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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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Rev. Mark G. Mazza

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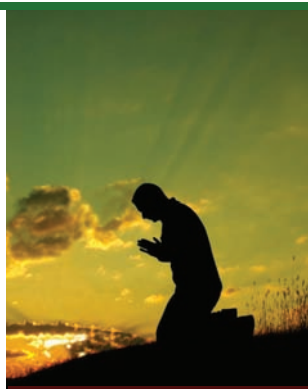
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

01 OCTOBER 2017

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 10



FIRST READING

Is it My way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

EZEKIEL 18: 25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my savior.

PSALMS 25

SECOND READING

Humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11

GOSPEL

Even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

MATTHEW 21: 28-32

CALENDAR


SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 01 - 07 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† James Hannay
	05:30 PM	The Dorman and Tropeano families; † Peg and Frank Chandler; † Joey Fadrilan; † Ellen Ryan
TUE	07:30 AM	Amparo Hernandez
	05:30 PM	The Dundon family
WED	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Ignacio Correa
THU	07:30 AM	† Steve Bauer
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Matt Slazak
	05:30 PM	† Ken Bret Fisse
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intention; All who are in prison; † Maeve Lynch; † Dr. Toss Maher

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA

Rehearsals are underway for Schola Seraphica's 11th Annual Christmas Concert on **03 DEC 2017**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 16-17 SEP
TOTAL:	\$11,251
Priests' Retirement:	\$8,781
ADA Progress:	\$46,800
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

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)
01 OCT	(Sunday)	
	03:00 PM	RCIA
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
02 OCT	(Monday)	
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
	07:00 PM	Apostles' Creed Class
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
03 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
	07:00 PM	Bible Study
	08:00 PM	H ⁴
04 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	08:00 AM	Blessing of the Animals
	09:30 AM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
05 OCT	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
06 OCT	(Friday)	<i>First Friday</i>
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration
07 OCT	(Saturday)	<i>First Saturday</i>
		<i>Marian Consecration of the Archdiocese</i>
	06:00 PM	Marian Consecration

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

04 OCT (Wednesday):

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders (1181-1226)

After a carefree youth, Francis underwent a profound conversion. He renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He showed particular care for the poor and the sick, and he delighted in all living creatures, whom he addressed as brother and sister. He attracted many followers, including **St. Clare of Assisi**, and their communities grew into the worldwide Franciscan Order of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the climax of many supernatural events in his life.

05 OCT (Thursday):

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, (1905-1938)

Saint Faustina's spiritual life was based on deep humility, purity of intention, and loving obedience to the will of God in imitation of the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She kept a diary of over 600 pages containing the revelations she received about God's mercy.

06 OCT (Friday):

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

Presided over the cathedral school at Rheims from **1057** to **1075**. Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in **1084** and with the help of **Saint Hugh of Grenoble**, he founded what became the first house of the *Carthusian Order*; he and his brothers supported themselves as manuscript copyists. Assistant to **Pope Urban II** (Bruno's former student) in **1090**, and supported the pope's efforts at reform.

07 OCT (Saturday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Pope St. Pius V established this feast in **1573**.

The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.

Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in **1716**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

MPCM will have a meeting and our first family event this week. We welcome children up to school-age at our meetings. Bring a toy to share. Refreshments are provided. On **04 OCT 2017** we will have *Lectio Divina* (praying over a Bible passage together) led by one of our mothers. Please bring your Bible. Possibly at **10:30 AM** we will have presentation from an expert visiting the Bay Area on a new curriculum developed for elementary school on the *Theology of the Body*.

The whole family including children of all ages are welcome at our family events.

Topic: *Lectio Divina* (bring your Bible)

Date: **Wednesday, 04 OCT 2017**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **09:30-11:30 AM**

Family Event: *Pizza and Family Rosary*

Date: **Saturday, 07 OCT 2017, Feast of the Holy Rosary**

Place: **Holbrook-Palmer Park** (at the **Kiddie Park**)

150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton

Time: **04:00 PM**

Pizza and drinks are provided. Please bring a dish to share and your rosary.

