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MASSES

Sundays	08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (traditional Latin Mass)
Saturdays	08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays	07:30 AM and 05:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays	09:00 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 03:30 PM - 04:30 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM - 12:30 PM *(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)

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso (650) 269-7794

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Very Rev. Mark Doherty

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Rev. Bruce Hoefer

PERMANENT DEACONS
Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com

FIRST READING

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7: 2–4, 9–14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation.

Psalms 24: 1–6

SECOND READING

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.

1 John 3:1–3

GOSPEL

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5: 1–12



The Solemnity of All Saints

01 November 2026

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Psalms 18:3

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 31 OCT-07 NOV

SAT:	**05:00 PM**	Priest's intentions
SUN:	**Masses**	Priest's intentions
MON:	**07:30 AM**	† Carolyn Colonelli
	05:30 PM	† Isidro & Elena Lim
		† Enrique & Zenaida Lim
		† Emi Lopez
		Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE:	**07:30 AM**	Sigona & Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Drbal Family
WED:	**07:30 AM**	Joyce Parayno
	05:30 PM	St. Joseph
		† Winona Martin
THU:	**07:30 AM**	† Bob Ferrando
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 members (L&D)
FRI:	**07:30 AM**	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Maria Elena Nuñez and Alma Nieto
SAT:	**08:00 AM**	Paul Dankoski
		Bertha L. Martinez
		Alicia Reyes
		† Norman Blears
		† Steve Rubio

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF **17-18 OCT**
FIGURES UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF	*PUBLICATION*
World Mission Sunday Collection:	*UNAVAILABLE*
Priest Retirement Fund Collection:	**$6,610**
ADA Progress:	**$55,630**
2026 ADA Goal:	**$152,365**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506.**

CALENDAR

SUN	**07:00 PM**	Holy Hour for Priests
SUN	**12:00 -12:30 PM**	Confessions
MON-FRI	**07:10 AM**	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	**08:00 AM**	Morning Rosary
MON-FRI	**05:10 PM**	Evening Prayer
MON	**07:00 PM**	Nativity Family Rosary
MON	**07:00 PM**	Medjugorje Prayer Group
TUE	**06:00 PM**	Cenacles of Life Rosary
WED	**06:00 PM**	Novena to Saint Joseph
THU	**06:00 PM**	Perpetual Help Novena
SAT	**06:00 AM**	Men's Prayer Group
SAT	**07:40 AM**	Morning Prayer
SAT	**09:00 - 10:00 AM**	Confessions (parish priest)
SAT	**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**	Confessions(Opus Dei priest)
SAT	**03:30 - 04:30 PM**	Confessions (parish priest)

01 NOV	**[Sunday]**	
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	02:00 PM	Baptism
02 NOV	**[Monday]**	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	02:00 PM	Baptism
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
03 NOV	**[Tuesday]**	
	12:00 PM	Altar Society Luncheon
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Spanish Group
04 NOV	**[Wednesday]**	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	02:00 PM	Funeral Mass
	06:15 PM	OCIA Classes
05 NOV	**[Thursday]**	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF in O'Hare
06 NOV	**[Friday]**	*First Friday*
	08:00 AM	Altar Society
	05:00 PM	First Friday Evening in Church
07 NOV	**[Saturday]**	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
	06:00 PM	Ministry Information Open House

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

06 NOV (Friday)



COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DECEASED OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

The *Seraphic Order* is a name applied to the *Franciscan Order*. **St. Francis** is the *Seraphic Father*, so named because of a vision in which a *seraph* (one of the *seraphim*) appeared to him.

09 NOV (Monday)

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 (Tuesday)

SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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.

11 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop (c. 316-397)

Martin was born to pagan parents; his father was a Roman military officer and tribune. Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. He once gave a beggar half of his heavy officer's cloak, and later had a vision of Jesus wearing the cloak. Martin was persecuted by the Arians, who were openly hostile to Catholics, and later became first a hermit, then the bishop of Tours. Martin was the first non-martyr to receive the cultus of a saint.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS



Connect with a centuries-old tradition of the Church. The **12:30 PM** Mass each Sunday is celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (the Traditional Latin Mass), according to the 1962 Roman Rite Missal.

Next **Sunday**, (**08 NOV 2026**: *The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)*, will be a *Missa Cantata*.

See tinyurl.com/1962missal for more on the Roman Rite.

NATIVITY MINISTRY INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: O'Hare Center
WHEN: November 7 & 8
TIME: After all Masses
Everyone is welcome!

Discover where your gifts can make a difference! Meet Ministry leaders! Explore ways to serve! Find your place in our parish community!

NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of Nativity as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith. These gatherings have been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time of hospitality, fellowship and spiritual growth. All ages of women are welcome.



