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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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 MAY 2015

No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

JOHN 15: 13



The Crucifixion - Bartolome Esteban Murillo

FIRST READING

The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

ACTS 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He has remembered His kindness and His faithfulness.

PSALMS 98

SECOND READING

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us.

1 JOHN 4: 7-10

GOSPEL

If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love.

JOHN 15: 9-17

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 MAY

SAT 08:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN Masses	Priest's intentions
MON 07:30 AM	† Michael McClaskey
05:30 PM	Benefactors of the parish
TUE 07:30 AM	All mothers, living and deceased
05:30 PM	Jean and Raymond Schaaf; † Maria Rosa Cortez; † Jim Davidson; † Henry Kuechler
WED 07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased
THU 07:30 AM	† Norma Donofrio
05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenzi
FRI 07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
05:30 PM	† Luz Conanan
SAT 08:00 AM	All mothers, living and deceased; † Peter Kolenda; Sr. Paula Landy; † Matthew Casey

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)

10 MAY	(Sunday)	
11 MAY	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
12 MAY	(Tuesday)	
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
13 MAY	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
14 MAY	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
15 MAY	(Friday)	
16 MAY	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class



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




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



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 25-26 APR
	
TOTAL:	\$10,652
Black and Indian Missions:	\$3,161
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$30,020
2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

12 MAY (Tuesday):

SAINT NEREUS AND SAINT ACHILEUS (d. 98)

These brothers were soldiers in the imperial Roman army, and members of the Praetorian Guard. They were converts to Christianity and baptized by **St. Peter**. They were exiled and martyred by beheading.

SAINT PANCRAS

This orphan was brought to Rome by his uncle, **St. Dionysius**. He was a convert to Christianity, and was martyred along with **Saints Nereus, Achileus, and Domitilla** for publicly proclaiming his faith.

13 MAY (Wednesday):

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Between **13 May** and **13 October 1917**, three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady at **Cova da Iria**, near **Fatima**, a city 110 miles north of **Lisbon**. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

14 MAY (Thursday):

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Most provinces and dioceses in the United States have transferred the celebration of the Ascension to **Sunday, 17 May 2015**. The Holy Day of Obligation is thus deferred and observed on Sunday.



"While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven." Luke 24: 51

15 MAY (Friday):

SAINT ISADORE THE FARMER

(1070-1130)

Spanish mystic who labored on a farm outside Madrid. Patron of the U.S. National Rural Life Conference. A poor day-laborer, Isadore attended daily Mass before beginning his work. Angels would come and help him with his labors, and many miracles have been attributed to this saint and his wife, **Santa Maria de la Cabeza**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 May 2015**, we will have this year's 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**.



PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro Life will meet on **Thursday, 14 May 2015** at **07:30 PM** in the "catacombs" (room beneath St. Gregory church), 138 28th Ave, San Mateo (cross street Hacienda)

Discussing:

- *Current:* Mustard Seed; Legislative Update
- *Future:* format/schedule/frequency of meetings
- Surprise announcement

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

All are welcome.

For more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

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**.

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

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.

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).

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

- Raul Pacheco
- James Rytuba
- John Gannon

DEATHS

- John Kates
- George Janiszewski

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 16 May 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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE SUPPORT DAY

On **Saturday, 16 May 2015** at **11:00 AM**, there will be a family picnic in support of **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** at Sue Bierman Park in San Francisco at the intersection of Washington Street and Embarcadero, near the Embarcadero BART Station. Wear **blue** to show your support. Please bring your own picnic food. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided at no charge as long as supplies last. Bring blankets and chairs to sit on. Donations would be appreciated to cover the costs of the event. You can help by visiting www.gofundme.com/archbishop. For more information contact sfcatholics@gmail.com, or visit www.sfcatholic.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Want more sparkle in your marriage? Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and rediscover the glow you had as newlyweds! 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.

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@sfnarchdiocese.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.

