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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



FIRST READING

They put the Lord to the proof by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Exodus 17: 3-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

We are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalms 95

SECOND READING

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL

We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.

John 4: 5-42



Moses Strikes the Rock at Horeb
-- Raphael (~1518)

The Third Sunday of Lent

08 March 2026

"You shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink."

Exodus 17: 6

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 08-14 MAR

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	† Anthony William Zele
05:30 PM	† Simon Clarke
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Diane Masetti
05:30 PM	† Zighanna Woldselasie; † Mark van Ekelenberg; † Ester and † Crishia Beltran; † Larry Bowen
WED: 07:30 AM	† Sister Joyce Stemper
05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
THU: 07:30 AM	The Barrett and Ferrando families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	† Calvin Chiang
FRI: 07:30 AM	The Deck and Virnoche families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	† Francis Eichler
SAT: 08:00 AM	Clyde and Resa King; Nenette Cantu; † Shelby Drazan; † Sal Zabala Jr. and † Sylvia Camarillo; † Gloria Merlino

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 07-08 FEB	WEEK OF 14-15 FEB	WEEK OF 21-22 FEB
TOTAL:	\$12,849	\$9,788	\$10,351
ADA Progress:			
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365	\$152,365	\$152,365

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)

08 MAR	(Sunday)	
	09:00 AM	OCIA Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	Food and Fellowship Ministry
09 MAR	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
10 MAR	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study
	06:00 PM	Evangelization Class/ADSF <i>(sorry, no drop-in's)</i>
11 MAR	(Wednesday)	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	09:30 AM	Nativity School Reconciliation
	07:30 PM	Total Consecration to Jesus
	09:30 PM	Marin Catholic Kairos adoration
12 MAR	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	12:00 PM	Opus Dei Mass
	12:00 PM	Thursday Senior Group
	07:00 PM	Nativity Women's Faith & Study
	07:30 PM	Marin Catholic Kairos adoration
13 MAR	(Friday)	Lenten Friday 
	08:30 AM	School Stations of the Cross
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
14 MAR	(Saturday)	
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

09 MAR (Monday):

SAINT FRANCES OF ROME (1384-1440)

An aristocrat by birth, she became a Benedictine and Foundress of the *Oblates of the Tor de'Specchi (Collatines)*. She spent her life and fortune, both as a laywoman and religious, in the service of the sick and poor. She is said to have been guided by an archangel that only she could see.

On her feast day, priests bless cars due to her patronage of cars and drivers. Though Frances certainly never drove, legend says that when she went abroad at night, her guardian angel went before her lighting the road with a headlight-like lantern, keeping her safe in her travels.

BEGIN A NOVENA TO SAINT PATRICK

You can observe a solemn novena to St. Patrick beginning on **Sunday, 08 MAR 2026**. The ninth day of the novena will be the day before his feast day on **17 MAR 2026**.

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm

BEGIN A NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

You can observe a solemn novena to St. Joseph beginning on **Tuesday, 10 MAR 2026**. The ninth day of the novena will be the day before his feast day on **19 MAR 2026**.

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

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

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**.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

This Lent 2026 please take a stand for life! From **18 FEB-29 MAR 2026** commit to one hour weekly at the **40 Days for Life** peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

Schedule your Lenten commitment through Jessica:

phone/text **650/918-9119**, or email themunns@yahoo.com

Or schedule yourself online at:

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

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

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

- The Fifth Commandment
- The Sixth and Ninth Commandments
- How to Go to Confession
- Preparation for the Triduum

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).

A NEW TYPE OF DONATION: GOLD AND SILVER

Often we find things in church that people don't know what to do with, so they leave them here -- old medals (Sacred Heart, Miraculous Medal, etc.), broken bits of chain, broken rosaries. Often these objects are silver and do have some monetary value. If you have scrap silver or gold that you don't know what to do with, consider donating it to Nativity. Any money we receive will be given to the Altar Society to further their work in beautifying the Church. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

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 **12:30 PM** 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 **12:30 PM** Mass.



ABSTINENCE: Everyone **fourteen years of age and older** is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST: Everyone **eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty**, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY LENTEN EVENTS

As we enter the season of Lent, Nativity invites all parishioners, school families, and friends to gather for two beloved community meals that bring us together in fellowship, laughter, and support of Nativity School.

Order forms for both events are available in the church vestibules (or use the QR codes). Please pick up a copy, make your reservations, and plan to attend these parish-wide gatherings that strengthen our community and support our school.

21 MAR 2026
Saturday

• Cioppino dinner

A warm, flavorful tradition returns. Bring your appetite and your friends for a night of community, conversation, and fun.



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.



Parish Office Hours

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

FETAL ORGAN HARVESTING AT UCSF

Currently there are babies in the womb of their mothers that will be aborted and have their organs harvested even while still alive... without anesthesia! This has been occurring for years. There is a campaign to end this program at University of California San Francisco.

Please go to ethicalresearchnow.org to send a pre-composed e-letter to U.C. Board of Regents, U.C. President and U.C. Chancellor urging termination of this program.

EVANGELIZATION CLASS

This eight-week class on evangelization, partnered with the Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, is running from **27 JAN-17 MAR 2026**. Class is held at the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room on **Tuesdays** from **06:00-09:00 PM**.

