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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.

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Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794



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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 30 APRIL 2017

Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the Scriptures.

LUKE 24: 27



The Walk to Emmaus -- Harold Copping (1927)

### FIRST READING

God raised Him up, releasing Him from the throes of death.

ACTS 2: 14, 22-33

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

PSALMS 16

### SECOND READING

You were ransomed from your futile conduct.

1 PETER 1: 17-21

### GOSPEL

He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24: 13-35

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 30 APR - 06 MAY

<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>	† Chris Jedda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Robert Homer Day
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Judy Woods
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Andrew Fujier; † Juanito Lavin, Jr.
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Bob Glockner
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Binh Nguyen
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† F. J. Van Popplen
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF #351 living and deceased members
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Jeanette Balzer
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Domenico Stinali
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Katherine Eastman; † Consolacion DeLunas; † Agustin Valderama

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

### THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a **National Day of Prayer** each year on the first Thursday in May.

*The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.*

(Public Law 105-225)

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions?

<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)

### 30 APR (Sunday)

### 01 MAY (Monday)

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

### 02 MAY (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study: Pivotal Players  
07:30 PM Bible Study: Pivotal Players  
08:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

### 03 MAY (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class

### 04 MAY (Thursday)

11:00 AM The Thursday Group  
06:30 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

### 05 MAY (Friday)

First Friday



### 06 MAY (Saturday)


First Saturday



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

DID YOU KNOW?

### PARISH OFFERINGS

	<b>FIGURES AT TIME OF</b>	<b>NOT YET AVAILABLE PUBLICATION</b>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	
	Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$20,822
	2017 ADA Goal:	\$165,940

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**01 MAY (Monday):**

## SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Jesus honored the workaday life with His parables, lessons undoubtedly learned from Joseph the carpenter. The Second Vatican Council writes: *“Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefit on their fellowmen, and help to realize God’s plan in history.”*

**03 MAY (Wednesday):**

## SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

**Philip’s** request at the Last Supper, “Lord, show us the Father,” prompted Jesus to proclaim unequivocally that he and the Father are one. **James**, the son of Alphaeus, was a cousin of Jesus, and eventually presided over the church in Jerusalem. In his epistle, he encourages us to ask God for wisdom and faith.

**02 MAY (Tuesday):**

## SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (297-373)

Known as the “Doctor of the Incarnation” for his writings on this dogma, Athanasius was **Bishop of Alexandria** for 45 years. He attended the **Council of Nicea** (325) and became a prolific polemicist against the Arians, who exiled him five times. He is one of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **66th National Day of Prayer** will be held on **04 MAY 2017**. From George Washington’s first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln’s call for prayer and



fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the **National Day of Prayer**. Need

some ideas? Visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org). This year’s theme is *For Your Great Name’s Sake! Hear Us, Forgive Us, Heal Us!*

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## FATIMA ACTIVITIES

In celebration of the **100th anniversary** of the appearance of our Lady at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, Nativity parish will be having a number of special activities. On **12 MAY 2017**, we will have the first of six Fatima Masses, processions and benedictions. It begins at **07:30 PM** in the church. Everyone is encouraged to participate as this is the vigil of the actual feast of our Lady of Fatima. Additionally there will be a Fatima talk given by **Deacon Dominick Peloso** in the **O’Hare Center** on **Saturday, 13 MAY 2017** at **06:30 PM**. This will be a complete overview of the Blessed Mother’s appearances including many facts not generally known. For questions call **Deacon Dominick** at **650/269-6279**.

**First Saturday Request:** Most importantly, all parishioners are encouraged to follow Our Lady’s request at Fatima and do the **Five First Saturdays**. She requested that in five first Saturdays in succession, we receive communion, go to confession within a reasonable time before and after that date (generally one week before or after), say the rosary, and keep her company meditating on the mysteries for 15 minutes. For questions call **Deacon Dominick** at **650/269-6279**.

*“See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”*

Our Lady to Lucia dos Santos on 10 DEC 1925

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

## ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray **during the week**.

Please contact **Eileen** at [nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com) or **650/799-4722** for more information.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Nativity Church is open 24x7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won’t you join us by signing up for a 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**

