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# Church of the Nativity

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Noreen Browning  
[nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com)



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

**FIRST READING**

The earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.

*Wisdom 9: 13-18*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

For a thousand years in Your sight are as yesterday.

*Psalms 90*

**SECOND READING**

If you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

*Philemon: 9-10, 12-17*

**GOSPEL**

Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be My disciple.

*Luke 14: 25-33*



# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 07 SEPTEMBER 2025

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

*Luke 14: 27*

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07 - 13 SEP

<b>SAT:</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN:</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John Kates
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ivica Milicevic
<b>TUE:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Theresa Pacioretty
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Robert and Tony Hawkins
<b>WED:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Doris Boland
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Dolores Buan Tan; † Manuel Chuakay Jr.; † Andrew Gonos; † Dylan Gorzynski
<b>THU:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Suzanne Beaver
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Daniel Montezuma
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Adolph Firenzi
<b>SAT:</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Colette Chiamparino; † Walter Fleischer; † Mary Gonos; † Evelyn Otellini † Maria Salazar

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*



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[www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)  
or call the parish office for a paper form

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

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

<b>SUN</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>07:10 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Morning Rosary
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>05:10 PM</b>	Evening Prayer
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Nativity Family Rosary
<b>TUE</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>WED</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Novena to Saint Joseph
<b>THU</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	<b>06:15 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	<b>07:40 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	<b>09:00 - 10:00 AM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>03:30 - 04:30 PM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>07 SEP</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	<b>09:15 AM</b>	OCIA and Faith Formation
<b>08 SEP</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Concert Practice
<b>09 SEP</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
<b>10 SEP</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Confirmation Prep Class
	<b>07:30 PM</b>	Consecration to the BVM
<b>11 SEP</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	<b>09:30 AM</b>	Opus Dei Women's Group
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Senior Thursday Group
	<b>06:30 PM</b>	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
<b>12 SEP</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Fatima Mass and Celebration
<b>13 SEP</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	<b>WEEK OF 23-24 AUG</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$7,094</b>
<b>Hands Together Collection:</b>	<b>\$6,003</b>
<b>ADA Progress:</b>	<b>\$39,238</b>
<b>2025 ADA Goal:</b>	<b>\$156,819</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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## 13 SEP (Saturday):

**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-407)**

It was for his sermons that John earned the title "*Chrysostom*" (*golden-mouthed*). They were always on point, they explained the Scriptures with clarity, and they sometimes went on for hours.



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

## 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](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)

or sign up yourself: [www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity](http://www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity)

- *God will surely bless you for it* •
- *you will not be at the vigil alone* •
- *and you may save a life!* •

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## 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](mailto:admissions@nativityschool.com) or **650/325-7304 x205**.

## 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, 08:00 PM**

**Saturday: 09:00 AM, 11:00 PM**

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

## FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 12 SEP 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 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**.

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### FOLK CHOIR MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

*Come join the band! And you can sleep in on Sundays...*

The contemporary folk group that plays at **09:30AM** Mass is moving to the new **12:30PM** Mass starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**. We are always looking for cantors, singers, and musicians who play piano/KB, guitar, bass, percussion and solo instruments: flute, sax, trumpet, cello, etc. The later time allows those of you who like to keep rock star hours to sleep in and play with us. We have a very light rehearsal schedule – once a month or so before or after Mass. It is not required to sing/play at Mass every Sunday. Interested? Call or email **Barbara Nelson 650/464 2971**, [bnelson1015@gmail.com](mailto:bnelson1015@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com) if you have any questions!

*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



## ATTENTION, PRAYER WARRIORS!

**San Mateo Pro-Life** members are currently protesting Planned Parenthood in RWC, **Mon-Fri 08:30-11:30 AM**. It has been shown that many abortion-bound women cancel their appointments when people are praying on the sidewalk.

Consider joining us, **God will bless you!** Let's see the closure of this last bastion of death in the Peninsula.

We need a Spanish-speaking counselor as well

*"Deliver them that are led to death; and those that are drawn to death forbear not to deliver."* ~ Proverbs 24.11

For questions, email **Erika Hathaway** ([erikashathaway@gmail.com](mailto:erikashathaway@gmail.com))



Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**, a **new Mass schedule** will be inaugurated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays will be celebrated at:

**08:00 AM    09:30 AM    11:00 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 **07 SEP 2025**. The **Choristers** (children's choir) will eventually slot into the **09:30 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 **09:30 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 – **05:00 PM** – Mass starting on the **1st Sunday of Advent**. Planning is still ongoing, and details remain fluid. I will update you 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](https://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco) or  
email [jessie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto: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.