WHERE: O'Hare Center
WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
CONTACT:
Julia Voinche, 650-444-3052 or julialisavoinche@gmail.com

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

If you would like to pray the Rosary during the week in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please contact nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or **Jacqueline** at **510/697-9670** for more information. Additionally, every **First Saturday** of the month, a group of parishioners meets to pray there after going to the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**.

ADOPT A FAMILY



Nativity is now preparing for our 36th year of Christmas adopt a family. In this program we will be assisting more than 200 families in need in our parish and around our community. Parishioners will have the opportunity to pick a family or 2 to purchase gifts and St. Vincent de Paul will supply additional food. The sign-ups will occur outside of church on **November 14 and 15** as well as **November 21st and 22nd.** Delivery of the food and gifts will occur on Saturday, December 12. We will need many volunteers to assist with that delivery. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For questions contact **Mary Ellen Peloso at 650-269-7794.**

EUCHARISTIC 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? Jesus told an Irish priest (in our current century) that midnight adoration is as powerful as fasting.

Please consider the following hours as there is no one currently assigned to them (or pick an hour that works for you):

Sunday: 01:00 AM - 03:00 AM

Call **Mary Ellen Peloso** (**650/269-7794**) to sign up.

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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

MARRIAGES

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, our parish is holding a special collection for St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. For over a century, St. Patrick's has prepared men for the priesthood, serving the Catholic Church in our community and beyond. Well-formed priests are vital, and your support helps St. Patrick's continue its mission and expand seminarian housing. Thank you for your generosity.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL TREE LOT

Our **Nativity School Christmas tree lot** is back again this holiday season! Visit us for your Christmas tree, wreaths, and much more. The Nativity School Tree Lot will open the morning after Thanksgiving-**Nov. 27, 2026!** Pre-sales will begin in just a few short weeks. Keep an eye out for more information to come!



SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **06 DEC 2026** at **02:00 PM**, *Schola Seraphica* will once again ring in the Christmas season with a joyful concert. Ticket sale date to be announced.



SCAM ALERT REMINDER

A quick, important reminder for our parish family: For several years now, scammers have been sending emails and text message pretending to be our pastor. Unfortunately, these attempts have not stopped. These individuals are persistent, and their messages can look very convincing.

Please be extremely cautious with any message asking for favors, gift cards, urgent help or personal information – especially if it claims to come from our pastor. If something feels off, it probably is. Always report it as scam email or text and block it from your address book.

Here is one example of a scam text message:

Hello Hannah,
I hope this message finds you well. Do you have some time?
I have a request. Please reply to my message as soon as you receive it.
Blessings
To you
Rev. Mark Doherty

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our **PreK & Kindergarten Open House** event on **Tuesday, November 17th at 4pm-5:30pm.** If you have a younger child that will be ready for Preschool or Kindergarten in Fall 2027, this is a perfect opportunity to come learn more! Have a friend at work, dance class, or sports teams that may be a great fit for our Nativity community? Let them know! Registration is open now! Visit our website at **www.nativityschool.com** for more information.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Schola Seraphica Choir began rehearsals on **September 14 at 7:00 pm at the O'Hare Center.** Please feel free to contact **Margaret Duando** at mar7sull@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Our theme this year is "The Light of the World." And our concert date is **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm**. We will look forward to seeing you.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME



Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend, **Sunday, Nov. 1st.** This time change takes effect at **2:00 am** when clocks are set back to **1:00 am.**
Remember to "fall back"!

NATIVITY SCHOOL YEARLY APPEAL

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Nativity Catholic School! our 2026/2027 Yearly Appeal is now in full swing. Your generosity helps provide an exceptional, faith-filled education for current and future Panthers. To make a donation, please visit our church website under the "Giving" tab. May God bless you for your kindness!

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact
•Birth and Beyond• (331/444-5433),
•The Gabriel Project• (800/910-0191),
or •San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida• at St. Francis (650/322-2152).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions.
For **November 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For the proper use of wealth*

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DID YOU KNOW?

ON-GOING PRAYER GROUPS AND DEVOTIONS

WEEKDAY MORNING ROSARY

A group meets every morning (**Mon-Fri**) in the church to pray the rosary at **08:00 AM**. They have been practicing this devotion since the 1970s. Perhaps you'd like to join them!

EVERY MONDAY AT 07:00 PM …

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets for Rosary and the latest message from Medjugorje, now approved by the Vatican. All are welcome (in the **Guadalupe Room**).

CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

After the **05:30 PM** mass on **Tuesdays,** the *Nativity Cenacles of Life Prayer Group* pray two rosaries for the protection of all life and for the protection of religious liberty in the Church. They pray a decade or two in different languages. They welcome and enjoy this addition to their prayer; please come and join the group.

FRIDAY EVENING ROSARY

A group meets at **07:30 PM** every **Friday** at Vallombrosa, year-round at the Lourdes shrine, to pray the rosary. They have been practicing this devotion for 5 years. All are invited to join.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Men have been meeting every week for the last 16 years to pray together and share experiences in spiritual growth. We meet at **06:15 AM** on **Saturdays** in the O'Hare (Parish) Center in back of the church. It has been a time of grace and strength for everyone who attends. You are welcome to join us. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso**: **650/269-6279**

EVERY FIRST TUESDAY AT 07:00 PM …

A Spanish-language prayer group, *Our Lady Queen of Peace*, meets for the Rosary and the latest message from Medjugorje. All are welcome in the Guadalupe Room. For more information, call **Aurora Abramson** at **650/400-8911**.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AT 05:30 PM …

An evening of adoration, prayer and reflection with *Our Lady Queen of Peace* starting at **05:30 PM** Mass followed at **06:00-08:00 PM** rosary, music, meditation and closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. (in the church).

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

01 NOV (SUN)	**Feast of All Saints**
02 NOV (MON)	**Feast of All Souls**
03 NOV (TUE)	
04 NOV (WED)	
05 NOV (THU)	
06 NOV (FRI)	
07 NOV (SAT)	
08 NOV (SUN)	
09 NOV (MON)	
10 NOV (TUE)	
11 NOV (WEDS)	
12 NOV (THU)	
13 NOV (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia
14 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia
15 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia
16 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
17 NOV (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
18 NOV (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
19 NOV (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:
nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

All Saints' Novena:
https://tinyurl.com/allSaintsNovena

NEED YOUR PRAYERS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

When pregnant mothers, scared and worried, come to Planned Parenthood, thinking they have no other option, pro-life volunteers are there with our resources, prayers and care.
Many women with abortion appointments will cancel when they encounter loving, compassionate people on the sidewalk who are praying for them and their unborn. Please consider joining us; God will bless you!



WHAT: Pro-life people praying there, led by members of *San Mateo Pro Life*

WHERE: Planned Parenthood sidewalk, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City

WHEN: Mornings, **Monday-Friday 08:00-11:30 AM**

WHY: The more people present and praying, the more graces God grants to save precious babies! Many lives have in this way been spared!

CONTACT: For more information, visit www.sanmateoprolife.com or call/text **Erika** at **650/283-5353**

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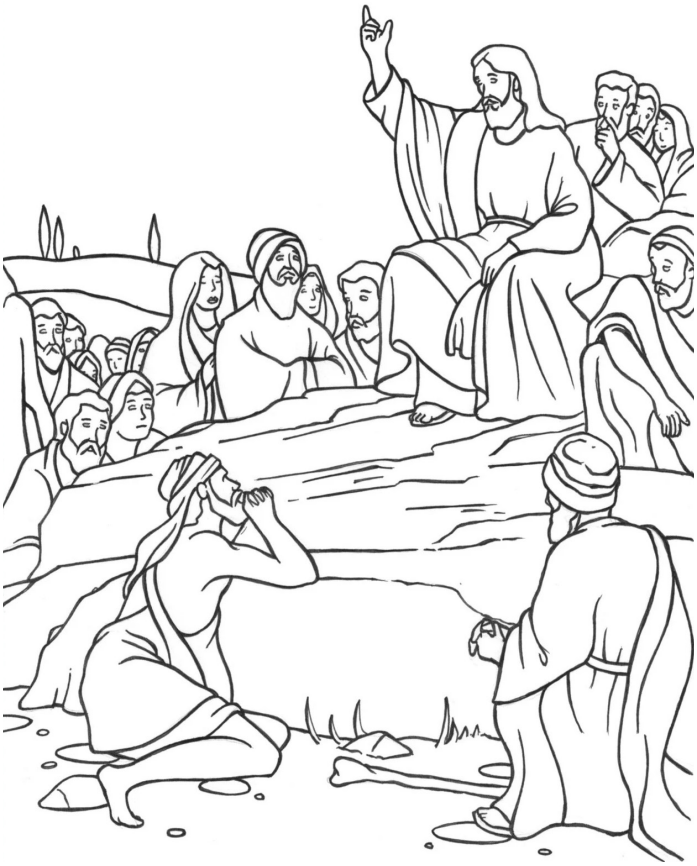
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DID YOU KNOW? ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS

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."



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS DAY

It is instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to **Pope Urban IV**, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. **Pope Gregory III** consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for **01 NOV**. **Pope Gregory IV** extended the celebration on **01 NOV** to the entire Church.