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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

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues.

Acts 2: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

When You send forth Your spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

Psalms 104

SECOND READING

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

GOSPEL

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.

John 20: 19-23



SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST 08 JUNE 2025

He breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20: 22

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 08-14 JUNE

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Gerald and Godofredo Lee
	05:30 PM	Zachary Muñoz
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Cresencia and Pablo Sr. Colonia
	05:30 PM	Jim Mumby; † Robert Gaherty; † Gertrude Hajduk; † Angelita Ildefonso
WED:	07:30 AM	† Tena Carrell
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
THU:	07:30 AM	† Anton John Logronio
	05:30 PM	† Jim Valente
FRI:	07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	Michael Kelley
SAT:	08:00 AM	All fathers; Haley Fifield; † Shelby Drazan; † Eduardo Inacay; † Adrienne Perez

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing




Bringing animals inside the Church during Mass is not allowed, unless they have a proper service certification

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

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)

08 JUN	(Sunday)	
	12:00 PM	43rd Annual Nativity Carnival 
09 JUN	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
10 JUN	(Tuesday)	
11 JUN	(Wednesday)	
12 JUN	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	12:00 AM	Senior Thursday Group
13 JUN	(Friday)	
	07:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
14 JUN	(Saturday)	
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class



Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)
closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 24-25 MAY
TOTAL:	\$9,848
ADA Progress:	\$31,163
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

11 JUN (Wednesday):

SAINT BARNABAS, Apostle

A convert who came to the faith soon after Pentecost, **Barnabas** is mentioned frequently in the book of *Acts*. He evangelized to the Gentiles with both **Paul** and **Mark**, and founded the church in Antioch.

DEAR ST. ANTHONY, LOOK AROUND . . .

Consider how highly St. Anthony is honored by the Holy Church. In Franciscan churches, not only is his feast observed with great solemnity, but every Tuesday devotions in his honor are conducted before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, at which devotion all the faithful can gain a plenary indulgence. In Padua, where a magnificent basilica has been erected in his honor, he is called “the Saint”, as if there were no other that can compare with him. Among Catholics there is hardly anyone who does not know the dear saint with the Infant Jesus. — Do you pay him due honor? Do you use the opportunity to gain the indulgence? Call upon him with confidence in every necessity, and in case of serious trouble make the devotion of nine Tuesdays.

13 JUN (Friday):

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA, Priest and Doctor of the Church (1195-1231)

Born in Lisbon to a noble family, he became a *Canon of St. Augustine* but later transferred to the *Franciscans*. He was sent to Morocco to preach among the Moors, but ill health forced his return to Europe. He was the first Franciscan to teach theology to his brother friars. He settled in Padua after 1226 and became noted for his eloquent and persuasive preaching, his work for the poor, and his zeal against heresies. Legend ascribes many miracles to his life, and he is often depicted carrying the Infant Jesus (such as in our statue here at Nativity), because a man in whose house Anthony was spending the evening reported seeing Anthony holding a child of unspeakable beauty surrounded by a heavenly light. He is patron of the poor and of Portugal, and is often invoked for retrieving lost articles.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

LAUDATO SI' VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY

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, 21 JUN 2025**. We hope to see you there.



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

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This weekend is the 43rd Annual Nativity Carnival. Please join the Nativity Men's Club on **08 JUN 2025, Sunday** morning after the **08:00 AM** Mass at the Nativity school grounds. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and mimosas. There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.



FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 13 JUN 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**.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Father's Day is **15 JUN 2025**! Father's Day is an annual holiday honoring our fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. What could be a better gift to your father, husband, father-in-law, grandfather, godfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, son, or friend than to be remembered in all the Masses during the month of June at the Church of the Nativity?

Father's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are fathers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite father. These names will be placed on the altar during the month of June in their honor.

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



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.

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

Saturday: 11:00 PM

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

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 • Benjamin Strockis and Danielle Hathorn

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the **09:30 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 liz.palla@gmail.com.



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**.

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

MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the **Charwick Study Center** (www.charwick.org). They meet on the **second Thursday** of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact **Carrie at 408/674-2861** or **Bridget at 650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Francis

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a free Clothing Distribution Center which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE APP

The entire *Catholic Bible (RSV-2CE)* can be downloaded for free! Packed with additional content from **Augustine Institute**, **Ignatius Press**, and other Catholic apostolates, this app unlocks the beauty and richness of Scripture. This free app will bring the Bible to life. It includes: complete text of the Old and New Testaments; *Truth and Life* dramatized audio New Testament Gospel of St. John; 10 hours of audio commentary from **Dr. Scott Hahn**; over 140 *Lighthouse Talks*; and much more. Download this app by searching "Catholic Study Bible" in your App Store.



