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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** 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

Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

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## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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**FIRST READING**

He is like a tree planted beside the waters.  
**JEREMIAH 17: 5-8**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners.

**PSALMS 1****SECOND READING**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
**1 CORINTHIANS 15: 12, 16-20**

**GOSPEL**

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.  
**LUKE 6: 17, 20-26**



Statue of Christ the Redeemer -- Rio de Janeiro

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 17 FEBRUARY 2019

Blessed the man who ...  
delights in the law of the Lord.

**PSALMS 1: 2**

### CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 FEB

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	Thad Downs
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Steve Wagstaffe and family
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Catherine Zelle and family
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Gene Kates and family; Rick and Krystyna Piasecki; Fr. Patrick Driscoll; Fanny Lyons
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Raimonda Bartolini
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Danny Olin
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Marie Masuda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Margaret Burke Custodio
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	In thanksgiving; John Conway and family; † Thomas Fitzgerald; † Rogaciano Cruz

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



The parish office will be closed on Monday, 18 FEB 2019 for Presidents' Day. There will be one Mass, at 09:00 AM, on Monday.

<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)

**17 FEB (Sunday)**  
02:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society  
03:00 PM RCIA

**18 FEB (Monday)**  
06:15 PM Legion of Mary

**19 FEB (Tuesday)**  
07:00 PM H<sup>4</sup>

**20 FEB (Wednesday)**  
10:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms  
06:00 PM St. Joseph Novena

**21 FEB (Thursday)**  
11:00 AM The Thursday Group

**22 FEB (Friday)**

**23 FEB (Saturday)**  
09:00 AM Spiritual Warfare Conference




Electronic giving is offered through our website [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org) or call the parish office for a paper form

**NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH**

Every Wednesday evening after the 05:30 PM Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena will take about 20 minutes. In addition to the novena, once a month the 05:30 PM Mass will be in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join in this celebration in honor of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	<b>WEEK OF 02-03 FEB</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,326</b>
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2019 ADA Goal:	<b>TBD</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 18 FEB (Monday): PRESIDENTS DAY

**“Presidents” Day? Not really...** In 1796, the country first celebrated the birthday of **George Washington**. In 1866, Congress gathered to remember **Abraham Lincoln** on 12 FEB, but although many states began to celebrate his birthday as a holiday, it was never made into a national holiday. In 1885, **Chester A. Arthur** made Washington’s birthday (22 FEB) an official national holiday. In 1968, Congress passed legislation to move the observance of Washington’s birthday from 22 FEB to “the third Monday in February” -- this went into effect in 1971. While many people think Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthday observances were combined at that time, the Congressional decree still officially refers to this as **Washington’s Birthday**.

## 22 FEB (Friday): WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”



## 22 FEB (Friday): THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, Apostle

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, in addition to a similar feast on 18 January, celebrating the first Mass over which Peter presided in Rome. At each place a chair (cathedra) is venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. This feast is emblematic of the world unity of the Church.



CHAIR OF ST. PETER (Vatican Museums)

## 23 FEB (Saturday): SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop and Martyr (d. 155)

**Bishop of Smyrna**, Polycarp was loved and revered by his flock. We know that he accompanied **St. Ignatius of Antioch** to Rome to confer with **Pope Anicetus** concerning the celebration of Easter. He was martyred by a dagger after unsuccessful attempts that he be burned at the stake in the amphitheater at Smyrna.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Lent is a special season in our Church to grow in faith and repentance. However, it can be daunting to lead our children into practices of prayer, sacrifice, and discipline. Join us to discuss best practices for a meaningful Lent, inviting Christ and his redemption more deeply into our families.

- Topic: *Lenten Habits in Our Homes*  
Date: **Wednesday, 29 FEB 2019**  
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)

## BEST. LENT. EVER.

Lent comes every year. This year it begins on **06 MAR 2019**. It is meant to be at time when we invite God to help us become the best version of ourselves. To help make Lent a transformative experience this year, join *Best Lent Ever*. Each day of Lent, you will receive a short inspirational video that will help you find areas of growth, build better habits, and spark lasting change in your life. To join go to [www.bestlentever.com](http://www.bestlentever.com).

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).

