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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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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

04 MARCH 2018

I, the Lord, am your God...
You shall not have other gods besides Me.

EXODUS 20: 2-3



FIRST READING

In those days, God delivered all these commandments.

EXODUS 20: 1-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

PSALMS 19

SECOND READING

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 22-25

GOSPEL

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

JOHN 2: 13-25

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Francis George Eichler
	05:30 PM	The Heffler and Walsh families
TUE	07:30 AM	† Eloise Libby
	05:30 PM	† Alida Moore; † Ted Amirkhan; † Luca DiGioia; † Sam and Alice Felix
WED	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
THU	07:30 AM	† Anthony Zele
	05:30 PM	† Terrence Meagher
FRI	07:30 AM	† Dick Cesarin
	05:30 PM	† Daniel Latendresse
SAT	08:00 AM	Benefactors of the parish; † Aldo Ghiozzi

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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




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




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

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)

04 MAR	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
05 MAR	(Monday)	07:00 PM 07:30 PM	Apostle's Creed Class Legion of Mary
06 MAR	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Faith Formation Class H ⁴ Faith Formation Class
07 MAR	(Wednesday)	09:30 AM 07:00 PM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms Confirmation Class
08 MAR	(Thursday)	09:30 AM 07:30 PM	Opus Dei Women's Group Legion of Mary District Mtg
09 MAR	(Friday)	06:00 PM	Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross 
10 MAR	(Saturday)	06:00 PM	Crab Cioppino Dinner

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 17-18 FEB
TOTAL:	\$11,109
Ash Wednesday:	\$3,691

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

07 MAR (Wednesday):

SAINT PERPETUA and SAINT FELICITY, Martyrs (d. 203)

Perpetua was a noble woman of Carthage, and **Felicity** was her slave. While still catechumens they were arrested during the persecution of Christians under Emperor Septimus Severus and imprisoned in a private home where they were baptized. They were sentenced to death in a public amphitheater. When wild beasts failed to kill them, the women were killed by the sword.

08 MAR (Thursday):

SAINT JOHN OF GOD (1495-1550)

Spanish soldier who converted from a dissolute life to give solace to the sick and homeless, for which he was much criticized. While rescuing patients from a burning hospital, he fell through the burning roof but emerged unscathed. He is known as the patron of firefighters. The **Brothers Hospitallers** (now a worldwide religious organization) were founded by his followers 20 years after John's death.



09 MAR (Friday):

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)

An aristocrat by birth, she became a Benedictine and Foundress of the *Oblates of the Tor de' Specchi (Collatines)*. She spent her life and fortune, both as a laywoman and religious, in the service of the sick and poor. She is said to have been guided by an archangel that only she could see.

On her feast day, priests bless cars due to her patronage of cars and drivers. Though Frances certainly never drove, legend says that when she went abroad at night, her guardian angel went before her lighting the road with a headlight-like lantern, keeping her safe in her travels.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

WOMEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of the **Women's Faith and Fellowship Group** will be on **09 MAR 2018** at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. This month we will be showing *The Week that Changed the World* after praying the rosary; it will be followed up with a group discussion. This group is open to all women of the parish.

For more information contact:

Elena Stallings at estallingsiv@gmail.com or

Michaela Mitchell at Michaela7@outlook.com.

LENTEN CLASSES WITH FR. MARK MAZZA

Taking up from last year, **Fr. Mazza** will finish his study and explanation of the *Apostles' Creed*. We will cover articles eight, nine, and ten.

Included is a discussion of the role of Mary in the life of the Church. All classes will be in the **O'Hare Center** on **Mondays** from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Please bring your own copy of the official *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. A few copies will be available for sale.

Here is the schedule:

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| Monday, 05 MAR | Article 9, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church" |
| Monday, 12 MAR | the four marks of the true Church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic |
| Monday, 19 MAR | Christ's Faithful. What does it mean to be the people of God? |
| Monday, 26 MAR | Article 10, "I believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins." |

NATIVITY ALTAR SOCIETY VASE SALE

The **Altar Society** will be having a vase sale on **04 MAR 2018** after all the morning Masses. This is an opportunity to purchase favorite vases at a reduced price while supporting the Nativity Altar Society! Having a bridal party, or like to bring flowers to friends? How about displaying your favorite seashells, pretty rocks, or silk flowers? Come, find, and use the perfect vases that suit your needs!

