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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

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep.

NEHEMIAH 8: 2-4, 5-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before You.

PSALMS 19

SECOND READING

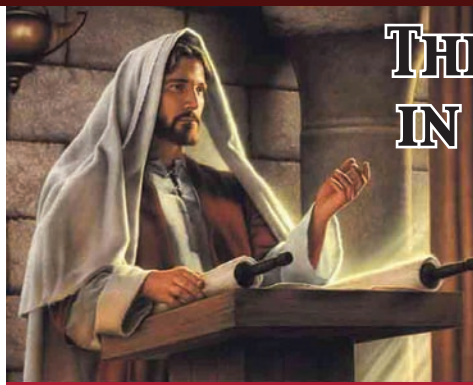
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-30

GOSPEL

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.

LUKE 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 JANUARY 2016

Today this Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your hearing.

LUKE 4: 21

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 24 - 30 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Carol Armstrong
	05:30 PM	† Peg and Frank Chandler
TUE	07:30 AM	† Elizabeth Silva
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Agnes Lehmann
THU	07:30 AM	† Dorothy Mitchell
	05:30 PM	Michelle Tarigo-Channell; † Joanne Sharkey; † Mrs. J. H. MacDonald; † Susan Hackett
FRI	07:30 AM	† Chet Yee
	05:30 PM	† Kathryn Burke
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intention; † Marie Masuda; † Clayton Lilley; † Virginia Munk

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



GOOD FOOD AND GREAT TIMES!

Join the **Nativity Men's Club** for a **Prime Rib Dinner**. Tickets are on sale for the Men's Club Crab Cioppino Dinner on **Saturday, 30 JAN 2016**, at Nativity School in the Sobrato Pavilion. The dinner will include prime rib, Caesar salad, potatoes, hericort vert, and dessert. Tickets are **\$45.00** per person; all reservations must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Get your party together: reservations are being taken now. Drop off your form and payment at the school or parish office.

If you have any questions, please contact **Erik Kingham** at **415/305-5866** or nativitymc@gmail.com.

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)
24 JAN	(Sunday) 11:00 AM	Nativity School Open House
25 JAN	(Monday) 07:30 PM 07:30 PM 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary RCIA St. Vincent de Paul Society
26 JAN	(Tuesday) 08:00 PM	H ⁴
27 JAN	(Wednesday) 07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
28 JAN	(Thursday) 11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
29 JAN	(Friday)	
30 JAN	(Saturday) 09:00 AM 06:00 PM	Baptism Class Men's Club Dinner



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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

25 JAN (Monday): THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL



The Conversion of St. Paul, Bartolome Murillo

26 JAN (Tuesday): SAINTS TIMOTHY and TITUS, Bishops

Timothy joined **St. Paul** on his missionary journeys and became his close friend and confidant, receiving at least two Pauline letters that would become part of the canon. **Titus**, a Gentile, was converted by **St. Paul** and became his disciple and fellow missionary.

28 JAN (Thursday): SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, Doctor of the Church (1225-1274)

Educated by Benedictine monks at Monte Cassino, and at the University of Naples, his works (e.g., *Summa Theologica*) are seminal to the thinking of the Church. Pope Leo XIII commanded that his teachings be studied by all theology students. He was proclaimed a **Doctor of the Church** in 1880.



30 JAN (Saturday): SAINT HYACINTH MARESCOTTI, Virgin (1585-1640)

Hyacinth(a) was a Franciscan tertiary at St. Bernardine's convent in **Viterbo, Italy**. She initially used her personal funds to insure comfortable lodgings for herself, but after chastisement by her confessor she became humble in food and dress and performed the most menial work at the convent. She developed a special devotion to the sufferings of Jesus. She was the foundress of the **Oblates of Mary**, dedicated to working with the aged poor.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Our next class will begin on **Tuesday, 02 FEB 2016**. We will have 10 short video lectures on the Eucharist and on the authority of St. Peter. The classes are held on consecutive **Tuesdays**. The morning class goes from **09:30-11:00 AM**. The class is repeated in the evening from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Each class includes a lecture by Deacon Dominick, discussion, and Q&A. The class will run until the last week in April with a break for Holy Week and Easter. No sign-ups ahead of time needed. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** at 650/269-6279.

