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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

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

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



CARNIVAL CORNER

(see back page)

FIRST READING

The promise is made to you and to your children.

ACTS 2: 14, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

PSALMS 23

SECOND READING

He himself bore our sins in His body upon the cross.

1 PETER 2: 20-25

GOSPEL

I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10: 1-10



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

07 MAY 2017

I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved.

JOHN 10: 9

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07 - 13 MAY

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Raimonda Bartolini |
| | 05:30 PM | † Pedro and Graciela Escobar |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Bob Masi |
| | 05:30 PM | Evangeline Carlos; Kevin Stolpe |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Gregory Turner, Jr. |
| | 05:30 PM | Joseph Kaeppler; The Parson family; † Fr. George Massouras; † Mary Jo Walsh |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Mary Hsu |
| | 05:30 PM | † Vincent Kelly |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Frank and Peg Chandler |
| | 05:30 PM | † Gene Winnike; † Joseph Carr |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | Elisaberta Qalikaono; † Shelby Drazan; † Katherine Eastman; † Agustin Valderama |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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| 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) |

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| 07 MAY | (Sunday) | |
| 08 MAY | (Monday) | |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| | 07:30 PM | RCIA |
| 09 MAY | (Tuesday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Bible Study: Pivotal Players |
| | 07:30 PM | Bible Study: Pivotal Players |
| | 08:00 PM | H ⁴ |
| 10 MAY | (Wednesday) | |
| | 07:00 PM | Confirmation Class |
| 11 MAY | (Thursday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Opus Dei Womens Group |
| | 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
| 12 MAY | (Friday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Nativity Moms Group |
| | 07:30 PM | Fatima Mass and Celebration |
| 13 MAY | (Saturday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Baptism Class |
| | 06:30 PM | Fatima Presentation |

PARISH OFFERINGS

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| Holy Thursday: | \$2,227 |
| Good Friday: | \$4,276 |
| Easter Sunday: | \$30,373 |
| Divine Mercy Sunday: | \$12,811 |
| Catholic Home Missions: | \$2,882 |
| Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: | \$31,022 |
| 2017 ADA Goal: | \$165,940 |



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



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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

10 MAY (Wednesday): SAINT DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER, Priest (1840-1885)

Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs. In time, he became their most effective advocate to obtain promised government support. Damien contracted Hansen's disease (leprosy) and died of its complications.



12 MAY (Friday): SAINT NEREUS AND SAINT ACHILEUS (d. 98)

These brothers were soldiers in the imperial Roman army, and members of the Praetorian Guard. They were converts to Christianity and baptized by **St. Peter**. They were exiled and martyred by beheading.

SAINT PANCRAS

This orphan was brought to Rome by his uncle, **St. Dionysius**. He was a convert to Christianity, and was martyred along with **Saints Nereus, Achileus, and Domitilla** for publicly proclaiming his faith.

13 MAY (Saturday): OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Between **13 May** and **13 October 1917**, three Portuguese children received apparitions of Our Lady at **Cova da Iria**, near **Fatima**, a city 110 miles north of **Lisbon**. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners and for the conversion of Russia.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

PRO-LIFE MEETING

San Mateo Pro-Life will meet **Thursday, 11 MAY 2017 at 07:30 PM** in the Worner Center of **St. Gregory** parish

We will watch the 45-minute video "*Who Was the Real Margaret Sanger?*", followed by study questions and discussion.

Then followed by a brief discussion of:

- Mustard Seed
- Legislative Update

Let's defend all people from conception to natural death.

For more information, call **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

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.

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, 12 MAY 2017 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.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 12 MAY 2017**, we will have our first celebration of the year of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. 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**.



SPECIAL FATIMA TALK: 13 MAY

In this the **100th anniversary** of the appearances of the Blessed Mother at Fatima, Portugal, **Deacon Dominick** will be giving a talk about the miracles, messages and inspirations that occurred. He will have many little-known facts and messages as well as a special description of Jacinta and Francisco, who will be canonized on **13 May 2017** by Pope Francis. It begins at **07:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center** behind church. Call Deacon Dominick for questions: **650/269-6279**.

