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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

Would that the Lord might bestow His Spirit on them all!

NUMBERS 11: 25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cleanse me from my unknown faults.

PSALMS 19

SECOND READING

The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

JAMES 5: 1-6

GOSPEL

"Whoever is not against us is for us."

MARK 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 SEPTEMBER 2015

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My Name who can at the same time speak ill of Me."

MARK 9: 39

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 SEP - 03 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Bill Bray
	05:30 PM	† Peg and Frank Chandler
TUE	07:30 AM	† Deacon John Sequira
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	Baby Kaeppler; † Anne Riley; † Frances Rosa Cavaco; † Flavia Bartolomei Cricchi
THU	07:30 AM	† Fr. Clement Davenport
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Joe Whelan
SAT	08:00 AM	Pro-life volunteers, living and deceased; Baby Kaeppler

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

URGENT CALL TO VETO BILLS

Please contact **Governor Brown** as soon as possible to VETO two bills on his desk. The bills are (1) **ABX2-15 End of Life bill (Assisted Suicide)** and (2) **AB775 Reproductive FACT act** (forcing pro-life pregnancy centers to advertise for abortion).

By phone: Call **916/445-2841** and indicate to the staff member your request to VETO both bills. You will be asked for your city and name so they can log it in. Takes a minute.

By email: Go to <https://govnews.ca.gov/gov39mail/mail.php>. Identify bill and veto request in subject line, for example, "Please VETO AB775 Reproductive FACT Act" and in the other email, "Please VETO ABX2-15 End of Life."

For more information on these bills, please see the Catholic Conference of California Bishops action page:

<http://cqrcengage.com/cacatholic/action>.

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)

27 SEP (Sunday)

28 SEP (Monday)

09:00 AM	Bible Group
07:30 PM	RCIA
07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society

29 SEP (Tuesday)

09:30 AM	Bible Study: The Prophets
07:00 PM	Bible Study: The Prophets
08:00 PM	H ⁴

30 SEP (Wednesday)

01 OCT (Thursday)

11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
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02 OCT (Friday)

08:00 AM	First Friday Blessing of the Animals
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03 OCT (Saturday)


06:00 PM	First Saturday Nativity Date Night
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Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

PARISH OFFERINGS

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 SEP (Monday):
SAINT WENCESLAUS, Martyr (907-929)
SAINT LORENZO RUIZ and COMPANIONS, Martyrs
(d. 1637)

29 SEP (Monday):
SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL,
SAINT RAPHAEL, Archangels



30 SEP (Tuesday)
ST. JEROME, Priest and Doctor
of the Church (342 - 420)

01 OCT (Wednesday):
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church
(1873-1897)

Through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, this Carmelite nun of Normandy continues to teach millions to trust in the loving Fatherhood of God, and that sanctity lies not necessarily in doing great deeds, but in doing everyday deeds with great love.



02 OCT (Thursday):
THE HOLY
GUARDIAN
ANGELS



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FARMERS MARKET AT NATIVITY

Every First Sunday fresh veggies are for sale – Once again on **04 October 2015**, come to the front of the Church after the **09:30 AM** Mass and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally by *NanoFarms USA*, which is a worker-owned cooperative. Expect to see lettuce, beets, strawberries, kale, onions, squash, tomatoes, and more, depending on the various seasons throughout the year. All produce is grown on the property of **St. Patrick's Seminary** in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the **St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA**, a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto, based in Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in East Palo Alto.



ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **650/799-4722** for more information.

CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

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):



Sunday 01:00 AM (Prayer Partner)

Monday: 01:00 PM

Saturday 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

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.

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**.



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 • Patrick Giuliano and JeAnne Reyes

PARISHIONERS • Alisha and Edward Rankin (*Edward*)
• Veronique Strange and Keith Hearn
• Isabel Sanchez

DEATHS • Anne Riley
• Harry Morey
• Faith Tootell

LOST AND FOUND

Glasses not reclaimed are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.



REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Scripture says about married people that *"Two shall live as one"*. How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. Go to www.sanfranciscowme.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.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a *free* **Clothing Distribution Center** which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

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 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

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Human Trafficking*

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Missionary: *Asian Missionaries*

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

ANNULMENT REFORM: 6 MIS-CONCEPTIONS

(excerpted from a *National Catholic Register* article by Canon lawyer Benedict Nguyen)

Pope Francis' recent documents issued *motu proprio* (on his own initiative) call for a close reading in order to understand the developments of the canonical procedural laws concerning the declaration-of-marriage-nullity process.