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

On **Saturday, 23 FEB 2019**, we will host our 11th annual *Spiritual Warfare Conference* at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. This year’s featured speakers are **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, **Fr. Chris Alar** (director of the Marian Helpers of Stockbridge, MA), and **Fr. Gary Thomas**, exorcist for the diocese of San Jose. It promises to be a great conference, and is R&R time for those who both want to learn more, and celebrate the faith with fellow Christians.

Registration is online by **15 FEB 2019** at [www.heartsoflove.biz](http://www.heartsoflove.biz). For more information, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso 650/269-6279**.



## 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):

**Saturday: 10:00 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**
- **Aria**, daughter of **Errol and Johanna Ozdalga**
  - **Hope LouRose**, daughter of **Jose and Danielle Sia**

## MARRIAGES

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- **Sr. Michaeline O'Connor, PBVM**
  - **Charles Tuzar**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2019

**San Mateo 40 Days for Life** runs from *Ash Wednesday (06 MAR 2019)* through *Palm Sunday (14 APR 2019)*. **New** Vigil location: sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City; Vigil hours: **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** every day. Local contact: **Jessica 650/572-1468** or email: [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com). Nativity's Days are **Wednesday, 13 MAR 2019** and **Saturday, 06 APR 2019**. Contact **Laura Claude** at **650/743-9015** or [LauraClaude@msn.com](mailto:LauraClaude@msn.com) to sign up for either or both of Nativity's days.

Learn more and get involved: [www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo).



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## NATIVITY AUCTION 2019 IS SOLD OUT!

We are so pleased that so many people were able to take advantage of the "early bird pricing." Even though the Nativity School Auction is sold out it is still possible to participate in the silent auction. Visit [www.nativityauction.com](http://www.nativityauction.com) to see all the wonderful items that are available to bid on. Online bidding begins on **23 FEB 2019**.

The auction committee is also in need of volunteers to help with this event.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or need assistance with silent auction bidding, please contact **Melissa** or **Lindsey** at [mfedoronko@hotmail.com](mailto:mfedoronko@hotmail.com) or [lindseydrill@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseydrill@yahoo.com).



## SPIRITUAL CARE SERVICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT STANFORD HOSPITAL

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, empathic, well-grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours a 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, 23 MAR 2019**, 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](mailto:spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org).

### Adopt-a-Family Thank You!

We are so fortunate to have the support and generosity of the Nativity parishioners! Your kindness profoundly touched our homeless brothers and sisters. Our wish for each of you is that you could have personally experienced the joy your gifts brought to our homeless folks. The gifts are wonderful, but the thoughtfulness and caring mean so much as well. Many thanks from our homeless brothers and sisters, as well as our volunteers.

Redwood City Homeless Help  
Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

## NATIVITY SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

**Nativity School Student Council** and Nativity alumna **Hazel Tillson**, who is working toward her **Girl Scout Gold Award**, are collaborating to expand the collection of the Nativity School Library to include middle school-appropriate books and to add flexible seating options. In conjunction with **Catholic Schools Week**, starting **Sunday, 27 JAN 2019**, Nativity School is hosting a book drive to collect books for the library. If you would like to help, please donate any new or gently-used books appropriate for middle schoolers! You may drop off book donations at the school.



Additionally, if you have a comfy, squasy armchair, rocking chair, or side tables you would like to donate, please contact **Ms. Jessica Patti**, Principal, to coordinate your donation: [jpatti@nativityschool.com](mailto:jpatti@nativityschool.com) or **650/325-7304**. Thank you!

## MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS FOR MEN DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

Interested in knowing more about the priesthood as a vocation? Discernment involves listening to God, learning about yourself, and seeking the guidance of others. Discernment is not a solitary endeavor. The **Archdiocesan Office of Vocations** offers two monthly meetings for men who are interested in discovering more about the priesthood. **First Monday** meetings are in **Redwood City**. **First Thursday** meetings are in **San Francisco**. The program each time is Eucharistic Adoration in the church, followed by dinner and discussion in the rectory.