Are you interested in joining the Altar Society? Come talk with a member at the sale - we are always looking for new members and have a job to suit everyone!



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: 08:00 AM

Thursday: 08:00 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.

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 • Kye Brodie, son of
Brendan Haley and Nelly Maldonado

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Suzanne Lussier

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.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

The San Francisco Bay Catholic Men's Conference, *Called to Lead* will be held on **Saturday, 10 MAR 2018** from **09:00 AM-03:30 PM**. **Archbishop Cordileone** will celebrate Mass, and sacramental confession will be available. **Tim Whitmire**, founder of *The Iron Project*, will take part; **Fr. Joseph Illo** is the retreat leader, and the keynote speaker is **Doug Barry**, founder and director of the Catholic ministry *RADIX* and host of EWTN's new television program *Battle Ready*. Cost (includes lunch) is **\$45** (\$35 for early registration by **26 FEB 2018**). Fathers, bring your teen sons: **\$20** for men under 20.

Register online at www.SFBayMen.info.

The conference will be held at **St. Bartholomew Catholic Church**, 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo. For more information contact **Ed Hopfner** at HopfnerE@sfarch.org or **Betty** at 415/614-5680.

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.

SPIRITUAL CARE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathetic, well-grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours per week, then becoming a **Spiritual Care Service Volunteer** at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on **Saturday, 17 MAR 2018**, at **Stanford Hospital**. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact **Raksha Patel** at 650/723-5101 or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is **01 MAR 2018**.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vai) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too.

For confidential information about or to register for our April program, beginning with a weekend on **13-15 APR 2018**, call **415/893-1005** or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site online at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



HOUSING HELP NEEDED

Housing is needed for a young family moving to the Bay Area. The father will be teaching at **St. Patrick's Seminary** beginning in **August 2018**. This family (one child with one on the way) needs an affordable two-bedroom apartment, small house or cottage within commuting distance of the Seminary. If you have or know of such housing that will be available beginning July or later, please contact **Mary Wynne** at 650/367-8987 or newynne55@yahoo.com. Thank you.



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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Formation in Spiritual (Evangelization) Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Mondays	07:00 PM	<i>Apostles' Creed Class</i>
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
21 MAR (Wednesday)	07:00 PM	Penance Service
29 MAR (Thursday)	07:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
30 MAR (Friday)	12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	<i>Good Friday</i> Stations of the Cross Reflections (Fr. George Schultze, S.J.) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
31 MAR (Saturday)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Reconciliation Reconciliation Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
01 APR (Sunday)	08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
02 APR (Monday)	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

04 MAR (SUN)	
05 MAR (MON)	
06 MAR (TUE)	
07 MAR (WED)	
08 MAR (THU)	FIRST Day: St. Patrick
09 MAR (FRI)	SECOND Day: St. Patrick
10 MAR (SAT)	THIRD Day: St. Patrick FIRST Day: St. Joseph
11 MAR (SUN)	FOURTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
12 MAR (MON)	FIFTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
13 MAR (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph
14 MAR (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph
15 MAR (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph
16 MAR (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph FIRST Day: The Annunciation
17 MAR (SAT)	Feast of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Patrick:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm

Saint Joseph:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm



SVdP: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT WANTED

Are you looking for a meaningful career? Turn your compassion into action! The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** of San Mateo County is currently hiring for the **Director of Development** position. SVdP's Director of Development will be responsible for managing activities related to fundraising and mission advancement. We are looking for an experienced, passionate, and joyful individual to join our team. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits! All applications should be submitted electronically to the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County*, Attention: Executive Director, at info@svdpsm.org and should include a letter of application, resume, writing sample and contact information for three professional references. A review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. SVdP is an equal opportunity employer.

DID YOU KNOW?

The forty days of Lent does not include the Sundays, which is why the number of calendar days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday is 46, inclusive.



LENT



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