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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA

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Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

*Thus will I test them, to see whether they follow
My instructions or not.*

EXODUS 16: 2-4, 12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He rained manna upon them for food, and
gave them heavenly bread.

PSALMS 78

SECOND READING

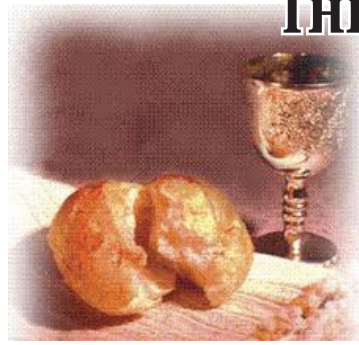
Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and
put on the new self.

EPHESIANS 4: 17, 20-24

GOSPEL

Jesus said to them, *"I am the bread of life."*

JOHN 6: 24-35



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

05 AUGUST 2018

Whoever comes to Me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.

JOHN 6: 35

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05 - 11 AUG

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	Tony and Sandy Draeger and family
	05:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
TUE	07:30 AM	† Swede and Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
WED	07:30 AM	† Marilyn Meyers
	05:30 PM	Garrett, Todd and Angelica
THU	07:30 AM	† Lisette Turgeon and the Zeigler family
	05:30 PM	Fr. Raymond Steffes; Christine Broesamle; † Norma Ricci
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Margarita Talavera
SAT	08:00 AM	Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA; † Mary Hurley; † Mrs. Kolb; † Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2018-2019

Registration has begun for **Nativity's Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration form and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under [School of Religion](#) link.


Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **11-12, 18-19 and 25-26 AUG 2018** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. **Sacrament** class and classes for **Grade 1-6** are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word*. **Confirmation** preparation classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **26 SEP 2018**.

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)

05 AUG	(Sunday)	
06 AUG	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07 AUG	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM H ⁴
08 AUG	(Wednesday)	
09 AUG	(Thursday)	09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group
10 AUG	(Friday)	
11 AUG	(Saturday)	09:30 AM Baptism Class 12:30 PM Natural Family Planning Class



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 21-22 JUL
TOTAL:	\$9,318
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$64,700
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 AUG (Monday): THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



“This is My Son, Whom I have chosen. Listen to Him.”

Luke 9: 35

08 AUG (Wednesday): SAINT DOMINIC, Founder of the Order of Preachers (1170-1221)

Spanish friar devoted to preaching against the Albigensian heresy. In 1206 he founded a community of nuns in Prouille, France, and later, with six followers, founded a community of preaching friars which gained papal approval in 1216 and became known as the **Order of Preachers**. Popularly known as the **Dominicans**, the order today has 6500 religious worldwide and is based on Dominic’s concept of harmonizing the intellectual life with asceticism and apostolic works.

09 AUG (Thursday): SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN), Martyr (1891-1942)

Youngest of seven children in a Jewish family, who lost interest and faith in Judaism by age 13. Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends led her to an interest in and conversion to Catholicism. Edith became a Carmelite nun in 1934, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross; she was a profound spiritual writer. When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, she and her sister Rose, also a convert to Catholicism, were captured and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz where they died in the ovens like so many others.

10 AUG (Friday) SAINT LAWRENCE, Martyr (d. 258)

Lawrence was archdeacon of Rome during the 3rd century. When Pope Saint Sixtus II and 6 deacons were martyred, Lawrence became the ranking Church official in Rome. Before dying, the pope told Lawrence they would be reunited in 4 days. Lawrence used this time to distribute the full wealth of the Church to the poor, so that the Romans could not lay hold of it. He was martyred by being cooked to death on a gridiron.

11 AUG (Saturday): SAINT CLARE of ASSISI (1194-1253)



An Italian noblewoman who followed her great friend, **Francis of Assisi** into a life of poverty. Several other women gathered round her at the monastery of San Damiano, which still stands today. Her monastic community endured, and came to be known as the **Poor Clares**. She daily meditated on the Passion. Towards the end of her life, when she was too ill to attend Mass, an image of the service would appear on her cell wall; thus her patronage of television.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 AUG 2018**, we will 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**.



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.



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

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).

