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MASSES

Sundays	08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 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
Sundays	12:00 PM - 12:30 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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Very Rev. Mark Doherty

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Rev. Bruce Hoefer

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

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Mrs. Noreen Browning
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FIRST READING
Taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence.
Wisdom 6: 12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Your kindness is a greater good than life.
Psalms 63

SECOND READING
The Lord himself, with a word of command, ... will come down from heaven.
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

GOSPEL
Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25: 1-13



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

08 November 2026

For you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts, like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.
Psalms 18:3

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF 07-14 NOV

SAT:	**05:00 PM**	Priest's intentions
SUN:	**Masses**	Priest's intentions
MON:	**07:30 AM**	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Cedeno Family
TUE:	**07:30 AM**	Deck & Virnoche Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Jackie Penafort † Felipe Vera † William "Liam" Barney Johnson † John Klipsch
WED:	**09:00 AM**	Walter Fleischer *(Veteran's Day Holiday - one Mass only)*
THU:	**07:30 AM**	† John Kates
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
FRI:	**07:30 AM**	Maureen Bittle
	05:30 PM	Drbal Family
SAT:	**08:00 AM**	† Brian Gallagher † Shelby Drazan † Barbara Widmer † Rosaleen Kelly † Ralph Reyes

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 17-18 OCT	WEEK OF 24-25 OCT
TOTAL:	**$14,433**	**$10,415**
World Mission Sunday:	**$ 2,435**	**-**
ADA Progress:	**$55,630**	**$75,400**
2026 ADA Goal:	**$152,365**	**$152,365**

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506.**

CALENDAR

SUN	**07:00 PM**	Holy Hour for Priests
SUN	**12:00 -12:30 PM**	Confessions
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	**06:00 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 NOV	**[Sunday]**	
	08:00 AM	Ministry Information Open House
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
09 NOV	**[Monday]**	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
10 NOV	**[Tuesday]**	
	10:00 AM	Funeral Mass
11 NOV	**[Wednesday]**	
	09:00 AM	Only Daily Mass
	11:30 AM	Funeral Mass
	06:15 PM	OCIA Classes
12 NOV	**[Thursday]**	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Retreat
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF in O'Hare
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith & Study Group
13 NOV	**[Friday]**	
	08:00 AM	Altar Society
	09:00 AM	Church Tour - Nativity Students
14 NOV	**[Saturday]**	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class
	04:00 PM	Adopt a Family - Guadalupe Room
	05:00 PM	Adopt a Family Speaker - Church

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

09 NOV (Monday)
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Officially named the *Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior*, it is the oldest and ranks first (being the only cathedral in Rome) among the four major basilicas of Rome, and holds the title of **ecumenical mother church** (mother church of the whole inhabited world) among Roman Catholics.

10 NOV (Tuesday)
SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Pope from 440 to 461, during the time of the invasion of **Attila the Hun**. When Attila marched on Rome, Leo went out to meet him and pleaded for leave. As Leo spoke, Attila saw the vision of a man in priestly robes (believed to be **St. Peter**), carrying a bare sword, and threatening to kill the invader if he did not obey Pope Leo.

11 NOV (Wednesday)
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop (c. 316-397)

Martin was born to pagan parents; his father was a Roman military officer and tribune. Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. He once gave a beggar half of his heavy officer's cloak, and later had a vision of Jesus wearing the cloak. Martin was persecuted by the Arians, who were openly hostile to Catholics, and later became first a hermit, then the bishop of Tours. Martin was the first non-martyr to receive the cultus of a saint.

13 NOV (Friday):
SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

Foundress of the *Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart*. Frances and six Sisters arrived in New York from Italy in 1889. They worked among immigrants, especially Italians. **Mother Cabrini** founded 67 institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages in the United States, Europe and South America. Like many of the people she worked with, Mother became a United States citizen during her life, and after her death she was the first US citizen to be canonized.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS



Connect with a centuries-old tradition of the Church. The **12:30 PM** Mass each Sunday is celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (the Traditional Latin Mass), according to the 1962 Roman Rite Missal.

Next **Sunday, (15 NOV 2026**: *The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)*, will be a *Missa Cantata*.

See tinyurl.com/1962missal for more on the Roman Rite.

