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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 20 SEPTEMBER 2015

Whoever receives Me, receives not  
Me but the One Who sent Me."

MARK 9: 37



### FIRST READING

For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him.

WISDOM 2: 12, 17-20

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord sustains my life.

PSALMS 54

### SECOND READING

The wisdom from above is first of all pure.

JAMES 3: 16 - 4: 3

### GOSPEL

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9: 30-37

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 20 - 26 SEP

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Joe McLoughlin
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	The Tanakatsubo family; Sally O'Hare; Lucienne Woods; Judy Woods
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Joe Williams
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ira Castain
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Willi Helbig
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Bong Obligation, III
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Jean and Raymond Schaaf
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Cecelia Hadsell
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Lucienne Woods
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Pat Kelly; † Frances Rosa Cavaco; Patricia Kennedy

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



Electronic giving is offered  
through our website  
[www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)  
or call the parish office  
for a paper form

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>20 SEP</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	Olive Wood Item Sales
<b>21 SEP</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	09:00 AM Bible Group 07:30 PM RCIA 07:30 PM Legion of Mary
<b>22 SEP</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM Bible Study: The Prophets 07:00 PM Bible Study: The Prophets 08:00 PM H <sup>4</sup>
<b>23 SEP</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>24 SEP</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM The Thursday Group
<b>25 SEP</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	09:30 AM Nativity Moms' Group
<b>26 SEP</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	Fr. Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament



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

### URGENT CALL TO VETO ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Please call Governor Brown at **916/445-2841** to request a Veto of the Assisted Suicide Bill. This bill endangers the poor, the elderly, and disabled people. It also invites pressure from heirs who would profit from killing. Our doctors take an oath to do no harm and to administer no poisons. The state should not make them killers. We are called to care and comfort for the dying, not to kill them.

### PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF <b>08-09 AUG</b>
	TOTAL:	<b>\$12,022</b>
	Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$30,020</b>
	2015 ADA Goal:	<b>\$130,840</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

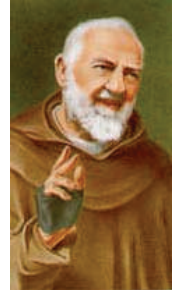
## 21 SEP (Monday): SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus to follow Him. Matthew's gospel, more than any other, sets out to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Written for his countrymen in Palestine, Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic, probably between 42-52 A.D.



## 23 SEP (Wednesday): SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA, Priest (1887-1968)

A Capuchin priest, Padre Pio spent 50 years at the monastery of San Stefano Rotundo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He was known to pray the Rosary almost continuously throughout the day, and he bore the stigmata.



## 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.

[www.stjudenovena.org](http://www.stjudenovena.org)

[www/stjude-shrine.org](http://www/stjude-shrine.org)

[shrineofstjude.claretians.org](http://shrineofstjude.claretians.org)

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm)

## 26 SEP (Saturday): SAINT COSMAS and SAINT DAMIAN, (d. ~303)

These twin brothers were Syrian-trained doctors. The brothers accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought many to Christ. They were reported to have miraculously replaced the ulcerated leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, they were tortured (without suffering injury) and martyred by beheading.



# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 October 2015**, we will have our final 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**.



## 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):



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**Sunday 01:00 AM (Prayer Partner)**

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**Monday: 01:00 PM**

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**Saturday 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM**

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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.

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

## NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 25 September 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.

## DATE NIGHT

On **Saturday, 03 October 2015**, we will have our next date night for married and engaged couples. The last three have been big hits, lots of fun, and a great way to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony. As usual, activities begin after the **05:00 PM** Mass. They include lots of socializing, a pot luck for dinner, a talk on desserts, and a brief conference by our new Parochial Vicar, **Father Mark Mazza** on a marriage topic. The official program ends at **08:30 PM**. Please plan on joining us. More details will be forthcoming. Contact **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794** for more information and 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** • Emily Sophia, daughter of Cristobal Hernandez and Maria Rivas

