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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



**FIRST READING**

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.  
**WISDOM 7: 7-11**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we  
 may gain wisdom of heart.

**PSALMS 90****SECOND READING**

Everything is naked and exposed to the eyes  
 of Him to Whom we must render an account.

**HEBREWS 4: 12-13****GOSPEL**

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the  
 eye of a needle."*

**MARK 10: 17-30**

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 14 OCTOBER 2018

For human beings it is impossible, but not  
 for God. All things are possible for God.

**MARK 10: 27**

### CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 14 - 20 OCT

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sid and Audrey Custodio; Mary Henriques; The Curry family; † Miriam Mueller
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Susan Gray
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Leo Pollano
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Edgar Vidal
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Joseph and Barbara Wynne
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	In thanksgiving
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Arthur Bellaire
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Ocafrain family
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Katherine Eastman
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Vicki MacDonald; † Judy Woods; † Donna Presta; † Joe Duran

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

<b>SUN</b>	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>TUE</b>	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>THU</b>	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>14 OCT</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	03:00 PM	RCIA
<b>15 OCT</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>16 OCT</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	07:00 PM	H <sup>4</sup>
<b>17 OCT</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	10:30 AM 01:00 PM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms Infant Jesus of Prague Society
<b>18 OCT</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	11:00 AM 07:00 PM	The Thursday Group 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg
<b>19 OCT</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>		
<b>20 OCT</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	09:00 AM 05:00 PM	Natural Family Planning Class Holy Land Olivewood Sales

**NFP OVERVIEW CLASS**

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 20 OCT 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](mailto:love2pray@gmail.com).



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF <b>29-30 SEP</b>
TOTAL:	<b>\$9,499</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	<b>\$77,605</b>
2018 ADA Goal:	<b>\$152,524</b>

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

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**15 OCT (Monday)**

**SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)**

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to St. Joseph. Teresa became a Carmelite nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.

**17 OCT (Wednesday)**

**SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop and Martyr (c. 50 - c. 107)**

**Ignatius** was a pagan convert to Christianity, who succeeded **Peter** as bishop of Antioch, Syria. He served during the persecution of Domitian, and during the persecution of Trajan, he was ordered taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, a journey which took months, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. He was the first writer to use the term *the catholic Church*. -- *"No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."*

**18 OCT (Thursday)**

**SAINT LUKE, Evangelist**

Doctor and companion of **St. Paul**, Luke is a patron to both physicians and artists. In addition to his Gospel, Luke authored a history of the early Church in the *Acts of the Apostles*.



**19 OCT (Friday):**

**SAINTS ISAAC JOGUES, JOHN DE BRÉBEUF and COMPANIONS, Martyrs**

Missionaries to the Mohawks and Iroquois, who were brutally tortured and martyred for the faith in New France.

**20 OCT (Saturday)**

**SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, Priest (1694-1775)**

After receiving a vision, and while still a layman, Paul founded the *Congregation of Discalced Clerks of the Most Holy Cross and Passion* (the *Passionists*) in 1721 to preach about Jesus Crucified. Paul was a preacher of such power that hardened soldiers and bandits were seen to weep.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH

We will continue our celebration of Respect Life month by taking up a second collection this weekend, **13-14 OCT 2018**, with the proceeds going to purchase items for a baby shower for mothers facing crisis pregnancies. We appreciate your generosity in support of these mothers who chose life for their children. If you would like to help plan the baby shower, please contact **Laura Claude** at **650/257-7780**.

### MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Reading to your children: it's one of the best ways to connect, to expand their minds, and to prepare them for future academic success. But are there any books for 0-3-year-olds that won't melt the adult brain? The answer is *yes!* This week's presentation will cover literature (and a few audio recordings as well) suitable for younger kids and the grownups who live with them.

- Topic:** *Classic Children's Books for the Pre-Schooler*  
**Date:** **Wednesday, 17 OCT 2018**  
**Place:** **O'Hare Center**  
**Time:** **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**  
**Contact:** **Katie Froula** or **Christina Lee**  
[midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com](mailto:midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com)  
**Online:** [www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms](http://www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms)

*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).*

### WOMEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The **Nativity Women's Faith and Fellowship Group** will be meeting on **Friday, 19 OCT 2018** after the **05:30 PM** Mass at the home of **Mary Henriques**, 91 De Bell, Atherton. We will be having a potluck with a Mexican theme after praying the rosary. The group is open to all women of the parish for growing together in our faith. For more information contact:

**Elena Stallings** at [estallingsiv@gmail.com](mailto:estallingsiv@gmail.com) or **Michaela Mitchell** at [michaela7@outlook.com](mailto: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):

