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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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

13 MARCH 2016

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

JOHN 8: 11



FIRST READING

See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

ISAIAH 43: 16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

PSALMS 126

SECOND READING

Forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal.

PHILIPPIANS 3: 8-14

GOSPEL

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

JOHN 8: 1-11

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 13 - 19 MAR

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Steve Kiraly |
| | 05:30 PM | † Shelby Drazan |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | Walter Klaus |
| | 05:30 PM | † James Barrett; † Mark Siekierski; † Ed Dikun |
| WED | 07:30 AM | George Gould |
| | 05:30 PM | † Joseph Wynne |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Virginia Munk |
| | 05:30 PM | † Frances Hogan |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | The Neylan and Cardine families |
| | 05:30 PM | † Jack Downs |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Russell Slater; † Irene Turner; † Danny Olin; † Elizabeth Lehmann |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass



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

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| 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) |

13 MAR (Sunday)

14 MAR (Monday)

10:00 AM Bible Group
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

15 MAR (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: Mass in the Bible
07:00 PM Bible Study: Mass in the Bible
08:00 PM H⁴

16 MAR (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class

17 MAR (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group

18 MAR (Friday)

06:00 PM *Lenten Friday*
06:00 PM Stations of the Cross
06:00 PM Youth Ministry Praise Night



19 MAR (Saturday)

06:00 PM Men's Club Dinner

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

The forty days of Lent does not include Sundays, which is why the number of calendar days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday is 46, inclusive.

BULLETIN NEWS

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES



During the Easter season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **27 MAR 2016 (Easter Sunday)** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 16 MAR 2016**.

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

17 MAR (Thursday):

SAINT PATRICK OF IRELAND, Bishop (385-461)



Patrick was probably the son of a Roman-British official. At 16, he was captured by raiders and taken to pagan Ireland to tend sheep. He escaped from slavery, studied for the priesthood in Britain, and was ordained. He was consecrated a bishop around **432** and was returned to Ireland. He raised the standards of scholarship and tirelessly preached the Gospel despite the opposition of chieftains and Druids whom he is said to have overcome by miraculous means. He converted most of the island to the faith, and of course is now revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

FATHERS:

Pray to **St. Joseph**. Ask for his intercession and help. He understands the particular concerns, burdens and obligations of fathers, and he is ready and well able to intercede with our blessed Lord to send you the graces and strength you need in this most noble of callings. Do not hesitate to ask for his assistance.

19 MAR (Saturday):

SAINT JOSEPH, Husband of the Virgin Mary

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” One, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.



“In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine good had offered as a promise to them, Joseph held in his arms.”

St. Bernadine of Siena

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

San Mateo 40 Days for Life runs from **Ash Wednesday, 10 FEB 2016** through **Palm Sunday, 20 MAR 2016**.

- Vigil location: the sidewalk at 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo
- Vigil hours: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** every day
- Local contact: **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**
or email: themunns@yahoo.com
- Nativity’s day is **Sunday, 13 MAR 2016**

Learn more, and get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo

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):



Tuesday: 12:00 PM (noon)

Friday: 09:00 AM (every other week)

Saturday 02:00 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.

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

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 Prime Rib Dinner on **Saturday, 19 MAR 2016**, at Nativity School in the **Sobrato Pavilion**. The dinner will include classic Caesar salad, prime rib served with creamy horseradish sauce or artichoke and sundried tomato spinach pasta, garlic mashed potatoes, French green beans, and lemon cake for dessert. The tickets are **\$45.00** per person. All reservations must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. Get your party together and make your reservations soon! **Reservations are being taken now.** Drop off your form and payment at the school or parish office. Questions? Contact **Erik Kingham** at **415/305-5866** or nativitymc@gmail.com.

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 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!

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

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • John Fennell

CATHOLIC WEBSITES

Virtue Media (www.virtuemedia.org) and **Catholics Come Home** (www.catholicscomehome.org). These websites contain information on the Catholic Church, scripture references, and videos. They have information for lapsed Catholics considering returning to the church or for non-Catholics looking into the faith.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there is will be a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE CANCELLED

I deeply regret that we need to cancel the Parish Penance Service for this Lent because of a difficulty in assuring a sufficient number of priests to be here. Because it would fall in the same week as St. Patrick's Day and the Holy Oils Mass at the cathedral, I could not get assurances of enough help by priests to make it practical. I would certainly encourage you to avail of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Saturdays before Easter at our regular times.