**Tuesday: 04:00 AM**

**Thursday: 09:00 AM**

**Friday: 09:00 AM**

**Saturday: 07:00 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**

**MARRIAGES**

**PARISHIONERS**

**DEATHS** • Robert Masi

## "BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



This weekend members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your donations. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. Several times a week members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food, or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. More and more of the needy in our parish are in need of rental assistance due to the skyrocketing rental prices in this area. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous. **Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is need of volunteers.** If you are able to help them help the poor in our area please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION: NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend **Fr. Vincent Maaby'Imana** will be here representing the **Diocese of Kabale in Uganda**, as part of our yearly Mission Cooperation Plan. The Diocese of Kabale is one of 19 dioceses in Uganda and is in the rural southwestern corner of the country, bordering Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Approximately 700,000 of the population of 1.5 million are Roman Catholic. The diocese is seeking financial support toward the development of Rushoroza Health Center for the rural poor. Phase I of the project (outpatient health unit) has been completed. They are seeking funds for Phase II, which is the construction of children's ward, labor and delivery unit, and an emergency room. Healthcare is their most critical challenge as they continue to grapple with tropical life-threatening diseases such as malaria, typhoid, HIV/Aids, TB, among others. They are also seeking assistance for their long-term Kabale Diocese Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program. Through their foster home care program they provide out-reach support to orphaned children, most of whom have lost both parents. They are currently supporting 368 children out of the 20,000 greatly in need of support. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## FULL-TIME TEACHING POSITIONS: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Nativity Catholic School**, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting resumes for full-time teaching positions for the 2017–2018 school year. A BS/BA degree and a current California Teaching credential is required. Candidates should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. Submit cover letter, resume, and copy of credential to **Mrs. Susie Foster** via postal mail or email [sfoster@nativityschool.com](mailto:sfoster@nativityschool.com). Phone: **650/325-7304**.



## FULL-TIME CLASSROOM ASSISTANT POSITIONS: NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Nativity Catholic School**, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting resumes for full-time classroom assistant positions for the 2017–2018 school year. A BA/BS degree is preferred. Experience working with children is required. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and locally competitive. Submit cover letter and resume to **Mrs. Susie Foster**, Principal, via the postal mail or email [sfoster@nativityschool.com](mailto:sfoster@nativityschool.com). Phone: **650/325-7304**.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**. If you would like to learn more about this altar bread visit [www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php](http://www.altarbreadsbpa.com/lowgluten.php)



## NATIVITY LADIES OF YESTERYEAR

We will once again be having a **Nativity Ladies of Yesteryear** dinner at **Angelo Mio's** on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park, on **05 JUN 2017 at 05:00 PM**. For more information call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/269-4653**.

## MOTHERS DAY CARDS

**Mother's Day is 14 MAY 2017!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **May 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**Intention:** *Christians in Africa*

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

### URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS Easter 2017

*Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter!*

Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: "Jesus is risen!" – "He is truly risen, as he said!"

The ancient feast of Passover, the commemoration of the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery, here finds fulfilment. By his resurrection, Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death, and has opened before us the way to eternal life.

All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep. But God himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, he lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross. Today we can proclaim: "*The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia*" (Roman Missal, IV Sunday of Easter, Communion antiphon).

## STORM HEAVEN WITH PRAYER!



### OPERATION STORM HEAVEN

Join His Eminence **Raymond Cardinal Burke** in a spiritual crusade to storm Heaven with prayers to dispel confusion and:

- Bring hope to souls and minds throughout America and the world
- Make reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Provide spiritual support in the struggle against the temptations of discouragement
- Protect our families and our Faith
- Stop the advance of evil in our society
- Flood souls with grace and light and truth

[www.catholicaction.org/take\\_heaven\\_by\\_storm](http://www.catholicaction.org/take_heaven_by_storm)

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>30 APR (SUN)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>01 MAY (MON)</b>	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
<b>02 MAY (TUE)</b>	
<b>03 MAY (WED)</b>	
<b>04 MAY (THU)</b>	
<b>05 MAY (FRI)</b>	
<b>06 MAY (SAT)</b>	
<b>07 MAY (SUN)</b>	
<b>08 MAY (MON)</b>	
<b>09 MAY (TUE)</b>	
<b>10 MAY (WED)</b>	
<b>11 MAY (THU)</b>	
<b>12 MAY (FRI)</b>	
<b>13 MAY (SAT)</b>	

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Saint Joseph the Worker:**

[www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/](http://www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/)

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

**Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

**St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glorie.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glorie.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

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

**Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

**Operation Storm Heaven is:**

- Enlisting faithful Catholics throughout the USA and the world in a campaign to **pray one Rosary on the 1st of each month** in union with the Holy Mass and Rosary that Cardinal Burke will celebrate for the intentions listed
- Forming a spiritual army of Rosary Warriors to besiege Heaven with prayer, and to spread the light of truth throughout America and the world
- Rallying and uniting faithful Catholics into a united voice to beseech Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the angels and saints to hear our prayers and to come to our aid

As you unite your rosary with the Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Burke in Rome and the rosary he will pray on the first of each month, you will also be uniting your prayers and your intentions to every Rosary Warrior in the world.

