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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

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

18 MARCH 2018

When I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to Myself.

JOHN 12: 32



FIRST READING

All, from least to greatest, shall know Me,
says the Lord.

JEREMIAH 31 : 31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give me back the joy of Your salvation, and
a willing spirit sustain in me.

PSALMS 51

SECOND READING

He was heard because of His reverence.

HEBREWS 5: 7-9

GOSPEL

It was for this purpose that I came to this
hour. Father, glorify Your Name.

JOHN 12: 20-33

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 MAR

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Irene Turner |
| | 05:30 PM | † Jack Downs |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Roy Martin |
| | 05:30 PM | † James and Margaret Custodio |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † John and Margaret Kiely |
| | 05:30 PM | † Danny Olin |
| THU | 07:30 AM | Diana Egeler-Reinener |
| | 05:30 PM | † John Gentry |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Eloise Libby |
| | 05:30 PM | Mariam Akinnitire and family; † Katherine Eastman; † Michael Greanoy; † Valentin Araneta |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | † Stephen Rajkovich; † Katherine Eastman; † Grace and Richard Hughes |

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

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| 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) |
| 18 MAR | (Sunday) | |
| | 03:00 PM | RCIA |
| 19 MAR | (Monday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Nativity School Mass |
| | 07:00 PM | Apostle's Creed Class |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 20 MAR | (Tuesday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Faith Formation Class |
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| | 07:30 PM | Faith Formation Class |
| 21 MAR | (Wednesday) | |
| | 10:00 AM | Children's Adoration |
| | 07:00 PM | Lenten Penance Service |
| | 07:00 PM | Confirmation Class |
| 22 MAR | (Thursday) | |
| | 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
| 23 MAR | (Friday) | <i>Lenten Friday</i> |
| | 02:15 PM | Stations of the Cross (School) |
| | 06:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 24 MAR | (Saturday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Baptism Class |



PARISH OFFERINGS

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| | WEEK OF 03-04 MAR |
| TOTAL: | \$14,950 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

19 MAR (Monday):

SAINT JOSEPH, Husband of the Virgin Mary

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” One, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.



“In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine good had offered as a promise to them, Joseph held in his arms.”

St. Bernadine of Siena

23 MAR (Friday):

SAINT TORIBIO DE MORGROVEJO (1538-1606)

Toribio was a noble, lawyer, and professor of law at Salamanca. He became the archbishop of **Lima, Peru** in **1579**, and founded the first seminary in the Western Hemisphere.



FATHERS:

Pray to **St. Joseph**. Ask for his intercession and help. He understands the particular concerns, burdens and obligations of fathers, and he is ready and well able to intercede with our blessed Lord to send you the graces and strength you need in this most noble of callings. Do not hesitate to ask for his assistance.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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 remaining schedule:

- 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.”

THE CALLA LILIES ARE IN BLOOM AGAIN!

This is a great way to share the fruits of your garden with our Lord! Please bring your callas and leaves to the **O’Hare Center** on **Wednesday** morning, **28 APR 2018**. There will be water buckets outside the O’Hare Center door for drop off. The Altar Society will use them for **Holy Thursday** and **Easter Sunday**. Potted hydrangeas are also used and appreciated, and may be dropped off behind the outside bar by the O’Hare Center. If you don’t have a green thumb or you are short on time to shop for potted plants, consider a donation to the Altar Society for Easter. The Altar Society is always so appreciative of your participation and support. May God Bless you for helping make our Easter Triduum beautiful!



CHILDRENS ADORATION

A Holy Hour designed to bring your little ones along! Jesus said “*Let the children come to Me.*” He will be so excited to see them there! Hosted by **Bay Area Catholic Moms** and **Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms**. A potluck lunch will follow in the **O’Hare Center**. Bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share. Sandwiches provided.

Date: **Wednesday, 21 MAR 2018**
Place: **Church of the Nativity**
Time: **10:00-11:00 AM** (adoration)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (lunch)

Contact:

Monica Hendricks mmthendricks@gmail.com
home phone: **650/704-4201**

Lindsey Gilmore linz1688@gmail.com
937/329-0414

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

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, 12:00 PM, 01:00 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.