**Wednesday: 03:00 PM**

**Friday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 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.*

# 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**
- Theodore Patrick, son of Adam and Kathryn Hahn
  - Robert, son of Maciej and Emilia Kwiatkowski
  - Aria Rose, daughter of Anthony Padilla and Monica Flores

- MARRIAGES**
- Christopher Feria and Holly Shipley
  - Roy Lee and In Eiu Oh
  - Nathaniel Fleming and Veronica Manzo

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Sally O'Hare
  - Bernard Honig
  - Miriam Mueller

## 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 OCT 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](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com). *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD SALES

Beautiful handmade olivewood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale after all Masses on **20-21 OCT 2018**. *Bethlehem Artworks* is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over **100+** suffering families each week. The religious articles are made by these Christian families in the Holy Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago.

Please stop by our tables and take a look at our beautiful handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and Nativities. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land.

**The Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 2% just within the last ten years.**



## SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Rehearsals are underway for **Schola Seraphica's 12th Annual Christmas Concert** on **09 DEC 2018, at 02:30 PM**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

The annual *St. John Vianney Luncheon* for the benefit of the **Priests Retirement Fund**, will be held on **Friday, 26 OCT 2018 at 11:30 AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral (Patrons Hall). These funds cover medical expenses, assisted living, and nursing care for retired priests of the archdiocese. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than \$1.8 million has been raised, providing invaluable financial assistance to our retired priests.

You can support our retired priests by attending the Luncheon or by making a donation directly to the Retirement Fund at the Priests Retirement Luncheon webpage:

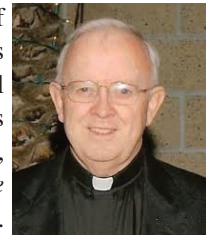
<https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch>

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be second collection for **World Mission Sunday**. We are called to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay Catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. **Rev. Athanasius Kikoba** of the **Archdiocese of Tororo in Uganda** will be here to tell us about the needs of his diocese. 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.

## HEALING THE FAMILY TREE

**Father Michael Barry, SSCC**, a noted speaker and retreat director, will offer a talk entitled "*Healing the Family Tree*" at the Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, on **Thursday, 25 OCT 2018 at 06:30 PM**. The talk is open to the public and free of charge. Fr. Barry will also be the celebrant of the **05:30 PM** Mass that will precede the talk that evening. Born and raised in Cork, Ireland, Fr. Barry graduated from Catholic University of America and was ordained on June 14, 1964, as a member of the congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. A priest for 54 years, Fr. Michael Barry has served as the provincial for his congregation's western province in the USA, at which time he was granted the *Pro Pontifice et Ecclesia* Award by Pope Saint John Paul II.



Fr. Barry is a founder of "*Mary's Table*," a ministry that feeds the poor and homeless. He also opened a home for single and unwed mothers called "*Veronica's Home of Mercy*." For decades, Fr. Barry has conducted numerous retreats and workshops. This charismatic priest is best known for his healing ministries, especially through retreats, healing Masses, healing the family tree, and spiritual direction. He feels a special call to the inner healing of the person.

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**Intention:** The Mission of Religious (Evangelical)

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

### 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](http://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](mailto:georgea@sfarch.org) or **415/614-5595**.



### OCTOBER IS "RESPECT LIFE" MONTH

Each week throughout October we will publish a *Bulletin Box* excerpt from the USCCB.

### BRIDGES OF MERCY FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Read the full version at [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

Maria,\* Vanessa, Li, Jennifer, and Darryl are among the tens of millions of Americans whose lives have been directly touched by abortion. Like so many others, they have experienced regret, guilt, and grief. But as they have also experienced, God's healing love and mercy are always possible.

Many Catholics want to help women and men who have experienced abortion, but some don't know how to begin. Visit [usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy) to learn how people from various walks of life can assist friends, family members, fellow parishioners, clients—or perhaps even themselves.

Also, be aware that the U.S. Church's *Project Rachel Ministry* for healing after abortion offers confidential, compassionate help. Visit [HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://HopeAfterAbortion.org).

\* All names have been changed to protect privacy.