NATIVITY DATE NIGHT

Our next *Marriage Enrichment Date Night* for married and engaged couples will be on **Saturday, 06 FEB 2016**. It will include a pot-luck dinner, a cooking demonstration, a conference by our pastor, Monsignor Otellini, and lots of good fellowship. It begins at **06:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center and generally runs until **08:30 PM**. Please join us. All the date nights have been well attended, lots of fun, very informative and a great way to get to know people in the parish. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** 650/269-6279 or **Mary Ellen** 650/269-7794.

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact **Eileen** at nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or 650/799-4722 for more information. Additionally, every First Saturday of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

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

OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to our Open House on Sunday, 24 JAN 2016, from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM. This is especially for parents and their children who are interested in attending Nativity School in grades PreK-7. The school is located at 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come see the magnificent displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. Visit our website: www.nativityschool.com

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

Wednesday: 02:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 PM (every other week)

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**
- **Lucia Rose**, daughter of **Bart and Myla Beasley**
 - **Carlos Augusto**, son of **Bryant Briggs and Alessandra Rubio-Perez**
 - **Kevin Charles**, son of **Kevin and Rosanna Casper**
 - **Daniela Isabelle**, daughter of **Michael and Vanessa Maffia**
 - **Teresa Marie**, daughter of **Joao and Katie Pimentel Toste**
 - **Aliza Anaya**, daughter of **Juan Carlos Sanchez and Andrea Valencia**
 - **Nina**, daughter of **Robert and Kelly Wirka**

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Rocio and Princent Poumele** (*Victoria, Manaia*)
 - **Emilia and Michal Kopec** (*Amelie*)

- DEATHS**
- **Fr. Kevin Gaffey**
 - **Susan Hackett**
 - **Mary Nelson**
 - **Katie Supple**

The Adopt-a-Family Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the 25th annual Adopt-a-Family program. We served 203 families, gave numerous gifts to various organizations that assist the needy and collected over \$10,000 in donations that was used to provide food for the families and for the St. Vincent De Paul Society to distribute throughout the year. As usual this was a joyous program and we look forward to next year.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a special collection for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University**. For more than a century, St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park has been preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Well-prepared priests are needed more than ever at this time. St. Patrick's needs your support so that they may continue to provide outstanding academic programs and increase seminarian housing. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated.

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: *St. Patrick's Seminary*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL COLLECTION: DISASTER RELIEF

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **disaster relief**. Due to an expectation of increased numbers of devastations from natural disasters in 2016, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop Cordieleone have asked that a special collection take place this month throughout the country. This one-time collection will fund disaster relief through Catholic Charities, Inc., the domestic social services arm of the US Catholic Church. You may read about the work of Catholic Charities at catholiccharitiesusa.org. Thank you for your generosity.

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+) have been donated by parishioners, and the borrowing is on the honor system. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our Celebration of the *World Day of the Sick* at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco, on **Saturday, 30 JAN 2016 at 11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "*special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind.*" (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

RESPIRE FOR CAREGIVERS

Refuel Your Energies: A Workshop for Caregivers and Healthcare Professionals presented by Dr. Nan Brenzel, Ed.D and Sister Jean Evans, RSM. **Saturday, 30 JAN 2016, 08:00 AM-12:00 PM**. This half-day workshop will give participants an opportunity to renew body, mind and spirit. **\$20/person**. Acacia Room, Mercy Convent, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame. RSVP by **26 JAN 2016** to Sister Jean Evans, RSM jevans@mercywmw.org or **650/373-4508**.

Presented by *Sisters of Mercy West Midwest* and *Dominican Sisters of San Rafael*.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Inter-Religious Dialogue*

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Missionary: *Christian Unity*

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE XLIX WORLD DAY OF PEACE 1 JANUARY 2016

Overcome Indifference and Win Peace (cont'd.)

