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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*



**FIRST READING**

We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals.

AMOS 8: 4-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

He raises up the lowly from the dust ... to seat them with princes.

PSALMS 113

**SECOND READING**

God ... wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

1 TIMOTHY 2: 1-8

**GOSPEL**

No servant can serve two masters ... You cannot serve both God and mammon.

LUKE 16: 1-13



Parable of the Unjust Steward, Jan Luyken

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 18 SEPTEMBER 2016

The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

LUKE 16: 11

### CALENDAR

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 SEP

<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>	Benefactors of the parish
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Willi Helbig
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Beverly LeSanche
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Barbara Hamdler
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Richard Madden
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Danny Olin
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Fr. George Thomas
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Special intention; Nancy Phelps; † Ira Castain; † Emily Freeman
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Thelma Castillo
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Tomas and Barbara Mieres
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	John O'Driscoll; † Ruth Nardone; † Peaches Geldorff; † Jaime del Rosario Diaz

<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)

**18 SEP (Sunday)**

**19 SEP (Monday)**  
07:30 PM Legion of Mary

**20 SEP (Tuesday)**  
08:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**21 SEP (Wednesday)**

**22 SEP (Thursday)**  
11:00 AM The Thursday Group

**23 SEP (Friday)**  
09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

**24 SEP (Saturday)**

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*



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

#### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS EXPERIENCING HEARING LOSS

Nativity Church has installed a **Hearing Loop**. People with hearing aids can now turn on their T-Coil built into their hearing aids. If you do not know if you have a T-Coil contact your audiologist. If you do not have a T-Coil in your hearing aid there are Assisted



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

Listening Devices in the rectory that you may borrow. For more information please contact **Bonnie Neylan** 650/322-8645, 650/269-4635, or [neylan5@comcast.net](mailto:neylan5@comcast.net).

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION



There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this week for the **Priests Retirement Fund**.

#### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF <b>03-04 SEP</b>
	<b>TOTAL: \$13,823</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$60,619</b>
2016 ADA Goal:	<b>\$148,082</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**20 SEP (Tuesday):**

**SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAEON, Priest and Martyr, PAUL CHONG HASANG, Martyr, and Their Companions, Martyrs**

During an outbreak of persecution that occurred in **Korea** in **1839, 1846, and 1867**, some 103 members of the Korean Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on **06 May 1984**.

**21 SEP (Wednesday):**

**SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist**

Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus to follow Him. Matthew's gospel, more than any other, sets out to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Written for his countrymen in Palestine, Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic, probably between 42-52 A.D.



**23 SEP (Friday):**

**SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA, Priest (1887-1968)**

A Capuchin priest, Padre Pio spent 50 years at the monastery of San Stefano Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He was known to pray the Rosary almost continuously throughout the day, and he bore the stigmata.



## 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.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### 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, please e-mail [holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com](mailto:holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com).



### 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](http://www.rosaryrallysf.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):



**Friday: 12:00 PM (noon); 08:00 PM**

**Saturday: 07:00 PM (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.

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

### NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 23 SEP 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.

### 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. Mother Angelica said: "*God is looking for sinners and weaklings and everyday people just like you and me. Just because we live in suburbia or drink diet colas or worry about the Joneses doesn't mean we cannot become saints.*" 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**.

*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).*

# 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** • Jonathan Gomez and Candice Newnes

**PARISHIONERS** • Marie Gallagher

### DEATHS

## SPECIAL COLLECTION: FLOOD AND EARTHQUAKE

On **24-25 SEP 2016**, we will have a special collection for **Louisiana Flood** and **Italian Earthquake Relief**. "As president of the USCCB, I have called for an emergency collection to support the humanitarian efforts of Catholic Charities USA [in Louisiana] and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses." -- *Archbishop Joseph Kurtz*

We at Nativity would also like to include in this collection money to be donated to **Italian Earthquake Relief**. The funds collected on this weekend will be divided between these two special requests. Thank you for your continued generosity.



# 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**.



## RCIA FOR 2016-17 BEGINS 19 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 **19 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 led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians, 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](http://www.nativitymenlo.org) for more detailed information.

Contact **Charlotte Pace** (**650/325-6978**, [cpace@stanford.edu](mailto:cpace@stanford.edu)) or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the Archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more information.

## HOLY DOORS PILGRIMAGE

Nativity Parish will have a "pilgrimage" to the Holy Doors at **St. Patrick's Seminary** on **Sunday, 23 OCT 2016**, after the **11:30 AM** Mass. Parishioners can gather in front of the Church and process to the seminary. For those who prefer, you can meet the procession at the main entrance to the seminary building around **02:00 PM**. **Monsignor Otellini** will lead us in a prayer service at that time. Please welcome all to join us in this great spiritual opportunity. For questions, call **Deacon Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

## 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](mailto:mike@lon1basketball.com).

To register and make your payment, please visit [www.fatherdavenportgolf.com](http://www.fatherdavenportgolf.com).

