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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

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration



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FIRST READING

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

HABBAKUK 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

PSALMS 95

SECOND READING

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1: 6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

LUKE 17: 5-10



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02 OCTOBER 2016

The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.

HABBAKUK 2: 3

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	Regina Hartwijn; † Gustavo Guerra; † Harry Crosby; † Steve Jobs
TUE	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	Ray Schaaf
WED	07:30 AM	† Armando Beltran
	05:30 PM	† Elizabeth Silva
THU	07:30 AM	All families
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Julie de los Santos
	05:30 PM	† Kenneth Sullivan
SAT	08:00 AM	† James Candlin; † Mario L. Basso; † Prince Roger Nelson; † Robin Williams

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

On **Sunday, 30 OCT 2016**, after the Masses, the **Corpus Christi Chapter of the Dominican Laity** invite you once again to sample delicious gourmet pies for sale. We will take orders for Pumpkin, Apple, Berry Supreme, Strawberry Rhubarb, and Gluten-free Peach and Pumpkin pies. The 8-inch pies cost **\$20** and come unbaked-frozen. They keep perfectly in the freezer for 10-12 months. All orders can be picked up on the following **Sunday, 06 NOV 2016**, **only** after the **09:30** or **11:30 AM** Masses. Come meet us, say hello, and find out about the Lay Dominicans, who are celebrating the Order's 800th anniversary. Order a pie in time for your Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's gatherings or to give as gifts.



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)

02 OCT (Sunday)

03 OCT (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM RCIA

04 OCT (Tuesday)

08:00 AM Blessing of the Animals
09:30 AM Bible Study
07:00 PM Bible Study
08:00 PM H⁴

05 OCT (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class

06 OCT (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group

07 OCT (Friday)

First Friday

1st

08 OCT (Saturday)

09:00 AM Baptism Class



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 10-11 SEP
TOTAL:	\$9,601
Priests' Retirement Fund:	\$5,561
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2016 ADA Goal:	\$62,500 \$148,082

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

04 OCT (Tuesday):

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders (1181-1226)

After a carefree youth, Francis underwent a profound conversion. He renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He showed particular care for the poor and the sick, and he delighted in all living creatures, whom he addressed as brother and sister. He attracted many followers, including **St. Clare of Assisi**, and their communities grew into the worldwide Franciscan Order of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the climax of many supernatural events in his life.

05 OCT (Wednesday):

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, (1905-1938)

Saint Faustina's spiritual life was based on deep humility, purity of intention, and loving obedience to the will of God in imitation of the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She kept a diary of over 600 pages containing the revelations she received about God's mercy.

06 OCT (Thursday):

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

Presided over the cathedral school at Rheims from **1057** to **1075**. Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in **1084** and with the help of **Saint Hugh of Grenoble**, he founded what became the first house of the *Carthusian Order*; he and his brothers supported themselves as manuscript copyists. Assistant to **Pope Urban II** (Bruno's former student) in **1090**, and supported the pope's efforts at reform.

07 OCT (Friday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Pope St. Pius V established this feast in **1573**.

The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.

Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in **1716**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SIXTH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

The **2016 Rosary Rally** will take place on **Saturday, 08 OCT 2016**, beginning with a **10:00 AM** Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by a procession to UN Plaza (approx. 1 mile) for the Rally and final Benediction at approximately **12:30 PM**. **Archbishop Cordileone** will celebrate the Mass and give a keynote talk at the Rally. For more info: **415/272-5837** or www.rosaryrallysf.com

JOB NETWORKING EVENT: 03 OCT 2016

Looking for a new job or know someone who is? Join several hundred jobseekers, employers and recruiters on **03 OCT 2016** at **The Patio** in Palo Alto from **06:00-08:30 PM**. It's free but please RSVP at <http://meetu.ps/c/2GMgz/wlG7X/a> or call **Sue Connelly** at **415/509-5791**.

UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Beginning **Tuesday, 04 OCT 2016**, Nativity continues its "*Study of the Faith*" series. This year's classes are entitled: "**The Fulfillment of All Desires.**" led by **Ralph Martin** (on video) and **Deacon Dominick** with supplemental material. The general theme is a study of how to grow in holiness. We begin guided by seven Doctors of the Church who have particularly shown the way: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Augustine, St. Francis De Sales, and a splash of St. John Paul II (future Doctor of the Church) to tie it altogether. Striving to be holy truly is the fulfillment of our most fundamental desire: Union with Christ. Classes will be held on **Tuesdays** in the O'Hare Center. The morning class goes from **09:30-11:00 AM**. It is repeated in the evening from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Classes will run through the Spring. There is a book and study guide to purchase. Please contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** for questions, to reserve a place, and order materials: **650/269-6279**.

