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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 07:00 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

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

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



FIRST READING

Be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more.

DEUTERONOMY 6: 2-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O, Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

PSALMS 18

SECOND READING

He is always able to save those who approach God through Him.

HEBREWS 7: 23-28

GOSPEL

Jesus saw that he answered with understanding.

MARK 12: 28-34



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

04 NOVEMBER 2018

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

DEUTERONOMY 6: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 04 - 10 NOV

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | The Neylan and Cardine families |
| | 05:30 PM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| | 05:30 PM | † Arthur Bellaire |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| | 05:30 PM | The Zappettini family; The Grimberg family; Frances Dias; ✦ Miriam Mueller |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † John and Virginia Conway |
| | 05:30 PM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Boyd Paulson |
| | 05:30 PM | † Souls in Purgatory |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | † Herani de Guzman; † Matilda Soares; † Vicki MacDonald; † Sally O'Hare; † Souls in Purgatory |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

ABUSE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH, PRAYER SERVICE AND DISCUSSION

On **Sunday, 04 NOV 2018** at **07:00 PM** we will have a prayer service in the church focusing on reparation for the abuse crisis in our Church. This will be followed by a panel discussion in the **O'Hare Center** from **08:00-09:00 PM** which will allow for questions and discussion. This is intended to be constructive and informative, not simply an airing of complaints. The panel will consist of **Dr. Cynthia Hunt**, a psychiatrist on the faculty of St. Patrick's Seminary, **Joan Desmond**, a parishioner and journalist for the National Catholic Register, and myself. I encourage you to consider attending this opportunity for our personal and collective healing.

Msgr. Steven Otellini

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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) |

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| 04 NOV | (Sunday) | <i>Pie Sale Deliveries</i> |
| | 03:00 PM | RCIA |
| | 07:00 PM | Prayer Service |
| | 08:00 PM | Church Crisis Discussion |
| 05 NOV | (Monday) | |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 06 NOV | (Tuesday) | |
| | 07:00 PM | H ⁴ |
| 07 NOV | (Wednesday) | |
| | 10:30 PM | Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms |
| | 07:00 PM | Confirmation Class (School) |
| 08 NOV | (Thursday) | |
| | 09:30 AM | Opus Dei Women's Group |
| | 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
| 09 NOV | (Friday) | |
| 10 NOV | (Saturday) | |
| | 05:00 PM | Adopt-a-Family |

| PARISH OFFERINGS | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | WEEK OF 20-21 OCT |
| | TOTAL: \$10,395 |
| World Mission Sunday: | \$9,616 |
| Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: | \$79,285 |
| 2018 ADA Goal: | \$152,524 |

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

09 NOV (Friday)

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Officially named the *Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior*, it is the oldest and ranks first (being the only cathedral in Rome) among the four major basilicas of Rome, and holds the title of **ecumenical mother church** (mother church of the whole inhabited world) among Roman Catholics.

10 NOV (Saturday)

SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (c. 400-461)

Pope from 440 to 461, during the time of the invasion of Attila the Hun. When Attila marched on Rome, Leo went out to meet him and pleaded for leave. As Leo spoke, Attila saw the vision of a man in priestly robes (believed to be **St. Peter**), carrying a bare sword, and threatening to kill the invader if he did not obey Pope Leo.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we are hosting a **baby shower** for several mothers facing crisis pregnancies from *New Creation Home* in East Palo Alto. The shower will be held in the **O'Hare Center** on **Sunday, 04 NOV 2018**, from **02:30-04:30 PM**. All are welcome to attend and encourage these women who chose life for their babies. Please RSVP to **Laura Claude** at **650/257-7780**. If you would like to help decorate, provide food or shop for gifts, please let Laura know.



MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Jesus said *"Let the children come to Me,"* so bring them to **Children's Adoration**, and don't worry about their little fidgets and sounds! This is a wonderful opportunity for little ones to begin learning to adore the Lord in the Eucharist, and for moms to spend some "quiet" time with the Lord. If the weather cooperates, the Adoration hour will be followed by a potluck outside on the Church grounds. Sandwiches will be provided; feel free to bring a side, dessert, or beverage to share.

