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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 rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Habakkuk 1: 1-3; 2: 2-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

Psalm 95

SECOND READING

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Luke 17: 5-10



A mustard tree

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

05 OCTOBER 2025

The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint.

Habakkuk 2: 3

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05 - 11 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Walter Klaus
	05:30 PM	† Cecilia Louise Tuite; † Luis Galindo; † Avelina Bodoy; † Helen Macanas
TUE:	07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	John and Elisa Schnur
WED:	07:30 AM	Domenica Campanella
	05:30 PM	Elena Grilletta
THU:	07:30 AM	† Sandra Berkeley
	05:30 PM	† Susan Bravo
FRI:	07:30 AM	Jessica Nakamura
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
SAT:	08:00 AM	Susitina Mahoni; † Aileen Alvarez; † Antonio Alvarez; † Robert Saint John

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)

05 OCT	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
06 OCT	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Blessing of the Animals
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Concert Practice
07 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
08 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
09 OCT	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
10 OCT	(Friday)	
11 OCT	(Saturday)	
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class



Bringing animals inside the Church

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for a paper form

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 20-21 SEP
TOTAL:	\$11,459
Priests Retirement Fund:	\$7,010
ADA Progress:	\$42,913
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

07 OCT (Saturday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

(see the back page about the *Battle of Lepanto*, and why we celebrate this feast on this day.)



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

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 13 OCT 2025**, we will hold our final **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 children 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**.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Where: Nativity School (Gr. 1-6) or Vallombrosa (Gr. 7+)

Activities: Sacramental Prep Classes; Sunday School.

Contact: Noreen Browning. **650/325-7304 x118**

nbrowning@nativityschool.com

Description: *Nativity School of Religion Welcomes You!* Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email nbrowning@nativityschool.com if you have any questions!

CONFIRMATION PREP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OPEN

Where: Confirmation Prep in the **O'Hare Center** and Sunday School at **Nativity School**

Who: All Catholic Students interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and preparing to receive one of the Sacraments of Initiation. All Students in grades 1-8 are welcome!

More Details: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/school-of-religion>

Description: See the *School of Religion Welcome Packet* at the back of the church.

Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email nbrowning@nativityschool.com if you have any questions!

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

WE HAVE OPENINGS IN PRESCHOOL/TK!

Our Nativity School year is underway! Our beautiful *Montessori Preschool and TK program* currently has **2 spots** left for this school year. This program is for ages 2.5-5 years old. This wonderful program incorporates our Catholic faith while educating and preparing students for Kindergarten and beyond! Please contact our admissions office for more information and to schedule a tour: admissions@nativityschool.com or **650/325-7304 x205**.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Within the octave of the feast day of **St. Francis of Assisi, Monday, 06 OCT 2025**, there will be a blessing of the animals at **08:00 AM**. The blessing will take place at **Nativity School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park**, on the school blacktop. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed.



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@sarch.org

MORE DETAILS: **Friday, 07 NOV 2025** for Youth Leaders
Saturday, 08 NOV 2025 for everyone
Contact **Sr. Celeste Arbuckle** if you have questions.



Parish Office Hours

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

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

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, 11:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM

Saturday: 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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- Fred Lui
- Luigi Annesse and Sabrina Casilla (Celeste)

DEATHS

- Josephine Ventura

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.



IN THE COMMUNITY

ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our *Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon* on **Friday, 10 OCT 2025** at **11:30AM** with **Rev. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D.** He will share a faith talk with us following the Rosary. Register to attend in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell by emailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com or call to reserve your seat at the Hall. **408/447-5433** for this free event.

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

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
	<u>Palestinians in Gaza</u> More than 65,000 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 <i>International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</i> 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 <i>UN World Food Program</i>. Please donate to: www.wfpusa.org/gaza

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Nativity is presenting an eight-week Bible Study entitled "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible.*" Class began on **Tuesday 30 SEP 2025**; you are still welcome to attend. This study is an overview of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. This class is a prelude to further New Testament studies beginning in the winter. Classes are every **Tuesday** at **09:30 AM** in the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room behind the Church. They will end the week before Thanksgiving. Further learning, sharing and discussion is led by Deacon Dominick Peloso. An emphasis is placed on how the Bible stories inspire us to live and love better. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**



BETHLEHEM ARTWORKS

On the weekend of **11-12 OCT 2025**, after all the Masses, beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles will be available for purchase. These items are crafted by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem who rely on this sacred work to sustain their livelihood.

