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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

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 FEBRUARY 2018



He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to Him from everywhere.

MARK 1: 45

FIRST READING

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.

LEVITICUS 13: 1-2, 44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You took away the guilt of my sin.

PSALMS 32

SECOND READING

Do everything for the glory of God ... Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 10: 31 - 11: 1

GOSPEL

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything."

MARK 1: 40-45

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 11 - 17 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Paul Otellini
	05:30 PM	† Patricia and Gene Winnike
TUE	07:30 AM	† Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	Judy Woods
WED	07:30 AM	† Juan Arguello
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
	07:30 PM	Frank Rivera
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Alida Moore
FRI	07:30 AM	† D. Frank Crane
	05:30 PM	Thad Downs; The Wagstaffe, Thompson and Jones families; † Georgie Heup; † Burton Pacioretty
SAT	08:00 AM	† Timothy J. Sheehan; † Carlos Villescáz; † Ted Amirkhan; Benefactors of the parish

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing


ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

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)
11 FEB	(Sunday) 03:00 PM	RCIA
12 FEB	(Monday) 07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
13 FEB	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H ⁴ Faith Formation Class
14 FEB	(Wednesday) 09:00 AM 07:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Nativity School Mass Confirmation Class
15 FEB	(Thursday) 11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
16 FEB	(Friday) 06:00 PM	Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross
17 FEB	(Saturday) 09:00 AM 01:00 PM	Natural Family Planning Class Infant Jesus of Prague Society

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 27-28 JAN
	TOTAL: \$10,937
ADA Progress: 2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	GOAL MET! \$165,940

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

14 FEB (Wednesday) ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 14 FEB 2018 is **Ash Wednesday**. Masses will be at **07:30 AM, 09:00 AM** (Nativity School Mass), **05:30 PM** and **07:30 PM**. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

14 FEB (Wednesday): SAINT CYRIL and SAINT METHIDIUS, Bishops (~826 - ~884)

Greek brothers, both monks, who preached successfully among the Russians and Moravians and became known as the “*Apostles to the Slavs*.” They mastered the Slavic language and codified an alphabet for it (the forerunner of the “Cyrillic” alphabet used in the Russian language today). They frequently incurred ecclesial censure for using Slavonic—the vernacular of their congregation—in the liturgy.

17 FEB (Saturday): THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (1233)

On the **Feast of the Assumption** in **1240**, the Founders received a vision of Our Lady. She held in her hand a black habit, and a nearby angel bore a scroll reading *Servants of Mary*. Mary told them, “You will found a new order, and you will be my witnesses throughout the world. This is your name: *Servants of Mary*. This is your rule: that of **Saint Augustine**. And here is your distinctive sign: the black scapular, in memory of my sufferings.” By **1285** there were 10,000 members with houses in Germany, France, Italy, and Spain.



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

WOMEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Ladies, please join us for spiritual enrichment, development, growth, and fellowship. Our group will meet on the second **Friday** of the month in the **O'Hare Center** at **07:00 PM**. This group is open to all women of the parish for fellowship, prayer, finger foods, and drinks. We will often show Christian-based movies. Our first meeting will be on **09 FEB 2018** at **07:00 PM**. This month we will be showing *The Case for Christ*. For more information contact: **Elena Stallings** at estallingsiv@gmail.com or **Michaela Mitchell** at michaela7@outlook.com.

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: 04:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 PM

Friday: 09:00 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.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 FEB 2018** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, The **Nativity Men's Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **10 MAR 2018** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and two tickets redeemable for wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. Non-seafood ravioli option is also available. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite. Cost is **\$50/person**.



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

- PARISHIONERS**
- William O'Keefe
 - Bridget Blackwell
 - Brennan Kresser
 - Michael Harris

DEATHS

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 17 FEB 2018**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SUMMER SEMINARS

This year **St. Thomas Aquinas** is offering two different summer seminars. On **23 JUN 2018**, they will be having a one-day seminar, *The Problem of Pain*, with **Dr. Peter Kreeft**, Professor of Philosophy at Boston College. **29 JUN-01 JUL 2018** will be the weekend seminar, *Faith is the Key*, with the **Most Reverend Robert Barron**, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. For more information: visit www.thomasaquinas.edu/summer-seminar or contact **Patti Harmonson**, Special Events Coordinator, pharmonson@thomasaquinas.edu or **805/421-5929**.



SAN MATEO 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

San Mateo 40 Days for Life runs from **Ash Wednesday (14 FEB 2018)** through **Palm Sunday (25 MAR 2018)**.

Vigil location: Sidewalk, 35 Baywood Av, San Mateo;

Vigil hours: 07:00 AM-07:00 PM every day;

Local contact: Jessica –650/572-1468

or email: themunns@yahoo.com

Nativity's day is **Sunday, 25 FEB 2018**.

Learn more ... and get involved:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo>



BEST. LENT. EVER.

