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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

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Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

GENESIS 12: 1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our soul waits for the Lord, Who is our help and our shield.

PSALMS 33

SECOND READING

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

2 TIMOTHY 1: 8-10

GOSPEL

From the cloud came a voice that said, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

MATTHEW 17: 1-9



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

12 MARCH 2017

He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17: 2

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 - 18 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	The Moore family; Doran Laidlaw; Margaret and Mark Head; † James Barrett; † Nancy Phelps
TUE	07:30 AM	† Ambrose Mainini
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
WED	07:30 AM	† George Gould
	05:30 PM	† Gene Winnike; † Joseph Carr
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Wynne
FRI	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Frances Hogan
SAT	08:00 AM	Kurt Araujo and family; Victoria Patton; Nicole McHugh; Andrew Brunson

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)

12 MAR (Sunday)

13 MAR	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA

14 MAR (Tuesday)

	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	07:30 PM	Bible Study
	08:00 PM	H ⁴

15 MAR (Wednesday)

	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
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16 MAR (Thursday)

	11:00 PM	The Thursday Group
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17 MAR (Friday)

	01:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

18 MAR (Saturday)

	09:00 AM	NFP Class
	05:30 PM	Nativity Feeds Collection

BULLETIN NEWS

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES



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


- Items for the **09 APR 2017** bulletin (**Palm Sunday**) must be submitted by **Wednesday, 29 MAR 2017**.
- Items for the **16 APR 2017** bulletin (**Easter Sunday**) must be submitted by **Wednesday, 05 APR 2017**.
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Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF 25-26 FEB
	TOTAL:	\$11,686

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

17 MAR (Friday):

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 (Sunday):

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

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.altarbreadsbspa.com/lowgluten.php

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

Saturday: 09:00 AM

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.

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 18 MAR 2017**. NFP works with the body’s natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple’s fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don’t want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O’Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 MAR 2017** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

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**
- Agnes Luann Tuite
 - Antonia Sandoval

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark Mazza will begin training of new altar servers with an important first meeting on **Thursday, 16 MAR 2017** from **03:15-04:15 PM** in the 5th Grade classroom of Nativity School. Four practice sessions will be on **Thursdays** from **03:15-04:15 PM** on **23 MAR, 30 MAR, 06 APR** and **27 APR 2017**. Applications and the training schedule are available in the vestibule of the Church and in the parish office. Please return the applications to Fr. Mazza before **16 MAR 2017**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NATIVITY FEEDS ~THE VOICE

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you." Mother Teresa emphasizes the Gospel focus on giving and she reminds us to "Give, but give until it hurts". Using their voices to help others, **Alexander and Luke Edward Harding Bradley**, Nativity's young cantors, supported by the parishioners of Nativity Parish, set up a feeding program in **Tanzania** in 2015 called **Nativity Feeds**. The region where the feeding program is based has one of the highest levels of poverty in the world. Our work brings beans and corn to **525** young students aged 8-13 daily; without this they would not eat during school hours.



We would like to add more children to this food program, extend it to cover school vacations and add daily nutrient and fresh vegetables to their diet. It is a long and hard road for these students. Please help us by giving to our collection at the Masses on **18-19 MAR 2017**. Contributions may also be left at the parish office. Because the funding for this program has been raised by young people for the benefit of young people, every cent is guaranteed to go directly to feeding those students.

Thank you for supporting us in being a Voice for Others.
ALEXANDER AND LUKE EDWARD

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. Phone: **650/325-7304**.



BEST. LENT. EVER.

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. Don't give up chocolate for Lent! This year we invite you to do something different. Join **Dynamic Catholic** for the *Best Lent Ever*, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness, and what to do about it. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, 01 MAR 2017**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to bestlentever.com.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES: LENTEN ACTIVITIES

"Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly"

We invite you to join **Catholic Charities** to experience Lent in these concrete ways:

- Tour one of our programs to grow in awareness about the needs in our community
- Share your time by becoming a volunteer
- Make a difference by donating to those in need.

Visit our website <https://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/> to sign up for a Lenten opportunity, or for more information please contact **Diana Contreras**, Volunteer Manager at **415/972-1227** or volunteer@catholiccharitiessf.org.

PERSONAL PLANNING SEMINARS

The **Office of Development** announces its Spring series of personal planning seminars. Topics at these seminars include end-of-life bioethical decisions, funeral and burial planning, and estate planning. When it comes to these topics, 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 good ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice. All parishioners are welcome to attend any workshop. The workshops are free, but please register to attend. For reservations or information, contact **Fr. Anthony Giampietro** at **415/614-5580** or development@sfarch.org.

The workshops will be held:

- **Saturday, 01 APR 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Hilary Church** 761 Hilary Dr., Tiburon.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Support for Persecuted Christians*

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail Mary" related to the mystery



being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.



March 1 - April 9 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Help save lives in San Mateo!

During this Lent,
(Ash) Wednesday, March 1, to (Palm) Sunday, April 9, 2017
7am - 7pm daily

40 Days for Life will be held at:
Planned Parenthood, 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo

Please join us!

40 Days for Life is a nationwide, peaceful, prayerful, life-saving effort to compassionately share the love of Christ with women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Visit: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo

Email: themunns@yahoo.com

Phone: 650-572-1468

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

12 MAR (SUN)	FIFTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
13 MAR (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph
14 MAR (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph
15 MAR (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph
16 MAR (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph
17 MAR (FRI)	Feast of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation
18 MAR (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation
19 MAR (SUN)	Feast of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation
20 MAR (MON)	FIFTH Day: The Annunciation
21 MAR (TUE)	SIXTH Day: The Annunciation
22 MAR (WED)	SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation
23 MAR (THU)	EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation
24 MAR (FRI)	NINTH Day: The Annunciation
25 MAR (SAT)	Feast of the Annunciation

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

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.

All are welcome. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly **Young Professionals' Bible Study** on **Sunday** afternoons. We began our study with the "Epistle to the Romans." Join us at **01:30 PM** for lunch, followed by discussion at **02:30 PM**. We meet at **Hirav and Jordan Gandhi's** place at 1466 San Antonio Ave #8, Menlo Park. Please bring \$5 to chip in for lunch! You can RSVP by calling or texting **Jordan** at **949/310-1393**.

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.



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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

REFLECTION (Second Sunday of Lent)

"This is the remedy: to fix my gaze on You, Incarnate Word, hanging on the Cross. As soon as You see a humble soul looking at You in this way, You are quickly moved to look at it, and the effect of Your divine glance is like that of a ray of sunshine on the earth; it warms it and prepares it to bring forth fruit. This is the way You act, O Divine Word, who by the light of Your glance, drain my soul of all its pride, and consume it in Your fire. No one acquires humility if he does not fix his gaze on You, O Word, on the Cross." ... *St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

01 MAR	(Wednesday)	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
	07:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	09:00 AM	Nativity School Mass
	05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	07:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
10 APR	(Monday)	Communal Penance Service:
	07:00 PM	St. Raymond Church (1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park)
13 APR	(Thursday)	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
	06:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
14 APR	(Friday)	<i>Good Friday</i>
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Reflections (Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA)
	02:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	07:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
15 APR	(Saturday)	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Reconciliation
	02:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Reconciliation
	08:00 PM	Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
16 APR	(Sunday)	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
	08:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	09:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	11:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
17 APR	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)