ADOPT A FAMILY



Nativity is now preparing for our 36th year of Christmas adopt a family. In this program we will be assisting more than 200 families in need in our parish and around our community. Parishioners will have the opportunity to pick a family or 2 to purchase gifts and St. Vincent de Paul will supply additional food. The sign-ups will occur outside of church on **November 14 and 15** as well as **November 21st and 22nd.** Delivery of the food and gifts will occur on Saturday, December 12. We will need many volunteers to assist with that delivery. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For questions contact **Mary Ellen Peloso at 650-269-7794.**

NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of Nativity as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith. These gatherings have been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time of hospitality, fellowship and spiritual growth. All ages of women are welcome.

WHERE: O'Hare Center
WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays
TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
CONTACT:
Julia Voinche, 650-444-3052 or julialisavoinche@gmail.com



NATIVITY MINISTRY INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: O'Hare Center
WHEN: November 7 & 8
TIME: After all Masses
Everyone is welcome!

Discover where your gifts can make a difference! Meet Ministry leaders! Explore ways to serve! Find your place in our parish community!

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**.

EUCHARISTIC 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 - 03:00 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

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

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our **PreK & Kindergarten Open House** event on **Tuesday, November 17th at 4pm-5:30pm.** If you have a younger child that will be ready for Preschool or Kindergarten in Fall 2027, this is a perfect opportunity to come learn more! Have a friend at work, dance class, or sports teams that may be a great fit for our Nativity community? Let them know! Registration is open now! Visit our website at www.nativityschool.com for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL TREE LOT

Our **Nativity School Christmas tree lot** is back again this holiday season! Visit us for your Christmas tree, wreaths, and much more. The Nativity School Tree Lot will open the morning after Thanksgiving-**Nov. 27, 2026!** Pre-sales are now live on our website, or you may scan the QR code on the flyers located in the vestibule. Pre-sales close on Nov. 24th! We will have members from our committee at church on Sunday, Nov. 15th & Sunday, Nov. 22nd to help with pre-orders. We look forward to welcoming you to the 28th annual Nativity Tree Lot!



SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On **06 DEC 2026** at **02:00 PM**, *Schola Seraphica* will once again ring in the Christmas season with a joyful concert. Ticket sale date to be announced.



NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:00 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a meditation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. We all need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION: 2026-27 PROGRAM

The reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the ***Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 27, 2027.***

CLASS TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER:

- The Holy Spirit
- The Church
- Introduction to the Liturgical Year

You may get more information by going to the church website: https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA

NATIVITY SCHOOL YEARLY APPEAL

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Nativity Catholic School! Our 2026/2027 Yearly Appeal is now in full swing. Your generosity helps provide an exceptional, faith-filled education for current and future Panthers. To make a donation, please visit our church website under the "Giving" tab. May God bless you for your kindness!

"GRACE AND GRUB"

Growing in Holiness through Parenthood

O Come, All Ye Families! Join the Nativity Family Ministry for a special Advent talk and dinner on **Saturday, December 5th, from 4:00–6:00 PM** at the O'Hare Center! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, faith, and food as **Fr. Jim McCormack** shares insights on the Holy Family, reflections from St. Faustina's writings, and the virtues of the Holy Family that we can strive to imitate in our own family life. A fun Nativity craft will be available for the kids. Dinner provided!

Evening at a Glance:
4:00–4:30 PM – Welcome & Crafting
4:30–5:00 PM – Talk with Fr. Jim McCormack
5:00–6:00 PM – Dinner (Provided!)

Please email nativitychurchfamilyministry@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or the Nativity Family Ministry.

A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

To Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Saints of Mexico

Four nights in Mexico City and two in Puebla with **Fr. Jerome Magat,** centered on the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the tilma of Saint Juan Diego, with Holy Mass each day at the shrines of Mexico and at the tombs of Blessed Miguel Pro, Blessed Conchita Cabrera, and Blessed Sebastian de Aparicio.

For more information and registration:
www.prorometours.com/magat-mexico-2027

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

Intention: *For the proper use of wealth*

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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).

