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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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

29 NOVEMBER 2015



When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand.

LUKE 21: 28

FIRST READING

The days are coming ... when I will fulfill the promise I made.

JERIMIAH 33: 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy.

PSALMS 25

SECOND READING

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love.

1 THESSALONIANS 3: 12 - 4:2

GOSPEL

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength.

LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 22 - 28 NOV

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Robin McGlohn
	05:30 PM	The Switalski family; The Eisman family
TUE	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Boyd Paulson, Jr.
WED	07:30 AM	† Joe Whelan
	05:30 PM	† Thomas Meagher
THU	07:30 AM	Fr. Hildebrand Garceau, OPream.
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	Michael Samisoni Peavler; Fr. John Caronan, OPream.; Tom and Martha Stapleton and family; † Eddie Twomey
SAT	08:00 AM	Fr. Godfrey Bushmaker, OPream.; † Meke and Soni Haunga; † Diane Riccomini; † Diana Thurman

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)


29 NOV	(Sunday)	
30 NOV	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
01 DEC	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: The Prophets
	07:00 PM	Bible Study: The Prophets
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
02 DEC	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
03 DEC	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
04 DEC	(Friday)	First Friday 
05 DEC	(Saturday)	First Saturday 

SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses *next* week for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Please be generous. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 630 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 14-15 NOV
	TOTAL:	\$11,431
	ADA Progress:	\$48,566
	2015 ADA Goal:	\$130,840

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

30 NOV (Monday) SAINT ANDREW, Apostle

St. Andrew was first a disciple of **John the Baptist**. When he became a follower of Christ, he brought along his brother, **Simon Peter**. Andrew is the apostle who found a boy carrying loaves and fishes, which Jesus multiplied for the hungry multitude. He was crucified at Achaia on an "X"-shaped cross (in heraldry an "X"-shaped charge (*saltire*) is often referred to as a *St. Andrew's cross*). Andrew is said to have preached for two days while on the cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland.



03 DEC (Wednesday) SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest (1506-1552)

Born in Spain, Francis Xavier studied in Paris and became a follower of **Ignatius Loyola**. He was one of the founding **Jesuits**, and the first Jesuit missionary. He proclaimed the Gospel in India and Japan, and died on Sancian, an island near the China coast. He is the patron saint of foreign travelers.

04 DEC (Thursday) SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (~676-754)



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.

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 call **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-7794**.



NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER

On **08 December 2015**, the feast of the **Immaculate Conception**, there will again be a **National Night of Prayer** to end abortion. All are encouraged to come to the Church for a holy hour sometime between **06:00-10:00 PM**. The Immaculate Conception is the title the church has given to our Lady as protector of our United States. We suggest attendance at the **07:30 PM** Mass (as it is a holy day of obligation) then stay for the **09:00-10:00 PM** hour when we will be praying in union with every time zone in the country.

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: 03:00 AM

Saturday: 10:00 AM; 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).

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 • Heidi Itzel, daughter of Nolberto Renteria and Kathie Valle

MARRIAGES • Simplicio Laquindanum and Arsenia Delacueva

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Harry Rowen

"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



This weekend, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food, or assistance with utility bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION



This weekend the second collection is for the Altar Society. Christmas is just around the corner ... Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's birth! Your donation will help fund the flowers, linens, vestments, and all that beautifies our liturgy and church, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Please help support the work of our creative Altar Society, who thank you for your continued generosity and support!

IN THE COMMUNITY

GUATEMALAN CRAFT SALES

Next **Sunday, 06 December 2015**, **Kay Sweeney** will be at Nativity once again to sell Guatemalan handicrafts. These crafts are made by indigenous women in Guatemala, who are part of the *Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Fund*. The sales of these handicrafts help support and educate these women. There will be information available on how to support a scholarship for a young indigenous woman. Check their website for more information at www.mission-guatemala.org. The crafts will be available in the O'Hare Center after the Sunday morning Masses only.

SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

Junipero Serra High School, located at 451 W. 20th Ave. in San Mateo, will be holding its annual Open House for prospective students, parents and friends on **Thursday, 03 December 2015 at 07:15 PM**. No reservations are required. Applications for next fall's freshman class are currently available on the school's website at www.serrahs.com. The entrance exam for freshman applicants will be given on **Saturday, 09 January 2016, from 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM**.

