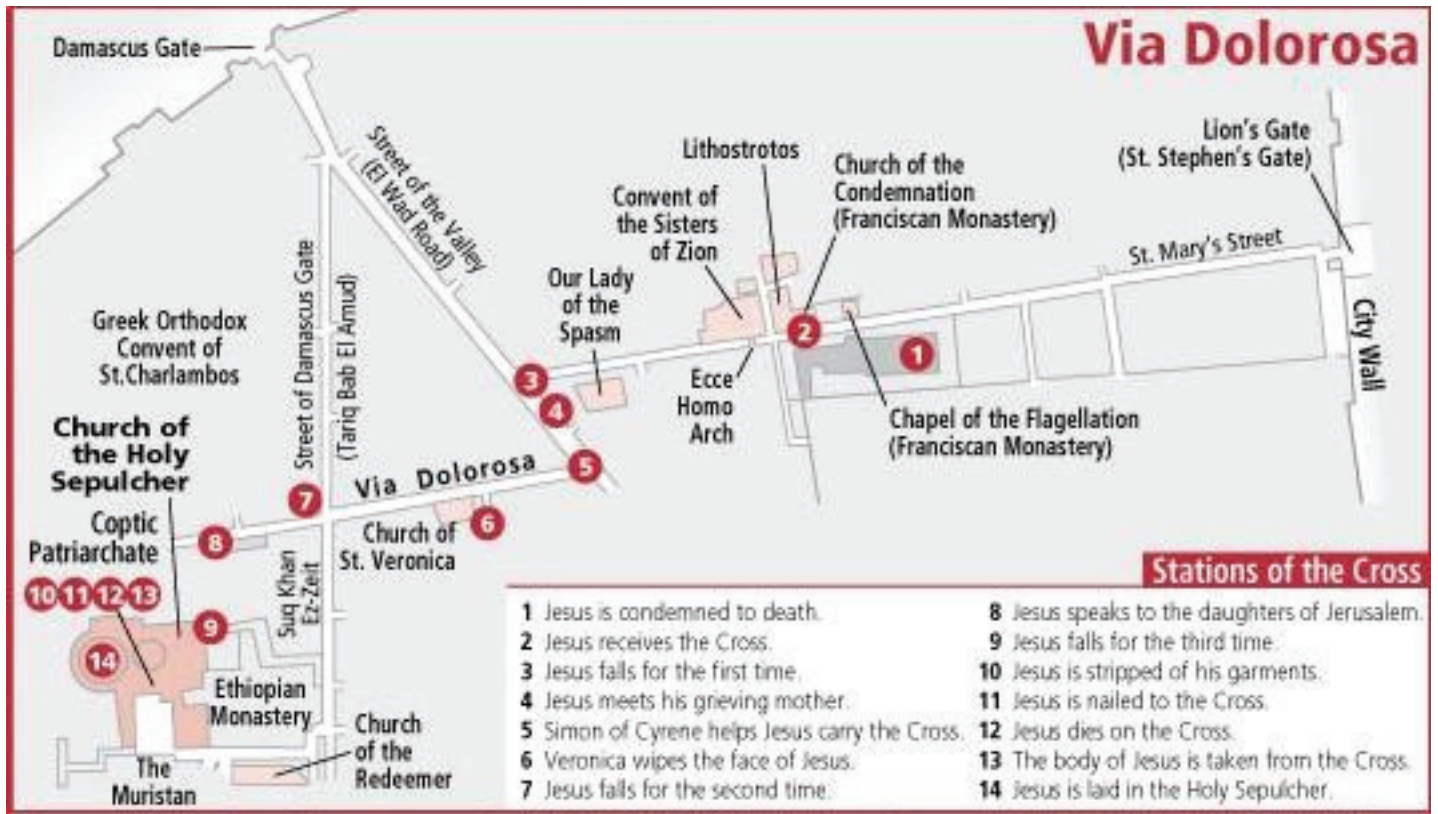
www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they have become extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: **The Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** usually has plenty of room for more worshipers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshipers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Monsignor reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the Gospel "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. Following an ancient tradition, those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. We end the evening with a reception in the O'Hare Center. **Saturday, 04 April 2015, 08:00 PM.**



DID YOU KNOW?

The Ordo states “*In dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.*” These dates correspond to the time of *Passiontide*, and explain why the crosses and statues in church are now covered with violet cloth. During this same period, which is an even more penitential time within Lent, the *Gloria* is also omitted from the Mass and Office.

The rubric in the Sacramentary (Roman Missal) states “*The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides*”; the U.S. Conference of Bishops has voted that, if desired, this custom may be followed by individual parishes.