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**
- Santiago Tomas, son of Adam and Victoria Bartret
 - Jeremi Pio, son of Bazyli and Joanna Klockiewicz

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- Imee and Alexander Gines (*Amelia*)

- DEATHS**
- Mary Ruder
 - Teresa Burris
 - Dorothy Dell'omo

SPECIAL COLLECTION: THIS WEEK

Today, our parish will take up a collection for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** to respond to *Jesus in disguise*. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collections. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. 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: *Catholic Relief Services*.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK

Next weekend there is a special collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of our Altar Society. 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: *Altar Society*.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: GOOD FRIDAY

On **Good Friday, 30 APR 2018**, there will be the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support this collection, which helps support the Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools, offer religious education and help preserve sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection you become an instrument of peace and join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up during the Good Friday services.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

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.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the 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 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.



Dynamic Catholic 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

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| Mondays | 07:00 PM | <i>Apostles' Creed Class</i> |
| Fridays | 06:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 21 MAR (Wednesday) | 07:00 PM | <i>Spy Wednesday</i> 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> Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of 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

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| 18 MAR (SUN) | NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation |
| 19 MAR (MON) | Feast of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 20 MAR (TUE) | FIFTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 21 MAR (WED) | SIXTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 22 MAR (THU) | SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 23 MAR (FRI) | EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 24 MAR (SAT) | NINTH Day: The Annunciation |
| 25 MAR (SUN) | PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY |
| 26 MAR (MON) | FIG MONDAY |
| 27 MAR (TUE) | GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY |
| 28 MAR (WED) | SPY WEDNESDAY |
| 29 MAR (THU) | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| 30 MAR (FRI) | FIRST Day: Divine Mercy GOOD FRIDAY |
| 31 MAR (SAT) | SECOND Day: Divine Mercy HOLY SATURDAY |

HOLY WEEK

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Joseph:

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

The Annunciation:

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

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

Whoever serves Me must follow Me,
and where I am, there also will My servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

MISSION HOLY WEEK FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES

The **Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry** office is sponsoring "*Mission Holy Week*"—a mission trip in our own backyard for high school and college students, **Palm Sunday, 25 MAR 2018** to **Easter Sunday, 01 APR 2018**. Join in on any day, for a different activity each day. Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge; do street missions; attend a rally; join in Eucharistic Adoration; create living Stations of the Cross; worship at the National Shrine of St. Francis; begin and end the week at Mass with **Archbishop Cordileone** in the Cathedral, on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. There are full-week and day-long opportunities to participate, with overnight accommodations available, as well as day opportunities for parents and younger children. Logistics missionaries are also



needed. Visit www.missionyouthsf.com for more information and to register or support. For complete information on Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry events, visit the website www.sfarchdiocese.org/youthministry or contact **Amanda George 415/614-5595** georgia@sfarch.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Saint Brigitta (Bridget) of Sweden (1303-1373) had over 700 revelations. In one of these, the **Blessed Mother** revealed seven graces that would be granted by her Son to anyone who would daily pray seven *Hail, Marys* while meditating on **Mary's Seven Sorrows**. These graces are:

1. I will grant peace to their families.
2. They will be enlightened about the Divine Mysteries.
3. I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
4. I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my Divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
5. I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
6. I will visibly help them at the moment of their death—they will see the face of their mother.
7. I have obtained this grace from my divine Son: that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy.



Saint Alphonsus Liguori tells of four complementary promises made by **Jesus** to **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary** (1207-1231):

1. That those who before death invoke the Blessed Mother in the name of her sorrows, should obtain true repentance of all their sins.
2. That He would protect in their tribulations all who remember this devotion, and that He would protect them especially at the hour of death.
3. That He would impress upon their minds the remembrance of His Passion, and that they should have their reward for it in Heaven.
4. That He would commit such devout clients to the hands of Mary, so that she might obtain for these souls all the graces she wanted to lavish upon them.

The historical **Seven Sorrows (Dolors) of Mary** are *The Prophecy of Simeon*; *The Flight Into Egypt*; *The Loss of Jesus in the Temple*; *Meeting Jesus Carrying the Cross*; *The Crucifixion*; *Receiving the Dead Body of Her Son*; and *The Burial of Her Son and Closing of the Tomb*.

in 1815, **Pope Pius VII** approved a series of prayers in honor of the Seven Sorrows, for daily meditation.

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me. Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God. *Hail, Mary...*
2. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety. *Hail, Mary...*
3. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the loss of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge. *Hail, Mary...*
4. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude. *Hail, Mary...*
5. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel. *Hail, Mary...*
6. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the Cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding. *Hail, Mary...*
7. I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom. *Hail, Mary...*



Let Us Pray:

Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen.