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MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
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
(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

PASTOR

Very Rev. Mark Doherty

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Rev. Kyle Faller

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Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

Wisdom 3: 1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong.

Psalms 27

SECOND READING

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5: 5-11

GOSPEL

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

John 11: 17-27



COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

02 NOVEMBER 2025

God tested them and
found them worthy of Himself.

Wisdom 3: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 NOV

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	The Ortiz and Ribo families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	Jose Alfredo Martinez Jr.
TUE: 07:30 AM	Martha Cavett
05:30 PM	Bertha Luz Martinez; † Bob Ferrando; † Elena and Isidro Lim; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
WED: 07:30 AM	Joyce Parayno
05:30 PM	In memory of St. Joseph; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
THU: 07:30 AM	Marie Ciel Santos
05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI: 07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
05:30 PM	Norman Blears
SAT: 08:00 AM	The Drbal family; Cuc Lee; † Maria DiPalma; † Cecelia Louise Tuite; † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

Bringing animals inside the Church



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PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 18-19 OCT
TOTAL:	\$10,592
World Mission Sunday:	\$9,128
ADA Progress:	\$45,053
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
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
TUE	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
WED	06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
THU	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
SAT	06:15 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)

02 NOV	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
03 NOV	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
04 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
05 NOV	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
06 NOV	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF #351 Meeting
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
	07:00 PM	Concert Practice
	07:30 PM	Marin Catholic Kairos
07 NOV	(Friday)	
08 NOV	(Saturday)	

Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)

closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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04 NOV (Tuesday)
SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, Bishop
(1538-1584)

Saint Charles spent his life and fortune in the service of the people of his diocese. He founded schools for the poor, seminaries for clerics and hospitals for the sick, leading his people by example.

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Every **Wednesday** evening after the **05:30 PM** Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena takes 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.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend our parish will take up a special collection for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** in Menlo Park. For over a century, St. Patrick's has formed and educated men for the Roman Catholic priesthood; leaders who serve faithfully in our parishes and communities. Well-prepared priests are needed more than ever. St. Patrick's continues its mission by strengthening academic programs and expanding seminarian housing. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of priestly formation.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to *Church of the Nativity*. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation.



Livestreaming of the
Nativity Sunday Mass
is now at **11:00 AM**

OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Have questions about our Catholic faith?

All are welcome (OCIA students, parishioners and friends)!

WHAT: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
WHERE: O'Hare Center
WHEN: **Sundays (09:15-10:30 AM)**
MORE DETAILS: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

NOV'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

NOV'25

- The Saints and Mary, the Mother of Christ
- Introduction to the Liturgy – Holy Mass
- The Pascal Mystery
- Introduction to the Sacraments

Please contact **Mary Rudolph** (mem.rudolph@gmail.com),
Joan Desmond (jfdesmond@aol.com),
Hal Fletcher (hal.fletcher@gmail.com)
or the Rectory (**650/323-7914**).

SAVE THE DATE: 07 DEC 2025

Rehearsals are underway for our annual *Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert* at St. Patrick's Seminary. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you have any interest in joining us, please come and introduce yourself! We meet at **07:00 PM Mondays** in the O'Hare Center. Choral experience and reading music is helpful but not mandatory. Any questions please contact **Margaret Durando** (marzsull@gmail.com)

ROSARY OUTSIDE ABORTION CLINIC

Every **First Saturday** of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City on El Camino Real. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass and pray until about **10:00 AM**. People are also scheduled to pray during the week.

Please contact nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com or Jacqueline at 510/697-9670 for more information.

MISSA CANTATA: TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Starting on the *first Sunday of Advent*, **30 NOV 2025**, we will add a **05:00 PM** Sunday Mass. This Mass will be a sung Traditional Latin Mass, (a sung Mass celebrated according to the Missal of 1962).

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the liturgical year. It symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle," reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Can't find your copy of the 1962 Roman Missal?
<https://tinyurl.com/1962missal>



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? 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, 02:00 AM

Friday: 02:00 PM

**Saturday: 01:00-03:00 AM (once per month),
09:00 AM, 11:00 PM**

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 • Mila Yael and Cesar Antonio Fletes II, children of Cesar A. Fletes and Leslie Fajardo

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL: PRE-K/K/TK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, 19 NOV 2025 from 09:30-11:00 AM.

Come experience our PreK/TK and Kindergarten at Nativity School! Classrooms will be open and teachers and admin will be available to answer questions. Our PreK/TK program is a beautiful Montessori-Catholic program for ages 2.5-5 years old. Our TK group is a beneficial foundation to Kindergarten and beyond! Kindergarten admissions for the 2026-2027 school year have begun. We hope to see you!



Register at: www.nativityschool.com.

2025 MEMORIAL MASS AND HEALING LITURGY FOR MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS

Please join us for a Mass and Healing Service for all those who have experienced the loss of an infant whether by miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. The Mass will take place on **08 NOV 2025 at 10:30 AM** at **Mater Dolorosa Church** in South San Francisco and will be celebrated by **Father Vito Perrone, COSJ**. Please RSVP so that we can estimate attendance for the Mass. If you have questions, email prolife@sfarch.org.

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE 2025

The keynote speaker is **Father Agustino Torres, CFR**. Our theme is *"Hope Does Not Disappoint;" "La Esperanza No Desilusiona."* Presentations will be in English and Spanish. We invite all in catechetical ministry to attend.

WHAT: Two-day conference for catechetical ministers

WHERE: **St. Matthew Parish** – One Notre Dame Avenue, San Mateo

WHEN: **Friday and Saturday, 07-08 NOV 2025 11:00 AM**

CONTACT: Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, **415/614-5652**
arbucklec@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: **Friday, 07 NOV 2025** for Youth Leaders
Saturday, 08 NOV 2025 for everyone

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the **09:30 AM Mass** on the **1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays** of each month!



The *Food and Fellowship Ministry* will be serving coffee and donuts.



If you're interested in helping the *Food and Fellowship Ministry*, please sign up using the QR code or email liz.palla@gmail.com.

NATIVITY STUDENT HOSPITALITY REVIVES A TRADITION!

First, Second, and Fourth Thursdays, 12:00 – 01:00 PM

We are delighted to announce the return of a beloved tradition. Beginning in **October 2025**, Nativity students will again join our Senior Thursday Group, serving a light lunch, sharing stories, and spending time together. This wonderful program offers our students a chance to reach out with kindness and companionship, and it brings smiles and warm hearts to everyone involved. It's a beautiful reminder of how faith and friendship bridge generations within our Nativity family.

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We are starting up our **35th annual program** to assist families in our area who are in need and to brighten their Christmas celebration. With your generosity, we will be assisting over 200 families with gifts and food. On the weekends of **15/16 and 22/23 NOV 2025**, we will be outside church for parishioners to come to our Christmas tree and choose a family that they would like to help. These are all families identified by our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and other trusted sources. The idea is to then purchase gifts for each child and one family gift. These will be brought to Nativity School Gym on **Saturday, 13 DEC 2025** for delivery. We will also have items to purchase for various charitable organizations. Finally, we will be taking sign-ups to be on the delivery teams. As a parish, we have always been very generous and look forward to helping you enjoy the Christmas season even more by helping others do the same. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.



REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the *Parish Registration Form*. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914**.

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 2025**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For the prevention of suicide*

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship led by St. Patrick's seminarians.

• **Saturday, 15 NOV 2025 (07:15-08:45 PM)**

Confession available; light refreshments to follow



DID YOU KNOW? ON-GOING 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 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 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

02 NOV (SUN) **Feast of All Souls**

03 NOV (MON)

04 NOV (TUE)

05 NOV (WED)

06 NOV (THU)

07 NOV (FRI)

08 NOV (SAT)

09 NOV (SUN)

10 NOV (MON)

11 NOV (TUE)

12 NOV (WED)

13 NOV (THU) **FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia**

14 NOV (FRI) **SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia**

15 NOV (SAT) **THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia**

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

HAPPY NEWS

MORE NEW SAINTS

On **19 OCT 2025**, one of the most solemn events of the Jubilee Year unfolded in St. Peter's Square: Pope Leo XIV canonized seven new saints, offering the Church and the world a profound message of holiness, unity, and hope. **Ignatius Maloyan, Peter To Rot, Vincenza Maria Poloni, María Carmen Rendiles Martínez, Maria Troncatti, José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, and Bartolo Longo** were elevated to sainthood in a moving ceremony that highlighted the universality of the Church.