Registration is required first, so please contact **Julia Voinche** at julialisavoinche@gmail.com. **No drop-in's allowed.**

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.



SHIELDING THE CHILDREN OF GOD: SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

WHAT: One-day conference of exorcism, healing, and deliverance

WHERE: St. Patrick's Seminary
320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

WHEN: **Friday, 20 MAR 2026 07:30 AM-06:00 PM**
OR

Saturday, 21 MAR 2026 07:30 AM-06:00 PM

WHY: Prayer for both global and personal deliverance

CONTACT: To register, visit www.johnleaps.com
or scan the QR code



You can join in person or online (livestreamed) on either day. One-day pass is **\$99**.

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

Intention: For Disarmament And Peace

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

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 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 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 MAR (SUN)	FIRST Day: St. Patrick
09 MAR (MON)	SECOND Day: St. Patrick
10 MAR (TUE)	THIRD Day: St. Patrick FIRST Day: St. Joseph
11 MAR (WED)	FOURTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
12 MAR (THU)	FIFTH Day: St. Patrick SECOND Day: St. Joseph
13 MAR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i>  SIXTH Day: St. Patrick FOURTH Day: St. Joseph
14 MAR (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: St. Patrick FIFTH Day: St. Joseph
15 MAR (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: St. Patrick SIXTH Day: St. Joseph
16 MAR (MON)	NINTH Day: St. Patrick SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph FIRST Day: The Annunciation
17 MAR (TUE)	<i>Feast of Saint Patrick</i> EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph SECOND Day: The Annunciation
18 MAR (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph THIRD Day: The Annunciation
19 MAR (THU)	<i>Feast of Saint Joseph</i> FOURTH Day: The Annunciation
20 MAR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i>  FIFTH Day: The Annunciation
21 MAR (SAT)	SIXTH Day: The Annunciation

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

- Saint Patrick:**
www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p00057.htm
- Saint Joseph:**
www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/joseph.htm
- The Annunciation:**
www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm



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**. Rooted in faith and united as one community, we will gather for an evening of *Growing Faith, Growing Community, and Growing Funds*, supporting our students and furthering the mission God has entrusted to Nativity. More details on the event, donations and sponsorship opportunities to come! We look forward to coming together with gratitude, generosity, and a shared purpose.

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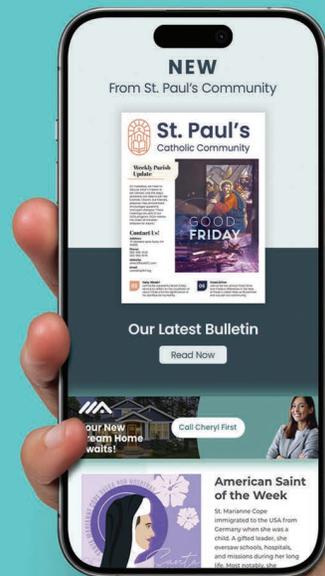
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NEED YOUR PRAYERS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

When pregnant mothers, scared and worried, come to Planned Parenthood, thinking they have no other option, pro-life volunteers are there with our resources, prayers and care.

Many women with abortion appointments will cancel when they encounter loving, compassionate people on the sidewalk who are praying for them and their unborn. Please consider joining us; God will bless you!

WHAT: Pro-life people praying there, led by members of *San Mateo Pro Life*

WHERE: Planned Parenthood sidewalk, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City

WHEN: Mornings, **Monday-Friday 08:00-11:30 AM**

WHY: The more people present and praying, the more graces God grants to save precious babies! Many lives have in this way been spared!

CONTACT: For more information, visit www.sanmateoprofife.com or call **Erika** at **650/283-5353**



Do you speak Spanish? Your help could be crucial in saving a life!

REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!

March 26, 2026
6:30 PM

408-325-5107
snavarro2@ccscc.org

RSVP HERE

SCAN ME

LENTEN OFFERINGS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

Throughout Lent, the ICC will host programs to help you grow in faith during this season of repentance and preparation for the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Join us on this journey.

To register, or for more information, please call **540/635-7155** or visit InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/Lent.

A Time of Renewal

Daily (Ash Wednesday - Easter Sunday)

Daily reflections for the Lenten season. (*Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters*)

Desert Voices and the Rise of Christian Monasticism

Tuesdays, 24 FEB-10 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

(*John Pepino, Ph.D.*)



Praying Through Suffering

Friday, 13 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

A Lenten reflection. (*Most Rev. James D. Conley, D.D., S.T.L.*)

Keeping Vigil

Monday, 23 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

Learning to live and pray with the dying. (*Very Rev. Stephen Freeman*)

Mystical Supper

Palm Sunday, 29 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

A Biblical study of Holy Thursday. (*Jared Staudt, Ph.D.*)

NOTE: Some details may be subject to change.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
02 APR	(Thursday) 06:00 PM (one Mass only)	Holy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>Followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the O'Hare Center until midnight</i>
03 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections <i>(Homilist TBD)</i> Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
04 APR	(Saturday) 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM 03:30 PM - 05:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mark Doherty) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Opus Dei Priest) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mark Doherty) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Michael Thomas) Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
05 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>livestreamed Mass</i> Traditional Latin Mass
06 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Easter Monday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

