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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

FIRST READING

The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.

1 KINGS 17: 10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The fatherless and the widow he sustains.

PSALMS 146

SECOND READING

Once for all He has appeared ... to take away sin by His sacrifice.

HEBREWS 9: 24-28

GOSPEL

She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had.

MARK 12: 38-44



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08 NOVEMBER 2015

This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

MARK 12: 43

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 08 - 14 NOV

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Fr. Clement Davenport; † Mary Eichler |
| | 05:30 PM | † Elizabeth Lacunza; † Souls in Purgatory |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| | 05:30 PM | † Boyd C. Paulson, Sr. |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Fr. Clement Davenport |
| | 05:30 PM | † Souls in Purgatory; † Benigno Conanan; † Lemuel Southorn; † Jose Rel; † Mary and Charles Lehmann |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Souls in Purgatory; † John Kates |
| | 05:30 PM | † Lemuel Southorn |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † John and Katherine Demeter |
| | 05:30 PM | † Barbara Widmer |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | † Souls in Purgatory; † Frances Galea; † Shelby Drazan; † Tita S. Paz |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



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

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| 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) |

08 NOV (Sunday)

09 NOV (Monday)

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

10 NOV (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: The Prophets
07:00 PM Bible Study: The Prophets
08:00 PM H⁴

11 NOV (Wednesday)

12 NOV (Thursday)

09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group
11:00 AM The Thursday Group


13 NOV (Friday)

09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

14 NOV (Saturday)

09:00 AM Baptism Class
06:00 PM Adopt-a-Family

PARISH OFFERINGS

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|  | WEEK OF 24-25 OCT |
| TOTAL: | \$9,734 |
| ADA Progress: | \$48,566 |
| 2015 ADA Goal: | \$130,840 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

09 NOV (Monday)

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Officially named the *Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior*, it is the oldest and ranks first (being the only cathedral in Rome) among the four major basilicas of Rome, and holds the title of **ecumenical mother church** (mother church of the whole inhabited world) among Roman Catholics.

10 NOV (Tuesday)

SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (c. 400-461)

Pope from 440 to 461, during the time of the invasion of Attila the Hun. When Attila marched on Rome, Leo went out to meet him and pleaded for leave. As Leo spoke, Attila saw the vision of a man in priestly robes (believed to be **St. Peter**), carrying a bare sword, and threatening to kill the invader if he did not obey Pope Leo.

11 NOV (Wednesday)

VETERANS' DAY

11 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop (c. 316-397)

Martin was born to pagan parents; his father was a Roman military officer and tribune. Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. He once gave a beggar half of his heavy officer's cloak, and later had a vision of Jesus wearing the cloak. Martin was persecuted by the Arians, who were openly hostile to Catholics, and later became first a hermit, then the bishop of Tours. Martin was the first non-martyr to receive the cultus of a saint.

12 NOV (Thursday)

SAINT JOSAPHAT, Bishop and Martyr (1580-1623)

13 NOV (Friday)

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

14 NOV (Friday)

SAINT NICHOLAS TAVELIC and COMPANIONS, Martyrs

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

If you are looking for a way to find Christ in Christmas we would like to invite you, your family, and your co-workers to help out in our **25th annual Adopt-A-Family** program. We have approximately 190 needy families in our area that we would like to help. These families have been identified by our St. Vincent de Paul Society and other similar organizations as in need of assistance to brighten their Christmas. Parishioners pick a family of various sizes off the Christmas tree. They then purchase gifts for the children and a gift for the family. These gifts along with some food (provided by St. Vincent de Paul) are delivered by volunteers on **12 December 2015**. In addition, we have items that can be purchased (toiletries, diapers, etc.) for organizations to distribute to the homeless, unwed mothers and others with special needs. Needless to say, we also accept donations to assist families throughout the year. This is a wonderful way for everyone here that has been so materially blessed to share those blessings with those in need. To sign up, please see us outside church at the sign-up tables on the weekends of **14-15 and 21-22 November 2015**, or call **Mary Ellen Peloso at 650/269-7794**.



SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for the **9th Annual Schola Seraphica's Christmas Concert** on **06 December 2015, 02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20.00** for adults and **\$15.00** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday-Friday**. Seating is limited. We look forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

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

PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro Life will meet **Thursday, 12 November 2015 at 07:30 PM** in the Worner Center of St. Gregory parish
Discussing:

- Current: Mustard Seed; Legislative Update
- Obria Medical Centers' ideas and StopPP ideas of opposing Planned Parenthood
- Promoting a Culture of Life: better ways and means

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

All are welcome; for more information, call **Jessica at 650/572-1468**.

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.

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 • Marko Kalemkeris and Theresa Suarez
• Adam Poarch and Nicole Venturini

PARISHIONERS • Maureen Ferem

DEATHS • Felix Olmedo
• Tonina Catalano

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH: RELIC EXPOSITION

On **10 December 2015** at **07:00 PM**, **Fr. Carlos Martins** will be at Nativity with 150 to 200 relics of saints of the Church. The first part of the exposition will be a talk by Fr. Martins on the relics and saints of the Church and then will be time to venerate the relics, most of which will be in the O'Hare Center. Please save the date and watch for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Vallombrosa Center cordially invites you to join them for an afternoon of music, prayer, and reflection in celebration of the gift of God's love. The **Vallombrosa Choir**, under the direction of **Patrick Feehan**, will perform a Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the Chapel in the Vallombrosa Center on **Sunday, 15 November 2015** at **02:00 PM**, with light refreshments to be served afterward. A suggested donation of **\$20.00** per person is welcome. To help us plan for this event, please confirm your attendance with **David** via davidl@vallombrosa.org or call **650/325.5614**. Vallombrosa is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park.

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.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 13 November 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** or **Monica Hendricks** at **650/367-4944** for more information.

2016 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

Once again Franciscan **Father Mario DiCicco, O.F.M.** will lead two tours to the Holy Land, **28 May-08 June 2016**, and **03-14 September 2016**. The tour highlights include 1st class hotels throughout; breakfast and dinner; comprehensive sightseeing with paid admissions; and all transportation is on air conditioned buses. For a brochure, additional information and reservations, please contact: Fr. Mario DiCicco, OFM, St. Peter's Church, 110 West Madison St, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

His email is mmdicicco@gmail.com or visit his website: FrMarioTours.weebly.com.



VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery invites you to a **Veterans' Day Prayer Service** at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma, **Wednesday, 11 November 2015** at **11:00 AM**. This service includes the Military Honor Guard from Travis Air Force Base and the Military Chaplains of the Archdiocese, led by **Chaplain Michael Padazinski, COL, USAF**. Please join us in prayer for all those who have served our country.

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 more 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 online at www.everlastinghills.org/movie/. For those wishing to support people who are struggling with same-sex attraction you can go to www.moniacross.com.

RISE! 2015 CONFERENCE

The **RISE! 2015 Conference** is a free two-day event for Bay Area teens, young adults, as well as parents, catechists and teachers. It will be held at **Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine** on **13-14 November 2015** and will feature two internationally-known speakers on the topic of purity and Christian Love: **Matt Fradd** and **Jackie Francois**. The purpose of Rise! 2015 is to instruct and encourage youth to rediscover the beauty of the human vocation to love.



www.riseba.org

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade families are invited to the **Mercy High School, Burlingame Open House** on Sunday, 22 November 2015 from 12:30-03:00 PM. Mercy is an all-girls, Catholic, college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. More info: Admissions Office at **650/762-1114** or visit www.mercyhsb.com.

OPEN
HOUSE

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Open Dialogue*

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Missionary: *Pastors*

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

**VISIT TO THE JOINT SESSION
OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
ADDRESS OF THE HOLY FATHER
United States Capitol, Washington, D.C.**

Thursday, 24 September 2015

(continued)

A century ago, at the beginning of the Great War, which Pope Benedict XV termed a “pointless slaughter”, another notable American was born: the Cistercian monk Thomas Merton. He remains a source of spiritual inspiration and a guide for many people. In his autobiography he wrote: “I came into the world. Free by nature, in the image of God, I was nevertheless the prisoner of my own violence and my own selfishness, in the image of the world into which I was born. That world was the picture of Hell, full of men like myself, loving God, and yet hating him; born to love him, living instead in fear of hopeless self-contradictory hungers”. Merton was above all a man of prayer, a thinker who challenged the certitudes of his time and opened new horizons for souls and for the Church. He was also a man of dialogue, a promoter of peace between peoples and religions.