<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/seven-new-saints-canonized-by-pope-leo-xiv>

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS (LGW) HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

This powerful yet gentle healing retreat weekend invites participants with divorced or separated parents to move past their parents' relationship to their own deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love.

WHAT: Three-day retreat

WHERE: Vallombrosa Retreat Center
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

WHEN: **(Friday) 14 NOV 2025 (06:00 PM) -**
(Sunday) 16 NOV 2025 (03:30 PM)

CONTACT: **Ed Hopfner**
415/614-5547
hopfnere@sarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Info Video and Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/LGWretreat2025>
About LGW:
<https://tinyurl.com/aboutLGW>

2026 Catholic Calendar

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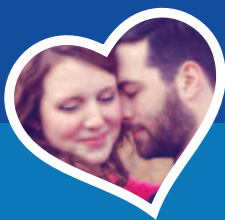


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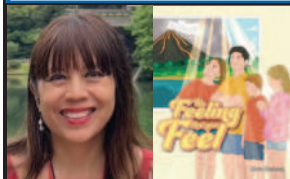
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NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Dear Nativity Community,
Thank you for your past support of Nativity School. Your many prayers and endless hours of volunteering for so many events are what makes our community so special. Many of these events also help us pay for our programming. Today we ask you to consider supporting Nativity again with a gift in support of our Annual Appeal. Help us spread the value of Catholic education to as many children as possible, either by donating to our Annual Fund, or if you prefer, by making a donation to our Endowment Fund, the income from which allows us to provide financial aid for our neediest students. Both of these options are available through the link below. May God bless you for your generosity!

<https://tinyurl.com/nativitySchoolFund2025>

WITH YOUR SUPPORT...

- **\$100** will provide new balls so our students can play basketball, kickball, soccer, and volleyball at recess.
- **\$300** will provide a 50% scholarship to a 6th grader attending Outdoor Ed at Walden West in Saratoga.
- **\$500** will provide a 50% scholarship to an 8th grader spending a week in Yosemite.
- **\$750** will provide a new computer for one of our teachers.
- **\$1,000** will provide a state-of-the-art projector in one of our classrooms.
- **\$5,000** will help buy a new Math curriculum for our students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Very Rev. Father Mark Doherty, Pastor

Mrs. Amelia Stone, Principal

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Chesterton Academy of St. James, a classical Catholic High School in Menlo Park, is now open for Shadow Visits! Schedule your visit at <https://www.chestertonstjames.org/admissions>. We invite you to join us for a fundraising recital on **Saturday, 22 NOV 2025** from **02:00-04:00 PM** at **St. Raymond's Catholic Church**, benefiting the senior/junior class pilgrimage to Rome. Enjoy the musical and artistic talents of our students, delicious homemade treats, and make a life-changing pilgrimage possible for our youth. The pilgrimage will allow students to experience the heart of the Universal Church during the Holy Triduum and the Easter Octave. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make a difference! RSVP now! bit.ly/43dy424



OPEN HOUSE

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at **Notre Dame High School** in Belmont! Shadow dates run from **16 SEP-17 NOV 2025**. 7th and 8th grade families are invited to **Notre Dame Night** on **13 NOV 2025**.

Find out why Notre Dame Belmont was voted the best private high school in the Bay Area for 2024 and 2025! To register for a shadow visit or other event, click [here](#). Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org



DID YOU KNOW?



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."

ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Challenge yourself to be a saint! *The Saint Challenge* offers you a unique opportunity to delve into the captivating lives of the saints to find wisdom and inspiration for your own journey of faith. It runs every year from one All Saints Day to the next, so it has just re-started!

Over the course of a year you will learn about the rich history of the Catholic Church, and the people who were responsible for the customs, traditions, hymns and prayers, doctrines and dogmas. You will receive a brief insight into each Saint of the Day.

<https://catholictreehouse.com/the-saint-challenge/>

