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Church of the Nativity

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
(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 laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or His kindness.

Psalms 66

SECOND READING

Be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

1 Peter 3: 15-18

GOSPEL

Whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father.

John 14: 15-21



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2026

He will give you another Advocate, to be with you always.

John 14: 16

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 MAY

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	The Unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	Thomas William Green Jr. and descendants
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Anne Sibley
05:30 PM	Dan Winnike; † Ivica Milicevic; † Carolyn Colonelli; † Barbara Pauley
WED: 07:30 AM	Valentina Maria Perez
05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenzi
THU: 07:30 AM	† Nellie Marks
05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Julie Anne Lenz
05:30 PM	† Elena and Isidro Lim
SAT: 08:00 AM	Maria Vittoria; † Peter Kolenda; † Natale Barbarulo and Maria Pagnotta; † Ronald Cote; † Luci Shaw

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



*"Virgin and Child"
-- Elisabetta Sirani (~1660)*



MAY GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS

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
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)

10 MAY	[Sunday]	
11 MAY	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
12 MAY	[Tuesday]	
13 MAY	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	07:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
14 MAY	[Thursday]	
	09:30 AM	Opus Dei Women's Group
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	07:00 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study (Fr. Magat Talk)
15 MAY	[Friday]	
16 MAY	[Saturday]	
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 25-26 APR
TOTAL:	\$7,608
ADA Progress:	
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

15 MAY (Monday):

SAINT ISADORE THE FARMER (1070-1130)
Spanish mystic who labored on a farm outside Madrid. Patron of the U.S. National Rural Life Conference. A poor day-laborer, Isadore attended daily Mass before beginning his work. Angels would come and help him with his labors, and many miracles have been attributed to this saint and his wife, Santa Maria de la Cabeza.



FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Wednesday, 13 MAY 2026**, we will begin our **2026 Fatima Celebrations**. It will include Holy Mass (at **07:00 PM**), Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. Please join us as we pray especially for the intercession of the Blessed Mother in these difficult times. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

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MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Readers** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** for all Masses. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to add to your own weekly devotion while attending Mass. You can set your own preferences for whichever Mass you regularly attend, indicate dates when you are unavailable, and training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com

LAUDATO SI VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY

We meet on the third Saturday of every month starting around **10:00 AM** near the *Stations of the Cross* to do some garden cleanup (caring for our common home, as *Laudato Si* suggests).



Join us! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc.; whatever you have for gardening. The next event will be **Saturday, 16 MAY 2026**. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact **Rick** at r.andrews@computer.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Sunday, **10 MAY 2026**, there will be a second collection for *Catholic Charities CYO*. Since 1853, Catholic Charities has reached out to all people in need regardless of religion, race, creed or gender. The Catholic Charities' CYO Athletics program is designed to be representative of the Christian values of respect, love, compassion, and support for each other. Through sports, competition, and teamwork, CYO Athletics provides healthy growth and development through games, practices and the life lessons that sports teach.

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.

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.

MOTHERS' DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mothers' Day is **10 MAY 2026**! While the dates of Mothers' Day around the world may vary, the sentiment behind the occasion remains the same: to express gratitude, appreciation, and love for the mothers and mother figures who have nurtured and supported us throughout our lives.

What could be a better gift than to be remembered in all the Masses during the month of May at the Church of the Nativity? **Mothers' Day cards are available at the entrances to the church**; send the card to your favorite mother. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. These names will be placed on the altar during the month of May in their honor.

MOTHERS' DAY CARDS

We still have beautiful Mother's Day cards available in the vestibule, so if you have not picked one up yet, you can still make her day extra special with a heartfelt message of love and appreciation.

FR. MAGAT TALK

The women of *Nativity's Women's Faith and Study Group* are pleased to present a talk by **Father Jerome Magat** on the *Sacraments of Healing* on **14 MAY 2026** at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. Please register with **Julia Voinche** (**650/444-3052** or email julialisavoinche@gmail.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, 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

Tuesday: 02:00 PM, 03:00 PM, 04:00 PM

Thursday: 04:00 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

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**
- **Teo Kresic** and **Elle Kresic**, children of **Tomo Kresic** and **Taylor Ann Reddick**
 - **Thomas Tsui**, son of **Frank Tsui** and **Uyen Thai**
 - **Sadie Glynn**, daughter of **Christopher Glynn** and **Allison Johnston**

IN THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER CAMP

Catholic Charities CYO Summer Camp is part of the San Francisco Archdiocese and is located in beautiful Occidental, California (about an hour and a half north of the city) on 216 acres of redwood forest. We are honored to be celebrating our **80th** anniversary this year. Campers are between the ages of 8 and 17. We offer six different 7-day sessions to choose from and proudly offer financial assistance because we believe camp should be accessible.

