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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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Rev. Gladstone Stevens, P.S.S.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

26 MARCH 2017

Jesus ... said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
He said, "I do believe, Lord."

JOHN 9: 35, 38



The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus - Harold Copping

FIRST READING

Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for You are at my side.

PSALMS 23

SECOND READING

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

EPHESIANS 5: 8-14

GOSPEL

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

JOHN 9: 1-41

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 MAR - 01 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† George Gould
	09:00 AM	† Catherine Costa
	05:30 PM	† John Legge
TUE	07:30 AM	† Sr. Bernice Clifford
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Vid Maric
	05:30 PM	The Wong family, living and deceased; Johannes and Nevert Donikan; † Eugene Semenza; † Pat Winneke; † Vicente Santiago, Jr.
THU	07:30 AM	† Ione Deweert
	05:30 PM	† Deke Jackson
FRI	07:30 AM	† John Peters
	05:30 PM	† Lawrence Andy Anstead
SAT	08:00 AM	Justine Verbo; † Lore Araujo; † Ama and Ruth Volavola

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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.

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)

26 MAR (Sunday)

27 MAR (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM RCIA
07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society

28 MAR (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study
07:30 PM Bible Study
08:00 PM H⁴

29 MAR (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Confirmation Class

30 MAR (Thursday)

11:00 PM The Thursday Group
03:15 PM Altar Server Training

31 MAR (Friday)

06:00 PM Lenten Friday
Stations of the Cross



01 APR (Saturday)

First Saturday

1st



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

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 11-12 MAR
TOTAL:	\$12,875
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2017 ADA Goal:	\$165,940

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.



"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. "I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

- www.theholynosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc/



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week there will be a special collection for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Relief Services*.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark Mazza has begun training of new altar servers. Practice sessions will be on **Thursdays** from **03:15-04:15 PM** on **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.



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**.



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



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

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

Friday: 02:00 PM

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.

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

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

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 • Sofia Maria, daughter of
Ryan and Maria LeCompte

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • Karen Engelbart
• Carmel Pariseau (*Gabrielle, Michael*)
• Sharon and Joseph Pestoni (*Sophia, Sierra*)

DEATHS • Cecilia Tommei

Dear Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini,
Greetings from the Diocese of Tezpur, Assam, India!

I am writing this short letter in order to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to you and to all the parishioners of Church of the Nativity, for the warm welcome and hospitality you had given to our priest, who had gone for Mission Appeal last year 2016. I also thank you for your generous contribution for our Mission Diocese. The money has already come to our diocese through the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Our people are very grateful to you and in return assure you of their prayers. Once again, thanking you and wishing you God's abundant blessings, I remain,

Yours Sincerely in Christ,
Rt. Rev. Michael Akasius Toppo, DD
Bishop of Tezpur

IN THE COMMUNITY

CAR RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. ANTHONY'S DINING ROOM

The Redwood City Rotary is having a car raffle that is for the benefit St. Anthony's Dining Room in Menlo Park. Tickets are \$5.00 apiece and give you the chance to win a 2016 Honda Civic LX or \$18,000.00. The drawing will be on 04 JUL 2017 in downtown Redwood City. Tickets will be available until 03 JUL 2017. If you would like to purchase tickets, please send a check, payable to Rotary Club, and they will send you tickets. Mail your check to Rotary Club, c/o St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, Ca 94025. Include your name, address, telephone number, and the number of tickets that you would like to purchase and the total amount of your purchase. Your ticket stubs will be mailed to you.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office 650/323-7914 during regular business hours.

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.



MANAGING BEHAVIORS WITH DEMENTIA PATIENTS

Join Catholic Charities Adult Day Services of San Mateo County on Saturday, 06 MAY 2017 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM for a free presentation at San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. A diagnosis of dementia can be devastating and very few of us are prepared for the challenge. Catholic Charities Aging Support Services Division Director, **Patty Clement-Cihak**, and Program Manager, **Carmen Santoni**, will cover effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques, and where to find information and assistance. (This course is not for professional caregivers. To register visit www.erecreg.com (Course #142033). For help with registration call 650/522-7490. For more information call Catholic Charities at 650/592-9325 or visit CatholicCharitiesSF.org/our-programs/adult-day-services-san-mat/



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 **April 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Intention: *Young People*

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

EASTER VIGIL INVITATION

There are only three Masses on **Easter Sunday (08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM)**, and they have become extremely crowded. There's a way to avoid this: The **Easter Vigil on Saturday at 08:00 PM** usually has room for more worshipers. Held deliberately after sundown, the two-hour vigil opens in the courtyard with the lighting of the Easter Candle, the symbol of the Risen Christ. From this single flame worshipers in the darkened church light their own candles; in this candle-lit glow, we stand together as Monsignor reverently chants the *Easter Proclamation*, a liturgical treasure announcing the Resurrection. There are a few scripture readings related to salvation history, and then, finally, after the long Lenten drought, we sing the "*Gloria*" accompanied by bells and the Gospel "*Alleluia*" with the solemn traditional chant. Throughout there is beautiful music sung by the choir accompanied by organ, trumpet and strings. Those in our community who have been preparing for entrance into the Church in the RCIA are baptized and confirmed and receive First Communion. We end the evening with a reception in the O'Hare Center. This deeply moving vigil is our inheritance as Christians, and we owe it to ourselves to experience it several times in our lifetime. **Saturday, 15 APR 2017, 08:00 PM.**

TRIDUUM LITURGIES USHERS NEEDED

The Triduum liturgies (**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday**) are rich in detail, with extra rites that require volunteers. Particularly, 12 "disciples" are needed for the *Washing of the Feet* which takes place at the **06:30 PM Mass on Holy Thursday, 13 APR 2017**. This ceremony recalls Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples, to illustrate what it means to serve one another. While not a sacrament, it is an occasion of grace for all participants and is deeply moving. Catholic or non-Catholic adults, teens, and well-prepared children are welcome. We also need extra helpers at all the Triduum and Easter Masses. In particular, we need several hosts to help with the **Easter Vigil, Saturday, 15 APR 2017, 08:00 PM**, by distributing candles and other tasks, and also to help set up the simple reception afterwards to welcome the newly baptized and confirmed. Ushers are needed at the Easter morning Masses to help with seating and standing at these very-crowded Masses. If you would like to help, please call the rectory **650/323-7914**, or email **Charlotte Pace**, cpace@stanford.edu. These liturgies are the highlight of the liturgical year, and deserve extra care and attention from the whole community.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

26 MAR (SUN)	
27 MAR (MON)	
28 MAR (TUE)	
29 MAR (WED)	
30 MAR (THU)	
31 MAR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i>
01 APR (SAT)	<i>First Saturday</i>
02 APR (SUN)	
03 APR (MON)	
04 APR (TUE)	
05 APR (WED)	
06 APR (THU)	
07 APR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i> <i>First Friday</i>
08 APR (SAT)	

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

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

The **IHM Northern California Homeschool Conference** will be held at the **Concord Centre** (Diablo Ballroom), 5298 Clayton Rd. Concord, on **Thursday, 20 APR 2017 (12:00-06:00 PM)**. This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day during Holy Week has a traditional name associated with it:

- *Fig Monday* -- The Gospel for this day is from the 21st chapter of Matthew, where Jesus curses a fruitless fig tree, that it may never again bear fruit.

It is a reminder to us of a coming judgment if we choose not to bear good fruit in the service of God.

- In the Byzantine Rite, the second day of Holy Week is called *Great and Holy Tuesday* or simply *Great Tuesday*.
- *Spy Wednesday* -- This is the day on which Judas conspired with the chief priests to betray Jesus in return for 30 pieces of silver. At that point Judas began to “spy” on our Lord’s activities. Matthew tells us in the 26th chapter: *“From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.”*
- *Maundy Thursday* -- Better known as **Holy Thursday**, the word “maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “to give” or “to entrust”, and refers in particular to Jesus’ words that we are told in the 13th chapter of John: *“A new commandment I give to you, to love one another.”*
- *Good Friday* -- The day on which Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, He Who is most sinless, gave His life for the good of all sinners.
- *Holy Saturday* -- In certain rites this is also called the *Great Sabbath* or *Black Saturday*. In some traditions the “Harrowing of Hell” is remembered (the part of the Creed that states “He descended into hell” to bring salvation to all the righteous who had died).

Questions From the Annals of Catechism Classes:

“If Jesus died on a Friday and rose on a Sunday, why do we say that He was dead for three days?”

First of all, we say that Jesus rose *“on the third day”*. The Hebrews count a “day” as the period of time between one sunset and the next sunset (not so unusual, as our “day” starts in the middle of the night, at **12:00 AM**). So for the Jewish people, as soon as the sun goes down on one day, that day is over and the next day begins.

With this understanding, our Lord was on the cross from **12:00-03:00 PM**, so He died before sunset. Therefore **Good Friday** is the **first day**. He was laid in the tomb and remained there between sunset Friday and sunset Saturday (the **second day**). Some time between sunset Saturday and sunrise on Sunday, He was glorified in His resurrection (on the **third day**).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

St. Charles parish is starting a new sacramental preparation ministry for special needs children/young adults in **September 2017**. Sacramental preparation will cover the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Those eligible will be children/young adults who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities. That is, any young person who requires assistance to perform ordinary daily tasks, whether intellectual, physical and/or psychological impairment.

If you are interested either as a parent interested for your child, or in becoming a special needs catechist, please contact **Monica Miller** at mmiller@stcharlesparish.org or **Fr. Roy Remo** at frroy@stcharlesparish.org or call **650/591-7349 x407** for more information.

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: St. Raymond Church (1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park)
13 APR	(Thursday)	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
	06:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (<i>one Mass only</i>)
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 (<i>no other Masses</i>)
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 (<i>no 05:00 PM Mass</i>)
17 APR	(Monday)	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (<i>one Mass only</i>)
	09:00 AM	