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

SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUP

The Fall session of the Small Faith-Sharing Group will begin the week of **13 NOV 2016**. It will meet for six weekly sessions. The resource material for the next session will include prayers, reflection on the Sunday readings, faith-sharing questions and ideas for action responses. Please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818** to sign up and for further information.

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: 03:00 PM

Thursday: 12:00 PM (noon); 01:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 PM (noon)

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**
- Titan, son of David Mendoza
 - Victoria Alessandra, daughter of Julieta Bravo

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Ignacio Correa

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, **Tuesday, 04 OCT 2016**, there will be a blessing of the animals 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.



IN THE COMMUNITY

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 OCT 2016**, we will have our final celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal for this year. 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**.



CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

"Come and See" ... "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 another discernment day for single Catholic women (ages 18-40) on **15 OCT 2016**. To register or for more information contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or **650/322-1801 x19**. The nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery are Dominican Contemplative Nuns, whose whole life is harmoniously ordered to the continual remembrance of God. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, California.

"CLERICUS CLASSIC" BASKETBALL GAME

The Archdiocese of San Francisco presents the **2016 Clericus Classic Basketball Game** featuring the priests of the Archdiocese vs. St. Patrick's Seminarists on **Friday, 21 OCT 2016 at 07:00 PM** at **Archbishop Riordan High School**, 175 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco. A limited number of tickets are available at www.sfarch.org/basketball or call the Vocation Office **415/614-5684**. Tickets are **\$10 general/\$5 students**. Proceeds of the game will go to the Office of Vocations, supporting the work of promoting vocations and forming seminarians.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café. On the third Tuesday of the month **Fr. Mark Mazza** will begin the Holy Hour with reflection. Confessions will also be available. All are welcome. If you have any questions, e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

THIRD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Third Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held on **Saturday, 08 OCT 2016** at the **Moffett Field Golf Course**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field. The format will be best ball scramble. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School's Sobrato Pavilion.

For questions and RSVP contact **Mike Livingston** via email at mike@lon1basketball.com.

To register and make your payment, please visit www.fatherdavenportgolf.com.

Payments can be made via PayPal, credit card, or check.



RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 26 SEP 2016

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **26 SEP 2016**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday evening, 15 APR 2017**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. See the brochures in the vestibule or visit www.nativitymenlo.org for more detailed information.

NATIVITY SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

One of the strengths of Nativity School is the number of cultures and countries represented by our wonderful families! To celebrate our various cultures please join us for the **Third Annual International Festival** at Nativity School on **Sunday, 06 NOV 2016** from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM**. All are welcome to help us celebrate your family's heritage by wearing your traditional costume, bringing a traditional food item to share (small servings for about 20 people), sharing music, dance or other ritual of your culture. If you have any questions, would like to participate in any way, or would like more information contact **Kate Ermacoff** at kermacoff@nativityschool.com. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Universal: *Journalists*

That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.

Missionary: *World Mission Day*

That World Mission Day may renew within all Christian communities the joy of the Gospel and the responsibility to announce it.

CATHOLIC ESTATE AND PERSONAL PLANNING

Estate planning? Funeral and burial planning? End-of-life bioethical decisions? Where do you begin? And where can you find trustworthy advice from a specifically Catholic perspective? The Archdiocese offers free seminars to help orient you to these complex and important topics. Upcoming dates are **Saturday, 22 OCT 2016, at 10:00 AM** at **Mission Dolores Basilica**, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco, and **Saturday, 29 OCT 2016, at 02:00 PM** at **All Souls Church** 315 Walnut Avenue, South San Francisco. There will be no "sales pitch" at these workshops, only up-to-date and relevant information you can use. Seating is limited, so please register to attend by phone or email: **415/614-5580**, development@sfarch.org.

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY JOB OPPORTUNITY

St Patrick's Seminary is looking for an individual to join in the mission of the Seminary as our part-time **Front Office Administrative Assistant** working weekday mornings, ~**16-20 hrs/week**. Key responsibilities include, but not limited to: supporting a professional environment that is welcoming to students, staff and general public while effectively directing incoming phone calls, mail and general emails. For complete job description and qualifications needed, please email: david.flores@stpsu.edu.

