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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

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SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26 NOVEMBER 2017

He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him.

MATTHEW 25: 31-32



FIRST READING

I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God.

EZEKIEL 34: 11-12, 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life.

PSALMS 23

SECOND READING

He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

1 CORINTHIANS 15: 20-26, 28

GOSPEL

Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.'

MATTHEW 25: 31-46

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 NOV - 02 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
TUE	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	The Otellini family
	05:30 PM	Audrey Custodio; † Carlos Arias; † Teresita Cortez; Victims of the earthquake in Mexico; † Souls in Purgatory
THU	07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Maura Posadas
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Thomas Meagher
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intention; † Paul Otellini; † Helen Schellenberdger; † Fr. Jerome Leach

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



"I am the Alpha
and the Omega,"
says the Lord God.



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 NOV	(Sunday)	
27 NOV	(Monday)	
	07:00 PM	Apostles' Creed Class
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
28 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	07:00 PM	Bible Study
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
29 NOV	(Wednesday)	
30 NOV	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
01 DEC	(Friday)	First Friday 1st
02 DEC	(Saturday)	First Saturday 1st



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



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 11-12 NOV
TOTAL:	\$12,809
ADA Progress:	\$109,896
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 NOV (Tuesday)

SAINT JAMES OF THE MARSH, Priest (1391-1476)

29 NOV (Wednesday)

ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER



HOPELESS AND DESPERATE CASES

Commit your concerns and intentions to **St. Jude Thaddeus**. His intercession can produce miracles. Only believe, and trust in the providence of Our Lord. Ask His cousin to assist you.

30 NOV (Thursday)

SAINT ANDREW, Apostle

St. Andrew was first a disciple of **John the Baptist**. When he became a follower of Christ, he brought along his brother, **Simon Peter**. Andrew is the apostle who found a boy carrying loaves and fishes, which Jesus multiplied for the hungry multitude. He was crucified at Achaia on an "X"-shaped cross (in heraldry an "X"-shaped charge (*saltire*) is often referred to as a *St. Andrew's cross*). Andrew is said to have preached for two days while on the cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 11th Annual Christmas Concert** on **10 DEC 2017, 02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM, Mon-Fri**. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

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 (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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: 09:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 PM

Friday: 08:00 AM

Saturday: 03:00 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 SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

The annual **Nativity School Christmas Tree Lot** opened the day after Thanksgiving, **Friday, 24 NOV 2017** and is open until **16 DEC 2017** or until all the trees are gone, whichever comes first. Don't miss the opportunity to get one of the best Christmas trees on the peninsula and help support Nativity School at the same time! The tree lot raises funds for important enrichment programs at Nativity. The hours of operation are:

Saturdays: 09:00 AM-08:00 PM

Sundays 09:00 AM-06:00 PM

Tuesday-Friday 04:00-08:00 PM

Closed **Mondays**

Closing Day (16 DEC) 09:00 AM-05:00 PM



ADVENT MINI-RETREAT

On **Monday, 11 DEC 2017**, **St. Denis** parish will be having a mini-retreat, *Advent: The Season of Deepest Longing*, from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM. The presenter will be **Sr. Sharon McMillan**, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. The day will include morning coffee, Advent presentation, Mass, and lunch. RSVP by 09 DEC 2017 to dedewm@pacbell.net or Call **Dede Waters-Masters** at **650/854-5976 ext. 4**. St. Denis is located at 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park.

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. 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.

*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 • James Ioannidis and Mary Minno

PARISHIONERS • Erin and Edward Ross
(Annabelle, Maxwell)
• Lindsey and Sean Freeman (Mackenzie)

DEATHS • Mary Ellen Ausman
• Kenneth Hausler

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the **Altar Society**. Christmas is just around the corner ... Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's birth! Your donation will help fund the flowers, linens, vestments, and all that beautifies our liturgy and church, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Please help support the work of our creative Altar Society, who thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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: *Altar Society*.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual **Thank You Christmas Party** on **Saturday, 16 DEC 2017**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic Adoration, Men's Club, Mom's Club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.



IN THE COMMUNITY

ART AND SOUL WORKSHOP

On **Saturday, 02 DEC 2017**, from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, **Vallombrosa Center** will host a workshop/retreat on the *Gifts and Ministry of Creative People*, presented by **Alfred J. Garrotto**. Based on his book, *The Soul of Art*, this workshop/retreat will focus on the creative gifts of both professional and aspiring actors, composers, dancers, fine artists, musicians, playwrights, writers, et al. Participants will explore the divine source of their own gifts and inspirations and take away with them even greater joy in sharing them. **\$55/person** (lunch included). To register call **650/325-5614** or visit <http://www.vallombrosa.org>.

CHRISTMAS AT KOHL

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the "dressed up" **Kohl Mansion** on **Wednesday, 29 NOV 2017** from **05:00-09:00 PM**. Visit our holiday boutiques with over 60 vendors, all with unique items and treasures. Join us for holiday music, light refreshments, and enjoy a docent tour of the Kohl Mansion at **06:00 PM** or **08:00 PM**. The Kohl Mansion is located at Mercy High School, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame. Tickets are available at the door for **\$10**. Extra parking will be available at Our Lady of Angels Church, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, with a shuttle to Mercy High School every 15 minutes beginning at **05:30 PM**. For more information call **Carol Fraher** at **650/762-1190**.

CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE EXHIBIT

The **30th Annual Christmas Crèche Exhibit** will be held **Saturday, 02 DEC** to **Wednesday, 06 DEC 2017**. Celebrate the birth of the Christ child with more than 350 nativities from around the world in artistic settings with hands-on activities, marionette shows daily and live holiday music including a *Messiah Sing-Along* to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Christmas Crèche Exhibit. Admission is free. **12:00-09:00 PM** daily, **02-06 DEC 2017**.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3865 Middlefield Road. Palo Alto, 94303.

