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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 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

IN RESIDENCE

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

He brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple.

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46

SECOND READING

No other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17

GOSPEL

It was written, "Zeal for Thy house will consume me."

John 2: 13-22



FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

09 NOVEMBER 2025

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2: 19

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 NOV

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	† Jairo Montezuma
05:30 PM	† Delfa Kelava
TUE: 09:00 AM	† Walter Fleischer
WED: 07:30 AM	† John Kates
05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
THU: 07:30 AM	Maria Ensueño Mena
05:30 PM	† Andre Jackson
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Brian Gallagher
05:30 PM	† Anthony and Paola Botognini;
	† John and Kathleen Demeter;
	† Shelby Drazan;
	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
SAT: 08:00 AM	Luis Diaz;
	Aubrie Gray and Darrion Millan;
	† Joseph Burns;
	† Barbara Widmer;
	† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on **Tuesday, 11 NOV 2025**
for **Veterans' Day**

There will be one Mass,
at **09:00 AM**, on Tuesday.



Parish Office Hours

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

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 25-26 OCT
TOTAL:	\$8,419
ADA Progress:	\$45,053
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

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)

09 NOV	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
10 NOV	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
11 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
12 NOV	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
13 NOV	(Thursday)	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF #351 Meeting
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
14 NOV	(Friday)	
15 NOV	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class
	04:00 PM	Adopt-A-Family Sign-Ups
	05:00 PM	Advent Candle Sale

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

11 NOV (Tuesday) VETERANS DAY

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.

12 NOV (Wednesday) SAINT JOSAPHAT, Bishop and Martyr (1580-1623)

14 NOV (Friday): SAINT NICHOLAS TAVELIC AND COMPANIONS, Martyrs (d. 1391)

As Franciscan custodians of the shrines in the Holy Land, **Nicholas, Deodat, Peter of Narbonne** and **Stephen of Cuneo** decided to take a direct approach to converting the Muslims. On **November 11, 1391**, they went to the huge Mosque of Omar in Jerusalem and asked to see the Qadi (Muslim official). Reading from a prepared statement, they said that all people must accept the gospel of Jesus. When they were ordered to retract their statement, they refused. After beatings and imprisonment, they were beheaded before a large crowd.

Nicholas and his companions were canonized in 1970. They are the only Franciscans martyred in the Holy Land to be canonized.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS



BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be emailed to the bulletin editors at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Deadline: **12:00 PM (noon) Friday** by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

EXAMPLE: For inclusion in the **16 NOV 2025** bulletin, submit by Friday, **07 NOV 2025** at noon.



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

SAVE THE DATE: 07 DEC 2025

Rehearsals are underway for our annual *Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert* at St. Patrick's Seminary. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you have any interest in joining us, please come and introduce yourself! We meet at **07:00 PM Mondays** in the O'Hare Center. Choral experience and reading music is helpful but not mandatory. Any questions please contact **Margaret Durando** (marzsull@gmail.com)

MISSA CANTATA: TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Starting on the *first Sunday of Advent*, **30 NOV 2025**, we will add a **05:00 PM** Sunday Mass. This Mass will be a sung Traditional Latin Mass, (a sung Mass celebrated according to the Missal of 1962).

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the liturgical year. It symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle," reminding us that Jesus is coming.

Can't find your copy of the 1962 Roman Missal?
<https://tinyurl.com/1962missal>



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: 02:00 PM

**Saturday: 01:00-03:00 AM (once per month),
09:00 AM, 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.

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

NOV'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

NOV'25

- The Saints and Mary, the Mother of Christ
- Introduction to the Liturgy – Holy Mass
- The Pascal Mystery
- Introduction to the Sacraments

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).

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**
- Cecilia Louise Tuite
 - Maria Brito
 - Brandon Mangan

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive changes to their community. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd

Checks for all special collections should be made out to *Church of the Nativity*. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL: PRE-K/TK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, 19 NOV 2025 from 09:30-11:0 AM.

Come experience our PreK/TK and Kindergarten at Nativity School! Classrooms will be open and teachers and admin will be available to answer questions. Our PreK/TK program is a beautiful Montessori-Catholic program for ages 2.5-5 years old. Our TK group is a beneficial foundation to Kindergarten and beyond! Kindergarten admissions for the 2026-2027 school year have begun. We hope to see you!

Register at: www.nativityschool.com.



NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MARKET AT SOBRATO GYM

Save the date: **Sunday, 23 NOV 2025**

Get ready to shop local and support our community of Nativity artists and bakers at our *2nd Annual Christmas Market*. Vendor spaces are still available! Contact **Jen** at jennortiz1@gmail.com for more information.

NATIVITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

We are getting ready for Nativity's annual Christmas Tree Lot! **Pre-orders** open the week of **10 NOV 2025** and will be available until **25 NOV 2025**. Please visit our website to pre-order your tree: www.nativitytrees.com We are open the day after Thanksgiving! Be sure to save the date for **Saturday, 06 DEC 2025** as **Santa** will be visiting the lot. Thank you as always for your support of Nativity School and we can't wait to welcome you this season.



NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 15 NOV 2025**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. For couples who are to be married at Nativity, the NFP class is optional. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact **Finola**, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.



NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We are starting up our **35th annual program** to assist families in our area who are in need and to brighten their Christmas celebration. With your generosity, we will be assisting over 200 families with gifts and food. On the weekends of **15/16 and 22/23 NOV 2025**, we will be outside church for parishioners to come to our Christmas tree and choose a family that they would like to help. These are all families identified by our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and other trusted sources. The idea is to then purchase gifts for each child and one family gift. These will be brought to Nativity School Gym on **Saturday, 13 DEC 2025** for delivery.

We will also have items to purchase for various charitable organizations. Finally, we will be taking sign-ups to be on the delivery teams. As a parish, we have always been very generous and look forward to helping you enjoy the Christmas season even more by helping others do the same. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.



Bringing animals inside the Church

**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

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

Intention: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 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

09 NOV (SUN)

10 NOV (MON)

11 NOV (TUE)

12 NOV (WED)

13 NOV (THU) FIRST DAY: Saint Cecilia

14 NOV (FRI) SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia

15 NOV (SAT) THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia

16 NOV (SUN) FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

17 NOV (MON) FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

18 NOV (TUE) SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

19 NOV (WED) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

20 NOV (THU) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

21 NOV (FRI) NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

22 NOV (SAT) Feast of Saint Cecilia

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:

nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our *Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon* with **Rev. John Warburton**, OSJ, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church. This is a free event.

WHAT: Lunchtime rosary and faith talk

WHERE: Santa Maria Hall (Campbell) OR virtually (on-line)

WHEN: **Friday, 14 NOV 2025 (11:30 AM)**

CONTACT: **408/447-5433**
admin@ghswomenscenter.com

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.ghswomenscenter.com>

LIFE GIVING WOUNDS (LGW) HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

This powerful yet gentle healing retreat weekend invites participants with divorced or separated parents to move past their parents' relationship to their own deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love.

WHAT: Three-day retreat

WHERE: Vallombrosa Retreat Center
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

WHEN: **(Friday) 14 NOV 2025 (06:00 PM) -**
(Sunday) 16 NOV 2025 (03:30 PM)

CONTACT: **Ed Hopfner**
415/614-5547
hopfnere@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Info Video and Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/LGWretreat2025>
About LGW:
<https://tinyurl.com/aboutLGW>

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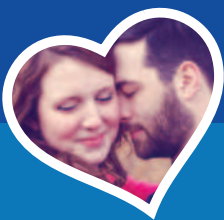


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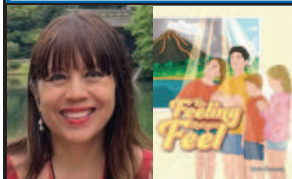
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NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Dear Nativity Community,
Thank you for your past support of Nativity School. Your many prayers and endless hours of volunteering for so many events are what makes our community so special. Many of these events also help us pay for our programming. Today we ask you to consider supporting Nativity again with a gift in support of our Annual Appeal. Help us spread the value of Catholic education to as many children as possible, either by donating to our Annual Fund, or if you prefer, by making a donation to our Endowment Fund, the income from which allows us to provide financial aid for our neediest students. Both of these options are available through the link below. May God bless you for your generosity!

<https://tinyurl.com/nativitySchoolFund2025>

WITH YOUR SUPPORT...

- **\$100** will provide new balls so our students can play basketball, kickball, soccer, and volleyball at recess.
- **\$300** will provide a 50% scholarship to a 6th grader attending Outdoor Ed at Walden West in Saratoga.
- **\$500** will provide a 50% scholarship to an 8th grader spending a week in Yosemite.
- **\$750** will provide a new computer for one of our teachers.
- **\$1,000** will provide a state-of-the-art projector in one of our classrooms.
- **\$5,000** will help buy a new Math curriculum for our students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Very Rev. Father Mark Doherty, Pastor

Mrs. Amelia Stone, Principal

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Need some ideas? Visit a local VA hospital (Menlo Park or Palo Alto). Visit the *USS Hornet Museum* (docked in Alameda). Tell a veteran "thank you." Pray for everyone in the Armed Forces.

www.anysoldier.com

www.shieldsofstrength.com

www.uss-hornet.org

www.loc.gov/vets

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Chesterton Academy of St. James, a classical Catholic High School in Menlo Park, is now open for Shadow Visits! Schedule your visit at <https://www.chestertonstjames.org/admissions>

We invite you to join us for a fundraising recital on **Saturday, 22 NOV 2025** from **02:00-04:00 PM** at **St. Raymond's** Catholic Church, benefiting the senior/junior class pilgrimage to Rome. Enjoy the musical and artistic talents of our students, delicious homemade treats, and make a life-changing pilgrimage possible for our youth. The pilgrimage will allow students to experience the heart of the Universal Church during the Holy Triduum and the Easter Octave. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make a difference! RSVP now! bit.ly/43dy424



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

