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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

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 17 APRIL 2016

My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all,  
and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

JOHN 21: 29



The Good Shepherd, Warner Sallman

### FIRST READING

All who were destined for eternal life came to believe.

ACTS 13: 14, 43-52

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

PSALMS 100

### SECOND READING

The Lamb Who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them.

REVELATION 7: 9, 14-17

### GOSPEL

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of My hand."

JOHN 10: 27-30

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 APR

<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>	† Virginia and John Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Danny Olin
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Susan Daus
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Lemuel Southorn
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Giuseppe and Gemma Arata
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sela Havili; Malia Peavler; Richard Wildanger; † Joseph Carr
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Brodersen family
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ted Smythe
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Religious vocations
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Lucy Rios
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Alex Sassi; Mary Ellen Peloso; † Sgt. Larry Shannon; † David Bowie

<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>17 APR</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	02:30 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
<b>18 APR</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	10:00 AM 07:30 PM	Bible Group Legion of Mary
<b>19 APR</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 08:00 PM	Bible Study: Mass in the Bible Bible Study: Mass in the Bible H <sup>4</sup>
<b>20 APR</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
<b>21 APR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
<b>22 APR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	09:30 AM 07:00 PM	Nativity Moms' Group "Forgiveness" Talk
<b>23 APR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



**SUNDAY, 17 APR 2016 IS  
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR VOCATIONS**




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



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

### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>02-03 APR</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$12,493</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2016 ADA Goal:	<b>\$4710</b> <b>\$148,082</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 21 APR (Thursday): SAINT CONRAD OF PARZHAM, Religious (1818-1894)

Conrad spent most of his life as porter in Altoetting, Bavaria, letting people into the Capuchin friary and indirectly encouraging them to let God into their lives. He was a lover of solitary prayer, and a peacemaker.



## SAINT ANSELM OF CANTERBURY, Priest (1033-1109)

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a counsellor to Pope Gregory VII, Pope Urban II and William the Conqueror.

## 23 APR (Saturday): SAINT GEORGE, Martyr (d. ~304)

The only facts we know are that George was a soldier and martyr (tortured and beheaded in Palestine). Several stories have been attached to him, including the famous tale of his defeat of the dragon in a lake near Silena, Libya.



## SAINT ADALBERT OF PRAGUE, Bishop and Martyr (~957-997)

Member of the Bohemian nobility who became Bishop of Prague and friend of Emperor Otto III. He founded the monastery of Brevnov, and tried (unsuccessfully) to evangelize in Pomerania, where he and his fellow missionaries were martyred.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 APR 2016** at **02:30 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your our heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to [pray2infantjesus@aol.com](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com). *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

## NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 22 APR 2016** 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.

## NATIVITY LIBRARY

Nativity has an excellent library in the **O'Hare Center**. It is chock full of books on Lives of the Saints, Spirituality, Bible Studies, Theology, Teens, Family, Catholic Fiction, and lots of Children's books. It is open on Sunday morning from **07:30 AM-12:30 PM**. For other times, you may get a key from the office. Take advantage of the great books that will supplement and increase your spiritual growth. All books (400+) and DVDs (100+) have been donated by parishioners, and the borrowing is on the honor system. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



## FORGIVENESS TALK

On **Friday, 22 APR 2016** at **07:00 PM**, **Deacon Dominick** will be giving a conference on "*The Power of Forgiveness.*" We all suffer from various kinds of hurts and injustices. Dominick will demonstrate the power of forgiving others and how it can transform our lives and the lives of everyone around us. For questions, call **650/269-6279**.

## 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):



**Monday: 10:00 P**

**Tuesday: 02:00 AM**

**Tuesday: 12:00 PM (noon - prayer partner)**

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

**MARRIAGES** • Micah Miller and Elizabeth Ojeda

### PARISHIONERS

**DEATHS** • Mary Basso

**Monsignor Otellini** will be leaving on **Sunday, 24 APR 2016** for his annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, with the Order of Malta. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **Friday, 22 APR 2016**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

