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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

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

17 MARCH 2019

Then from the cloud came a Voice That said,
"This is My Chosen Son; listen to Him."

LUKE 9: 35

FIRST READING

It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram.

GENESIS 15: 5-12, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord.

PSALMS 27

SECOND READING

Our citizenship is in heaven.

PHILIPPIANS 3: 17 - 4: 1

GOSPEL

They saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

LUKE 9: 28-36



The Transfiguration -- Harold Copping

CALENDAR

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF 17 - 23 MAR**

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Frances Hogan
TUE	07:30 AM	Mario and Kathy Pompili and family; † Irene Turner
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
WED	07:30 AM	† Betsy MacDonald
	05:30 PM	† Jack Downs
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	Charlotte Pace; Special intention; † Danny Olin; † Margaret and James Custodio
FRI	07:30 AM	Maggie Spear; Dave and Flossie Stronck
	05:30 PM	† Amelia Amarillas
SAT	08:00 AM	Rhonette Verbo; Jan Raine Verbo; In thanksgiving; † Anelin Castillo; † Carmen Falk

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)
17 MAR	(Sunday)	
	02:00 PM	Confirmation
	04:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 MAR	(Monday)	
	06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
19 MAR	(Tuesday)	
	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Confession
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
20 MAR	(Wednesday)	
	10:30 AM	Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
	06:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
21 MAR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
22 MAR	(Friday)	<i>Lenten Friday</i>
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
23 MAR	(Saturday)	




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

NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini, The Nativity Men's Club,** and your fellow parishioners on **30 MAR 2019** at **06:00 PM** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, Caesar salad, sourdough bread, dessert, and two tickets redeemable for wine or a non-alcoholic beverage. Non-seafood ravioli option is also available. The cost is **\$50** at **650/281-1339**. Reservation forms are available at the entrance to the church, and reservation forms may be dropped off at the Nativity School office or parish office.



PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 02-03 MAR
TOTAL:	\$12,855
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$15,010
2019 ADA Goal:	\$152,041

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

19 MAR (Tuesday):

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 (Saturday):

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

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

The three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, draw us closer to God. We focus on the latter two in this meeting. Let’s swap recipes for yummy, easy Lenten meals for the family, and discuss shopping strategies for cutting back during Lent and saving money for almsgiving. We can also share effective ways that our families can give alms, and share our favorite causes and charities. We’ll take up a food pantry collection for donation at the end of the meeting.

- Topic:** *Fasting and Almsgiving*
Date: **Wednesday, 20 MAR 2019**
Place: **Nativity School Library**
Time: **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**
Contact: **Katie Froula or Christina Lee**
midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com
Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

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.



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 MAR 2019** at **04:00 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.

We give glory to God through our gratitude.

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):

Sunday: 03:00-05:00 AM (twice per month)

Wednesday: 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**
- **Ricardo Pedros Chantre**, son of **Hugo Carvalho** and **Ana Pedros**
 - **Olivia Pearl**, daughter of **Lane** and **Lindsey Melchor**
 - **Jacqueline Olivo**, daughter of **Carmen Rosas**

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Mirek** and **Fernanda Marcinkowski**

- DEATHS**
- **Kulukulutea Fetuu**

CONFIRMATION

This **Sunday, 17 MAR 2019** at **02:00 PM**, students of Nativity School and our School of Religion along with several adults will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Bishop William Justice** will be the celebrant. Please pray for all those who are to be confirmed.

