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Church of the Nativity

MASSES

 Sundays
 08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM

 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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kyle Faller

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam mon.hickam@gmail.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLE

FIRST READING

All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation.

Eccesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

A thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday.

Psalms 90

SECOND READING

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

Colossians 3: 1-15, 9-11

GOSPEL

The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?

Luke 12: 13-21



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

03 AUGUST 2025

You have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self.

Colossians 3: 9-10

ECALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 AUG

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SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
TUE:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† John and Virginia Conway† The Ferrando family
WED:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Tena Carrell In memory of St. Joseph; Dwite Brown; Lewis Keizer; † Natale Barbarulo
THU:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Walter Fleischer ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	The Ortiz and Rubio families, living and deceased † Garrett, Todd, and Angelica
SAT:	08:00 AM	Dwite Brown; † Tena Carrell; † Ferdinand Luis; † Charles Metoyer;

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

† Henry Williams





PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

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03 AUG	(Sunday)		
04 AUG	(Monday) 08:00 AM 07:00 PM	Legion of Mary Medjugorje Prayer Group	MENT
05 AUG	(Tuesday)		ISH
06 AUG	(Wednesday) 07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM	CHURCH REFURBISHMENT
07 AUG	(Thursday)		H
08 AUG	(Friday)		JRCI
09 AUG	(Saturday) 09:30 AM	Baptism Class	CHL



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

PA	PARISH OFFERINGS		
	WEEK OF		
	19-20 JUL		
TOTAL:	\$10,711		
ADA Progress:	\$38,638		
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819		

■SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 AUG (Wednesday): THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD



"This is My Son, Whom I have chosen. Listen to Him."

Luke 9: 35

08 AUG (Friday):

SAINT DOMINIC, Founder of the Order of Preachers (1170-1221)

Spanish friar devoted to preaching against the Albigensian heresy. In **1206** he founded a community of nuns in Prouille, France, and later, with six followers, founded a community of preaching friars which gained papal approval in **1216** and became known as the *Order of Preachers*. Popularly known as the *Dominicans*, the order today has 6500 religious worldwide and is based on Dominic's concept of harmonizing the intellectual life with asceticism and apostolic works.

09 AUG (Saturday):

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN), Martyr (1891-1942)

Youngest of seven children in a Jewish family, who lost interest and faith in Judaism by age 13. Witnessing the strength of faith of Catholic friends led her to an interest in and conversion to Catholicism.

Edith became a Carmelite nun in **1934**, taking the name **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**; she was a profound spiritual writer.

When the Nazis invaded the Netherlands, she and her sister Rose, also a convert to Catholicism, were captured and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz where they died in the ovens like so many others.



Livestreaming of the Nativity Sunday Mass is now at 11:30 AM

LAUDATO SI AND VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY NATIVIT

Nativity's *Laudato Si Circle* is heeding the words of Pope Francis' encyclical (see https://tinyurl.com/laudatosi-doc) to care for our common home - in this case, by acting locally to help clean up and maintain the gardens around Vallombrosa Center, next door to Nativity. We now meet on the **third Saturday** of every

month (not the second) starting around 10:00 AM (not 01:00 PM) near the Stations of the Cross to do some garden cleanup. Join us! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc., whatever you have for gardening. The next event will be Saturday, 16 AUG 2025. We hope to see you there.



NOVENATO SAINT JOSEPH

Every **Wednesday** evening after the **o5:30 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 **o5:30 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

N is p w re

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, 08:00 PM

Saturday: 09:00 AM, 11:00 AM

EMINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Our women's group will be continuing with a new book. Please join us as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith together. This gathering has been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time together. To register, please contact Julia Voinche.

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays

beginning 14 AUG 2025 (07:00-08:30 PM)

CONTACT: Julia Voinche

650/444-3052

julialisavoinche@gmail.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to enrich you spiritually. Training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com

■FATIMA CELEBRATION



On Wednesday, 13 AUG 2025, we will hold our next 2025 Fatima Celebration. It will include Holy Mass, Rosary Candlelight Procession, Benediction, and a talk on the apparitions. The celebration continues each month on or about the 13th until OCT. Mary taught the chil-

dren about the gravity of sin, which merits temporal punishment, the reality of Grace by which we are given the vision of God, and the efficacy of the daily recitation of the Rosary to bring about world peace. Please join us in these celebrations.

For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso**, 650/269-6279.

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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the og:30 AM Mass each week! 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 <u>liz.palla@gmail.com</u>.

SVdP Volunteering

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 Dan Winnike at 650/714-4644.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting Sunday, o7 SEP 2025, a new Mass schedule will be inaugurated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays will be celebrated at:

08:00 AM 11:00 AM 09:30 AM 12:30 PM The Folk Choir will shift to the new 12:30 PM Mass. A vocal quartet will begin singing at the 09:30 and 11:00 AM Masses, possibly as soon as o7 SEP 2025 . The Choristers (children's choir) will eventually slot into the og:30 AM Mass. Note, however, that it will take time to form the Chorister program. Presently, we anticipate the **Choristers** making their Nativity debut on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the members of the Folk Choir for their outstanding contribution to our worship at the og:30 AM Mass over many decades, and my deepest appreciation for their gracious willingness to move to a new slot (12:30 PM).