## CAN WE DETERMINE EXACTLY WHEN JESUS DIED?

(re-printed from a [National Catholic Register](#) article by apologist *Jimmy Akin*)

We recently celebrated Good Friday and Easter, the annual celebrations of Jesus' death and resurrection. We all know that this happened in Jerusalem in the first century. Just how specific can we be with the death of Jesus? Can we determine the exact day? We can. And here's how . . .

### Clue #1: The High Priesthood of Caiaphas

The gospels indicate that Jesus was crucified at the instigation of the first-century high priest named Caiaphas (Matthew 26:3-4, John 11:49-53). We know from other sources that he served as high priest from **A.D. 18 to 36**, so that puts Jesus' death in that time frame. But we can get more specific. Much more.

### Clue #2: The Governorship of Pontius Pilate

All four gospels agree that Jesus was crucified on the orders of Pontius Pilate (Matthew 27:24-26, Mark 15:15, Luke 23:24, John 19:15-16).

We know from other sources when he served as governor of Judea--**A.D. 26 to A.D. 36**--so we can narrow down the range by several years.

But how are we going to get it down to a specific day and year?

### Clue #3: After "the Fifteenth Year of Tiberius Caesar"

The Gospel of Luke tells us when the ministry of John the Baptist began: *In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar . . . the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness* [Luke 3:1-2]. This picks out a specific year: A.D. 29.

Since all four gospels depict the ministry of Christ beginning after that of John the Baptist had begun (Matthew 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, John 1), this means that we can shave a few more years off our range.

The death of Christ had to be in a range of seven years: between **A.D. 29 and 36**.

### Clue #4: Crucified on a Friday

All four gospels agree that Jesus was crucified on a Friday (Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54; John 19:42), just before a Sabbath, which was just before the first day of the week (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1).

We know that it was a Friday because it is referred to as "the day of preparation"--that is, the day on which Jews made the preparations they needed for the Sabbath, since they could not do any work on that day. Thus they cooked food in advance and made other necessary preparations.

That eliminates six of the days of the week, but there were still quite a few Fridays between A.D. 29 and 36. Can we figure out which one?

### Clue #5: A Friday at Passover

The gospels also agree that Jesus was crucified in conjunction with the annual feast of Passover (Matthew 26:2, Mark 14:1,

Luke 22:1, John 18:39).

Here we encounter a momentary complication, because Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe the Last Supper on Holy Thursday as a Passover meal (Matthew 26:19, Mark 14:14, Luke 22:15). That would suggest that Good Friday was the day after Passover.

However, when describing the morning of Good Friday, John indicates that the Jewish authorities had not yet eaten the Passover meal: *Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the Praetorium [i.e., Pilate's palace]. It was early. They themselves did not enter the Praetorium, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. So Pilate went out to them* [John 18:28-29a]. That suggests that the Passover would have begun on sundown Friday. We can look to John's statement about Jesus' captors as an indication of what the Jewish authorities or the mainstream Jewish practice was: They were celebrating a Passover beginning on what we would call Friday evening.

That lets us narrow down the range of possible dates to just a few. Here is a complete list of the days between A.D. 29 and 36 on whose evenings Passover began:

- Monday, April 18, A.D. 29
- **Friday, April 7, A.D. 30**
- Tuesday, March 27, A.D. 31
- Monday, April 14, A.D. 32
- **Friday, April 3, A.D. 33**
- Wednesday, March 24, A.D. 34
- Tuesday, April 12, A.D. 35
- Saturday, March 31, A.D. 36

As you can see, we have just two candidates left: Jesus was either crucified on **April 7 of A.D. 30** or **April 3 of A.D. 33**.

Which was it? Do the gospels let us decide between the two?

### Clue #6: John's Three Passovers

The Gospel of John records three different Passovers during the ministry of Jesus, in John 2:13, 6:4 and 11:55. That means that the ministry of Jesus had to span something over two years. A fuller treatment would reveal that it spanned about three and a half years, but even if we assume it began immediately before Passover #1, the addition of two more Passovers shows that it lasted more than two years at a bare minimum. That means the A.D. 30 date is out. There is not enough time between the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar--**A.D. 29**--and the next year's Passover to accommodate a ministry of at least two years.

As a result, the traditional date of Jesus' death--**Friday, April 3, A.D. 33**--must be regarded as the correct one.

Can we be even more precise?

### Clue #7: "The Ninth Hour"

Matthew, Mark, and Luke each record that Jesus died about "*the ninth hour*" (Matthew 27:45-50, Mark 15:34-37, Luke 23:44-46). "The ninth hour" is what we, today, would refer to as 3:00 p.m.

This allows us to narrow down the time of Jesus' death to a very specific point in history: **around 03:00 PM on Friday, April 3, A.D. 33**.