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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

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SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

20 NOVEMBER 2016

“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

LUKE 21: 15



FIRST READING

You shall shepherd My people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.

2 SAMUEL 5: 1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

PSALMS 122

SECOND READING

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1: 12-20

GOSPEL

Above Him there was an inscription that read, “*This is the King of the Jews.*”

LUKE 23: 35-43

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 20 - 26 NOV

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Mary Ellen Eichler; † Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Ed Diken
TUE	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Marie Kitano
WED	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	Thelma Castillo; † Ken Seaton; † Pat Quijano; † Souls in Purgatory
THU	09:00 AM	† Fr. Kevin Gaffey; † Souls in Purgatory
FRI	09:00 AM	Olga and Dennis Dankowski
SAT	08:00 AM	George and Mary Scobas; Special intentions; † Trent Moseley; † Souls in Purgatory

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)
20 NOV	(Sunday)	Adopt-a-Family
21 NOV	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary 07:30 PM RCIA
22 NOV	(Tuesday)	08:00 PM H ⁴
23 NOV	(Wednesday)	
24 NOV	(Thursday)	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
25 NOV	(Friday)	
26 NOV	(Saturday)	

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



Please make sure your cell phones are **turned off** or **muted** when you enter the church.



Electronic giving is offered through our website www.nativitymenlo.org or call the parish office for a paper form

BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES


Items for the bulletin should be emailed to the bulletin editors at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

- Items for the **01 January 2017** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 21 December 2016**.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 05-06 NOV
TOTAL:	\$11,295
Archdiocese for Military Services:	\$4,500
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$68,000
2016 ADA Goal:	\$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

22 NOV (Tuesday)

SAINT CECILIA, Martyr (d. 177)

Cecilia was a cultivated patrician woman of high Roman society.



She vowed her virginity to God, and on her wedding night converted her husband, Valerian. An angel offered Valerian a favor, and he asked that his brother too be baptized. The brothers began a ministry to bury Christian martyrs, and were martyred themselves because of it. Cecilia followed them to heaven shortly thereafter. Her body was found incorrupt almost 1500 years after its burial.

23 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT CLEMENT I, Pope and Martyr

Consecrated by **Saint Peter**, he was the fourth pope. He was said to have worked closely with **Saint Paul**. Clement was martyred during the persecutions of Trajan.

SAINT COLUMBAN, Abbot

Missionary to Ireland, England and France, who went on to found many monasteries. Among the miracles attributed to him is the taming and yoking of a bear to help with the monastery's harvest.

BLESSED MIGUEL AUGUSTIN PRO, Martyr

Priest who conducted an "underground" ministry in Mexico in the 1920's, when the Church was greatly persecuted.

24 NOV (Thursday):

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, Martyr (1735-1839), AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs

Andrew was imprisoned and repeatedly tortured in the persecutions of Minh-Meng, and died with **Saint Peter Thi** and the **Martyrs of Vietnam**.

THANKSGIVING DAY

In **1939**, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared **November 23rd**, the next-to-last Thursday of the month, to be Thanksgiving Day. This break with tradition was prompted by requests from the National Retail Dry Goods Association to extend the Christmas shopping season by one week. As always, the president's 1939 proclamation only directly applied to the District of Columbia and federal employees. While governors usually followed the president's lead with state proclamations for the same day, on this year, twenty-three states observed Thanksgiving Day on November 23rd, twenty-three states celebrated on November 30th, and Texas and Colorado declared *both* Thursdays to be holidays.

26 NOV (Saturday)

SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, Martyr

(apocryphal) At 18, she debated the pagan philosophers of Maximinus, leading many to conversion (and immediate martyrdom), including the empress and the leader of Maximinus' army. When her touch destroyed the wheel upon which she was to be broken, she was beheaded, and her body whisked away by angels.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The time for the **26th Annual Nativity Adopt-a-Family** program is here! Parishioners adopt a needy family in the area and commit to buying gifts for each child and a family gift. We also have Wish



List Items for local charitable organizations such as New Creation (a home for pregnant women), St. Francis Center of Redwood City, Juan Diego Society, etc. There will be sign-ups after Masses on **19-20 NOV 2016**. The date of delivery is **Saturday, 17 DEC 2016**. We will also be taking volunteers for the packaging of food and delivery. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 10th Annual Christmas Concert** on **04 DEC 2016, 02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office

between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday to Friday**. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

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

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: 10:00 PM

Monday: 12:00 PM (noon), 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 04:00 PM

Thursday: 01:00 PM; 02:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 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.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191), or San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).

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**
- Dylan, son of Matthew and Lindsay DeAlba
 - Valentina and Matthew, children of Angel and Erika Esquivel

- MARRIAGES**
- Marcos Lopez and Maribel Virelas
 - Jorge Contreras and Perla Suarez

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Brooke Allison Armer



The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, 24-25 NOV 2016 for the Thanksgiving weekend.

There will be one Mass, at 09:00 AM, on 24 and 25 NOV 2016.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Many have read in the secular and Catholic press reports about the efforts of Pope Francis to assist married couples. For many reasons there is a lack of solid information about these matters. Your priests share the concerns of the Holy Father and make themselves available to help couples have the certainty of a Catholic marriage that is fully recognized by the state and the Catholic Church. For further information and for couples to arrange a personal meeting with a priest, please contact **Fr. Mark G. Mazza** at **650/323-7914**, xtn 103 or frmgm2012@yahoo.com.

