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Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
05:00 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
(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

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com



Solemnity of Easter Sunday

05 April 2026

As yet they did not know the scripture,
that He must rise from the dead.

John 20: 9



FIRST READING

This man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible.

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Psalms 118

SECOND READING

Seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning ... and saw the stone removed.

John 20: 1-9

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05-11 APR

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 09:00 AM	† Gloria Reyes; † Luisa de Lumban
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Maria Cenni
05:30 PM	Thelma and Helen Lee; Juana Elizabeth Lopez; Jon and Elisa Schnur; † Noirin Moynihan
WED: 07:30 AM	Walter George
05:30 PM	† Danilo Jumaos
THU: 07:30 AM	† Victor and Olivia Ortiz
05:30 PM	† Terry and Jim Young
FRI: 07:30 AM	The Deck and Virnoche families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
SAT: 08:00 AM	† Ann Marie Swinkels; † Marie and Adolph Firenzi; Brian and Cuc Lee and family; Sarita Maria Perez Alonzo; Ferdinand Parayno; Kacey Nguyen

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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.



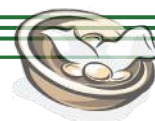
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SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	08:00 AM	Morning Rosary
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
MON	07:00 PM	Nativity Family Rosary
MON	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
TUE	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
WED	06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
THU	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
SAT	06:15 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)

05 APR	(Sunday) 10:30 AM	Nativity Family Ministry: Egg Hunt
06 APR	(Monday) 08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
07 APR	(Tuesday) 07:00 AM	Medjugorje Spanish Prayer Group
08 APR	(Wednesday) 07:30 PM	Total Consecration to Jesus
09 APR	(Thursday)	
10 APR	(Friday)	
11 APR	(Saturday)	

The parish office will be closed
on **Monday, 06 APR 2026**
for Easter Monday.
There will be one Mass,
at **09:00 AM**, on Monday.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 21-22 MAR
TOTAL:	\$8,581
ADA Progress:	
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

On **Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 APR 2026**, we will have our annual Divine Mercy Celebration. It will include Confessions at **01:30 PM**, a talk on Divine Mercy at **02:00 PM**, and Mass at **03:00 PM**, followed by the Chaplet. Please join us; there will be a pot-luck following in the **O'Hare Center**. The need for Divine Mercy is greater now than it has ever been. The world has become much darker and confusing. We will pray that God will shower His Mercy on the world, especially on all those who participate in this worldwide celebration. For any questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)**.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

- www.theholynosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc/

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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** during regular business hours.

NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY

Join us for our next Family Ministry Event: an **Easter Egg Hunt!** We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday, 05 APR 2026**, after the **09:30 AM** Mass. Easter egg bags will be provided and there will be prizes for the kids! Come celebrate the start of the Easter season!



For any questions, please email: NativityChurchFamilyMinistry@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**.



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM–04:00 PM (M–F)
closed 12:00–01:00 PM (lunch)

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

APR'26 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change) APR'26

- Easter De-Brief!
- Ministries at Nativity (at Vallombrosa)
- Tradition of Prayer
- The Prayer Jesus Taught: "Our Father"

No Class on **Easter Sunday (05 APR 2026)**
Last class will be **Sunday, 03 MAY 2026**

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**).

Bringing animals inside the Church



IS NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME!

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: 11:00 AM

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

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

At the **11:00 AM** Folk Mass we always welcome new musicians. If you sing or play an instrument, it's a great way to serve, have fun, and meet other parishioners. We especially need singers, particularly those who can serve as cantors, as well as a bass player and a drummer (small footprint: cajon, djembe, or similar). All instruments are welcome. You do not need to know how to read music, but you do need to be able to learn songs by ear/YouTube. If you're interested, please contact **Barbara Nelson** 650/464-2971, bnelson1015@gmail.com, or see me after **11:00 AM** Mass.



IN THE COMMUNITY

ATTENTION **MOTORISTS!**

A few people have reported being almost run over by speeding vehicles. Therefore, to add another level of safety for our parishioners, Church of the Nativity has implemented the following:

	<p>Signage We have installed 5 MPH signs as a visual reminder to slow down. Please help us keep everyone safe as you drive on the Church of the Nativity property.</p> 
	<p>Speed Bumps These are now being installed on the property in efforts to slow down drivers. They will be installed appropriately in places where it should serve as a gentle reminder that it is a church parking lot, and not a racetrack.</p>
	<p>Fire Lane The red fire lane provides access for emergency vehicles. Please never park or stop there.</p>
	<p>Blue Curb and Spaces These are reserved for those with disability placards.</p>

Thank you for keeping all our parishioners safe and providing easy access to our church.