Msgr Steven Otellini

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society.

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: *Altar Society*.

IN THE COMMUNITY

RECOMMENDED FILMS FOR LENT

Three major-release films are in theaters now or coming soon, each of which will enrich your Lent. Check your local listings for:

- *The Young Messiah*, opening 11 MAR 2016 (trailer: theyoungmessiah.com)
- *Risen*, in theaters now (trailer: risen-movie.com)
- *God's Not Dead 2*, opening 01 APR 2016 (trailer: godsnotdeadthemovie.com)



GUIDED TOURS: OLD MISSION DOLORES

Guided tours of **Old Mission Dolores** will be given on **Saturdays** in **March** at **11:00 AM**, **01:00** and **03:00 PM**. Come explore Mission Dolores' history on a guided tour of the Old Mission, Museum, Cemetery and the Basilica Church. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes; a portion of the tour is outdoors, so dress appropriately. Upon your arrival, check in at the gift shop. Tours begin promptly. Suggested donation: **\$3.00** students/seniors, **\$5.00** adults. The Mission is located at Dolores and 16th Streets, San Francisco. For more information contact Curator **Andrew Galvan**, chochenyo@aol.com

SEMINARS: CATHOLIC ESTATES AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING

When it comes to end-of-life bioethical decisions and estate, funeral and burial planning, many people do not know where to begin. Because of this, a great number of people die without having had the opportunity to make funeral and estate plans. And when it comes to making ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice. The Archdiocese of San Francisco and Catholic Cemeteries are offering a seminar on these topics. Please note that there will be no sales pitch; the goal is to provide up-to-date information that will be of help to families in planning for the future. All parishioners are welcome, and refreshments will be served. The seminar is free, but pre-registration through the Office of Development is requested at development@sfarch.org or **415/614-5580**.

- **Saturday, 19 MAR 2016, 10:00–11:30 AM**
Saint Bartholomew Church (San Mateo)

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SEEKING DRIVERS

Looking for a good-paying job with benefits? **CYO Transportation Services** of Daly City, a program of Catholic Charities, has employment opportunities for individuals who will to be a school bus driver. CHP-certified School Bus Driver Training provided at no cost. Please contact **Bill Avalos**, Operations Manager at bavalos@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or **650/757-2117**.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Families in Difficulty*

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Missionary: *Persecuted Christians*

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.



HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

12 volunteers are needed for the Washing of the Feet, which takes place at the **07:00 PM** Mass on **Holy Thursday, 24 MAR 2016**. This ceremony recalls Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, to illustrate what it means to serve one another. During Mass the 12 "disciples" are seated in chairs in front of the communion rail and remove one shoe and sock, while Monsignor imitates Jesus by washing the feet of his parishioners. The 12 are asked to come early to make sure everyone is present, and to receive instructions before Mass begins. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. While not a sacrament, it is an occasion of grace for each participant. Please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they have become extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** usually has room for more worshippers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshippers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Monsignor reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the Gospel "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. Those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. We end the evening with a reception in the O'Hare Center. This deeply moving vigil is our inheritance as Christians, and we owe it to ourselves to experience it several times in our lifetime. **Saturday, 26 MAR 2016, 08:00 PM.**

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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| 13 MAR (SUN) | SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph |
| 14 MAR (MON) | SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph |
| 15 MAR (TUE) | EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph |
| 16 MAR (WED) | NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph FIRST Day: The Annunciation |
| 17 MAR (THU) | Feast of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation |
| 18 MAR (FRI) | NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation LENTEN FRIDAY |
| 19 MAR (SAT) | Feast of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 20 MAR (SUN) | FIFTH Day: The Annunciation PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY |
| 21 MAR (MON) | SIXTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 22 MAR (TUE) | SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 23 MAR (WED) | EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 24 MAR (THU) | NINTH Day: The Annunciation MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| 25 MAR (FRI) | FIRST Day: Divine Mercy GOOD FRIDAY |
| 26 MAR (SAT) | SECOND Day: Divine Mercy HOLY SATURDAY |

HOLY WEEK

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Patrick:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm