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: 02:00 PM (prayer partner)

**Wednesday: 02:00 AM,
12:00 PM (noon)**

**Thursday: 12:00 AM-02:00 AM (twice per month),
12:00 PM (noon),
11:00 PM**

**Friday: 12:00 AM, 01:00 AM, 02:00 AM,
12:00 PM (noon)**

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**
- Julian Eduardo, son of Gerardo and Lissette Lopez
 - Poppy Evelyn, daughter of Robert and Kathleen Anderson

- MARRIAGES**
- Fernando Ibarra and Patricia Sanchez Corona
 - Paul Rudolph and Madeleine Thompson

- PARISHIONERS**
- Carolyn and Frank Fonteyn (*Leanne*)
 - Christopher Kitzer

DEATHS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: THIS WEEK

Next weekend **Fr. Raphael Thomas** will be here from the **Archdiocese of Cape Town, South Africa** for the annual **Archdiocesan Mission Cooperation Plan**. The Catholic Church in South Africa was founded 200 years ago. Even though the population of Cape Town is approximately 3.7 million, there are only 223,325 Catholics in the Archdiocese - a mere 6%. There are 85 parishes with 140 priests of whom 72 are indigenous. Some of the challenges that the Archdiocese faces are building new churches in impoverished townships and upgrading the security of parishes in drug- and gang-infested areas. Please be generous in your donation to the Archdiocese of Cape Town. 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: *Mission Cooperation Plan*.

REMODEL AND ENLARGEMENT: O'HARE CENTER

Undoubtedly you have noticed that a new garage has been constructed in the church parking lot. This is part of a larger plan to remodel and enlarge the existing **O'Hare Center**. The work will entail the expansion of meeting space.

- The existing garages will become another meeting room forming an "L" with the current room.
- The bathrooms will be relocated and enlarged to accommodate three persons in each section.
- A new kitchen will be installed with access to both the inside meeting space and the outdoor area under the arbor facing the church.
- The area under the arbor facing the rectory, where the barbecue facilities are, will be used for new parish offices.

About 800 square feet of new office space will allow us to relocate the present church offices, now in the rectory, to the O'Hare Center.

This is the last phase in the Master Plan that was detailed 14 years ago. That plan foresaw the construction of the Sobrato Center, new kindergarten and playing fields at the school. It then moved to the refurbishing of the church and the church gardens. The third phase involved the new wing at the school.

We were able to accomplish all this because of your wonderful generosity. All loans were repaid ahead of schedule. The work on the O'Hare Center is estimated to run **\$1,200,000**. We presently have half of that already collected, and in the bank. If you would like to make a contribution to the project, please contact **Msr. Otellini**. Construction work on the project is expected to begin in the late fall.

Monsignor Otellini

IN THE COMMUNITY

CATCHIST OPENINGS

Help our children be all they can be. Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

- Catechists **Gr. 3** and **Gr. 6**
- Assistant Catechists

For questions or information, please contact **Mrs. Monica Hickam** (mon.hickam@gmail.com)



ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising even for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County (SVdP)** invites you to **We Rock**, a Happy Hour and Fashion Show in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard on **Tuesday, 14 AUG 2018**, from **05:30-07:30 PM**, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's **Catherine Center** blossoming into new life. Trinity Church is located at 330 Ravenswood Ave., Menlo Park. The women will model fashions from SVdP's thrift stores. The evening, produced by Kim Selby, includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are **\$75** and can be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/werock2018svdp>.

For more information, contact **650/343-1272**, visit www.svdpsm.org or email klang@svdpsm.org. Thank you for supporting SVdP's Catherine Center!

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: The Treasure of Families
(Universal)

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

A DAY ON "THE EUCHARIST" WITH FR. RON ROLHEISER, OMI

On **Saturday, 11 AUG 2018**, the Archdiocesan Office of Consecrated Life invites you to come and be enriched by the wisdom and depth of spirituality of **Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI**, teacher, college president, award-winning author, and syndicated columnist, whose work appears regularly in our newspaper *Catholic San Francisco*. There are two sessions, in two different venues:

- **St. Agnes Church**, 1025 Masonic Ave., San Francisco, **09:00-11:30 AM**: *The Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity*
- **St. Pius Church**, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, **10:30-04:30 PM**: *A Spirituality of the Eucharist*

Each session will address different aspects of the Eucharist; all are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be accepted at each site. For more information, contact **Sister Rosina Conrotto, PBVM**, at **415/614-5535** or conrottor@sfarch.org.