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

07 NOV (SAT)	
08 NOV (SUN)	
09 NOV (MON)	
10 NOV (TUE)	
11 NOV (WEDS)	
12 NOV (THU)	
13 NOV (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia
14 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia
15 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia
16 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
17 NOV (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
18 NOV (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
19 NOV (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
20 NOV(FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
21 NOV (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
22 NOV (SUN)	**Feast of Saint Cecilia**
23 NOV (MON)	
24 NOV (TUE)	
25 NOV (WED)	
26 NOV (THU)	**Thanksgiving Day**
27 NOV (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:
nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:
www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

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.sanmateoprolife.com or call/text **Erika** at **650/283-5353**

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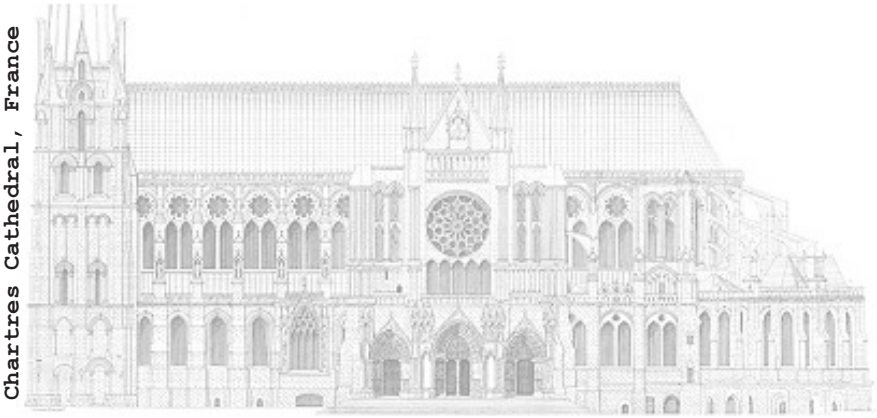
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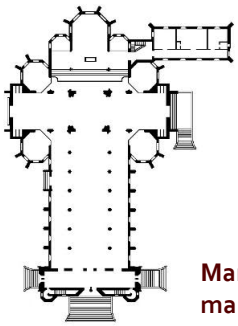
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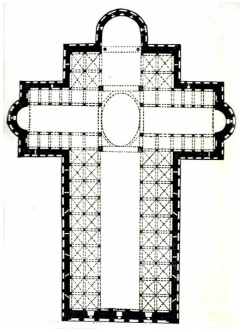
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To be called a "cathedral", a church must be the principal church of a bishop's diocese. It is not based on size or the grandeur of the building, but only whether or not it is the church from which a bishop officiates.

A cathedral cost an enormous amount of money to construct, and took a very long time to build. The church relied on volunteer labor from the town to build the cathedral. Often a family would help begin the construction, knowing they would be dead before it was completed. Often three generations of a family would work on a cathedral, with a father starting the work and only his grandchildren able to see the completed church.



Chartres Cathedral, France

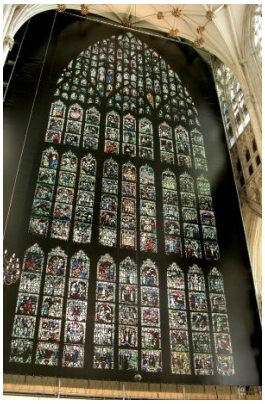




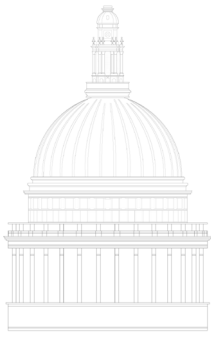
Many cathedrals (in fact, many churches in general) are "cruciform" in shape (i.e., shaped like a cross).



The dome of the cathedral in Florence is considered an architectural and engineering wonder. It is the largest masonry dome ever constructed (45 meters wide) and was constructed using ingenious techniques devised by a goldsmith and clockmaker named **Filippo Brunelleschi**. As it was impossible to find enough timber in all of Tuscany to build centering, Brunelleschi devised a way for the dome to support its own weight as it was being constructed.
(watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IOPlGPQPuM)



The Great East Window in York Minster Cathedral is the size of a tennis court. It is the single largest area of medieval glass in the world.



Architecturally, constructing the dome was one of the most challenging tasks in cathedral-building. A "keystone" (usually shaped like a plus sign) had to be dropped into the top of the dome to hold the pressure from all sides and keep the dome from falling in on itself. The stone sides of the dome would be built on wooden frames (called "centering"), then the keystone dropped into place, and finally the wood was burned away. To show his confidence in his own abilities, the master architect was required to stand in the center beneath the dome when the wood frames were burned away. If his design was flawed, he would be killed by the falling stones.

DID YOU KNOW?

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

The first day of **Advent** is **29 NOV 2026**?