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**
- David Francisco, son of David Ochoa and Linda Chavez
 - Enzo Alexander and Tony Isaiah, sons of Paul and Jessica Sancetta
 - Kronos Martin, son of Andrew and Johanna Stacy

- MARRIAGES**
- Ruben Morataya and Alice Namocatcat
 - Michael Mitchell and Michaela Banks

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- David Gilsdorf
 - Sr. Corinne Avila
 - Robert Masi



SPECIAL COLLECTION: NEXT WEEKEND

This weekend **Fr. Nazario Atukunda** 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 Rushoriza 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. 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. Phone: 650/325-7304.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next week the second collection will be for **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco**. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our Archdiocese. Your contributions directly support programs that provide housing services for homeless families, refugee and immigrant services for newcomers, aid for the working poor, children and youth, and thousands of others who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. For more information about Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty in our community, visit www.CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

Questions? Contact **Jane Ferguson Flout** at 415/972-1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

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

(cont'd.)

In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion – the wounds of his merciful love – he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life. Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms.

The Risen Shepherd goes in search of all those lost in the labyrinths of loneliness and marginalization. He comes to meet them through our brothers and sisters who treat them with respect and kindness, and help them to hear his voice, an unforgettable voice, a voice calling them back to friendship with God.

He takes upon himself all those victimized by old and new forms of slavery, inhuman labour, illegal trafficking, exploitation and discrimination, and grave forms of addiction. He takes upon himself children and adolescents deprived of their carefree innocence and exploited, and those deeply hurt by acts of violence that take place within the walls of their own home.

The Risen Shepherd walks beside all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, famine and oppressive regimes. Everywhere he helps these forced migrants to encounter brothers and sisters, with whom they can share bread and hope on their journey.

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

07 MAY (SUN)

08 MAY (MON)

09 MAY (TUE)

10 MAY (WED)

11 MAY (THU)

12 MAY (FRI)

13 MAY (SAT)

14 MAY (SUN)

15 MAY (MON)

16 MAY (TUE)

17 MAY (WED)

18 MAY (THU)

19 MAY (FRI)

20 MAY (SAT)

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_glory.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

Dear Msgr. Otellini,
Thank you so very much for your generous donation! Your gift of \$5821.00 will directly benefit our mission of hospitality and care of our elderly, help us to provide them with quality of life necessities, and assure them of the comfort and safety that is vital to their well-being. We are especially grateful to you for understanding that our needs are ongoing and for choosing to share your blessings with us. We cannot thank enough for your generosity and support. Be assured that your gift has had a direct impact on the lives of the elderly entrusted to our care, and that you and your parishioners are gratefully remembered in our prayers.

May God bless you,
Sister Agnes, Little Sisters of the Poor

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact: **Carrie** at **408/674-2861** or **Bridget** at **650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NATIVITY PARISH

Please pray for those who participated in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program who were baptized or made a profession of faith and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the **Easter Vigil, 15 APR 2017**:

- Nicole Akerman
- Barbara Adey
- Annelène Decaux
- Erik Hughes
- Torey Page
- Peter Robson
- Patrick Thomasson
- Darlene Woodson
- Polly Ziegler

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.”



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: veo@streetlifeministries.org

driving: bruce@streetlifeministries.org

serving: emily@streetlifeministries.org



CARNIVAL



2017 Annual Nativity Carnival

Free Parking • Free Admission • Free Entertainment
Family • Community • Fun
Safe for the Whole Family • Security On-Site
June 9th, 10th and 11th, 2017



Featuring \$10,000 grand prize & daily \$1,000 cash and door prize drawings. 34 days and counting until our Annual Nativity Carnival opens!

Push those summer plans back a few days and come join Monsignor and the 14 Carnival Committee Chairs and their volunteers that weekend to celebrate the end of school and the beginning of summer and participate in a Menlo Park tradition for the entire community - especially for Nativity School and Nativity Church parishioners.

Available now for the first time, we are offering Pre-Sale **Daily** and **All Weekend Unlimited Rides Wristbands** (rides only) & Pre-Sale **Standard Ride Ticket** packages. **Pre-Sale ends June 7th** (on June 8th all wristband and ride ticket prices increase!)

Please go to nativitycarnival.com to purchase wristband and ride ticket packages online or print out an order form, and for up-to-the-minute carnival information.

Our volunteer link to help with our carnival is live. All volunteer hours count towards 2017-2018 school year. Without our many volunteers, this carnival would not be as successful as it has been for the last 37 years.

Please go to nativity.ivolunteer.com/carnival_2017 to sign up!

Thank you for your participation. Questions please contact **Leighton Ford** at **650/799-2867**.

Leighton and Kevin

www.nativitycarnival.com

CORNER