Bethlehem Artworks supports more than 100 struggling Christian families each week. By purchasing a rosary, statue, cross, or nativity, you are not only receiving a meaningful gift for yourself or loved ones—you are also helping preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land, where the population of Christians has now declined to **less than 1%**.

Please visit our tables after Mass and prayerfully consider supporting these families, empowering them to live and share their faith in the very land where Christ was born.

WATCH THE NEW FILM ABOUT ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Discover the inspiring life of Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores Carlo's legacy and the impact of technology on young people today. The film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people — and everyone — as we engage the digital world. (Learn more about the film by visiting CarloAcutisFilm.com.)

Watch the film on St. Carlo's first Feast Day, **Sunday, 12 OCT 2025, 02:00-03:45 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Hope you can join us!

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

Intention: *For collaboration between different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

NATIVITY CALENDAR: CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Many of our talented parishioners have beautiful high-resolution photos of our church, grounds, and parish life. We are in need of new photos for a special project. Will you share your talent with us? Past and recent photos appreciated! Please contact merletrnativity@gmail.com for a link to upload. Thank you! Deadline is **01 OCT 2025**.

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

05 OCT (SUN)

06 OCT (MON)

07 OCT (TUE)

08 OCT (WED)

09 OCT (THU)

10 OCT (FRI)

11 OCT (SAT)

12 OCT (SUN)

13 OCT (MON) FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

14 OCT (TUE) SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

15 OCT (WED) THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

16 OCT (THU) FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

17 OCT (FRI) FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

18 OCT (SAT) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJg1cun

St. Jude:

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

MASS OF HEALING FOR SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The journey through separation and divorce can be filled with grief, change, and a longing for peace. You are warmly invited to a Mass of Healing for all who have experienced separation or divorce - regardless of faith tradition. Come as you are - bring your prayers, your struggles, your longing for healing, and allow God's grace to meet you in this moment.

WHERE: St. Pius parish

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

WHEN: Saturday, 18 OCT 2025, 11:00 AM

CONTACT: Donna Nathanson, 415/205-5998
dhaasnathan97@gmail.com

ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR NATION AND FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, 11 OCT 2025, 12:00-03:00 PM

San Mateo Central Park

Bring your rosaries, lawn blankets, folding chairs and picnic lunch (for *after* prayers), and join our local church communities in praying a public rosary to *Our Lady of Fatima*! She CAN help with the Survival of our great nation! For questions, please call **Jeanette Cook: 650/270.3792**



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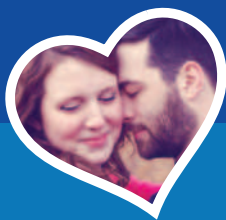
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HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful IS the rosary? Consider these events:

October 7, 1571 — In the great battle of Lepanto, October 7th, 1571 a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off an invasion by the much-larger fleet of the Muslim Turks. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

May 13, 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

October 13, 1960 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

May 13, 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

May 12, 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

This battle, fought off the coast of Greece on **07 OCT 1571**, was the climactic battle between the defending Christians and the Muslim invaders (who would eventually remove Christianity from the Middle East and North Africa). They were now threatening Europe: the success of the Christian navy would stop the advance and preserve Europe as a Christian civilization. Find out more about the miraculous outcome of this battle, and why **October 7th** is now the *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*.



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)**
Starting **07 SEP 2025**

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

OCT'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

OCT'25

- The Profession of the Christian Faith
- Symbols of Faith
- The Mystery of our Trinitarian God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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).

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 Open House on **19 OCT 2025** and 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



JOIN US: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since its inception, *40 Days for Life* has saved thousands of babies from brutal death and parents from endless regret. We need your help! Join our peaceful prayerful vigil:

24 SEP-02 NOV 2025, 07:00 AM-07:00 PM: one or more hours per week.

We will have a **rally** on **Sunday, 21 SEP 2025, 02:00-02:30 PM** for sign-ups and questions, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. More info: **Jessica** (scheduler) at **650/918-9119** (mobile) or email: themunns@yahoo.com

or sign up yourself: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

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