Additionally, it is likely that we will restore a Sunday evening o5:00 PM – Mass starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent. Planning is still ongoing, and details remain fluid. I will update vou in due course.

Very Rev. Mark Doherty

IN THE COMMUNITY=

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference.

WHAT: This conference is presented by the *St. John*

Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of

San Francisco

WHERE: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Belmont, CA

WHEN: Saturday, 27 SEP 2025

(10:45 AM-06:00 PM)

CONTACT: For more info, visit

togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco or

email jessie@forlifeandfamily.org

MORE DETAILS: Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for

on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through 11 AUG 2025, as well as

scholarships upon request.

DESCRIPTION:

This one-day conference will include inspiring keynote presentations from Renzo and Monica Ortega, Rev. Jerome A. Magat on the theme of Marriage, an Icon of God's Love, as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and vigil Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Cordileone**. It will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family.

Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

LOCAL AND GLOBAL RELIEF

The world is crying out for help, and the church has always been quick to answer those cries. Please prayerfully consider offering whatever assistance you can to these urgent needs, both close at hand and around the world.

The Need

How to Help

Palestinians in Gaza

More than 59.800 Palestinians killed in Gaza War. Famine has become mass starvation in Gaza. Many thousands of children, men and women...whole

Families..are starving right now.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is providing food, water, medical supplies and ambulance service inside Gaza. ICRC has opened a hospital in Gaza. Please donate soon at www.ICRC.org Major food distribution is managed by the UN World Food Program. Please donate to: www.wfpusa.org/gaza

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 August 2025, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS:

SEMINARY PODCAST: IN VIA CHRISTI

Scan the QR code to listen to *In Via Christi*, the new podcast for ongoing priestly formation produced by **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Season 1 considers the theme of *spiritual fatherhood* and features our pastor, **Fr. Mark Doherty**, on multiple episodes.

https://stpsu.edu/in-via-christi-podcast/



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 **o5:30 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 **o6:15 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 **o5:30 PM** Mass followed at **o6:00-08:00 PM** rosary, music, meditation and closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. (in the church).

<u> </u>	ENDAR OF NOVENAS
03 AUG (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. John Vianney SECOND Day: St. Clare of Assisi
04 AUG (MON)	Feast of Saint John Vianney THIRD Day: St. Clare of Assisi
05 AUG (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi
06 AUG (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary
07 AUG (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary
08 AUG (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary
09 AUG (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
10 AUG (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
11 AUG (MON)	Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
12 AUG (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
13 AUG (WED)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (THU)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (FRI)	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (SAT)	FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

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Novena to Saint John Vianney:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/po4336.htm

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." -- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

www.presidentialprayerteam.org

2025 WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

A White Mass, so named for the traditional color of physicians' coats, is a way to pray for and honor all those who serve in the medical professions. All are welcome to participate. Light reception follows the Mass.

WHERE: St. Dunstan's parish

1133 Broadway, Millbrae

WHEN: 03 OCT 2025, 06:00 PM

CONTACT: Valerie Schmalz, 415/614-5571

lifeanddignity@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Join the Archdiocese of San Francisco Hu-

man Life and Dignity Department for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Doctors, nurses and healthcare pro-

fessionals are invited.





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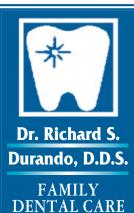
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LUKE 12: The Parable of the Rich Fool









OCIA CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about our Catholic faith?

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes will begin **Sunday**, **07 SEP 2025** from **09:30-10:45 AM**. This is your opportunity to invite friends and family to "come and see," and learn about the treasures of our faith.

Classes on the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture, the Mass, the Pope, the Trinity and the Saints will be led by seminarians from **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and parish leaders will share their own stories of what it means to be Catholic.

OCIA brochures are in the back of the Church.
Please visit the website for more information:
https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA

or call the Rectory Office at 650/323-7914 All are welcome!



STAY INFORMED TO "SCAM-PROOF" YOURSELVES

Parishioners have been reporting an increase in email and text solicitations, appearing to come from Fr. Doherty or Monsignor Otellini, requesting the purchase of gift cards and forwarding of the card information to them. This is a "tried and true" scam that has been in operation for many years (variants include receiving an email from a trusted friend or relative claiming to be stranded in some remote location and asking for money. These are typically based on the friend/relative email account having been hacked, whereby their contact list is accessible).

Scammers never stop thinking up creative ways to separate people from their money. They will even revive older scams over a longer cycle if they still work. Broadly speaking, scammers are always playing on one of two emotions: fear or desire. And there is always a sense of urgency, designed to fuel an emotional response.

There are many resources available (ironically, mainly online) attempting to shed light on the patterns of these various scams and how to avoid them. *Education is key to staying safe*. This is unfortunately a finely-honed craft for these scammers - some are very, very good at being convincing.

One good place to start getting informed is this one:

https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/senior-scam-alert

(a personal note from the bulletin editors: cybersecurity is a big part of our "day job", and we're passionate about sharing this type of information. Seniors and others that might be less technically-literate are prime targets, but even the security professionals can (and have been) fooled. You are welcome to email us at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com for more information or if you're suspicious about something.

General rule of thumb: if it smells fishy, it's probably a phish.)