**MARRIAGES** • Patrick Conway and Christine Geibel

**PARISHIONERS** • Jean and Nader Barbari  
• Alysha and Tyler Hall

**DEATHS** • Anne Riley

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Since the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi** is on a Sunday this year, our traditional blessing of the animals will be on **Friday, 02 October 2015, at 08:00 AM**. The blessing will take place at Nativity School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on the basketball courts behind the pavilion. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Priests' Retirement Fund** for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This collection directly benefits the retired priests of our Archdiocese who have put in so many faithful years of service. *"Throughout our lives, from baptism to death, through good times and difficult times, our priests have been there to celebrate, counsel, encourage, comfort and bear witness to the power of God's love for us."* Nearly 100 priests of the Archdiocese are retired now. Some of them have devoted more than 50 years to caring for, serving and ministering to the faithful, and many continue to give themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful. Please be generous to these priests who have given so much to us.

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: *Priests' Retirement*.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

*Sponsa Christi ... "Called by God, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His word, to ponder and call upon Him in solitude."* **Corpus Christi Monastery** will be holding two discernment days for single Catholic women (ages 18 to 40) on **10 October 2015** (registration by **03 October 2015**). Space is limited.

To register or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) or 650/322-1801x19. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



## DONATIONS OF LIFE-SAVING BLOOD

Since 2008 the Stanford Bloodmobile has come to Nativity four times a year so that our parishioners could conveniently donate blood on Sunday mornings after Mass. Unfortunately, for several reasons, they are no longer able to bring the bloodmobile here. The good news is that Stanford has a **Blood Center** at 445 Burgess Drive, Suite #100, in Menlo Park, just a few blocks from Nativity. The Blood Center is open from **12:00-07:30 PM** on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** and from **07:30 AM-03:00 PM** on **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday**.

You may make an appointment by calling **888/723-7831**, emailing [giveblood@med.stanford.edu](mailto:giveblood@med.stanford.edu)

or visiting <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/bcinfo/maps-mp.html>. If you have given blood at the bloodmobile in the past or if you have never given blood, please consider making a donation of lifesaving blood at the Blood Center in Menlo Park. We would like to especially thank the **Trucios** and **Thomas families** for all their diligent work in organizing the blood drives that we were able to have at Nativity.



## WHAT IS TRUTH?

Join us for a special night featuring **Trent Horn** from **Catholic Answers**, speaking on *"Refuting Relativism"*. **Monday, 05 October 2015**. Refreshments: **07:00 PM**. Event: **07:30 PM**. St. William Catholic Church, Los Altos.

RSVP: [www.stwcc.org](http://www.stwcc.org). Questions? Contact **Lidia** at 650/948-2158 or [lfianderiro@dsj.org](mailto:lfianderiro@dsj.org).

## SPONSOR A SEMINARIAN: CANONIZATION OF JUNIPERO SERRA BY POPE FRANCIS

During the papal visit to the United States in September, **Pope Francis** will canonize **Fr. Junipero Serra** at the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. *All of the seminarians for the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be attending the event.* The seminary is asking for people who would be willing to sponsor a seminarian for the trip. Each sponsorship is **\$1,000**. You will be paired with a specific seminarian who will pray for your intentions during the pilgrimage, and you will be invited to a reception at the seminary when they return so that you can meet them personally, and they can share the experience. Checks should be made out to **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and can be delivered to the parish office. Please consider this wonderful occasion to honor Fr. Serra and help out our seminary.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Universal:** *Opportunities for Young People*

That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Missionary:** *Catechists*

That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE OF POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

Pope Francis will undertake an Apostolic Journey to the United States and United Nations **22-27 September 2015**, visiting **Washington, DC**, **New York City**, and **Philadelphia**.

