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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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

03 MAY 2015

By this is My Father glorified, that you bear
much fruit and become My disciples.

JOHN 15: 8



FIRST READING

With the consolation of the Holy Spirit it
grew in numbers.

ACTS 9: 26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To Him my soul shall live; my descendants
shall serve Him.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING

The way we know that He remains in us is
from the Spirit He gave us.

1 JOHN 3: 18-24

GOSPEL

Ask for whatever you want and it will be
done for you.

JOHN 15: 1-8

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 MAY

SAT 08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
TUE 07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
05:30 PM	† Charles H. Accurso
WED 07:30 AM	Rev. Fred Taggart
05:30 PM	† Gene Winnike
THU 07:30 AM	† John Gertridge
05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI 07:30 AM	Suzanne Leib
05:30 PM	The Switalski family; † Mario and Faye DeLeon; † Ann Naughten; † Frances Beck
SAT 08:00 AM	Dee Bustos; † Pat Romelfanger; † Rudolph Wegman; † Michael Schneider; † Martha Domingues

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



Please make sure
your cell phones are
turned off or muted
when you enter the church.



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form

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)

03 MAY (Sunday)

04 MAY (Monday)

09:00 AM Bible Group
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

05 MAY (Tuesday)

08:00 PM H⁴

06 MAY (Wednesday)

07 MAY (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group
06:00 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

08 MAY (Friday)

09:30 AM Nativity Moms' Group

09 MAY (Saturday)

09:00 AM Baptism Class

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 04-05 APR	WEEK OF 11-12 APR	WEEK OF 18-19 APR
TOTAL:	\$27,093	\$12,024	\$10,777
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020	\$30,020	\$30,020
2015 ADA Goal:	\$121,400	\$121,400	\$121,400

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

07 MAY (Thursday):

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **National Day of Prayer** will be held on **07 May 2015**. You are encouraged to plan your participation now. From George Washington's first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln's call for prayer and fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President



Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the National Day of Prayer.

Need some ideas? Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

This year's theme is *Lord, Hear Our Cry*.



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES

Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.



ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

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.theholynosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wvrc/



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 08 May 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, 19 May 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 12:00 AM (midnight)

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).

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 May 2015**, we will have our first 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**.



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

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 • **Lahna Louise**, daughter of **Victor** and **Allyson Santo**
• **Aiden**, son of **Antonio** and **Nelly Valencia**

MARRIAGES • **Damias Lyles** and **Aubrey Benito**

PARISHIONERS • **Jacqueline Campbell**

DEATHS • **Louise Barsotti**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Charities** for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This annual collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. For more information on the work of Catholic Charities please contact **Jane Ferguson Flout** at **415/971-1227** or jfergusonflout@catholiccharitiessf.org.

UNBOUND

This weekend, please welcome **Rev. Richard L. Schiblin, CSsR**, who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of *Unbound*, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 21 developing countries. Six hundred thousand children, youth and elderly have been served since 1981, empowering them to make choices in their lives, live with dignity, and reach their potential. Unbound's unique sponsorship program is highly personalized. It matches a child, youth, or aging person at a project overseas with a sponsor in the U.S. who cares about and encourages that person. To learn more, call **800/875-6564** or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org.

MOTHERS DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **10 May 2015**! What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, 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 mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On **Friday, 08 May 2015**, **St. Patrick's Seminarrians** will be playing basketball against **Nativity's Men's Club** and **St. Raymond's Men's Club** at the Nativity School Gym. This event begins at **05:30 PM**. The preliminary games will begin at **06:00 PM** with the championship game at **07:30 PM** between the best two teams. Tickets are **\$10** for adults and **\$5** for kids and include one meal from the BBQ. Tickets are limited, and may be purchased after Mass. All proceeds go to St. Patrick's and the repaving of the Seminary's outdoor basketball court. For more information email: basketball@stpsu.org.



CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost and alone? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with each other? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Are you arguing or do you simply shut down? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouaille** (Reh-trō-vī) is a lifeline for marriages in trouble. If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program will be worthwhile for you. For more information contact:

San Francisco: **Ray** and **Tess Angeles** **415/893-1005**, sf@retroca.com;

Oakland: **Jeff** and **Donna Huesler** **408-605-4998**, oakland@retroca.com; or visit www.retroca.com.

ROSENER HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Rosener House Adult Day Center, 500 Arbor Road, Menlo Park, will have an Open House, on **Saturday, 09 May 2015** from **10:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** with a special presentation at **10:30 AM**. Come experience our adult activity program in action. Rosener House is celebrating 37 years of care for adults will challenges, including Alzheimer's mild cognitive impairment, dementia, Parkinson's, or post stroke. For more information call **650/322-0126** or visit www.peninsulavolunteers.org.

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@sarchdiocese.org or **415/614-5680**, or **Greg Sylvain** at gregory@canterburytours.com or **800/653-0017**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Help for Neighbors*

That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Missionary: *Secularization*

That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.



THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE OLDEST OF ALL NOVENAS SINCE IT WAS FIRST MADE AT THE DIRECTION OF OUR LORD HIMSELF WHEN HE SENT HIS APOSTLES BACK TO JERUSALEM TO AWAIT THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST. IT IS STILL THE ONLY NOVENA OFFICIALLY PRESCRIBED BY THE CHURCH.