Topic: *Children's Adoration and Pot Luck Picnic*

Date: **Wednesday, 07 NOV 2018**

Place: **Church of the Nativity**

Time: **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Contact: **Katie Froula** or **Christina Lee**
midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are available for **Schola Seraphica's 12th Annual Christmas Concert** on **09 DEC 2018, 02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students. They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM, Mon-Fri**. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.



*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).*

SIXTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

On **Sunday, 04 NOV 2018**, after the morning Masses, please pick up the pies that you ordered from Menlo Park's **Corpus Christi Chapter of the Dominican Laity** last weekend. Orders can be picked up after the **08:00, 09:30 or 11:30 AM** Masses. Come meet us and find out about the Lay Dominicans.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, **03-04 NOV 2018**, there will be a special collection for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University**. For more than a century, St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park, has been preparing men for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Well-prepared priests are needed more than ever at this time. St. Patrick's needs your support so that they may continue to provide outstanding academic programs and increase seminarian housing. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated. 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: *St. Patrick's Seminary*.

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

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 • Emily Sofia, daughter of Carlos and Elizabeth Linares

MARRIAGES • James Stapleton and Kelly Hollywood

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Josephine Lee



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

ON-GOING RESPONSE TO THE NATIONAL ABUSE CRISIS

Archbishop Cordileone has held several listening sessions in a Town Hall format. The first of his requested Days of Prayer and Adoration took place on Friday, 05 OCT, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Thank you to all who have participated.

Information on the archdiocesan and archbishop responses to this situation can be found at www.sfarch.org/protecting-children. Links to information on reporting abuse, archdiocesan services and resources, and much more is provided there.

Additional upcoming events are:

Friday, 07 DEC (09:00 AM-06:00 PM) - Adoration (St. Matthew, San Mateo)

Saturday, 15 DEC (10:00 AM-12:00 PM) - Adoration (St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Isabella and St. Matthew)

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our **28th Annual Christmas Adopt-A-Family** will begin this month. Sign-ups are after all the Masses on the **10-11 and 17-18 NOV 2018** weekends. We have about *200 families* that we need to adopt and purchase Christmas gifts. These are families identified by various Catholic organizations, especially our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. We also have wishlist items you can purchase for clients of various organizations that assist the needy and homeless. We will need volunteers for the packing of food at Nativity School on **14 DEC 2018**, and then the delivery of food and gifts on **Saturday, 15 DEC 2018**. This is a great way for everyone, especially families, to share with local families in need. The delivery date is also a great time to get involved with and get to know fellow parishioners. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso: 650/269-7794**.



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

BETHLEHEM A.D. 2018

Every Christmas downtown Redwood City comes alive with the largest living Nativity in California. **Bethlehem A.D.** is a popular community event that has inspired the San Francisco Bay Area for twenty-six years with the authentic spirit and experience of the first Christmas. This year **Bethlehem A.D.** will be held **21-23 DEC 2018** from **06:00-09:30 PM** at 1305 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. They are seeking adult and young actors, and workers to help build the sets.

For more information on volunteer opportunities you may participate in and a video, visit www.bethlehemad.com. This is an amazing all-volunteer event that requires lots of support each year.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WARMS SAN MATEO COUNTY'S HOMELESS

We all want to be warm on frosty nights and be dry when the rain pours. Think of how the homeless in San Mateo County feel on these cold nights. They are sleeping in their cars, on friends' couches, under buildings or on a park bench.

You can change this dire situation by donating to the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Stay Warm Appeal**. \$25 will purchase one new sleeping bag rated for very cold weather to be distributed at one of SVdP's Homeless Help Centers in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City.

Donate online at www.svdpsm.org or mail a check to: SVdP Stay Warm Appeal, 50 North B St. San Mateo, CA 94401.