Unfortunately, the sensationalism that has surrounded them has caused some misconceptions and misreporting that, in turn, can cause difficulty in understanding some of the reforms. While there is still much to be digested, I would like to highlight six misconceptions ... in these landmark reforms.

Misconceptions

1. Let us first take the biggest misconception that is being reported, namely the one regarding the Church's teachings on marriage. The Catholic doctrine on marriage and indissolubility has not and will not change. It must be said clearly and repeatedly that Pope Francis' reforms are procedural changes and not changes in Church teachings nor even changes in substantive canonical law or jurisprudence for marriage cases. Claims that these are changes in the Church's beliefs on marriage are simply mistaken.

2. The purpose of these reforms is not to make it easier to obtain a declaration of nullity, in the sense of laxity. The purpose is to make the investigative process more efficient and accessible. Whether we agree with them or not, these changes are what the Pope and the commission that studied this issue saw as areas where the process was either being denied or delayed unnecessarily.

3. There are no new grounds for declaring a marriage null. This is a major misperception. The grounds for determining whether or not a marriage was entered into validly remain the same. Every case must continue to be determined in light of — and only in light of — the established canonical grounds. The Pope has not established new grounds, nor can bishops, tribunals or judges read new grounds into these procedural reforms.

Particularly concerning Article 14 of *Mitis Iudex, Dominus Iesus*, Pope Francis is not here establishing new grounds for marriage nullity. A careful reading of Article 14 shows that these are situations where it is possible for a party to request the new, shorter process, by which a case can be referred to the diocesan bishop

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

27 SEP (SUN) Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
SIXTH DAY: St. Terese
THIRD DAY: St. Francis

28 SEP (MON) SEVENTH DAY: St. Terese
FOURTH DAY: St. Francis

29 SEP (TUE) EIGHTH DAY: St. Terese
FIFTH DAY: St. Francis

30 SEP (WED) NINTH DAY: St. Terese
SIXTH DAY: St. Francis

01 OCT (THU) Feast of Saint Terese
SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis

02 OCT (FRI) EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis

03 OCT (SAT) NINTH DAY: St. Francis

04 OCT (SUN) Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

05 OCT (MON)

06 OCT (TUE)

07 OCT (WED) Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

08 OCT (THU)

09 OCT (FRI)

10 OCT (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

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_glor.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

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for determination. These situations can include situations of lack of faith, brevity of married life, procured abortion, persistence in extramarital affairs, malicious concealment of serious past matters, unplanned pregnancy, physical violence and medically-proven lack of the use of reason. These are situations allowing for the request of a certain procedure. It would simply be an error to see these as new grounds.

Read the full article here:

www.ncregister.com/daily-news/annulment-reform-6-misconceptions-and-6-developments/

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<http://tinyurl.com/pdfyy1>

ALL ABOUT ANGELS

This week we will celebrate the “angelic” feast day of the archangels: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, and the feast of our guardian angels.

WHAT ARE THE “CHOIRS OF ANGELS”?

A number of works throughout history, from Dionysius the Areopagite (often referred to in English translations as St. Denis) to St. Thomas Aquinas (“Summa Theologica”) have attempted to classify the angels into a hierarchical set (Dionysius even invented the word “hierarchia”, meaning “sacred order”). The commonly-accepted organization for the angelic hosts is three ranks, with three orders in each rank (the higher the rank, the closer to God).

The highest rank contains:
SERAPHIM
CHERUBIM
THRONES

The “middle” rank contains
DOMINATIONS (DOMINIONS)
VIRTUES (AUTHORITIES)
POWERS

The lowest rank contains:
PRINCIPALITIES
ARCHANGELS
ANGELS



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

SO WHAT IS AN ANGEL?

“Angel” is not what they are -- it is what they do. “Spirit” is what these beings “are”. “Angel” is the title of their office -- it means they are messengers of God. Saint Thomas Aquinas called them “thoughts that can think”. Here is what the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** says:

I. THE ANGELS

The existence of angels - a truth of faith

328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition.

Who are they?

329 St. Augustine says: “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit’, from what they do, ‘angel.’” With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word”.

330 As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

HOW DO I KNOW I HAVE A GUARDIAN ANGEL?

The Old Testament tells us so, in Psalm 91 (and again in Matthew, when Satan quotes Psalm 91 to Jesus):



“For He will give His angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.”

WANT TO READ MORE ABOUT ANGELS?

The book Angels of God by Mike Aquilina is an excellent resource that discusses all the places in the Bible where angels are mentioned (there are quite a few!). You can order it from www.ewtnreligiouscatalog.com.