#### Wednesday, 23 September 2015: **Washington, DC**

**11:30 AM** Midday prayer with the Bishops of the United States at the *Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle*

**04:15 PM** Mass of Canonization of Blessed Junípero Serra at the *East Portico, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*

#### Thursday, 24 September 2015: **New York City**

**06:45 PM** Evening Prayer with Priests, Men and Women Religious at the *Cathedral of St. Patrick*

#### Friday, 25 September 2015: **New York City**

**11:30 AM** Inter-Religious Prayer Service at the *National September 11 Memorial and Museum*

**06:00 PM** Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice at *Madison Square Garden*

#### Saturday, 26 September 2015: **Philadelphia**

**10:30 AM** Votive Mass of Our Lady, Mother of the Church at *Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul*

#### Sunday, 27 September 2015: **Philadelphia**

**04:00 PM** Concluding Mass of the World Meeting of Families at *Benjamin Franklin Parkway*

[www.popefrancisvisit.com](http://www.popefrancisvisit.com)



## CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

<b>20 SEP (SUN)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>21 SEP (MON)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>22 SEP (TUE)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FIRST DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>23 SEP (WED)</b>	<b>Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina</b> <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>SECOND DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>24 SEP (THU)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>25 SEP (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FIRST DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>26 SEP (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>SECOND DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>27 SEP (SUN)</b>	<b>Feast of St. Vincent de Paul</b> <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>28 SEP (MON)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>29 SEP (TUE)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>30 SEP (WED)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>01 OCT (THU)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Terese</b> <b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>02 OCT (FRI)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>03 OCT (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Francis

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/)

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

[www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm](http://www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm)

**St. Terese (Little Flower):**

[www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm)

**St. Francis of Assisi:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/)

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

PADRE PIO'S FAVORITE!

Second Annual  
**Father Davenport Memorial**  
Golf Tournament

Saturday,  
September 26, 2015



Moffett Field  
Golf Course

## Nativity 2015

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**7:00 - 8:10 a.m.** - Registration and practice

**8:10 a.m.** - Opening Ceremony and prayer

**8:30 a.m.** - Shotgun start (bag lunch provided)

**3:00 p.m.** - Awards, apps/cocktails (Nativity School)

Spouses welcome at 3:00 at no additional fee

**Cost is \$125 for individuals and \$500 per foursome**

Format will be a best ball scramble (more details)

Please RSVP with payment by Sept. 20  
Erik Hughes at [erik@hughesconstruction.net](mailto:erik@hughesconstruction.net)  
Make checks payable to Nativity with "Golf" in memo

Hosted by **Nativity Men's Club**



## 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](http://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](mailto:veo@streetlifeministries.org)

driving: [ken@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:ken@streetlifeministries.org)

erving: [emily@streetlifeministries.org](mailto:emily@streetlifeministries.org)

## RELIGIOUS ITEMS FROM THE HOLY LAND

This weekend representatives from *Land of Peace* will be outside church after Masses selling religious items from the Holy Land. These items are created by Christian families and handicapped of the Holy Land. *Land of Peace* is a non-profit organization. Their mission is to help and support Christians of the Holy Land and also the *Bethlehem Arab Society of Rehabilitation* through the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Their main goal is to establish a charity hospital for the poor and sick Christians in the Holy Land. 40% of the profits from these sales go directly back to the families who have created the religious items; 20% goes to the Patriarch of Jerusalem Fuad Twal, who helps the poor Christians with medical care; 20% toward the building of the charity hospital; and the final 20% for expenses. Please help *Land of Peace* help the Christian families in Bethlehem and protect them from emigrating from the land where Jesus was born. For more information about *Land of Peace* visit their website at [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org).



## 2015-2016 RCIA

**RCIA for 2015-2016 begins 14 September 2015.**

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2015-2016 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the O'Hare Center, beginning September 14th. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. We also welcome Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation, those who've been away from the faith and who wish to return, and those who just want to "brush up" on their faith. The classes are led by Deacon **Tom Kelly** and parishioner **Charlotte Pace**. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 26 March 2016**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace** (650/325-6978, [cpace@stanford.edu](mailto:cpace@stanford.edu)) or the rectory (650/323-7914). We look forward to welcoming you.

Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more information.