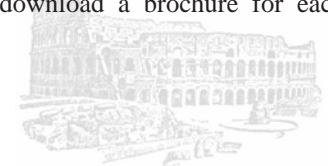
Lent comes every year. It is meant to be a time when we invite God to help us become "the best version of ourselves." But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to it after Easter. This year you can change that with the **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Beginning Ash Wednesday, **14 FEB 2018**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from **Matthew Kelly**, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to www.DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

This year's **Spiritual Warfare Conference** will be on **Saturday, 24 FEB 2018** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM** in the school gymnasium. **Father Gary Thomas**, exorcist of the San Jose diocese, and **Fr. Robert Spitzer**, a physicist and EWTN host, will be our featured speakers. Brochures are around the church, or you can register online by **09 FEB 2018** at www.heartsoflove.biz. For questions, call **Deacon Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

SUMMER PROGRAM IN ROME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

ProRome is an organization that offers summer programs for boys and girls ages **14-17** in Rome. The programs for boys, *Catholica Summer Program: Forming Young Men into Confident, Catholic Gentlemen*, will be held **18 MAY-05 JUN 2018** and **08-26 JUN 2018**. The program for girls, *Bella Vita Summer Program: A Young Woman's Immersion Program in Art History, Cooking and Italian*, will be **28 JUN-18 JUL 2018**. Space is limited for each program. Every day begins with Mass, which is usually (but not always) in St. Peter's Basilica. The programs' chaplains celebrate both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Mass. For an application or for more information about each of these highly-recommended programs visit www.prorome.com, call **800/280-5283**, or email jloug@prorome.com. You can download a brochure for each program from the website.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Say 'No' to Corruption
(Universal)

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at www.nativityschool.com > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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

11 FEB (SUN) Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

12 FEB (MON)

13 FEB (TUE)

14 FEB (WED)

15 FEB (THU)

16 FEB (FRI)

17 FEB (SAT)

18 FEB (SUN)

19 FEB (MON)

20 FEB (TUE)

21 FEB (WED)

22 FEB (THU)

23 FEB (FRI)

24 FEB (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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm

www.oblates.us/heart.htm

www.sacredheartdevotion.com

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your infinite mercy, hear and answer us.

FAITH FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

Ave Maria University is pleased to announce that through the generosity of a donor, a new Faith and Football Scholarship is being offered for qualified football players who are committed Catholics. The scholarship parameters include a minimum test score of 23 on the ACT or 1130 on the SAT. A limited number of scholarships (renewable for up to \$7,000 a year, which is added to the athletic and academic scholarships awarded by AMU) will be awarded on a rolling basis, with priority consideration given to early applications. Candidates must apply through this link: <https://www.avemaria.edu/future-students/scholarships/>. Please contact eric.vanheusden@avemaria.edu with any questions.

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The Story of Saint Valentine

Valentine was a Roman bishop at a time when the emperor Claudius was persecuting the church. Claudius also issued an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers because married soldiers might be afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died.

“It was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived,” says Father Frank O’Gara, a priest at Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin, Ireland. “Polygamy would have been much more popular than just one woman and one man living together. And yet some of them seemed to be attracted to Christian faith. But obviously the church taught that marriage was very sacred between one man and one woman, for their life, and that it was to be encouraged. And so this edict immediately presented a problem to the Christian church of what to do about this. The idea of encouraging them to marry within the Christian church was what Valentine was about. And he secretly married couples because of the edict.”

Valentine was eventually caught, imprisoned and tortured for performing marriage ceremonies against the command of Emperor Claudius II. There are legends surrounding Valentine’s actions while in prison.

One of the men who was to judge him in line with the Roman law was a man called Asterius, whose daughter was blind. Valentine was supposed to have prayed with and healed the young girl with such astonishing effect that Asterius himself became a Christian as a result.

In the year 269 AD, Valentine was sentenced to a three part execution of a beating, stoning, and finally decapitation, all because of his stand for Christian marriage. The story goes that the last words he wrote were in a note to Asterius’ daughter, signing it “from your Valentine.”

“What Valentine means to me as a priest,” explains Father O’Gara, “is that there comes a time where you have to lay your life upon the line for what you believe. And with the power of the Holy Spirit we can do that -- even to the point of death.”

Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin is home to relics of Saint Valentine, granted by Pope Gregory XVI.

www.whitefriarstreetchurch.ie/shrines.html#Valentine



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

DID YOU KNOW?

Spending time with our Lord in a Holy Hour has benefits of which most of us are not aware:

- Our Lord revealed to **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** how to make a Holy Hour. In 1674, Our Lord appeared to her and complained of the indifference with which mankind treated His Love for them and asked her to make atonement for this ingratitude. He said: *“I will make you a partaker of that sorrow unto death which it was My will to suffer in the Garden of Olives. To join with Me in the humble prayer which I then offered to My Divine Father in agony, you shall rise before midnight, and remain with Me upon your knees prostrate for one hour, with your face to the ground, to appease the anger of My Eternal Father and ask of Him pardon for sinners.”*
- In an Apostolic Letter on 30 MAR 1886, Pope Leo XIII allowed the faithful to make their Holy Hour on any hour and day of the week.
- *“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!”* -- **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**
- Our Lord revealed to **Blessed Dina Belanger** that a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important that *“a multitude of souls go to heaven that had been destined for hell”*.
- *“You can come to Me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace.”* -- Our Lord to **Saint Faustina**