*Lourdes*

## SAVE THE DATE: 04 JUN 2016

**Carol Trelut**, the **Principal of Nativity School**, is going to retire at the end of the school year. She began her time at Nativity in 1996 teaching 6th grade homeroom as well as Social Studies to grades six through eight. In 2000, she added the responsibilities of being student council moderator, mentor teacher, and vice principal. In 2001, she became the Principal of Nativity School. She has guided many students, parents, teachers, faculty, and staff with grace, firmness, and humility. We will be having a special dinner in her honor on **Saturday, 04 JUN 2016 at 06:30 PM** in the Sobrato Pavilion. This is an **adult-only** celebration. Children will have their own special celebration for Mrs. Trelut at a separate time. We will be asking for RSVP's at the end of April, but please mark your calendar now. If you have any questions, please email **Susie Foster** at [sfoster@nativityschool.com](mailto:sfoster@nativityschool.com).

*Dear Monsignor Otellini,  
Thank you very much for the generous World Mission Sunday 2015 contribution of \$7968.80 from the people of the Church of the Nativity. I am most grateful to you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. Know that you and they remain in my prayers and in the prayers of the people of the Missions.*

*Sincerely,  
Genevieve Elizondo,  
Archdiocesan Mission Director*

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Home mission dioceses are located all across the United States, including the Deep South, Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, and even in Northern California. These dioceses lack the resources to provide their faithful with basic pastoral care, including the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training. Home mission dioceses often struggle with priest shortages, parishioner poverty, unemployment, difficult and isolated terrain, religious hostility and other circumstances that make it difficult to practice the faith. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal strengthens the Church in the United States by providing yearly grants to support programs in home mission dioceses, which make up over 40% of all US dioceses. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

## MOTHERS' DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **08 MAY 2016!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

## RELICS OF SAINT PIO AND SAINT LEOPOLD

**First-degree relics** of **St. Padre Pio** and **St. Leopold** will be displayed throughout California during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has chosen these two Capuchin saints as patrons of God's merciful call to reconciliation and grace. These relics will be at that *National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi* in San Francisco during the months of **May, September** and **November**. The National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi is located at 610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco. For more information [www.shrineSF.org](http://www.shrineSF.org), [info@shrinesf.org](mailto:info@shrinesf.org), or **415/986-4557**.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ANNUAL NATIVITY SCHOOL AUCTION

The theme for this year's **Nativity Auction** is the *Wild, Wild West* and will take place **14 MAY 2016** in Sobrato Pavilion. This yearly event would not be a success without the generous donations of our families and parishioners. Please contact us at [nativityauction@gmail.com](mailto:nativityauction@gmail.com) and let us know how you would like to donate, we'd love to hear from you to make this year's event a huge success. Donations are due no later than **01 APR 2016** so don't delay! You will be receiving a donation request letter soon. Forms are located in the parish office. Invitations to the auction will be mailed to parishioners in early April; please ensure your address is on file so you don't miss out!

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **April 2016**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**Universal:** *Small Farmers*

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Missionary:** *African Christians*

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.



JUBILEE OF MERCY  
MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

[www.im.va](http://www.im.va)

### WEEKEND HOSTS NEEDED: VALLOMBROSA

**Vallombrosa Center** is looking for mature **Weekend Hosts** to welcome guests, answer the telephone, and perform small miscellaneous tasks for guests. An interested candidate should be responsible, reliable, hospitable, polite, and punctual, have fundamental computer skills, be able to answer local questions and give local directions. The hours are from **07:00 AM-03:00 PM** on **Saturday** and **Sunday**, on a rotating basis with other weekend hosts. Vallombrosa Center is located next door to the Church of the Nativity at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park. If you interested in finding out more about the position or an application please contact **David Fencl**, Director of Operations at **650/325-5614 ext. 14** or [david@vallombrosa.org](mailto:david@vallombrosa.org).



### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: 05 MAY 2016

Please join churches across America for the 65th National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, 05 MAY 2016**. This year's theme is "*Wake up, America!*"

[www.nationaldayofprayer.net](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.net)



Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.