More information is available at www.christmascreche.org. Call **650/800-3865** with any questions or requests.

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe** in **Mexico 09-14 DEC 2017** to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on **12 DEC 2017**. **\$2049.00** per person including airfare from San Francisco. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Mass every day. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call **Cathie** or **Michael Milano** at **800/773-2660**.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **December 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: *The Elderly*

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

20 DEC	(Wednesday)	07:00 PM Simbang Gabi Mass 07:30 PM Advent Penance Service (at St. Raymond's Church)
23 DEC	(Saturday)	08:00 AM Daily Mass 05:30 PM Vigil Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
24 DEC	(Sunday)	08:00 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent 09:30 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent 11:30 AM Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent <i>Christmas Eve</i> 06:00 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas 10:00 PM Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass 10:45 PM Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib 11:00 PM Midnight Mass of Christmas
25 DEC	(Monday)	<i>Christmas Day</i> 08:00 AM Christmas Day Mass 09:30 AM Christmas Day Mass 11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
26 DEC	(Tuesday)	<i>Feast of St. Stephen</i> 09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Sunday)	08:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 09:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 11:30 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass 05:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
01 JAN	(Monday)	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> 09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)
02 JAN	(Tuesday)	Regular daily Mass schedule

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

26 NOV (SUN)	
27 NOV (MON)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (TUE)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas
29 NOV (WED)	THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas
30 NOV (THU)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
01 DEC (FRI)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
02 DEC (SAT)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (SUN)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
04 DEC (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
05 DEC (TUE)	NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
06 DEC (WED)	Feast of Saint Nicholas FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
07 DEC (THU)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
08 DEC (FRI)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
09 DEC (SAT)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Nicholas:

www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm



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/



SIMBANG GABI FOR DEANERY 11

What is *Simbang Gabi* (meaning “*Masses at Night*”)? It is a long-treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it is celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. Beginning on **December 15th** and ending on **December 23rd**, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, *Simbang Gabi* invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most popular symbol for *Simbang Gabi* is the **parol**, or star lantern, which represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. Through *Simbang Gabi*, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

The following **Churches in Deanery 11** will be having Masses for *Simbang Gabi*:

15 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City
16 DEC (SAT)	05:00 PM Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Redwood City
17 DEC (SUN)	05:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
18 DEC (MON)	07:00 PM St. Matthias, Redwood City
19 DEC (TUE)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
20 DEC (WED)	07:00 PM Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park
21 DEC (THU)	07:00 PM St. Raymond, Menlo Park
22 DEC (FRI)	07:00 PM St. Charles, San Carlos
23 DEC (SAT)	05:00 PM St. Pius, Redwood City

BEST. ADVENT. EVER.

’Tis (almost) the Season ... Dynamic Catholic once again invites you to join in their **Best Advent Ever** program by signing up at <https://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp> or BestAdventEver.com. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Don’t let this Advent pass you by. Slow down and focus on what matters most with Best Advent Ever. Starting **03 DEC**, the first Sunday of Advent, participants will receive daily emails to help them discover how to slow down and enjoy in preparing for Christmas!

SINULOG FESTIVAL

The **Filipino Ministry Consultative Board of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** invites you to its **2nd Annual Sinulog Festival**, a Filipino devotion honoring the Holy Child Jesus (Santo Niño). It will be **Saturday, 13 JAN 2018 at 11:00 AM** at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 111 Gough Street, San Francisco. There will be a reception and fellowship immediately after the Mass.

The Names of Jesus (from The Catholic Encyclopedia)

Jesus

The word *Jesus* is the Latin form of the Greek *Iesous*, which in turn is the transliteration of the Hebrew *Je-shua*, or *Joshua*, or again *Jehoshua*, meaning “*Jehovah is salvation*.” Though the name in one form or another occurs frequently in the Old Testament, it was not borne by a person of prominence between the time of Josue, the son of Nun and Josue, the high priest in the days of Zorobabel. During the Hellenizing period, *Jason*, a purely Greek analogon of *Jesus*, appears to have been adopted by many. The Greek name is connected with the verb *iasthai*, “*to heal*”; it is therefore not surprising that some of the Greek Fathers allied the word *Jesus* with the same root. Though about the time of Christ the name *Jesus* appears to have been fairly common, it was imposed on our Lord by God’s express order ([Luke 1:31](#); [Matthew 1:21](#)), to foreshow that the Child was destined to “save His people from their sins.”

So *Jesus*, *Joshua* and *Jason* are all variants of the same name (“*God saves His people*”).

Christ

The word *Christ*, *Christos*, the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew *Messias*, means “*anointed*.” According to the Old Law, priests, kings and prophets were supposed to be anointed for their respective offices; now, the *Christ*, or the *Messias*, combined this threefold dignity in His Person. It is not surprising, therefore, that for centuries the Jews had referred to their expected Deliverer as “the Anointed”. Thus the term *Christ* or *Messias* was a title rather than a proper name. The Evangelists recognize the same truth; except in a few passages, the word *Christ* is always preceded by the definite article “*the*”. *Christ* is not Jesus’ last name: He is “*The Christ*”.

Only after the Resurrection did the title gradually pass into a proper name, and the expression *Jesus Christ* or *Christ Jesus* became only one designation. But at this stage the Greeks and Romans understood little or nothing about the significance of the word *anointed*; to them it did not convey any sacred conception. Hence they substituted *Chrestus*, or “*excellent*”, for *Christus* or “*anointed*”.

The use of the definite article before the word *Christ* and its gradual development into a proper name show the Christians identified the bearer with the promised *Messias* of the Jews. He combined in His person the offices of prophet, of king and of priest.