POPE FRANCIS: REGINA CAELI

Third Sunday of Easter (St. Peter's Square) -- 19 April 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning,

In the Bible Readings of today's liturgy the word "witnesses" is mentioned twice. The first time it is on the lips of Peter who, after the healing of the paralytic at the Door of the Temple of Jerusalem, exclaims: You "killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses" (Acts 3:15). The second time it is on the lips of the Risen Jesus. On the evening of Easter he opens the minds of the disciples to the mystery of his death and Resurrection, saying to them: "You are witnesses to these things" (Lk 24:48). The Apostles, who saw the Risen Christ with their own eyes, could not keep silent about their extraordinary experience. He had shown himself to them so that the truth of his Resurrection would reach everyone by way of their witness. The Church has the duty to continue this mission over time. Every baptized person is called to bear witness, with their life and words, that Jesus is Risen, that Jesus is alive and present among us. We are all called to testify that Jesus is alive.

We may ask ourselves: who is a witness? A witness is a person who has seen, who recalls and tells. See, recall and tell: these are three verbs which describe the identity and mission.

The content of Christian witness is not a theory ... but a message of salvation, a real event, rather a Person: it is the Risen Christ, the living and only Saviour of all.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

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
17 MAY (SUN)	THIRD Day: Pentecost
18 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Pentecost
19 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Pentecost
20 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Pentecost
21 MAY (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Pentecost
22 MAY (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Pentecost
23 MAY (SAT)	NINTH 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

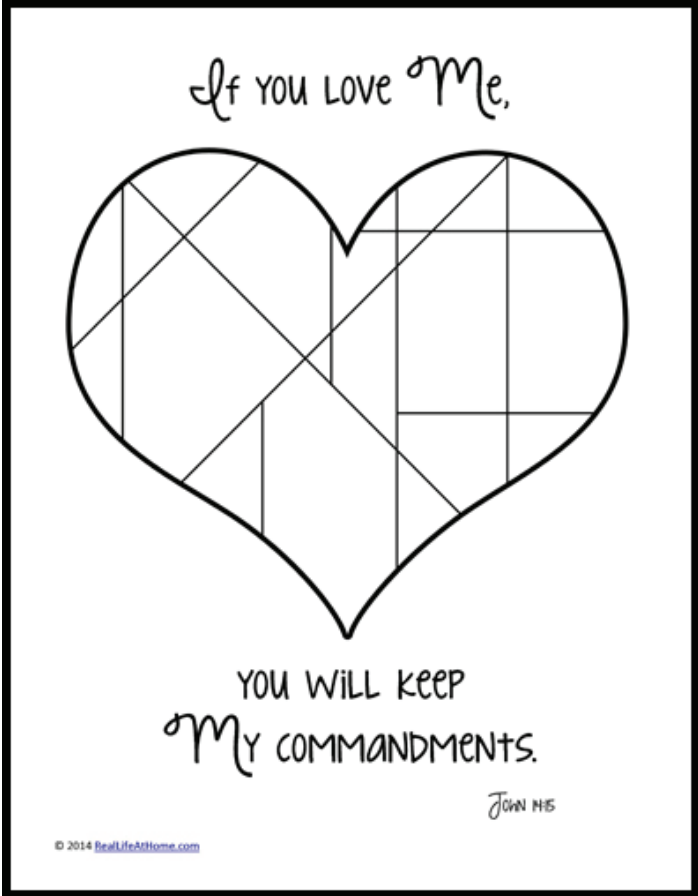
NATIVITY SCHOOL PROJECT: NATIVITY FEEDS

Alexander and Luke Edward, our cantors for **08:00** and **09:30 AM** Masses, together with the Nativity School community, are asking for your help to support its school lunch program called "**Nativity Feeds**". As the students are living the Gospel message of helping those in need and valuing the dignity of each individual, they are committed to raising money to fund a school lunch program for a school in **Sanya Station, Tanzania** (where one of the Nativity School families is currently engaged in service work). The students and their families at the Sanya Station public elementary barely have enough to feed themselves. These students have nothing to eat during the school day which lasts from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM**. So Alexander and Luke Edward and the students at Nativity want to raise close to \$3,000 to give a lunch of corn and beans to every student in that school for one year. Please help "**Nativity Feeds**" by donating what you can afford on **17 May 2015** – at the "**Nativity Feeds**" stand outside the church. Every single dollar raised here will go directly towards the nourishment of a student at this school. Thank you.

Young Believers

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COMMANDMENTS	REVEALED
FRIENDS	APPOINTED
EXPIATION	JOYFULLY
JESUS	SAVING
SACRIFICE	



The Nativity Carnival preparations are in full swing - 26 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