**ISAIAH 58: 1**

Watch the promotional video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PHG5SoXOQoA>

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>17 APR (SUN)</b>	<b>FOURTH Day:</b> St. George
<b>18 APR (MON)</b>	<b>FIFTH Day:</b> St. George
<b>19 APR (TUE)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day:</b> St. George <b>FIRST Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort
<b>20 APR (WED)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day:</b> St. George <b>SECOND Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>FIRST Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena
<b>21 APR (THU)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day:</b> St. George <b>THIRD Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>SECOND Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena
<b>22 APR (FRI)</b>	<b>NINTH Day:</b> St. George <b>FOURTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>THIRD Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>FIRST Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>23 APR (SAT)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint George</b> <b>FIFTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>FOURTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>SECOND Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>24 APR (SUN)</b>	<b>SIXTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>FIFTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>THIRD Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>25 APR (MON)</b>	<b>SEVENTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>SIXTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>FOURTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>26 APR (TUE)</b>	<b>EIGHTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>SEVENTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>FIFTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>27 APR (WED)</b>	<b>NINTH Day:</b> St. Louis de Montfort <b>EIGHTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>SIXTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>28 APR (THU)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort</b> <b>NINTH Day:</b> St. Catherine of Siena <b>SEVENTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>29 APR (FRI)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena</b> <b>EIGHTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker
<b>30 APR (SAT)</b>	<b>NINTH Day:</b> St. Joseph the Worker

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Saint George:**

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

**Saint Louis de Montfort:**

[novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/](http://novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/)

**Saint Catherine of Siena:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/)

**Saint Joseph the Worker:**

[www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/](http://www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/)

### 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)



So what is the “ichthys symbol” (ICK-thoos)? It was a sign used by early Christians (1st and 2nd centuries A.D.) to identify one another as fellow believers in Jesus. In the early days of the Church, Christians had to practice their faith in secret: to openly be a follower of Jesus meant persecution and probably a martyr’s death. So Christians had to meet secretly in each other’s homes to pray, teach, and learn more about Our Lord. You might find this symbol drawn in the dirt or carved near a door, and if you were a Christian, you would know that another Christian lived there. When two travelers met on the road, one might draw half of the symbol (just one of the arches). If the other traveler completed the symbol by drawing the other arch, both would know they were in the company of a believer.

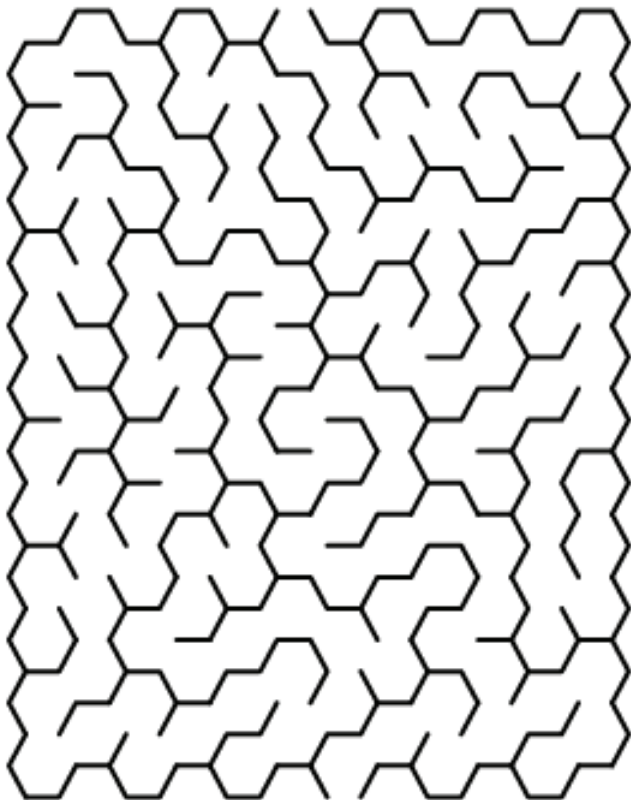
The letters are Greek (which was the common language in those days) and spell the word “fish”. But Christians used each of the letters to stand for “Iesous Christos, Theou Uios, Soter”, which means “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

In another form of the symbol, the five letters were drawn on top of each other, and the result looks like a 6-spoked wheel.



You can see many examples of the “wheel” symbol around the ruins of Ephesus in Turkey.

## LEAD THE SHEEP BACK TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD



## CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE: 2016 Nativity Carnival

10-12 June 2016

\$20,000 Grand Prize Raffle Drawing

“Pride and Joy”

We are currently seeking sponsors and underwriters.

Please plan to join us and help us celebrate Family, Fun, Community.

For more info contact [Leighton Ford](mailto:Leighton Ford) 650/799-2867.



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