OPEN HOUSE

WE CAN BE HEROES -- ADVENT EVENT

On **Saturday, 05 December 2015 at 09:00 AM**, St. Hilary School and Parish invite you to a very special *We Can Be Heroes - Advent Event*. We are blessed to have internationally-acclaimed Catholic speaker **Tom Peterson** come to St. Hilary for a day of talks, motivation, fun and inspirations. Tom will share how we all can be heroes, every day, to those around us. Join us for great talks, food, and fellowship. Free parking and childcare provided. Seating is limited. To learn more or register, visit HeroesAdventEvent.com or call **Diana Rittenhouse** at **415/435-1122**. St. Hilary School and Parish, 761 Hilary Drive, Tiburon, CA.

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH: RELIC EXPOSITION

On **Thursday, 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, with time thereafter to venerate the relics, most of which will be in the O'Hare Center. To preview and prepare for this exposition, please visit www.treasuresofthechurch.com



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *God's Mercy*

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Missionary: *Hope for Families*

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

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

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

29 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas
30 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
01 DEC (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
02 DEC (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
04 DEC (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIRST DAY: Saint Lucy
05 DEC (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SECOND DAY: Saint Lucy
06 DEC (SUN)	(Feast of Saint Nicholas) FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy
07 DEC (MON)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy
08 DEC (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy
09 DEC (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy
10 DEC (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy
11 DEC (FRI)	NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy
12 DEC (SAT)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Nicholas: www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe: www.sancta.org/novena.html

St. Lucy: www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/

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

BEST... ADVENT... EVER...!

Unwrap the gift of God's mercy this Advent. Join **Matthew Kelly** and six other influential Catholic voices of our time on a life-changing journey through *Best Advent Ever: Rediscover Mercy*. Each day you will receive an inspirational email with a short video, words of encouragement, or spiritual coaching that will help you rediscover God's great mercy and show that mercy to others. This program is simple and free! Let mercy transform your relationships, work and ability to embrace and experience all of life. To learn more or sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com.

STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CALIFORNIA

Stop assisted suicide in California before it's too late! The California legislature inappropriately passed assisted suicide during a special session intended to address Medi-Cal funding. This new law would allow doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to enable terminally ill patients to kill themselves. This law would endanger California's poor, elderly, and disabled people. In Europe, these laws have resulted in horrendous abuses, as they have in Oregon, where the suicide rate for non-terminal people increased 49% after assisted suicide became legal. Life is sacred. Our dying sisters and brothers need our care and comfort, not a deadly prescription. A referendum is underway to overturn this bad law. Over 365,000 signatures are needed by early January. Nativity will be collecting signatures in coming weeks. Donations are also needed to help fund professional signature gatherers, as no referendum has succeeded via volunteers only. Please donate and learn more at www.stopassistedsuicide.com.

VOLUNTEER THANK-YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual *Thank You Christmas Party* on **Saturday, 19 December 2015** after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic adoration, Men's Club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Youth Ministry, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

Happy New Year!

For the Latin Rite of Roman Catholicism, this Sunday is the beginning of the liturgical year. Western Christian liturgical calendars are based on the cycle of the Roman or Latin Rite (even Protestant calendars, since this cycle pre-dates the Protestant Reformation). The liturgical seasons are **Advent**, **Christmas**, **Ordinary Time** (time after Epiphany), **Lent**, **Easter**, and **Ordinary Time** (time after Pentecost).

So we have now completed the "last" season of the Church year, and today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year.



The First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

Many Catholics observe special devotions on the **First Friday** and **First Saturday** of each month, particularly attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist.

First Friday:

Our Lord revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, as one of the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart:

"In the excess of the mercy of My Heart, I promise you that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

First Saturday:

Subsequent to the apparitions at Fatima, our Blessed Mother appeared again to Saint Lucia, on 10 DEC 1925, with the Child Jesus by her side. At that time, she revealed her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, and told her: **"Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."**

Would you consider making this one of your own special devotions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary?