Saint Joseph:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm

The Divine Mercy Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.htm

TRIDUUM LITURGIES USHERS NEEDED

The Triduum liturgies (**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday**) are rich in detail, with extra rites that require volunteers. We particularly need ushers to help with the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, 26 MAR 2016, 08:00 PM**. All that is required is to come early, help distribute candles to all worshippers as they arrive, and help keep the reserved sections free for RCIA participants and lay ministers. Extra ushers are also needed at the Easter morning Masses to help with seating and standing at these very crowded Masses. If you would like to help, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. Helping with liturgy is an occasion of personal grace for each volunteer.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The well-known legend of the shamrock connects it definitely to St. Patrick and his teaching. Preaching in the open air on the doctrine of the Trinity, he is said to have illustrated the existence of the Three in One by plucking a shamrock from the grass growing at his feet and showing it to his congregation. The trefoil, being a sacred plant among the Druids, and three being a mystical number in the Celtic religion, it is probable that St. Patrick must have been aware of the significance of his illustration.

2. Although the stories of Saint Patrick driving all the snakes out of Ireland are widespread, it should be noted that there have never been any snakes native to Ireland. As an island surrounded by salt water, Ireland didn't exist at the time the prehistoric predecessors of snakes would have wandered over from the mainland of Europe. (P.S., New Zealand doesn't have any indigenous snakes, either: same reason).



3. While the "wearing of the green" is popular on Saint Patrick's Day, in many communities (like the Polish) it is customary to wear white and red on Saint Joseph's Day (March 19th).

4. Saint Joseph's feast day is the day on which the first cliff swallows return to their roosts in San Juan Capistrano (back from their winter vacations in Argentina).

Legend has it that the swallows took refuge in the Mission San Juan Capistrano from an irate innkeeper who destroyed their muddy nests. The swallows return to the old ruined church each spring knowing they will be protected within the mission's walls. In fact, the city has taken their safety seriously, passing an ordinance against destroying their nests.



So-called "scout swallows" precede the main flock each year by a few days but the majority of the small birds usually arrive on the 19th and begin rebuilding the mud nests that cling to the ruins of the old stone church and throughout the Capistrano Valley.

NATIVITY YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Nativity Youth Ministry has some Lenten teen service and spiritual opportunities:

- **Food Drive and Adoration:** Ask neighbors and friends for breakfast cereals, canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.), pasta and sauce, and jars of peanut butter and jelly – non-perishable food **only**. Drop off the food collected at the **O'Hare Center** on **Friday, 18 MAR 2016, at 06:15 PM**. To sign up, go on-line to <http://goo.gl/forms/OvI6LGFTfx>. We will have dinner and then go to **St. Patrick's Seminary Adoration and Praise Night**.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Nativity Youth Ministry invites you to their Lenten Soup Supper on **Saturday, 12 MAR 2016** after the **05:00 PM** Mass. **Fr. Mark Mazza** will give a short talk after the supper. To **RSVP**, contact tlbasnage@gmail.com (**Linda Basnage**) or amandaannegeorge@gmail.com (**Amanda George**). If you would like to **volunteer** to make soup or serve parishioners during the dinner itself, the on-line volunteer sign-up can be found at <http://goo.gl/forms/DdwZaG4F99>. All parishioners are welcome.

MARCH PRAISE NIGHT AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

Join the Seminarian Praise Team on **Friday, 18 MAR 2016** at **08:00 PM** for an evening of compline, contemporary adoration music, reconciliation and fellowship. As St. Patrick's Seminary is an Archdiocesan Holy Door site for the Year of Mercy, come enter into this evening of prayer with Jesus as your companion, your healer and your source for life. All are welcome. Future dates for Praise Nights: **15 APR 2016** and **06 MAY 2016**. St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park.

For more information contact **Leelamma Sebastian** at **650/325-5621** or leelamma.sebastian@stpsu.org.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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| Fridays | 06:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 24 MAR | (Thursday) 07:00 PM | <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i> |
| 25 MAR | (Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM | <i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. Robert Christian, OP) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross |
| 26 MAR | (Saturday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM | <i>Holy Saturday</i> Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil <i>(no other Masses)</i> |
| 27 MAR | (Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM | <i>Easter Sunday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(no 05:00 PM Mass)</i> |
| 28 MAR | (Monday) 09:00 AM | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i> |