To RSVP contact **Monica Hendricks**,

mmthendricks@gmail.com, home phone **650/367-4944**

or **Christina Lee**, lee.christina.s@gmail.com, **650/450-8498**

[facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic) or
[meetup.com/Catholic-Moms](https://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms)

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

BIBLE STUDY

This semester's Bible has already started, as of **Tuesday, 19 SEP 2017**. But it is not too late to join! We meet in the O'Hare Center at **09:30 AM** for ninety minutes. The class is repeated in the evening at **07:00 PM**. Our current topic is "*Mary in the Scriptures*." We see how she was foreshadowed in the Old Testament, and her impact in the New Testament. Very appropriate as we prepare for our parish's consecration to Mary; please join us. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**.

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

Thursday: 02:00 PM

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.

*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**
- Alicia Rose, daughter of James Poulet and Jesica Eymil
 - Daniel Christopher, son of Heriberto and Yvette Santana
 - Gianna Evelia, daughter of Jonathan and Rosemarie Solbeck

- MARRIAGES**
- Ricky Pedron and Melanie Galeos
 - Michael Ella and Veronica Angeles

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Mary Ann Hoffman
 - Robert Hickam

PARISH CONSECRATION

On Friday, 13 OCT 2017, Monsignor Otellini will be consecrating our Nativity Parish to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. It will be during the 07:30 PM Mass that day celebrating the 100th year of the great Fatima Miracle. We encourage you to put it on your calendar now so that you can participate first hand. NOTE: In preparation for the Consecration, we are using Fr. Gaitley's book "33 Days to Morning Glory".

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, Wednesday, 04 OCT 2017, there will be a blessing of the animals at 08:00 AM. The blessing will take place at Nativity School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on the basketball courts behind the pavilion. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed.



NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **Nativity School**. Instead of relying on monthly collections at Sunday Mass, as we have done in the past, we are once again issuing an appeal to our parish family for a single donation to support Nativity School. The parish has always answered this call with extraordinary generosity. This appeal has doubled the amounts collected in monthly installments. On 07-08 OCT 2017 our second collection will be for our Nativity School, our parish school, which is indeed thriving. We are blessed with a strong Catholic identity. We hope all will give generously to this vital ministry and excellent education that is provided for our children.

IN THE COMMUNITY

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, 14 OCT 2017 at the Golf Club at Moffett Field, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Registration will begin at 07:00 AM; 08:10 AM Opening Ceremony and Prayer; 08:30 AM Shotgun Start. At 03:00 PM there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. To register and make your payment, please visit <http://fatherdavenportgold.com>. For questions contact Mike Livingston at mike@lon1basketball.com.



THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please join Fr. Mark Mazza on Monday evenings, at 07:00-08:30 PM in the O'Hare Center, for his series of classes on the *Apostles' Creed*. Over the course of these classes Fr. Mazza will cover the twelve articles of the Creed, which is the first pillar in the Faith we profess, live and love. The official Catechism of the Catholic Church will be the text we use. All are welcome to these classes; they are open to non-Catholics as well. These classes are for spiritual enrichment. There is no charge for the course. If you don't have a Catechism, they will be available for purchase. For more information contact Fr. Mark Mazza, 650/323-7914.

INSPIRE YOURSELF

Want to learn something to strengthen your faith? Look up the *Battle of Lepanto*, which happened on 07 OCT 1571, and find out how awesomely powerful the Rosary is!

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On Friday, 13 OCT 2017, we will have this year's final celebration 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.



AN INVITATION TO ALL GRANDPARENTS & PARENTS

Come all grandparents and parents; learn about a beautiful way to help your grandchildren fall in love with Jesus. *The Echo of the Good Shepherd*, based on Maria Montessori's worldwide work with children, is available to help us quietly explore the wonder of God and truth of Christian faith with our legacies. Please bring your friends to explore ways to help generations keep their Christian faith in this challenging culture. Join us in the O'Hare Center on 17 OCT 2017 at 12:30 PM.

CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY DISCERNMENT DAYS

"Come and See" ... "Called by God, like Mary, to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to his word, to ponder and call upon him in solitude." **Corpus Christi Monastery** will be holding another discernment day for single Catholic women (ages 18 to 40) on 21 OCT 2017. To register or for more information contact Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or 650/322.1801 x19. The nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery are Dominican Contemplative Nuns, whose whole life is harmoniously ordered to the continual remembrance of God. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, California.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Workers and the Unemployed*

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

PARISH CONSECRATION: WEEK FOUR

Themes are taken from **Fr. Michael Gaitley's** book: *33 Days to Morning Glory* (Marian Press)

SUNDAY

In Week One, we reviewed the life and work of **St. Louis de Monfort**. In Week Two, it was **St. Maximilian Kolbe** and his Marian Militia. Week Three featured **Mother Theresa**. This week, the focus is on **St. John Paul II**. Today, we are reminded of the assassination attempt on his life on May 13, 1984, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. He gave thanks for Our Lady's intercession for his life and reminded all of us to study that apparition and its prophecies: the coming of the Second World War if there was no conversion, the errors Russia would spread, etc. That should be our study for the week. Perhaps reading a Fatima book. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary...Have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

MONDAY

Today, we reflect on the role of Mary according to the Vatican II Council. The Council calls her Advocate and Mediatrix. Jesus is our one Mediator between God and man. In His generosity, Jesus shares that role with Mary and all baptized Christians. Mary, above everyone else, cooperated with God's plan for salvation. We go to her fully realizing that Jesus is the end and goal of that devotion. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary...Fill my heart with praise to God for giving me Mary as my spiritual mother.*

TUESDAY

We begin to go on a pilgrimage of faith with Mary. Who was the first person to ever entrust themselves completely to Mary? It was not St. Louis de Montfort. It was Jesus! This was the generous humility of God. Thus, in entrusting ourselves to Mary, we imitate Christ Himself. Jesus describes His mother as the one who completely does the Will of God. She is the first disciple of Jesus. We need to work on following her example. *Come Holy Spirit, Living in Mary...Help me to be faithful to the pondering of my heart as was Mary.*

WEDNESDAY

In the Wedding Feast of Cana, Mary shows herself as the mediatrix between Jesus and the needs of mankind, no matter how small. Imagine her insistence to us, "Do whatever He tells you" as we makes choices between sin and virtue. She is completely orientated to Christ, and calls us to do the same. *Come Holy Spirit, Living in Mary...Remind me to ask for Mary's powerful intercession in my times of need.*

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

01 OCT (SUN)	Feast of Saint Terese SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis
02 OCT (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis
03 OCT (TUE)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis
04 OCT (WED)	Feast of Saint Francis
05 OCT (THU)	
06 OCT (FRI)	
07 OCT (SAT)	
08 OCT (SUN)	
09 OCT (MON)	
10 OCT (TUE)	
11 OCT (WED)	
12 OCT (THU)	
13 OCT (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
14 OCT (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

THURSDAY

At Calvary, Mary compassionately joins herself to her Son. Jesus looks at her and proclaims her the Mother of All: "Woman, behold your son." She mothers the apostles, shown by her central presence in the upper room during the descent of the Holy Spirit. She is your mother! Go to her with your needs. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary...Thank you for the gift of my loving Mother, Mary.*

FRIDAY

On the cross, Jesus said to John: "Behold your mother." He has given us the gift of Mary. How do we accept her? The answer: "And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." She became His and our Spiritual Mother at Calvary and in the upper room. John Paul II assures us: The more her children persevere in this attitude of entrustment, the nearer she leads us to the unsearchable riches of Christ. *Come Holy Spirit, Living in Mary... Prepare me to entrust myself completely to Mary so she can bring me closer to Christ.*