Contact: summercamp@catholiccharitiessf.org

Phone: 707/874-0180

Website: <https://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/cyocamp>



NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 16 MAY 2026**. 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. 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. The class is open to anyone interested in learning more about NFP, but please contact Finola first.

Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM–04:00 PM (M–F)

closed 12:00–01:00 PM (lunch)



NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY: FAMILY ADORATION

The *Nativity Family Ministry* will be hosting a Family Adoration event on **Saturday, 30 MAY 2026, 03:00–04:30 PM**. We will have the opportunity to pray together as a community with our children, bringing the giggles, squeals, and tantrums to Jesus' feet. We plan to be in the church for adoration from **03:00–03:45 PM** and then have some recreation+snack time together afterwards until **04:30 PM**.

We hope to see you there! Please email nativitychurchfamilyministry@gmail.com with any questions about the event or the Nativity Family Ministry.



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.

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.



Bringing animals inside the Church

**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**



Please make sure
your cell phones are
turned off or muted
when you enter the church.

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**.

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.

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

Intention: *That Everyone Might Have Food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

10 MAY (SUN)	SIXTH Day: The Ascension
11 MAY (MON)	SEVENTH Day: The Ascension
12 MAY (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: The Ascension
13 MAY (WED)	FIRST Day: St. Rita of Cascia NINTH Day: The Ascension
14 MAY (THU)	SECOND Day: St. Rita of Cascia The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
15 MAY (FRI)	THIRD Day: St. Rita of Cascia FIRST Day: Pentecost Novena
16 MAY (SAT)	FOURTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia SECOND Day: Pentecost Novena
17 MAY (SUN)	FIFTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia THIRD Day: Pentecost Novena
18 MAY (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia FOURTH Day: Pentecost Novena
19 MAY (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia FIFTH Day: Pentecost Novena
20 MAY (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia SIXTH Day: Pentecost Novena
21 MAY (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Rita of Cascia SEVENTH Day: Pentecost Novena
22 MAY (FRI)	Feast of Saint Rita of Cascia EIGHTH Day: Pentecost Novena
23 MAY (SAT)	NINTH Day: Pentecost Novena

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Ascension of Our Lord:

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

St. Rita of Cascia:

www.saintrita Shrine.org/life-of-saint-rita/prayers-to-saint-rita/

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.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.

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

Tens of thousands of men, women and children are being killed right now by the Sudanese Rapid Defense Forces in western Sudan's Darfur region. No mercy is being shown.

The Sudanese American Physicians Association provides food, water, hot meals, shelter, medical supplies, medical care and a mobile medical clinic in the Tawila refugee camp in Darfur.

Please donate soon: sapa-usa.org

DEMAND ETHICAL RESEARCH

Experiments on aborted humans are happening at UCSF, and they must stop. We can - and must - pursue lifesaving medical discoveries without exploiting pregnant women and the preborn. UCSF can choose to continue these practices, or lead the way in humane, ethical science. **Take action**; email the UC Regents, UC President, and the Human Research Protection Program.

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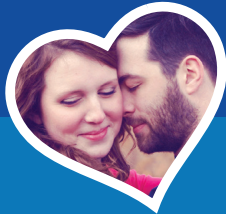
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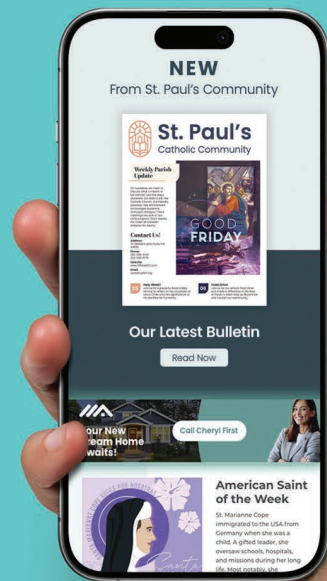
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Questions? Please contact the parish office (650/323-7914).



OUR NEW OFFERTORY TECH TOOL

Dear Parishioners,
 we are grateful for your support, patience, and understanding as we launched our new payment system. This option was introduced to make giving and transactions more accessible, and we hope it serves our community well.
 For those who have not yet tried it, we encourage you to give it a chance. For those who have already used it, we hope you've found it to be both easy and convenient.
 Your willingness to adapt and embrace new tools helps us continue to grow together as a parish. Thank you for walking with us in faith and fellowship.

With gratitude, Nativity

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the names of these mothers from the Bible?

O W R X O G J J B D H A N N A H
 P D E B E H C O J B C W R A L B
 E L I Z A B E T H X M A K J L K
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CARNIVAL

The 44th Annual Nativity Carnival is coming!

Save the dates:
 June 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2026



CARNIVAL HOURS

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

www.nativitycarnival.com

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