PROTEST THE UN'S INTRUSION INTO CHURCH TEACHING

Three powerful agencies of the United Nations this week released a document calling for the Catholic Church to change her teachings on contraception, but also mentions that teachings on homosexuality, masturbation and in-vitro fertilization should be changed as well. Visit www.c-fam.org to read all the details and to express your outrage at this unbelievable attack on Christianity.

RESPONSIBLE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP

Election season can be a great opportunity for catechesis about missionary discipleship and the political responsibilities of Catholics. To help you in your formation efforts, and to equip you to answer questions about the Church's role in political life, the **Catholic bishops** have made available dozens of resources at faithfulcitizenship.org.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

02 OCT (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis
03 OCT (MON)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis
04 OCT (TUE)	Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
05 OCT (WED)	
06 OCT (THU)	
07 OCT (FRI)	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
08 OCT (SAT)	
09 OCT (SUN)	
10 OCT (MON)	
11 OCT (TUE)	
12 OCT (WED)	
13 OCT (THU)	FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
14 OCT (FRI)	SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
15 OCT (SAT)	THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Francis of Assisi:

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

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

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

ATTENTION VOTERS!

Nativity will host a number of events to prepare for this upcoming and important election in November:

• **National Solidarity in Prayer Holy Hour:** On **Thursday, 13 OCT 2016**, parishes throughout the country are having an hour of prayer for our country at the same hour. Our hour in Pacific Standard Time will be from **04:00-05:00 PM**.

• **Fatima Mass:** On **Thursday evening, 13 OCT 2016**, our Fatima Mass and celebration will be for the intention of preserving our country from evil and drawing all of us into the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mass is at **07:30 PM**, followed by candlelight rosary procession, and healing benediction.

• **54-Day Rosary Novena:** Parishioners are encouraged to say the rosary for 54 days (27 in petition and 27 in thanksgiving) for our country. This can begin on any day that works for you. Padre Pio said that the rosary is the "weapon of our time." Don't just say it, pray it!

Every parishioner is encouraged to join in prayer and education in preparation for the upcoming election. Please put aside other events as this is most important.

For any questions, please contact **Deacon Dominick (650/269-6279)** or **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)**

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

This battle, fought off the coast of Greece on **07 October 1571**, was the climactic battle between the defending Christians and the Muslim invaders (who would eventually remove Christianity from the Middle East and North Africa). They were now threatening Europe: the success of the Christian navy would stop the advance and preserve Europe as a Christian civilization. Find out more about the miraculous outcome of this battle, and why October 7th is now the **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**.



IN THE COMMUNITY

STANFORD HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEERING

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: would you be interested in sharing Holy Communion with the adult Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital several times a month, on the days of your choice? Our Catholic communities actively support this program of nearly 90 volunteers. The fall training classes for new volunteers, organized by Stanford Healthcare's Spiritual Care Team, will be held on **10 OCT, 07 and 14 NOV 2016**, tentatively **06:30-09:00 PM** at **Our Lady of the Rosary**, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. To learn more about this ministry, and how to apply, please contact **Raksha** in the Spiritual Care Office, **650/723-5101** for an application.

ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH MASS

Bishop William Justice will celebrate the **Archdiocesan Youth Mass** on **Sunday, 16 OCT 2016, 03:00-05:00 PM** at **Our Lady of Mercy Church**, 1 Elmwood Dr., Daly City The 03:00 PM Mass will be followed by a reception, including a Year of Mercy service project. All high-school age youth, their families and youth groups are invited. For more information contact **Sr. Celeste Arbuckle**, SSS 415/614-5650 or arbucklec@sfarch.org.

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

Those whose marriages end in divorce are often people who never learned the proper tools for a happy marriage. This is where **Retrouvaille** (*rě-trō-vī*) can help. Teams of couples who have experienced all four stages of marriage (as explained in Retrouvaille) present the program. Instead of giving up, they found solutions and learned the tools they need to live a happy marriage; that there are certain learnable skills, attitudes and tools that they can use to deal with the inevitable problems of the real world. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be **04-06 NOV 2016** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mtn View. The fee is **\$100**, including meals. For more information, registration, and other upcoming dates visit www.retrouvaille.org or call **Harvey and Cortne** at **415/893-1005** or **Joel and Sharon** at **707/217-8796**.

HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful IS the rosary? Consider these events:

October 7, 1571 — In the great battle of Lepanto, October 7th, 1571 a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off an invasion by the much-larger fleet of the Muslim Turks. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

May 13, 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

October 13, 1960 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

May 13, 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

May 12, 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

UNITE THE BELIEVERS WITH THEIR ROSARIES!

