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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

## VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA  
Msgr. James Kelly  
Rev. Patrick Hartin

## SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • [mon.hickam@gmail.com](mailto:mon.hickam@gmail.com)

## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



**CARNIVAL CORNER**  
(see back page)

**FIRST READING**

With the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

ACTS 9: 26-31

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

To Him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve Him.

PSALMS 22

**SECOND READING**

God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

1 JOHN 3: 18-24

**GOSPEL**

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

JOHN 15: 1-8



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 29 APRIL 2018

Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15: 5

### CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 29 APR - 05 MAY

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Armando Beltran
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Adele Personeni
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Arthur Bellaire
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Clementina Riolfo
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Sean Masuhara
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Guiseppi and Gemma Arata
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Calvin Joe
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF #351 living and deceased members
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Lisa Paff
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Ken Paul; Richard and Sema Wong; † David Gilsdorf; † Joseph Koch; † E. Aaron Presley
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Cresenciano Mahinay; † Hugh Hefner; † George Michael

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a **National Day of Prayer** each year on the first Thursday in May.

*The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.*

*(Public Law 105-225)*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY**

This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.



<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

**29 APR (Sunday)**

**30 APR (Monday)**

07:30 PM Legion of Mary

**01 MAY (Tuesday)**

03:15 PM Altar Server Training  
07:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**02 MAY (Wednesday)**

09:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms  
07:00 PM Confirmation Class

**03 MAY (Thursday)**

11:00 AM The Thursday Group  
06:00 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting


**04 MAY (Friday)**

*First Friday* 1<sup>st</sup>

**05 MAY (Saturday)**

*First Saturday* 1<sup>st</sup>

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF <b>14-15 APR</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$11,699</b>
Nativity Feeds:	<b>\$16,355</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$34,580</b>
2018 ADA Goal:	<b>\$152,524</b>

Donate online: <http://www.sfarch.org/aaa#DonateForm>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**01 MAY (Tuesday):**  
**SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**03 MAY (Thursday):**  
**SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles**

**Philip's** request at the Last Supper, "Lord, show us the Father," prompted Jesus to proclaim unequivocally that he and the Father are one. **James**, the son of Alphaeus, was a cousin of Jesus, and eventually presided over the church in Jerusalem. In his epistle, he encourages us to ask God for wisdom and faith.

**02 MAY (Wednesday):**  
**SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**(297-373)**

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **67th National Day of Prayer** will be held on **03 MAY 2018**. From George Washington's first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln's call for prayer and fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the **National Day of Prayer**. Need some ideas? Visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org). This year's theme is *Unity*.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We welcome young children and mothers of all stages and ages. We meet together to discuss a topic over refreshments while attending to our little ones playing.

Topic: *Mary: Wife and Mother*

Date: **Wednesday, 02 MAY 2018**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

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

Contact:

**Monica Hendricks** [mmthendricks@gmail.com](mailto:mmthendricks@gmail.com)  
**650/704-4201**

**Christina Lee** [mpcatholic@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/mpcatholic)  
**650/450-8498** (text best)

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



Nativity's 38th  
Annual Carnival  
8-10 June 2018



## NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**Fr. Mark G. Mazza** is conducting training for new Altar Servers for boys and girls in Grades 5 and above on five consecutive **Tuesday** afternoons from **03:15-04:15 PM**, beginning **17 APR 2018**. The dates for the training are **17 and 24 APR, 01, 08 and 15 MAY 2018**. There will be a mandatory practice on **Friday, 18 MAY 2018** from **03:15-04:15 PM**. Installation of the new Altar Servers will be on **Sunday, 20 MAY 2018** at the **09:30 AM** Mass. For more information see the letter and application from **Fr. Mazza** in the vestibule of the church, or call him at **650/323-7914**. Applications may be turned in to the parish office.



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).

## NATIVITY RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Interested in learning more about the **Nativity Respect Life** team? Please join us for a meeting on **Tuesday, 08 MAY 2018** at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. We will discuss our current pro-life activities, share ideas and plan upcoming events. For more information call **Laura** at **650/257-7780** or **Mary Ellen** at **650/269-7794**.

## MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

**Mother's Day** is **13 MAY 2018**. 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.

## 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):

**Tuesday: 01:00 PM, 02:00 PM**

**Thursday: 12:00 PM, 01:00 PM**

**Friday: 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.*

# 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**
- **Yaritzta**, daughter of **Juan Avina** and **Blanca Mendoza**
  - **Olivia Anne**, daughter of **Michael** and **Trisha Hollywood**
  - **Jazlyn Elizabeth**, daughter of **Renzo Saunders** and **Luzmila Idrogo**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Alex Sliwinski** and **Stephanie Nicholson**
  - **Hung Ha** and **Nazdira Hamden**
  - **John Nevado** and **Adrienne Ison**

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **Calvin Joe**
  - **Shirley G. Connolly**



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

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This week, we will have a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in the communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). 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, e.g., *Catholic Home Missions*.

## FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 14 MAY 2018**, we continue with our celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **101** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will start at a **new time: 07:00 PM**.

All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## EVENTS AT VALLOMBROSA CENTER

- Our beloved **Mother's Day Lunch and Mass** returns **Sunday, 13 MAY 2018**. Mass will be celebrated in our chapel at **11:00 AM** with a gourmet lunch served afterwards. Single tickets, multiple tickets, and entire tables are available.
- **Mother Mary's Love** silent retreat for men and women from **11 MAY 2018 (01:00 PM)** to **13 MAY 2018 (04:00 PM)** will be conducted by **Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.** Fr. Brian examines grace and growth in prayer after the heart and example of the Blessed Mother. Guests have multiple attendance options of the full weekend in a private room, or a shared bedroom. A commuter option for Saturday is also available.



Please visit [www.vallobrosacenter.org/calendar](http://www.vallobrosacenter.org/calendar) to register for either event and see our growing calendar of events. Vallobrosacenter is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park. **650/325-5614**.

## 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/](http://www.altarbreadsbpa.com/)

## BENEDICT XVI INSTITUTE PRESENTATION

The **Benedict XVI Institute** presents two of the country's most eminent Catholic writers in a discussion of "*The Christian Imagination*." **Dana Gioia** is a poet, essayist, librettist, author of many books and articles, a former director of the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poet Laureate of his home state of California. **Anthony Esolen** is a prolific author, a translator of Dante, and a scholar of Renaissance and classical literature. He is a teaching fellow at Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in New Hampshire. The event is on **05 MAY 2018, 12:30-02:00 PM** in the Ballroom at the **Asian American Activities Center (A<sup>3</sup>C)**, 524 Lasuen Mall, Stanford, CA 94305.

This event is free; no registration is required.

## "BLESSED IS SHE" RETREAT

"*Blessed is She*" is a Catholic Community for women founded in 2014 and is endorsed by the Diocese of Phoenix, Arizona. The focus of the community is sisterhood and prayer and they welcome all women 18 years and older. They are excited to announce that on **Friday and Saturday, 11-12 MAY 2018**, they will be hosting a **Blessed is She WILD Retreat** at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**, 5111 San Felipe Road, San Jose, 95135. This will be a two days of prayer, community and worship.

Learn more about "*Blessed is She*" at <https://blessedisshenet.net>. For information about the retreat or to sign up for the Wild retreat visit <https://blessedisshenet.net/wild-blessed-is-she-retreat/>.

For a video from the most recent retreat visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az6RDkN\\_-Jg&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az6RDkN_-Jg&feature=youtu.be)

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **May 2018**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

**Intention:** The Mission of the Laity  
(Evangelization)

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

### ST. FRANCIS CENTER TOUR

On **Saturday, 05 MAY 2018** at **10:30 AM** the **St. Francis Center**, in Redwood City, will host a tour. If you haven't visited the Center this is your chance to appreciate the amazing non-profit which began in 1986. In the true spirit of St. Francis, with the motto, "*Compassion Not Judgement*," the Center includes a distribution center, offices, the **Holy Family School**, with the community gardens and apartments nearby. After the tour there will be a gathering in the new youth center for refreshments and a presentation by **Sr. Christina Heltsley**, Executive Director. If you plan to attend, please contact **Carol Siri** at **650/854-4960** or [r7sarg7@aol.com](mailto:r7sarg7@aol.com) by **01 MAY 2018**.

St. Francis Center is located at 151 Buckingham, Redwood City.

### CRISTO REY SAN JOSE JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

**Fr. Peter Pabst**, President **Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School**, will be here on **Sunday, 06 MAY 2018**. He will be celebrating a couple of Masses and telling us about CRSJ and how you might be able to help them. They are looking for Corporate Partner organizations to host their students in Work Study placements. CRSJ offers Silicon Valley's most under-served students a rigorous college prep education to get them to and through college. The majority of our students will be the first in their families to graduate from high school and attend college. Through Cristo Rey's unique work study program, students work in entry-level, administrative positions one day each week, helping them offset as much as 50% of the cost of their education. Organizations of any size with an interest in making an impact in their community, are encouraged to contact **Fr. Peter Pabst**, Chancellor, at **408/293-0425 x105** or **Celeste Giusti**, Development Manager, at **415/308-7981**, [celeste.giusti@crstoreysj.org](mailto:celeste.giusti@crstoreysj.org), or visit [www.cristoreysj.org](http://www.cristoreysj.org).

### TAIZÉ RETREAT FOR YOUTH

"*Taizé for Youth: Inexhaustible Joy*" is a weekend of prayer and reflection with the **Brothers of Taizé** for young people 16 to 35. Dig deeper into the wellsprings of joy! Join us for a weekend of community prayer, reflection, workshops, and sharing led by the Brothers of Taizé. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to join in a community of faith. This weekend is to be held on **18-19 MAY 2018** at the **Mercy Center**, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame.