From this perspective of dialogue, I would like to recognize the efforts made in recent months to help overcome historic differences linked to painful episodes of the past. It is my duty to build bridges and to help all men and women, in any way possible, to do the same. When countries which have been at odds resume the path of dialogue – a dialogue which may have been interrupted for the most legitimate of reasons – new opportunities open up for all. This has required, and requires, courage and daring, which is not the same as irresponsibility. A good political leader is one who, with the interests of all in mind, seizes the moment in a spirit of openness and pragmatism. A good political leader always opts to initiate processes rather than possessing spaces (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 222-223).

Being at the service of dialogue and peace also means being truly determined to minimize and, in the long term, to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world. Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade.

Three sons and a daughter of this land, four individuals and four

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

08 NOV (SUN)

09 NOV (MON)

10 NOV (TUE)

11 NOV (WED) **VETERANS DAY**

12 NOV (THU)

13 NOV (FRI) **FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia**

14 NOV (SAT) **SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia**

15 NOV (SUN) **THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia**

16 NOV (MON) **FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

17 NOV (TUE) **FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

18 NOV (WED) **SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

19 NOV (THU) **SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

20 NOV (FRI) **EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

21 NOV (SAT) **NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia**

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

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!



dreams: Lincoln, liberty; Martin Luther King, liberty in plurality and non-exclusion; Dorothy Day, social justice and the rights of persons; and Thomas Merton, the capacity for dialogue and openness to God.

Four representatives of the American people.

I will end my visit to your country in Philadelphia, where I will take part in the World Meeting of Families. It is my wish that throughout my visit the family should be a recurrent theme. How essential the family has been to the building of this country! And how worthy it remains of our support and encouragement! Yet I cannot hide my concern for the family, which is threatened, perhaps as never before, from within and without. Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life.

(conclusion next week)

Young Believers

THE WIDOW'S "MITE"

In today's gospel we hear about the widow who placed two small coins into the temple treasury. These coins were likely bronze "lepta" or "prutot" of Alexander Jannaeus, the Hasmonean King of Judaea from 103 to 76 B.C. Although these coins were minted long before Christ's lifetime, they were still in circulation during the first century A.D. Because the lepton and prutah were the lowest denomination coins that circulated in Jerusalem during Christ's lifetime, they are believed to be the coins referred to in the Biblical story of the poor widow. The lepton is the very smallest denomination and is probably the true "widow's mite." In fact, the lepton is probably the lowest denomination coin ever struck by any nation in all of history! Lepton and prutah were carelessly and crudely struck, usually off center and on small flans.



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of Menlo Park and Redwood City. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: veo@streetlifeministries.org

driving: ken@streetlifeministries.org

serving: emily@streetlifeministries.org

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Need some ideas? Visit a local VA hospital (Menlo Park or Palo Alto). Tell a veteran "thank you." *Pray* for everyone in the armed forces.

www.anysoldier.com

www.shieldsofstrength.com

www.uss-hornet.org

www.loc.gov/vets

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

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| 21 DEC | (Monday) 07:30 PM | Advent Penance Service |
| 24 DEC | (Thursday) 07:30 AM 06:00 PM 10:00 PM 10:45 PM 11:00 PM | <i>Christmas Eve</i> Daily Mass Vigil Mass of Christmas Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib Christmas Mass |
| 25 DEC | (Friday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM | <i>Christmas Day</i> Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass) |
| 26 DEC | (Saturday) 08:00 AM 05:00 PM | <i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> Daily Mass (one Mass only) Vigil Mass for Sunday, December 27th |
| 31 DEC | (Thursday) 07:30 AM 05:00 PM | Daily Mass Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| 01 JAN | (Friday) 09:00 AM 12:00 PM 05:30 PM | <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Daily Mass Daily Mass Daily Mass |
| 02 JAN | (Saturday) | Regular Mass schedule |