We appreciate your compassion for those without a warm bed or shelter to call their own.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Our classes will start up on **Tuesday, 13 NOV 2018**. The class will be some excellent talks by **Bishop Robert Barron** on the Eucharist. Please join us as Bishop Barron has some great insights into the most important practice of the Catholic faith, the Mass. Classes will go for three **Tuesdays, 13, 20 27 NOV 2018**. The morning class goes from **09:30 AM-12:00 PM**. The evening class (a repeat of the morning class) is from **07:00-08:30 PM**. Both are held in the OHare Center. For questions, please call **Deacon Dominick Peloso: 650/269-6279**.

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: In the Service of Peace
(Universal)

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:00 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a mediation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

A NEW TYPE OF DONATION: GOLD AND SILVER

Often we find things in church that people don't know what to do with, so they leave them here -- old medals (Sacred Heart, Miraculous Medal, etc.), broken bits of chain, broken rosaries. Often these objects are silver and do have some monetary value. If you have scrap silver or gold that you don't know what to do with consider donating it to Nativity. Any money we receive will be given to the **Altar Society** to further their work in beautifying the Church. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

PILGRIMAGE TO WYD 2019



Join young adults from the Archdiocese of San Francisco to share faith and fun with young people around the world at **World Youth Day, 21-28 JAN 2019, in Panama**.

Learn details of the Archdiocese-organized pilgrimage at gp.myfaithjourneys.com/login. Our Group Number is **19019**. The cost is **\$2,625** per person (including airfare, lodging, food, and most other costs) if our group is 40 or more persons; otherwise, cost is **\$2,845** each. For those who cannot afford the entire cost, a limited number of partial scholarships are available (pastor recommendation is required). For more information about the pilgrimage, contact **Amanda George**, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at: georgea@sfarch.org or **415/614-5595**.

TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, "My Sunday Mass" on KOFY-TV channel 20 at **08:30 AM** provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit www.mysundaymass.org.

EWTN also broadcasts (cable and on-line) the daily and Sunday Masses at **05:00 AM** (Pacific), with encore broadcasts at **09:00 AM, 04:00 PM** and **09:00 PM** daily (www.ewtn.com/multimedia/weekly-schedules.asp#).

For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

04 NOV (SUN)

05 NOV (MON)

06 NOV (TUE)

07 NOV (WED)

08 NOV (THU)

09 NOV (FRI)

10 NOV (SAT)

11 NOV (SUN)

12 NOV (MON)

13 NOV (TUE) FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia

14 NOV (WED) SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia

15 NOV (THU) THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia

16 NOV (FRI) FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

17 NOV (SAT) FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilldominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to the Holy Trinity:

http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy_trinity.html

Novena to the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi):

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

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

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.

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.

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BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be **emailed to the bulletin editors** at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

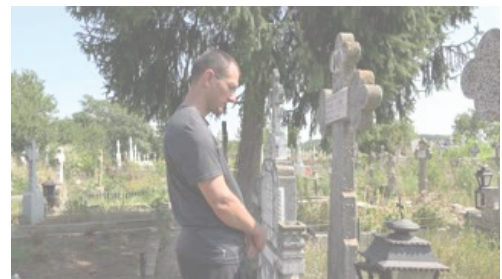
- Items for the **25 NOV 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 14 NOV 2018**.
- Items for the **23 DEC 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 12 DEC 2018**.
- Items for the **30 DEC 2018** bulletin must be submitted by **Tuesday, 18 DEC 2018**.
- Items for the **01 JAN 2019** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 26 DEC 2018**.

INTERIOR OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN



19TH-CENTURY ENGRAVINGS
(INDIANAPOLIS MUSEUM OF ART)

EXTERIOR OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN



**DID YOU
KNOW
???**

You can gain a **plenary indulgence** by making a devout visit to a cemetery, with a prayer for departed souls, between the **1st and 8th of November** (the **Octave of All Souls Day**).

An excellent prayer for departed souls is the **St. Gertrude Prayer**:

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."