RESOURCES FOR THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

Pope Francis designated the **2025 Holy Year** as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope." The Archdiocese of San Francisco has put together a website with resources on the Jubilee Year, including tips on traveling to Rome, local parish pilgrimages to Rome, designated Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, how to obtain a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence and more. For more information: <https://www.sfarch.org/jubilee-year-of-hope/>

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

Intention: *That The World Might Grow In Compassion*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

KEEPING UP WITH THE HOLY FATHER

Want to keep track of the "daily doings" of **Pope Leo XIV**? Relevant Radio is providing a twice-weekly email update called *Pope Leo XIV Today*. You can sign up here:

<https://relevantradio.lpages.co/pope-leo-xiv-today/>

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

08 JUN (SUN)	The Solemnity of Pentecost FOURTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua THIRD DAY: Holy Trinity
09 JUN (MON)	FIFTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua FOURTH DAY: Holy Trinity
10 JUN (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua FIFTH DAY: Holy Trinity
11 JUN (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua SIXTH DAY: Holy Trinity
12 JUN (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua SEVENTH DAY: Holy Trinity
13 JUN (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Anthony of Padua EIGHTH DAY: Holy Trinity FIRST DAY: Corpus Christi
14 JUN (SAT)	Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua NINTH DAY: Holy Trinity SECOND DAY: Corpus Christi
15 JUN (SUN)	Solemnity of the Holy Trinity THIRD DAY: Corpus Christi
16 JUN (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Corpus Christi
17 JUN (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Corpus Christi
18 JUN (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Corpus Christi
19 JUN (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Corpus Christi
20 JUN (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Corpus Christi FIRST Day: Saints Peter and Paul
21 JUN (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Corpus Christi SECOND Day: Saints Peter and Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua:

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/anthony.htm>

Holy Trinity Novena:

http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy_trinity.html

Corpus Christi Novena:

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

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul:

<http://op54rosary.ning.com/events/novena-to-ss-peter-and-paul>

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

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

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

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.

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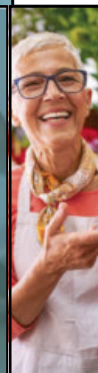
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Sequence

The “Sequence”? What in the world is that? The Sequence is a poetic hymn sung during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on some of the most special Sundays of the liturgical year. In the Middle Ages there were many Sequences sung during various Masses, but today the Roman Catholic Church sings a Sequence on **Easter Sunday**, **Pentecost Sunday** (yes, this week!), and

Corpus Christi Sunday. There is also a Sequence for **Our Lady of Sorrows** and for the **Mass of the Dead**.

Many scholars believe that the Sequence began as a long musical extension of the “Alleluia”, where the last “a” was held out into a musical phrase, and eventually the notes had Latin text associated with them. Since this phrase followed the *Alleluia*, it was called (in Latin) “*Sequentia*”, meaning “that which follows”.

In **2003**, the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) affirmed in *Introduction to the Order of the Mass* that the Sequence for **Easter** and **Pentecost** were obligatory (they could not be omitted or substituted with another hymn), and that the Sequence was to follow the *Alleluia*. Later, the **2010 GIRM** (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*) re-affirmed these two obligations, but now states that the Sequence is sung before the *Alleluia*.

The Sequence that is sung on **Pentecost Sunday** (“*Veni Sancte Spiritus*”) was considered by many to be the most prized Sequence of the Middle Ages, and came to be known as the “Golden Sequence”. Though not absolutely proven historically, it is with almost absolute certainty that this Sequence was written by **Stephen Langton**, who was the Archbishop of Canterbury in the thirteenth century. Langton is most well-known in history as the person who encouraged the nobility to pressure the king into creating and signing the **Magna Carta**. (check your history books for why this was so important!)



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.”

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prices go up on June 5th!

The 43rd Annual
Nativity Carnival
is here!

Save the dates:
June 6th, 7th and 8th, 2025

CARNIVAL HOURS

06 JUN	FRI	05:00-10:00 PM
07 JUN	SAT	12:00-10:00 PM
08 JUN	SUN	12:00-06:00 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

06 JUN	06:00-10:00 PM	Soul Practitioners
07 JUN	12:00-03:00 PM	Given to Fly
	03:00-06:00 PM	DJ Damian Garcia
	06:00-10:00 PM	Dutch Uncle
08 JUN	01:00-03:00 PM	The Jays
	03:00-06:00 PM	Mirage Band

RAFFLE PRIZES

\$5000	1st Prize
\$3000	2nd Prize
\$1000	3rd Prize

TICKETS

suggested	donation
\$50	1 ticket
\$100	3 tickets



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