PARKING: CARE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Our neighbors on Rebecca Lane are asking that parishioners **please not park** on Rebecca Lane. Access to driveways is impacted and it can be an overall safety hazard. Please be mindful and extend this courtesy to the residents.



NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Effective on **Easter Sunday, 05 APR 2026**, the schedule of Sunday Masses will be changing. The **05:00 PM** traditional Latin Mass will be discontinued, and the **12:30 PM** Mass will be celebrated in the traditional Latin form. The new schedule for Sundays will be:


- **08:00 AM**
- **09:30 AM** (choristers)
- **11:00 AM** (folk choir)
- **12:30 PM** (traditional Latin Mass)



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.



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH-WIDE AUCTION

The **Nativity Parish Community**, collectively (church and school) warmly invites our church and school families to the **2026 Nativity Parish Community Auction** on **Saturday, 02 MAY 2026**.

Invitations for the Nativity Parish Community Auction will be available on **28 MAR 2026**. Plan to join the parish community for an evening for *Growing Faith, Growing Community* and *Growing Funds*, supporting our students and furthering the mission God has entrusted to Nativity.

For donations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Carol Hoy** at the Church of the Nativity office at **650/323-7914**.

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**.

ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our *Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon* on **Friday, 10 APR 2026** at **11:30 AM** with **Rev. Mark Arnzen**. He will be giving a talk on "A Life of Joy". Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell or virtually by emailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com, or call to reserve your seat at the Hall. **408/447-5433**. This is a free event.

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 **April 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For Priests in Crisis*

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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).

NEW!

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

05 APR (SUN)	EASTER SUNDAY THIRD Day: Divine Mercy
06 APR (MON)	FOURTH Day: Divine Mercy
07 APR (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Divine Mercy
08 APR (WED)	SIXTH Day: Divine Mercy
09 APR (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Divine Mercy
10 APR (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Divine Mercy
11 APR (SAT)	NINTH Day: Divine Mercy
12 APR (SUN)	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
13 APR (MON)	
14 APR (TUE)	FIRST Day: St. George
15 APR (WED)	SECOND Day: St. George
16 APR (THU)	THIRD Day: St. George
17 APR (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. George
18 APR (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. George

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

Saint George:

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/NOVGEOUR.TXT

DID YOU KNOW?

The **Octave of Easter** refers to both the eight-day period following Easter Sunday and the *eighth* day after Easter itself (i.e., the *first Sunday after Easter*). Over the course of history, that Sunday has been referred to as *St. Thomas Sunday*, *White Sunday* and *Low Sunday*. In the year 2000 it was designated **Divine Mercy Sunday** by Pope Saint John Paul II.

- *St. Thomas Sunday* is derived from the Gospel reading for that day, which recounts the story of "doubting" St. Thomas the Apostle.
- *White Sunday* is a historical reference to the time when those newly baptized at Easter would wear their baptismal gowns until that day.
- *Low Sunday* is believed to derive from the Latin "*Laudes*", which is the first word in the Sequence for that day ("*Laudes Salvatori voce modulemur supplic*" -- "Let us sing praises to the Savior with humble voice.").

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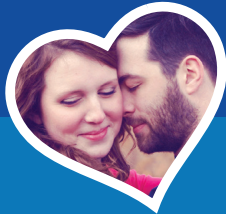
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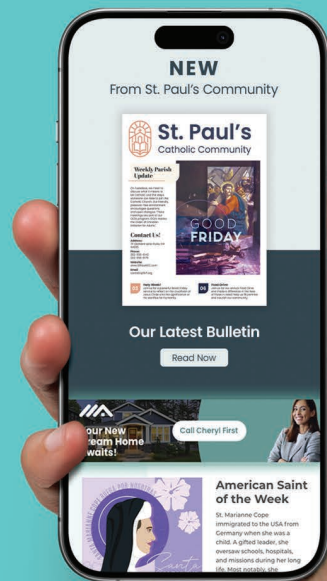
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HE IS RISEN! TRULY RISEN!

John 20: 11-15
Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," He said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Mark 16: 4-6
But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him".

Matthew 28: 2-6
There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay".



Luke 24: 2-6
They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

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The Resurrection (mural) - Ron DiCianni