The Nativity Carnival preparations are in full swing - 33 days and counting!

We continue to seek limited individual/company sponsorships levels at the \$250/\$500 mark for our food, games, and rides. A sponsor totem pole will be placed at the main entrance to the carnival providing high visibility to your name or the name of your company. We are anticipating over 24,000 attendees throughout the weekend!

Visit nativitycarnival.com for more information, email nativitycarnival@gmail.com, or contact **Leighton Ford** directly at **650/799-2867**.

Please note that the iVolunteer link is live and that your participation is very much appreciated.

Please join Monsignor and the rest of the Nativity Carnival Committee Chairs this June to help celebrate our 35th year of putting on this exciting community event.

Nativity Carnival Committee

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

03 MAY (SUN)

04 MAY (MON)

05 MAY (TUE) FIRST Day: The Ascension

06 MAY (WED) SECOND Day: The Ascension

07 MAY (THU) THIRD Day: The Ascension

08 MAY (FRI) FOURTH Day: The Ascension

09 MAY (SAT) FIFTH Day: The Ascension

10 MAY (SUN) SIXTH Day: The Ascension

11 MAY (MON) SEVENTH Day: The Ascension

12 MAY (TUE) EIGHTH Day: The Ascension

13 MAY (WED) NINTH Day: The Ascension

14 MAY (THU) **Feast of the Ascension of our Lord**

15 MAY (FRI) FIRST Day: Pentecost

16 MAY (SAT) SECOND Day: Pentecost

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Ascension of Our Lord:

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

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.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

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."

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



Young Believers

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND CONFIRMANDI!

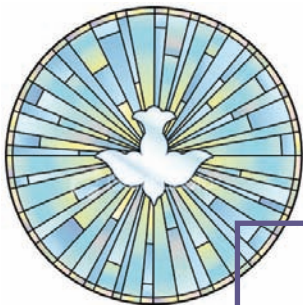
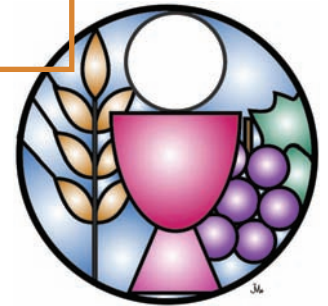
FIRST COMMUNICANTS

(18 APRIL 2015)

HECTOR ALVAREZ, JR.
ABIGAIL K. ARNOLD
ISABELLE AVENIER
MEARA KATHLEEN BALACHANDRAN
GIOVANNI FREDERICK BALL
NEVAEH BIANCA BALL
ALEXIS HOLLISTER BOYLE
JOSEPHINE BOYLE
ROSHELLE BUNUAN
EMMA CALDERON
JARED ALEXANDER CARRIZOSA
FRANCISCO LUCCIANO CHAN
PIERRE DE LA BARRE DE NANTEUIL
SEBASTIAN ELIAS DERAS
SHYLAH MARIE DOYLE

NATHANIEL ROBERT GARCIA
KATELYN EILEEN GORDON
NICOLETTE ELIZABETH GUALINO
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KATIE ALANE KUBOTA
HEATHER MICHELLE LEE
ALEX MONTOYA LEW
ALLEN MONTOYA LEW
IRIS MADRIZ-RODRIGUES
ALEXANDER H. MATSAKIS
NICOLE GRACE NIEVA
KANDIE CHANELLE PATINO
SOPHIA KAYLA PESTONI

SARAH MARIE PETERSON
WILLIAM PIRES
MAYAH AMALIA RASCON
ROBERT SEVIER REDMOND
JOHN ROBERT ROLLE
DAMIAN RYCZKOWSKI
SILVANA V. SCHMIDT
EMILY CLAIRE SONNE
ELIJAH DANIEL STERNBACH
LAUREN ANN STOFFEL
TIMOTHY DAKOTA TORRES
ADELINE SYLVIA VENTURA
RYDER ROBERT WILSON
LAUREN SOFIA ZERELLA



CONFIRMANDI

(19 APRIL 2015 BY ARCHBISHOP SALVATORE CORDILEONE)

ALEX ANAYA
JAMES BECKWITH
MATTHEW COLLINS
CAROLINE CRONIN
ALBERTO FARIAS-PINTOR
SHANE FAZZINO
MARIA FLETCHER
CHELSEA GOMEZ
JESSICA GOMEZ
ESVEIDE GONZALEZ
KIELY GUY
JOHN ROBERT HICKAM

FRANCISCO RALPH SIMENEZ
MARIUS JOSANU
WILLIAM J. LOFTUS
JOHN LOFTUS
DANIEL LYLE
SOANA MAHONI
ALEX MELARA
SIMON NGUYEN
ANNA PACZUSKI
ANDREW PINEDA
LOGAN PONCIA
KYLE SCOTT

LILY TOLENTINO
KENTO TRIAS
ISABELLA TURCHET
THOMAS UMHOFFER II
ISABELA VILLA
ALEX YEN
ANNABELLE YOUNGMAN
ADRIAN ZIEMBA
ALYSSA BEEMER
BRIAN MCNEAL
SELINA SALDIVAR
VANESSA SUESS