THANKSGIVING MASS COLLECTION

The collection taken at Mass on **Thanksgiving Day** will benefit the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** and their work in our local community with needy families. They will also be collecting non-perishable food. Containers will be at the doors of the church before the **09:00 AM** Mass on **24 NOV 2016**. They will accept canned meat or fish, soups, fruits, and vegetables; rice; dried beans; jam and jelly; peanut butter; etc. Thank you for your continued generosity.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United State by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. The CCHD works to be a voice for those on the margins of society who experience the realities of living in poverty. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC PRIEST PROVIDES PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL COUNSELING

You may have seen or heard **Fr. Chris Arockiaraj, PSS**, at Masses at Nativity Church. He has been a counselor and spiritual director since 1995 and has professional experience as a clinician, pastor, teacher, formator, administrator and hospital chaplain. He studied psychology at Loyola University in Maryland and has a Ph.D. in Pastoral Psychology and a Doctorate in Ministry specializing in Pastoral Counseling. At present, he is a full-time faculty member and formator at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. Fr. Chris compassionately accompanies people in a gentle, collaborative and supportive way toward their goal. He is specializing in working with stress, depression, anxiety, addiction, grief, life transitions, relationship, family, faith and spiritual concerns and challenges. Fr. Chris integrates psychology and spirituality and is a certified Pastoral Counselor by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. If you are interested, please contact him at **650/289-3356 / 410/428-0773** or carockiaraj@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED FOR SIMBANG GABI

The deanery will be observing Simbang Gabi from **15-23 DEC 2016**. Masses will be held at various parishes throughout the deanery. Nativity's mass will be celebrated on **19 DEC** at **07:00 PM** with a reception held after mass at Vallombrosa. We are asking all Filipino families in the parish to participate. Please provide **Ben and Grace Wikramanayake (650/324-4098** or Bengrace.wikramanayake@comcast.net) with your name and contact information. We will need a lector, Eucharistic minister, and altar servers to help with the mass. We will also need help with the reception (setup, food and clean-up). We welcome all parishioners to this glorious novena in preparation for Christmas and in honor of the blessed Mother. Thank you for your support.

OPEN HOUSE: MERCY BURLINGAME

Sunday, 20 NOV 2016

12:30-03:00 PM

www.mercyhsb.com

Open to all middle school girls and their families!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SEEKING DRIVERS

Catholic Charities CYO Transportation Services has employment opportunities for individuals who wish to be a school bus driver. CHP – Certified School Bus Driver Training will be provided at no cost in **late November 2016**. If you are looking for a good paying job with benefits you may sign up for the free training. 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 **November 2016**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Universal: *Countries Receiving Refugees*

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Missionary: *Collaboration of Priests and Laity*

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

21 DEC	(Wednesday)	07:30 PM	Advent Penance Service
24 DEC	(Saturday)	08:00 AM	Daily Mass
		10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Reconciliation
		01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Reconciliation
		06:00 PM	Vigil Mass of Christmas
		10:00 PM	Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass
		10:45 PM	Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib
		11:00 PM	Christmas Mass
25 DEC	(Sunday)	08:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
		09:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass
		11:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Monday)	09:00 AM	Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Saturday)	08:00 AM	Daily Mass
		05:00 PM	Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
01 JAN	(Sunday)	08:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
		09:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
		11:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
		05:00 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
02 JAN	(Monday)	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
03 JAN	(Tuesday)		Regular daily Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

20 NOV (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
21 NOV (MON)	NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
22 NOV (TUE)	Feast of Saint Cecilia
23 NOV (WED)	
24 NOV (THU)	Thanksgiving Day
25 NOV (FRI)	
26 NOV (SAT)	
27 NOV (SUN)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (MON)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas
29 NOV (TUE)	THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas
30 NOV (WED)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
01 DEC (THU)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
02 DEC (FRI)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (SAT)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

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



BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

DynamicCatholic.com will once again help us all prepare for Christmas with their *Best Advent Ever*. The theme this year is *Rediscover Christmas!* This program will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. Opening your heart to Him; getting to know Him; becoming a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, etc. This is a free email program. Each day you will receive practical tips, free Christmas music, or an inspirational video. To sign up for this program go to bestadventever.com. Be ready to *Rediscover Christmas!*

LET US GIVE THANKS

PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favor, able interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

--Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789

G. Washington



"The Prayer at Valley Forge" by Arnold Friberg



GIVE THANKS FOR: SARAH JOSEPHA BUELL HALE

"Who?," you may ask. **Sarah Hale** is "the lady who saved Thanksgiving." This amazing woman raised five children, wrote poetry, children's books, novels and biographies, was the first female magazine editor in America, published great American writers like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe and Edgar Allan Poe, composed the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb", fought for playgrounds for children, schools for girls, the erecting of historical monuments, the abolition of slavery, and ... making Thanksgiving into a national holiday. Sarah was born in 1788 and grew up hearing patriotic stories from her father, a disabled veteran of the Revolutionary

War. Sarah Hale loved Thanksgiving, and noticed that even though people in the New England states celebrated the holiday, states in other parts of the country were starting to ignore Thanksgiving. Sarah was the editor of a magazine for ladies, and wrote editorials encouraging her readers to ask for a national holiday for Thanksgiving. She herself wrote thousands of letters to politicians in every state asking for a Thanksgiving holiday. One by one, the states agreed and made Thanksgiving a holiday in their state. But Sarah wanted a **national** holiday, that everyone celebrated together, at the same time, like a big family.

So Sarah Hale wrote letters to the President. **Zachary Taylor** said "No." **Millard Fillmore** said "No." **Franklin Pierce** said "No." **James Buchanan** said "No." But Sarah refused to give up. She wrote a letter to the next President after that ... and **Abraham Lincoln** said "Yes." In **1863** President Lincoln declared the fourth Thursday of November a national day of Thanksgiving. It had taken Sarah Hale **thirty-eight years** to make this happen, but this bold, brave, stubborn, smart lady saved Thanksgiving for all of us.

Taken from "Thank You, Sarah - The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving"
by **Laurie Halse Anderson**