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## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>14 OCT (SUN)</b>	SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
<b>15 OCT (MON)</b>	THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
<b>16 OCT (TUE)</b>	FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
<b>17 OCT (WED)</b>	FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
<b>18 OCT (THU)</b>	SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II FIRST DAY: Saint Jude
<b>19 OCT (FRI)</b>	SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II SECOND DAY: Saint Jude
<b>20 OCT (SAT)</b>	EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II THIRD DAY: Saint Jude
<b>21 OCT (SUN)</b>	NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude
<b>22 OCT (MON)</b>	<b>Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II</b> FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude
<b>23 OCT (TUE)</b>	SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude FIRST DAY: All Saints
<b>24 OCT (WED)</b>	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude SECOND DAY: All Saints
<b>25 OCT (THU)</b>	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude THIRD DAY: All Saints
<b>26 OCT (FRI)</b>	NINTH DAY: Saint Jude FOURTH DAY: All Saints
<b>27 OCT (SAT)</b>	<b>Feast of Saints Simon and Jude</b> FIFTH DAY: All Saints

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

[gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun](http://gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun)

St. Jude:

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm)

All Saints' Novena:

[www.piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena\\_all\\_saints.html](http://www.piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html)

**Birth & Beyond**  
WOMEN'S CARE  
*Juan Diego Society, Inc.*

Please join us for an informative evening

**SERVING & SAVING**  
*Homeless & Pregnant*  
*Young Ladies*

a Fundraising Community Dinner  
benefiting the Juan Diego Women's Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH  
AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING  
ST. LUCY'S CHURCH ~ CAMPBELL, CA

**Admission is Free ~ kindly RSVP**  
*Banquet@JDWCenter.org ~ (405) 255-2005*

## THIS WEEK: The "Best of..." MIRACLES OF GOD'S CREATION

Think about all the amazing things God has created. Take a few minutes to learn about some of the incredible things that have come from the imagination of our Creator!



### Of Lizards and Squid

God has blessed some of His creations with the ability to change color. Perhaps the best-known color-changer is the chameleon lizard (of which there are over 100

varieties). Unlike other color-changers, who primarily use the ability for camouflage or to be more efficient predators, chameleons are believed to change color for a number of reasons, including current amount of light, current temperature, or mood. For example, the panther chameleon (pictured here) will darken its skin color when angry, to tell others it is ready to fight.

What God has designed is truly amazing. These creatures have a certain type of cells, called chromatophores, that lie in layers under their outer skin. The chromatophores contain pigment (color): the top layers have red or yellow pigment, while the lower layers have blue or white pigment. Messages from the brain tell these cells to shrink or enlarge, and this has the effect of "mixing" the pigments (just like paint). A chameleon can change color in as little as 20 seconds!



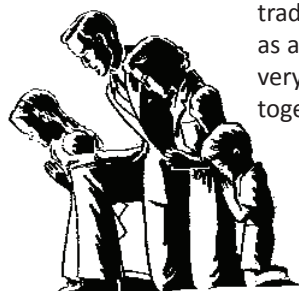
Some octopus and squid have this ability, too. In fact, they are exceptional at blending into their surroundings (there really is an octopus in this picture of the ocean floor). There are some unbelievable videos on the Internet of octopus camouflaging themselves (like this one:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmDTtkZIMwM>).

And to think that God designed all of this capability into the very cells of these creations. **Amazing!**

Are you thinking about a family prayer tradition? Please try to pray together as a family as often as you can. Prayer is very powerful, and family prayers offered together are especially powerful.

*"The family that prays together, stays together."  
-- Fr. Peyton*



### Star-Gazing

Have you ever watched the stars on a clear, dark night? The longer you watch, the more stars you will see. Do you realize you are looking directly into the past -- in some cases into ancient history?

Stars emit light, and light travels at a speed of 186,282 miles per second through the vacuum of space. Astronomers measure the distance between stars in units called "light-years" (the distance that light will travel in one year, which is about 5,880,500,000,000 miles). The nearest star to Earth (besides the Sun) is **Proxima Centauri** (part of a 3-star cluster that includes the double-star **Alpha Centauri**). **Proxima Centauri** is **4.3 light-years** from Earth, so the light from that star that reaches your eye tonight left **Proxima Centauri** just around the time the World Cup was being played in Brazil. The light from other, farther stars might have left before the Revolutionary War, or during the Renaissance. **Isn't our God amazing?**



### The Wonder of Ice

"Ice"? Yes, ice. We all know that as you lower the temperature of a liquid it will assume its solid form. For all non-metallic substances, the solid form is more dense (more heavy) than the liquid form ... except for one substance: **water**. Water has the unique and unusual property that ice (the solid form) is 8% less dense than water's liquid form. This is extremely important in God's great plan for His creation: the earth's surface is 70% covered by water, and this water affects our climate and our very existence (much of the earth's food comes from the oceans). If ice were more dense than water, then during the freezing months of the year, all bodies of water would freeze starting at the bottom and freeze straight up to the top, killing all the life in the water that could not tolerate being frozen. But the less-dense ice floats on the more-dense liquid water, and the life in the water is allowed to survive the otherwise deadly cold. Only water behaves this way -- **isn't our God amazing?**