For more information and to register visit

[www.mercy-center.org/Flyers\\_2018/0518TaizeRetreat/retreat.html](http://www.mercy-center.org/Flyers_2018/0518TaizeRetreat/retreat.html)  
or email [bsoracco@mercywmw.org](mailto:bsoracco@mercywmw.org).

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>29 APR (SUN)</b>	(Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena) EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>30 APR (MON)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>01 MAY (TUE)</b>	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
<b>02 MAY (WED)</b>	
<b>03 MAY (THU)</b>	
<b>04 MAY (FRI)</b>	
<b>05 MAY (SAT)</b>	
<b>06 MAY (SUN)</b>	
<b>07 MAY (MON)</b>	
<b>08 MAY (TUE)</b>	
<b>09 MAY (WED)</b>	
<b>10 MAY (THU)</b>	
<b>11 MAY (FRI)</b>	
<b>12 MAY (SAT)</b>	

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Joseph the Worker:

[www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/](http://www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/)

### OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

Novena for Priests:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

### "CALLS FROM HEAVEN" CLASS

During the history of the church, Our Lord and Our Lady have come to us in special ways in times of ecclesial crisis, worldliness, lukewarmness, infidelity, intellectual confusion, or spiritual anguish. They instruct us in attitudes, virtues, and practices that are forgotten, despised, misunderstood, or poorly cultivated. They are gentle teachers and firm guides, unerring in their counsel which guides us meandering pilgrims through the dead-end paths of our culture. Most are familiar with the major appearances such as *Fatima*, *Guadalupe*, and *Lourdes*. But there are many others which call us back to a life of holiness such as those in Belgium, Egypt, Ireland, Ecuador and more. **Deacon Dominick** will present some of these lesser-known appearances in a way to encourage us along our spiritual path. Both classes will be on **Tuesday, 09:30 AM** and repeated at **07:00 PM, 15 and 22 MAY 2018** in the O'Hare Center. All are encouraged to attend.

### CONFERENCE ON GRATITUDE

Along with forgiveness, gratitude for all the things of God's Will are the twin towers to live a life of moral holiness with Christ. **Deacon Dominick** will present this topic in a 90-minute talk on **Tuesday, 29 MAY 2018**. It will be at **09:30 AM** and repeated at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. For more information, call **Deacon Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

# Report of the Parish Finance Council on the Fiscal Year Ended 30 June 2017

Our fiscal year 2017 was successful from a cash flow and debt reduction perspective. Our revenues of **\$1,206,000** exceeded our expenses of **\$908,000**, resulting in a surplus of **\$298,000**. This surplus was primarily the result of our receipt of pledges and other one-time contributions used towards the repayment of the loan for the expansion of Nativity School. The Council is pleased to report that the parish repaid **\$430,000** of the loan in fiscal 2017 and that the balance of the loan has been repaid since the end of the fiscal year.

When you exclude the impact of receipt of loan pledges, bequests and of loan payments, the Parish continued to cover its expenses through our regular collections, and fees associated with weddings, funerals and baptisms.

The parish is on track for positive cash performance in fiscal 2018 as we seek to manage costs within the contributions provided by parishioners. Our costs continue to increase with normal inflation, and, as we do each year, we ask that you prayerfully consider an increase in your contributions to help us remain “in the black.” If you are not participating in our electronic contribution system, *Parish-Pay*, we also ask that you consider joining to increase the predictability of contributions, while making it easier for you to support the parish. The link for *Parish-Pay* can be found on our website, [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org). Thank you for your continued support.

*Bob Andrews, Cindy Coy, Legia Oswald, Dan Winnike, Peter Claude (Chair)*

## CARNIVAL

DEAR  
NATIVITY  
FAMILIES

The 2018 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Nativity Carnival  
is less than **two months** away! Save the dates:  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Limited Pre-Sale Discounted All-You-Can-Ride Wristbands can now be ordered by credit card online at the website link below, or by printing and filling out the flier (on the website) and dropping off at the Nativity School office or Church of the Nativity rectory along with the exact amount of cash or with a check made payable to “Nativity Carnival”.

The iVolunteer link on the website is now live and accepting all volunteers. Please click on the link to sign up for your shift. One of our most important goals this year is to fill 100% of the volunteer shifts and have 0% No-Shows, and to have everyone participate and share in the success of the Carnival, which cannot function without volunteers.

Please let family and friends know of this traditional event in the community, and to come spend a weekend with us listening to great music, eating great food, having a chance to win some cash, and hearing the voices of summer fun.

On behalf of Monsignor, the Nativity Carnival Executive Committee, and our unwavering **14** Nativity Carnival Committee Chairs,

We will see all of you at the Carnival!

*Leighton and Kevin*

[www.nativitycarnival.com](http://www.nativitycarnival.com)



For the most up-to-date  
information any time!

## CORNER