Upcoming dates:

**Thursday: 07 MAR 2019, (06:15-08:30 PM)**

**Church of the Epiphany**, 826 Vienna St., San Francisco.

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Patrick Summerhays**

**415/614-5684** or [summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org](mailto:summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org)

**Monday: 04 MAR 2019 (06:15-08:30 PM)**

**St. Pius X Church**, 1100 Woodside Rd. Redwood City

For information or to RSVP: **Fr. Tom Martin**

[martin.thomas@sfarch.org](mailto:martin.thomas@sfarch.org)

## FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S  
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **February 2019**, the Holy Father's intention is:

**Intention:** Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

### 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.

#### TO REGISTER ON FORMED:

Go to: <http://nativitymenlo.formed.org>

or

Follow the **FORMED** link from our Nativity Church home page: <http://www.nativitymenlo.org>

register for  
FREE!

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

17 FEB (SUN)

18 FEB (MON)

19 FEB (TUE)

20 FEB (WED)

21 FEB (THU)

22 FEB (FRI)

23 FEB (SAT)

24 FEB (SUN)

25 FEB (MON)

26 FEB (TUE)

27 FEB (WED)

28 FEB (THU)

01 MAR (FRI)

02 MAR (SAT)

### 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 FEB 2019** at **02:00 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** or write to [pray2infantjesus@aol.com](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com).

*We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

### 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](mailto:holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com). All are welcome.

### 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.

# HEART OF A PRIEST

## RELIC PILGRIMAGE OF ST. JEAN VIANNEY'S INCORRUPT HEART

**ST. PIUS X CHURCH**  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City, CA 94061

**Thursday, Feb. 28**  
Holy Hour  
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS  
[kofc.org/vianney](http://kofc.org/vianney)  
#HeartofaPriest

## DID YOU KNOW?

Ever since Saint Dominic established the devotion to the Holy Rosary, up until the time that Blessed Alan de la Roche re-established it in **1460**, it has always been called the **Psalter of Jesus and Mary**. This is because it has the same number of Angelic Salutations as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David. Ever since Blessed Alan de la Roche re-established this devotion, the voice of the people, which is the voice of God, have called it the *Rosary*. The word *Rosary* means "*Crown of Roses*".

~ *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort

Read these other fascinating stories that **Saint Louis Marie de Montfort** reported in his book *The Secret of the Rosary*:

### Saint Dominic and the heretic

While St. Dominic was preaching the Rosary in Carcassone, a heretic made fun of the miracles and the fifteen mysteries of the Holy Rosary. As a punishment, God suffered fifteen thousand devils to enter the man's body.

His parents took him to Father Dominic to be delivered from the evil spirits. He started to pray and begged everyone who was there to say the Rosary out loud with him, and at each Hail, Mary Our Lady drove one hundred devils out of the heretic's body, and they came out in the form of red hot coals.



### The Prayerful Friar

The chronicles of St. Francis tell of a friar who had the habit of saying the Rosary each day before dinner. One day for some reason he did not manage to say it, but got permission from his Superior at the dinner table to be excused to pray first.

After he had been gone a long time, the Superior sent another friar to fetch him, and he was found in his room, bathed in a heavenly light, and facing Our Lady with an angel at either side. Each time he said a Hail, Mary a beautiful rose would issue from his mouth. The angels took them one by one and placed them on Our Lady's head.

Finally two other friars were sent after the first two, and they all beheld this lovely scene. Our Lady did not go away until the entire Rosary had been recited.

### The King and the Rosary

Alphonsus, King of Leon and Galicia, very much wanted all his servants to honor the Blessed Virgin by saying the Rosary. So he used to hang a large rosary on his belt and always wore it, but unfortunately never said it himself. Nevertheless his wearing it encouraged his courtiers to say the Rosary very devoutly.

One day the King fell seriously ill, and when he was given up for dead he found himself, in a vision, before the judgment seat of Our Lord. As Sovereign Judge, Our Lord was just about to condemn him to hell for all of his sins, when Our Lady appeared to intercede for him. She called for a pair of scales, and the king's sins were placed on one side. On the other side, Our Lady placed the rosary he had always worn, plus all of the Rosaries that had been said because of his example. It was found that the Rosaries weighed more than the sins.

Our Lady said to the king, "As a reward for this little honor that you paid me in wearing my Rosary, I have obtained a great grace for you from my Son. Your life will be spared for a few more years. See that you spend these years wisely, and do penance."

After he recovered his health, the king spent the rest of his life in spreading devotion to the Holy Rosary and said it faithfully himself every day.