SATURDAY

Today we reflect on the connection of Divine Mercy, Mary, and Jesus. The fount of Mercy poured from Jesus' side on the cross. The consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means returning to the cross. It means bringing all problems and sufferings to the pierced Heart of Jesus. Through Mary, the world goes to Divine Mercy. She knows that heart more than anyone else. It means accepting Mary's help to unify ourselves, our world, to Jesus. *Come Holy Spirit, living in Mary...Draw me in, with, and through Mary to the Fountain of Love and Mercy.*

IN THE COMMUNITY (CONT'D.)

"NATIVITY FEEDS" PRESENTATION

Our parish has been very successful at being *A Voice for Others*, through the **Nativity Feeds** program. In the spring season, Nativity Parish and community donated generously to the **Nativity Feeds** food programs. 100% of these funds are being used to provide over 1,000 children based in schools of extreme poverty in Tanzania and Kenya with a daily meal at their school. This ensures that these children receive better nutrition and also encourages school attendance.

As we begin to think about the season of Thanksgiving, **Alexander and Luke Edward Harding Bradley**, cantors at Nativity, would like to invite you to a presentation they are hosting on **19 OCT 2017**, to share the story of their summer work in these extremely impoverished schools and communities in Africa and to give thanks to the parish on behalf of the children and their families for this life changing intervention. They will talk about the money being spent, future plans and the response of the recipients. We would love for you to join us in the **O'Hare Center** on **Thursday, 19 OCT 2017 at 07:00 PM**.



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."

ST. FRANCIS CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Francis Center in Redwood City is looking for volunteer ESL teachers for adult students. Starting immediately, English tutors/teachers are needed **Monday** through **Friday** at various times during the day. No knowledge of Spanish is necessary. It is a wonderful ministry. If you can commit to an hour or an hour and a half one day a week, you would be making a huge difference in the life of our future student. Please contact **Tess** at St. Francis Center **650/365-7829** for more information and to sign up!

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on **07 OCT 2017** beginning at **09:00 AM** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. To learn more about the consecration, Our Lady of Fatima, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and much more visit www.sfarchdiocese.org/IHM. There you will find beautiful examples of Mary in art and music, as well as videos. Mark your calendar and save the date: the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**.

ARCHDIOCESAN CONSECRATION BUS

Nativity has arranged for a bus to take people interested in attending the Archdiocese Consecration ceremony on **Saturday, 07 OCT 2017**. Parking will be tight and this is a great way to go along while making new friends. It will leave Nativity around **07:30 AM** and return mid-afternoon. For questions and to sign up, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.

ST. RAYMOND'S PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The **St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival** is a great family event with something for everyone: pony rides, climbing spider maze, bungee trampoline, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin sales, carnival games, food, beer garden, live music and more!

- **Friday, 06 OCT 2017 (03:30-09:00 PM)**
- **Saturday, 07 OCT 2017 (12:00-06:00 PM)**

1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park
Open to the Public with Free Admission



RECHARGE!
With Patrick Coffin

Being a follower of Jesus has never been easy, but always worth it. Catholics face new challenges today, and they need solid answers to "to those who ask you of the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Join Patrick Coffin for Recharge!, a one-night parish mission aimed at helping Catholics ignite as disciples. Is your relationship with God lukewarm? Do you have questions about the Faith? Have you, or has a loved one, been away from the Church for a while?

If so, it's time to get recharged with this summertime shot-in-the-arm event. Recharge! features an open Q&A session. Bring a friend, and bring your tough questions.

WHERE: St. William Church,
611 S. El Monte Ave, Los Altos CA 94022

WHEN: Monday, October 23, 2017
Reception: 6 - 6:45PM
Recharge! Talk - 7PM

TICKETS: Early-Bird Registration: \$14.95
Regular Registration (after 9/23): \$19.95

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