Indifference to our neighbour shows itself in different ways. Some people are well-informed; they listen to the radio, read the newspapers or watch television, but they do so mechanically and without engagement. They are vaguely aware of the tragedies afflicting humanity, but they have no sense of involvement or compassion. Theirs is the attitude of those who know, but keep their gaze, their thoughts and their actions focused on themselves. Sadly, it must be said that today's information explosion does not of itself lead to an increased concern for other people's problems, which demands openness and a sense of solidarity. Indeed, the information glut can numb people's sensibilities and to some degree downplay the gravity of the problems. There are those who "simply content themselves with blaming the poor and the poor countries themselves for their troubles; indulging in unwarranted generalizations, they claim that the solution is an 'education' that would tranquilize them, making them tame and harmless. All this becomes even more exasperating for the marginalized in the light of the widespread and deeply rooted corruption found in many countries – in their governments, businesses and institutions – whatever the political ideology of their leaders."

In other cases, indifference shows itself in lack of concern for what is happening around us, especially if it does not touch us directly. Some people prefer not to ask questions or seek answers; they lead lives of comfort, deaf to the cry of those who suffer. Almost imperceptibly, we grow incapable of feeling compassion for others and for their problems; we have no interest in caring for them, as if their troubles were their own responsibility, and none of our business. "When we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off."

Because we dwell in a common home, we cannot help but ask ourselves about the state of its health, as I sought to do in *Laudato Si'*. Water and air pollution, the indiscriminate exploitation of

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

24 JAN (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
25 JAN (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
26 JAN (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
27 JAN (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas FIRST Day: St. Agatha
28 JAN (THU)	Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas SECOND Day: St. Agatha
29 JAN (FRI)	THIRD Day: St. Agatha
30 JAN (SAT)	FOURTH Day: St. Agatha
31 JAN (SUN)	FIFTH Day: St. Agatha
01 FEB (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. Agatha
02 FEB (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agatha FIRST Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
03 FEB (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agatha SECOND Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
04 FEB (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Agatha THIRD Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
05 FEB (FRI)	Feast of Saint Agatha FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes
06 FEB (SAT)	FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Lourdes

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

Saint Agatha:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/qcm7zmr>

Our Lady of Lourdes:

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

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



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forests and the destruction of the natural environment are often the result of man's indifference to man, since everything is interrelated. Then too, there is the way we treat animals, which has an effect on the way we treat other people, and the cases where people freely do elsewhere what they would never dare do at home.

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Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at www.nativityschool.com > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

ATTENTION SHOPPERS!

Help support our Nativity School effortlessly. **eScrip** is an easy way to help the Nativity School.

1. Sign up at www.escrip.com referencing Nativity School Code: **137104734**
2. Install **ForgetMeNot** – This amazing tool has all of the vendors that participate in the program. Once you have signed up you don't have to do anything else.
3. Shop, Shop, Shop – ever time you shop online with one of the eScrip vendors a percentage of what you spend is donated to Nativity School. There are hundreds of vendors, including Macy's Nordstroms, L.L.Bean, Lands End, Draeger's, and Best Buy.

It only takes **two** minutes to register and all purchases are recorded and submitted to the school. If you are a parent of a Nativity student the amount is applied to your Scrip commitment. **Easy!!!** Please contact **Scott Anderson** with any questions at sanderson@nativityschool.com.

SAFETY REGARDING SCHOOL BUSES

There is a bus from Menlo School that stops near the entrance driveway of Nativity every school day morning at about **07:30 AM**. Usually they are not blocking the entrance driveway. For the safety of the students, state law requires that all other vehicles stop on both sides of the road if the red lights on the bus are flashing. If you are turning left into the Nativity driveway while the bus is near please wait until the bus has left the area.



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Attention Young Believers! We want you to share your creativity -- this is your page. Write a poem or a story or a letter, or draw a picture. Email your special messages and artwork to nativity.bulletin@gmail.com and we will display them here. Include your first name (and optionally, your age) on the email. For drawings, either scan the picture or take a digital photo and attach the electronic file to the email.

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