TUESDAY NIGHT CONFESSIONS

Beginning on **12 MAR 2019**, from **06:00-08:00 PM**, Nativity will have Confessions on all Tuesdays in Lent. "*The Light is on for You*" is an initiative of **Archbishop Cordileone** to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It began in the Washington, DC area and has spread throughout the country in the last decade. The Archbishop has asked all pastors to open their parishes for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 06:00-08:00 PM as a means of making this sacrament more convenient and available.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, **16-17 MAR 2019**, the **Little Sisters of the Poor** will be visiting our parish, giving us the opportunity to share in their ministry of caring for the elderly poor. The Little Sisters care for 86 elderly resident in St. Anne's Home in San Francisco, and most of their financial support comes from the generosity of people like you, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Any assistance you are able to give will be deeply appreciated. To more know about the work and lives of the Little Sisters, visit their website at www.littlesistersofthepoorsanfrancisco.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PREPARE FOR EASTER IN A SPECIAL WAY THIS YEAR

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **17-19 MAY 2019** in **San Jose** and **09-11 AUG 2019** in **San Francisco**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: www.sanjosewwme.org or contact **Ken Claranne** at applications@sanjosewwme.org or **408/782-1413**.

CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE ACCESS PROGRAM

The *California Telephone Access Program* offers a range of free, specialized phones that makes it easier to hear, dial, and call. They also have phones that are designed for individuals who have restricted mobility, speech impairments, or who are blind or deaf. For more information visit www.californiaphones.org.

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. Nativity's Days are **Wednesday, 13 MAR 2019** and **Saturday, 06 APR 2019**. Contact **Laura Claude** at **650/743-9015** or LauraClaude@msn.com to sign up for either or both of Nativity's days.

Learn more and get involved: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

ABORTION INDUSTRY EXPOSÉ MOVIE

On **Tuesday evening, 19 MAR 2019** at **07:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**, there will be a showing of the movie ***Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer***. Philadelphia physician and abortion clinic operator Kermit Gosnell was charged and convicted of killing infants born alive, along with hundreds of unborn babies, and some mothers during abortion procedures. This courtroom drama is based on real-life events. Parents and especially young adults and teenagers should see this intense and honest story that demonstrates the difference between Planned Parenthood's propaganda about abortion being just a "choice" with few consequences, and the after-effects when the mother experiences guilt, depression and the realization the "fetus" she has aborted was indeed a human being. Starring Dean Cain. For more information, contact **Susan Hart** at **650/323-4891** or **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

THIRD ANNUAL CLERICUS CLASSIC

On **Friday, 22 MAR 2019, 06:30 PM** at **Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory**, priests of the Archdiocese and St. Patrick's seminarians will once again lace up their sneakers, take to the hardwood, and dribble their way to glory (well, earthly glory anyway). The game is in the SHCP gym; parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot, a block from the school. Tickets are **\$10** adults, **\$5** students (at the door), or by calling **415/614-5552**. Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep is located at 1055 Ellis St., San Francisco.



FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

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.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Tuesdays	06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Confessions
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
09 APR	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Penance Service
18 APR	(Thursday) 06:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>
19 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections (Rev. James Moore, OP) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
20 APR	(Saturday) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 04:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Easter Vigil <i>(no other Masses)</i>
21 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:30 AM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(no 05:00 PM Mass)</i>
22 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>(one Mass only)</i>

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

17 MAR (SUN)	Feast of Saint Patrick EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation
18 MAR (MON)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation
19 MAR (TUE)	Feast of Saint Joseph FOURTH Day: The Annunciation
20 MAR (WED)	FIFTH Day: The Annunciation
21 MAR (THU)	SIXTH Day: The Annunciation
22 MAR (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation
23 MAR (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation
24 MAR (SUN)	NINTH Day: The Annunciation
25 MAR (MON)	Feast of the Annunciation
26 MAR (TUE)	
27 MAR (WED)	
28 MAR (THU)	
29 MAR (FRI)	
30 MAR (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Joseph:

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

The Annunciation:

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

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

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sick of innocent babies being daily slaughtered in our county? Give God a beautiful sacrifice this Lent of 2019:

From 06 MAR-14 APR 2019 commit to one (or more) hours weekly (or even daily!) at the **40 Days for Life** peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil in front of the abortion business at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Make this Lenten commitment by contacting:

Jessica (scheduler) at **650/572-1468** or **650/918-9119** (mobile) or at themunns@yahoo.com

or go to: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

God will surely bless you for it – you will not be at the vigil alone - and you may save a life!

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco

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.