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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

PASTOR

Very Rev. Mark Doherty

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Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

In this You glorified us whom You had summoned.

Wisdom 18: 6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Our soul waits for the Lord, Who is our help and our shield.

Psalms 33

SECOND READING

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL

Every one to whom much is given, of him will much be required.

Luke 12: 32-48



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 AUGUST 2025

For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.

Luke 12: 34

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	Malia and John Peavler
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Baltazar Jumaoas
	05:30 PM	Todd, Beverly, Danny, and Will Dorman; † Calvin Chiang; † Marcelino Flores
WED:	07:30 AM	† Julie Anne Lenz
	05:30 PM	Matthew Schnur
THU:	07:30 AM	† Anton John Logronio
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI:	07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Irene and Maria Lourdes de Leon
SAT:	08:00 AM	Christie Albar; Dominga Portillo; Aurora Saulala; † Tena Carrell; † Jacob Schulte

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

15 AUG (Friday)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

15 AUG 2025 is the *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, and a holy day of obligation.

Masses will be on **Friday, 15 AUG 2025** at **07:30 AM** and **05:30 PM**. The *Vigil Mass* on **Thursday** will be celebrated at **05:30 PM**.



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

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)

10 AUG (Sunday)

11 AUG (Monday)

08:00 AM Legion of Mary
07:00 PM Medjugorje Prayer Group

12 AUG (Tuesday)

13 AUG (Wednesday)

07:00 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
07:30 PM Consecration to the BVM

14 AUG (Thursday)

09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group
06:30 PM Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group

15 AUG (Friday)

Holy Day of Obligation

16 AUG (Saturday)

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

Bringing animals inside the Church



**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 26-27 JUL
TOTAL:	\$10,378
ADA Progress:	\$39,138
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

13 AUG (Wednesday):

POPE SAINT PONTIAN AND SAINT HIPPOLYTUS

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Wednesday, 13 AUG 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**.

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

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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, 16 AUG 2025**. We hope to see you there.



NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Our women's group will be continuing with a new book. Please join us as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith together. This gathering has been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time together. To register, please contact **Julia Voinche**.

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays
beginning **14 AUG 2025**
(**07:00-08:30 PM**)

CONTACT: Julia Voinche
650/444-3052
julialisavoinche@gmail.com



HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01% gluten** and are approved by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**.



If you would like to learn more about this altar bread, visit www.altarbreadsbspa.com/

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.

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**.

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

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.



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 • Christopher and Cynthia Easter

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.



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

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 or email 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.

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

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**.

LOCAL AND GLOBAL RELIEF

The world is crying out for help, and the church has always been quick to answer those cries. Please prayerfully consider offering whatever assistance you can to these urgent needs, both close at hand and around the world.

The Need



How to Help

Palestinians in Gaza

More than 59,800 Palestinians killed in Gaza War. Famine has become **mass starvation** in Gaza. Many thousands of children, men and women...whole Families...are starving **right now**. The *International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)* is providing food, water, medical supplies and ambulance service inside Gaza. ICRC has opened a hospital in Gaza. Please donate soon at www.ICRC.org Major food distribution is managed by the *UN World Food Program*. Please donate to: www.wfpusa.org/gaza

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

Intention: *For Mutual Coexistence*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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

10 AUG (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIFTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
11 AUG (MON)	Feast of Saint Clare of Assisi SIXTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
12 AUG (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
13 AUG (WED)	EIGHTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
14 AUG (THU)	NINTH Day: The Assumption of Mary
15 AUG (FRI)	Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary
16 AUG (SAT)	
17 AUG (SUN)	
18 AUG (MON)	FIRST DAY: St. Monica
19 AUG (TUE)	SECOND DAY: St. Monica FIRST DAY: St. Augustine
20 AUG (WED)	THIRD DAY: St. Monica SECOND DAY: St. Augustine
21 AUG (THU)	FOURTH DAY: St. Monica THIRD DAY: St. Augustine
22 AUG (FRI)	FIFTH DAY: St. Monica FOURTH DAY: St. Augustine
23 AUG (SAT)	SIXTH DAY: St. Monica FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/po4336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

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

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/po2253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

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@sfsarch.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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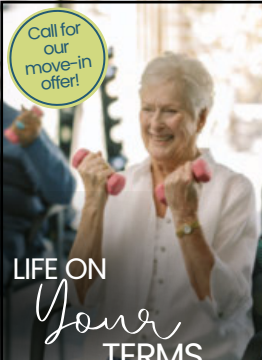


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CATHOLIC IMAGE TRIVIA

Can you guess what this is a close-up image of?



OCIA CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about our Catholic faith?

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes will begin **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025** from **09:30-10:45 AM**. This is your opportunity to invite friends and family to "come and see," and learn about the treasures of our faith.

Classes on the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture, the Mass, the Pope, the Trinity and the Saints will be led by seminarians from **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and parish leaders will share their own stories of what it means to be Catholic.

OCIA brochures are in the back of the Church. Please visit the website for more information:

<https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>

or call the Rectory Office at **650/323-7914** *All are welcome!*

SEMINARY PODCAST: IN VIA CHRISTI

Scan the QR code to listen to *In Via Christi*, the new podcast for ongoing priestly formation produced by **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Season 1 considers the theme of *spiritual fatherhood* and features our pastor, **Fr. Mark Doherty**, on multiple episodes.

<https://stpsu.edu/in-via-christi-podcast/>



It is the gold-embroidered burgundy stole that **Pope Leo XIV** wore over a red *mozzetta* (cape) in his first public appearance as the pontiff.

Many are considering this an indication of a return to more traditional papal fashion after the more minimalist style of **Pope Francis**.

HAPPY NEWS

THE NEXT DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV has announced that he will declare **St. John Henry Newman** the **38th Doctor of the Church**. The pope's namesake, Pope Leo XIII, made Newman a Cardinal in 1879.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales had formally petitioned Pope Francis to confer the title in May 2024. The initiative was strongly supported by other bishops' conferences, including those of the United States, Ireland, and Scotland, as well as many academic institutions and religious communities worldwide. Read more here:

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/pentin-newman-doctor-providential>