## LAUDATO SI AND VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY

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, 20 SEP 2025**. We hope to see you there.



## 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 [merletnativity@gmail.com](mailto:merletnativity@gmail.com) for a link to upload. Thank you! Deadline is **01 OCT 2025**.



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

**Intention:** *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### THE FLYING NOVENA

What is the "Flying Novena?" Much endorsed by **St. Teresa of Calcutta** (Mother Teresa), who frequently said it herself, it is the recitation of **9 Memorares** for an urgent intention, plus **one additional Memorare** in thanksgiving of the anticipated graces received.

### 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

**07 SEP (SUN)** NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

**08 SEP (MON)** Feast of the Nativity of the BVM

**09 SEP (TUE)**

**10 SEP (WED)**

**11 SEP (THU)**

**12 SEP (FRI)**

**13 SEP (SAT)**

**14 SEP (SUN)** FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**15 SEP (MON)** SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**16 SEP (TUE)** THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**17 SEP (WED)** FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**18 SEP (THU)** FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

**19 SEP (FRI)** SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

**20 SEP (SAT)** SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

[www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm](http://www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm)

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/)

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

[www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm](http://www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm)

### 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](mailto:liz.palla@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:lifeanddignity@sfarch.org)

**MORE DETAILS:** Join the *Archdiocese of San Francisco Human Life and Dignity Department* for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals are invited.

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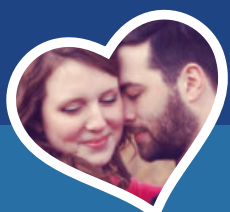


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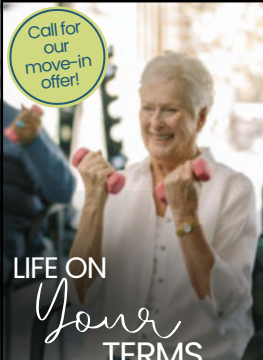


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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The Parish Finance Council is pleased to report that in fiscal year 2025 the Parish met its financial obligations. The Finance Council worked closely with Father Doherty to ensure the continued financial health of the Parish and School. Unfortunately, our operating expenses of \$1,338,529 exceeded our ordinary income of \$952,550, resulting in an operating loss of \$385,979. Other income partially offset the loss, resulting in a net loss to \$282,715. While we did end "in the red" for the fiscal year, we had sufficient cash from prior years' gifts to pay all our expenses.

As a general matter, we seek to balance our expenses and our operating income, save for extraordinary expenses for which we have typically done capital campaigns in the past. In fiscal 2025 our ordinary income was lower than the amount we had budgeted to collect. Conversely, expenses were higher than the amounts budgeted, due primarily to unexpected maintenance issues and repairs and renovations.

As we begin fiscal year 2026, the Finance Council looks forward to assisting and supporting Father Doherty to ensure the financial stability of our parish. Expenses in fiscal 2026 will be higher than fiscal 2025 due in large part to inflation and continued maintenance issues for the Church and grounds. To paraphrase a recent homilist at Nativity, we cannot pay our bills with holy cards. Accordingly, we ask that you prayerfully consider an increase in your contributions to help get the Parish back "in the black." If you are not participating in the electronic contribution system, Our Sunday Visitor (OSV), we also ask that you consider joining to increase the predictability of contributions, while making it easier for you to support the Parish. The link to OSV can be found on our website, [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org). Thank you for your continued support.

Mary Wynne (Chair), Gary Cruz, Fran Dehn, Dan Winnike, Cindy Zollinger

### 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

SEP

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR  
(topics subject to change)

SEP

- Man's Capacity for God
- God Comes to Meet Man
- Man's Response to God

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## HAPPY NEWS

### THE VATICAN'S GREEN VILLAGE

**Pope Leo XIV** travelled to Castel Gandolfo on **Friday, 05 SEP 2025**, to inaugurate a new initiative that brings faith, education, and ecology together. The Holy Father has formally opened the **Borgo Laudato Si'**, a village dedicated to living out the vision of *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for creation. The *Borgo*, whose name means "village" in Italian, occupies 135 acres of the papal residence at Castel Gandolfo. It blends villas, gardens, archeological sites, and farmland into a space intended not only for visitors, but for prayer, study, and community life.



*Laudato Si' Village Gardens*

Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/laudato-si-borgo>