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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

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Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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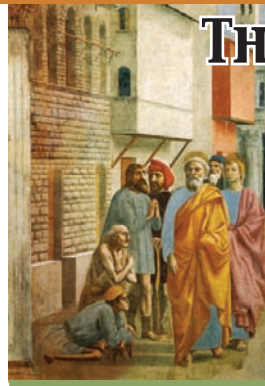


THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 SEPTEMBER 2018

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My Name that can at the same time speak ill of Me.

MARK 9: 39



Saint Peter Healing With His Shadow - Tommaso Masaccio

FIRST READING

Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His Spirit on them all.

NUMBERS 11: 25-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

PSALMS 19

SECOND READING

That corrosion will be a testimony against you.

JAMES 5: 1-6

GOSPEL

"For whoever is not against us is for us."

MARK 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 30 SEP - 06 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Katherine Koepf
	05:30 PM	† Ignacio Correa
TUE	07:30 AM	† Paul Otellini
	05:30 PM	† Lucienne Woods
WED	07:30 AM	Nuvia Downs
	05:30 PM	Sid Custodio
THU	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	Christina Paiva
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family; Sid and Audrey Custodio; † Socorro Marquez; † Tony Narciso
SAT	08:00 AM	† Paul Otellini; † Margaret and John Kiely; † Guillermo Valencia; † Edgar Vidal

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

30 SEP	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
01 OCT	(Monday)	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
02 OCT	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM	H ⁴
03 OCT	(Wednesday)	10:30 AM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
04 OCT	(Thursday)	08:00 AM	Blessing of the Animals
		11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
		06:00 AM	ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting
05 OCT	(Friday)		First Friday 1 st
06 OCT	(Saturday)		First Saturday 1 st

"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY



This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at the **05:00 PM** Mass, we will be renewing our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be followed by a rosary procession and Benediction. To better prepare for it, we encourage everyone to get **Father Gaitley's** book, "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" (many of you have that book from last year). We will also be placing a beautiful memorial plaque generously donated by parishioners to commemorate the parish consecration. Please join us for this special time in our parish history.

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 15-16 SEP
TOTAL:	\$10,604
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$76,500
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

01 OCT (Monday):

**SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1873-1897)**

Through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, this Carmelite nun of Normandy continues to teach millions to trust in the loving Fatherhood of God, and that sanctity lies not necessarily in doing great deeds, but in doing everyday deeds with great love.



02 OCT (Tuesday):

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

05 OCT (Friday):

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, (1905-1938)

Saint Faustina's spiritual life was based on deep humility, purity of intention, and loving obedience to the will of God in imitation of the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She kept a diary of over 600 pages containing the revelations she received about God's mercy.

04 OCT (Thursday):

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders (1181-1226)

Francis renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He attracted many followers, including **St. Clare of Assisi**, and their communities grew into the worldwide Franciscan Order of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata.

06 OCT (Saturday):

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in **1084** and with the help of **Saint Hugh of Grenoble**, he founded what became the first house of the *Carthusian Order*; he and his brothers supported themselves as manuscript copyists.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

BROWN BAG SUNDAY: THIS WEEK

On **30 SEP 2018**, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations, either cash or check. The Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is a very active one. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible. Please be generous.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area, please call **Mike Wilmer** at **650/346-1089**.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This October, Catholics nationwide celebrate **Respect Life Month** with the theme, "*Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent.*" Nativity will kick off the month with a special blessing for families at all Masses the weekend of **06-07 OCT 2018**. Coffee and doughnuts will be shared after the morning Masses. We look forward to seeing you there! We will continue our celebration of Respect Life month by taking up a second collection the weekend of **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**.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA: MALE VOICES NEEDED

Schola Seraphica has already begun rehearsing for our December concert. *We are in need of tenor and bass voices.* Practices are on **Monday** evenings. Please join us if you are able. We are looking forward to a wonderful concert season. For more information please contact **Margaret Durando**, **650/322-2789**.

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

In *The Benedict Option*, Rod Dreher writes about Christians who become so "caught up" in contemporary culture that they compromise their Christian identities. This week's presentation will use Dreher's book (no need to have read it) to discuss the ways that our families can embrace and strengthen our own Catholic identities and culture.

Topic: *Embracing and Building our Catholic Identities*

Date: **Wednesday, 03 OCT 2018**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

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

Contact: **Katie Froula**
midpencatholicmoms@googlegroups.com

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):

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.

*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 • **Brayden Troy**, son of
Bryan and Reina Land

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS • **Madeline Bueter**
• **Robert Radway**

DEATHS • **Judy Woods**

Dear Msgr. Otellini,
We recently received your check of \$12,168.00 comprising of the offering of our parishioners in response to our Missionary Cooperation Plan 2018. We will in turn forward a check in the name of Church of the Nativity to the Archdiocese of Cape Town, South Africa.

Be assured of our gratitude to you and your people for making this help possible to a needy Missionary cause. I hope that your parishioner win turn receive a good picture of the progress of our Church in the developing countries.

Sincerely,
Genevieve Elizando, Archdiocesan Mission Director

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi**, **Thursday, 04 OCT 2018**, there will be a blessing of the animals at **08:00 AM**. The blessing will take place at Nativity School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on the basketball courts behind the pavilion. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed.



NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **Nativity School**. Instead of relying on monthly collections at Sunday Mass, as we have done in the past, we are once again issuing an appeal to our parish family for a single donation to support Nativity School. The parish has always answered this call with extraordinary generosity. This appeal has doubled the amounts collected in monthly installments. On **06-07 OCT 2018** our second collection will be for our Nativity School, our parish school, which is indeed thriving. We are blessed with a strong Catholic identity. We hope all will give generously to this vital ministry and excellent education that is provided for our children.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FR. DAVENPORT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers (and people who like to hang out with golfers). The **5th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will take place on **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at The Golf Club at Moffett Field. This event is hosted by the **Nativity Men's Club** and features an **08:30 AM** shotgun start followed by a reception back at the school. All skill levels are encouraged to play, even those who haven't touched a golf club in years. Register at www.fatherdavenportgolf.com. For questions, please contact Chairperson **Mike Livingston** at **650/804-5226** or mike@1on1basketball.com. We hope to see everyone on the course!



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

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

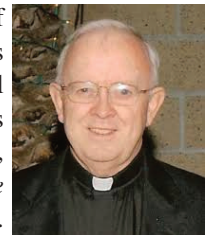
The annual *St. John Vianney Luncheon* for the benefit of the **Priests Retirement Fund**, will be held on **Friday, 26 OCT 2018** at **11:30 AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral (Patrons Hall). These funds cover medical expenses, assisted living, and nursing care for retired priests of the archdiocese. Since 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>

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.



CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

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.

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.

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

We should take advantage of the great blessing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as often as possible. The following is taken from the 1962 edition of *My Sunday Missal* as an examination of conscience in preparation for making a good and thorough confession.

In My Duties to God: Neglect of morning or evening prayers ... Superstitious practices ... Consulting fortune tellers ... Receiving sacraments sacrilegiously ... Against faith by willful doubts concerning any article of the Creed or by reading or circulating irreligious books ... Against hope by despair, murmuring or presuming on God's Mercy ... Against charity by willfully rebellious thoughts against God, or His Law or by omitting good works through fear of others ... Irreverence towards God, His Name, His church ... cursing or swearing ... False, unlawful and unnecessary oaths ... Breaking lawful vows ... Neglecting Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, or performing unrequired servile work.

In My Duties to My Neighbors: Insulting or neglecting parents ... Failing to send children to religious schools when possible ... Bad example ... Neglect of home, trade, professional, civil service duties ... Ignoring the spiritual and corporal works of mercy ... Any violent act ... Causing hard feelings ... Revenge ... Refusing reconciliation ... Inducing others to sin ... Stealing ... Possession of ill-gotten goods ... Cheating ... Culpable delay in paying lawful debts ... Lying ... Perjury ... Fraud ... Slander or detraction or rash judgments ... Failure to support my Church.

In Relation to Myself: Obstinacy ... Sloth ... Desiring or yielding to sensuality, impurity, gluttony, drunkenness ... Rage, envy, impatience, jealousy ... Failure to fast or abstain ... Failure to make my Easter Duty ... Waste of time, money or talents.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

30 SEP (SUN)	NINTH DAY: St. Terese SIXTH DAY: St. Francis
01 OCT (MON)	Feast of Saint Terese of Liseaux SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis
02 OCT (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis
03 OCT (WED)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis
04 OCT (THU)	Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
05 OCT (FRI)	
06 OCT (SAT)	
07 OCT (SUN)	
08 OCT (MON)	
09 OCT (TUE)	
10 OCT (WED)	
11 OCT (THU)	
12 OCT (FRI)	
13 OCT (SAT)	FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

EIGHTH ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

Join Catholics from around the Bay Area at the **8th Annual Rosary Rally** on **06 OCT 2018** at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. This year's theme is "*Accompaniment of Youth 2018.*" The day starts at **09:00 AM** with a gathering and recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. At **10:00 AM**, the Young People's Rosary Rally Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. For full details visit www.rosaryrallysf.com.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM

On **Saturday, 03 NOV 2018**, the *Office of Marriage and Family Life* is hosting its second annual mother-daughter event at **St. Bartholomew Church** (San Mateo). There are separate programs for *Tweens* (**10-12** years old) and *Teens* (**13-16** years). *Tweens*: **09:30 AM-12:30 PM**; *Teens*: **01:30-05:00 PM**. All presentations are pure and affirming.

Visit the webpage, www.sfarchdiocese.org/md for more information and to register.

HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful *is* the rosary? Consider these events:

October 7, 1571 — In the great battle of *Lepanto*, **October 7th, 1571** a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off a Turkish invasion. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

May 13, 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

October 13, 1960 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

May 13, 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

May 12, 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

OCTOBER is PRO-LIFE MONTH and MONTH OF THE ROSARY

www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/

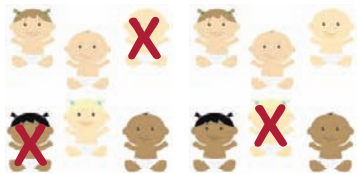
www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve

www.ewtn.com/tv/kids/

www.stmarysmessenger.com

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

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CIGARETTES kill approximately 440,000 people each year in the U.S. **91%** of those deaths are self-inflicted.

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<http://www.abort73.com>

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