MEN'S RETREAT WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Come and learn about the manhood of Christ, the God Man. "I am the Good Shepherd," says Jesus, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." This retreat is designed for all Catholic men. The theme is ***Into the Breach***. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, 11 AUG 2018**, from **08:00 AM-03:00 PM** at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. Leading the retreat are three clergy of the Cathedral staff: **Fr. Arturo Albano** (pastor); **Fr. Sebastine Bula** (parochial vicar); and **Rev. Mr. Christoph Sandoval** (deacon). The cost is **\$25**, and includes lunch. Fathers: Bring your sons (under age 18 is free). Free parking at the Cathedral. Early-bird registration (by **01 AUG 2018**) is only **\$20**. To register online visit <https://tinyurl.com/KoCretreat>. For registration assistance: **Jolie Velazquez**, **415/567-2020 x228**. For more information, contact **Alexei Lukban**: alexeilukban@yahoo.com.

NOVENA FOR OUR NATION

For the third year in a row, the "*Novena for Our Nation*," a **54-Day Rosary Novena**, will run from **15 AUG 2018** (the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**) to **07 OCT 2018** (the **Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**) and will end with a National Rosary Rally in Washington DC. Endorsed by Cardinal Raymond Burke and other eminent Catholics, the project invites participants to pray the Rosary for 54 consecutive days, in a particular order and for particular intentions. For complete information visit the website: www.novenaforournation.com

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

05 AUG (SUN)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi
06 AUG (MON)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary
07 AUG (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary
08 AUG (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary
09 AUG (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
10 AUG (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
11 AUG (SAT)	Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
12 AUG (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
13 AUG (MON)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (TUE)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (WED)	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (THU)	
17 AUG (FRI)	
18 AUG (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm

SEMINAR FOR PARENTS AND CATECHISTS

The *Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery II* are pleased to present this a one-day seminar for parents and catechists **Saturday, 25 AUG 2018** from **09:00 AM-04:00 PM** at **St. Denis Catholic Church**, 2250 Avy Ave. Menlo Park. What does it mean to say that "parents are the primary catechists" of their children? How are parents supposed to carry out this awesome responsibility? Here is a day to learn how. These workshops offer credits toward certification and recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical Certificates for volunteer catechists. All attend the morning sessions, and there are 4 workshop choices in the afternoon. Lunch is included. The event is free; but RSVP by **01 AUG 2018** to **Lucy Soltau**, lsoltau@stdenisparish.org.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

On **Fridays** from **03 AUG-28 SEP 2018**, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urge our participation in a nationwide **Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life**. This is a call to prayer and fasting that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being from conception to natural death is protected in law and welcomed in life. Participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the intention of this novena. To join visit www.usccb.org/pray.

A Prayer Before Logging Onto the Internet

Almighty and eternal God, Who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the Divine Person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the Internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee, and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



DID YOU KNOW ???

THERE IS A PATRON SAINT OF THE INTERNET?

Saint Isidore of Seville (a *Doctor of the Church*) was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, **Leander** and **Fulgentius**, and one of his sisters, **Florentina**, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn't limit his own studies and didn't want others to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. He is considered by many to have been the most learned man of his age.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the **Etymologies**, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology.

Isidore was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in **1598** by **Pope Clement VIII** and declared a *Doctor of the Church* in **1722** by **Pope Innocent XIII**. **Pope Saint John Paul II** declared Saint Isadore of Seville the patron saint of the Internet and computer users in **1997**.



RCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning **16 SEP 2018**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. Also welcome are Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the **Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, 20 APR 2019**. We will accept new participants throughout **September** and **October**. Please see the green brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information, or the Nativity website (www.nativitymenlo.org). Contact **Charlotte Pace** (650/325-6978, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory (650/323-7914). We look forward to welcoming you. Catholic adults who need Confirmation only are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact **Charlotte** for more info.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.