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



## FAMILY LIFE CONF: "TOGETHER IN HOLINESS"

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** are pleased to present a **Family Life Marriage Conference "Together in Holiness"** on **Saturday, 24 SEP 2016** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, at the **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Belmont. Speakers will include **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**; **Leah Darrow**; **Dick and Patti Collyer**; and **Arland Nichols**. Registration fees: **\$40/couple** (**\$50** after **31 AUG 2016**); **\$40/newlywed couple** (less than 2 years); **\$30/individual**. Free childcare (6 mos-12 yrs); pre-reg. required. To register visit [www.togetherinholiness.org](http://www.togetherinholiness.org).

## VASES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Random Acts of Flowers Silicon Valley (RAF)** is a non-profit volunteer organization that delivers 500 floral arrangements a month to people in health care facilities throughout the area. All flowers and vases for these arrangements are donated and repurposed to bring joy to those who receive them. RAF are in need of any medium-size vases. If you have any vases that you would like to donate you can bring them to 3501 Edison Way, Menlo Park, or contact **Bonnie Neylan** **650/322-8645**, **650/269-4635**, or [neylan5@comcast.net](mailto:neylan5@comcast.net). To learn more about RAF visit their website: [siliconvalley.randomactsofflowers.org](http://siliconvalley.randomactsofflowers.org). Volunteers are always welcome.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Universal:** *Centrality of the Human Person*

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

**Missionary:** *Mission to Evangelize*

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.



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

### ATTENTION VOTERS!

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

- **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer Service:** On **Sunday, 25 SEP 2016**, beginning at **12:30 PM** and ending around **09:00 PM** (with a break for the 05:00 PM Mass), the parish will sponsor a prayer service for our country that entails saying 2,000 *Hail Mary*'s. With this service, we will be storming heaven through the intercession of His Mother Mary, to preserve our country from evil, within and without.

- **Conference on "How Should Catholics Vote":** This conference will be given by **Fr. George Schultz, S.J.** an instructor at St. Patrick's Seminary. This will help us to navigate a very difficult, but very important voting year. It is on **Tuesday, 27 SEP 2016** and begins at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center.

- **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)**

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>18 SEP (SUN)</b>	<b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>FIRST DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>19 SEP (MON)</b>	<b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>SECOND DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>20 SEP (TUE)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>21 SEP (WED)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul
<b>22 SEP (THU)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Pio of Pietrelcina <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FIRST DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>23 SEP (FRI)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina</b> <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>SECOND DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>24 SEP (SAT)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Terese
<b>25 SEP (SUN)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FIRST DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>26 SEP (MON)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Vincent de Paul <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>SECOND DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>27 SEP (TUE)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul</b> <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>THIRD DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>28 SEP (WED)</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FOURTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>29 SEP (THU)</b>	<b>EIGHTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>FIFTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>30 SEP (FRI)</b>	<b>NINTH DAY:</b> St. Terese <b>SIXTH DAY:</b> St. Francis
<b>01 OCT (SAT)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Terese of Liseaux</b> <b>SEVENTH DAY:</b> St. Francis

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/)

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

[www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm](http://www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm)

**St. Terese (Little Flower):**

[www.ewtn.com/terese/novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/terese/novena.htm)

**St. Francis of Assisi:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/)

### 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](http://faithfulcitizenship.org).



## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 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](mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org).

### NANO FARMS

NANO Farms USA is a Community Supported Agricultural (CSA). It is a worker-owned cooperative dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto. All produce is grown on the property of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA. They grow organic fruits and vegetables depending on the seasons throughout the year. You can order a box of delicious fruits and vegetables weekly. Customers can pick up boxes in designated locations or subscribe for home delivery today through their CSA Program. Visit their website [www.nanofarms.com](http://www.nanofarms.com) or call them at 650/817-8801.



### 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or call Harvey and Cortne at 415/893-1005 or Joel and Sharon at 707/217-8796.

### HEARING LOSS TECH EXPO

The Hearing Loss Association of America, California State Association (HLAA-CA) is hosting a hearing loss tech expo on 08 OCT 2016 from 01:00-05:00 PM in Northern California. HLAA members, people with hearing loss, their family and friends, hearing professionals, and anyone interested in hearing loss are all welcome. Attendance is free of charge and open to the public. Registration to attend is not required but is highly recommended. To register, please visit [www.hearinglossca.org](http://www.hearinglossca.org). Tech Expo 2016 will be held at the Sports Complex and Conference Center, 550 Island Parkway, Belmont, California.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." -- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

[www.presidentialprayerteam.org](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org)

## Young Believers

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### SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA AND THE "FLYING NOVENA"

We have mentioned in the bulletin before that Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a favorite "quick" prayer she would say in times of urgent need. She referred to this as her "Flying Novena", and her Sisters of Charity continue to pray it today. Father Brian Kolodiejchuk (the Postulator for her cause for sainthood) quoted Mother herself describing one of many instances: "In Rome during the Holy Year (1984), the Holy Father was going to celebrate Mass in the open, and crowds of people were gathered. It was pouring rain, so I told the sisters, 'Let us say a flying novena of nine Memorares to Our Lady in thanksgiving for beautiful weather.' As we said two Memorares, it started to pour more rain. We said the third ... sixth ... seventh ... and at the eighth one, all the umbrellas were closing, and when we finished the ninth one, we found all the umbrellas were closed."

The Flying Novena is **ten** (not nine) Memorares to the Blessed Mother. Saint Teresa always added the tenth prayer in thanksgiving for the petitions she knew Mary would answer.

"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen."