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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

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord: Here is My servant Whom I uphold.

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Psalms 29

SECOND READING

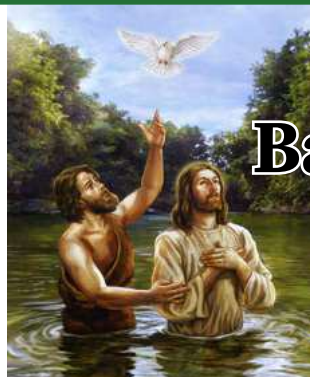
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

Acts 10: 34-38

GOSPEL

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3: 13-17



The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

11 January 2026

The heavens were opened for Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove.

Matthew 3: 16

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 11-17 JAN

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	Carol Hoy
05:30 PM	Veronica Smith
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
05:30 PM	† Cesar Alesna Sr.
WED: 07:30 AM	† Noah Jameson Steele
05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
THU: 07:30 AM	The Barrett and Ferrando families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic; † Maggie Wong; † Gloria Ocampo Reyes; † Maria Luisa de Lumban
FRI: 07:30 AM	Art Yeap
05:30 PM	Peter Robinson and family
SAT: 08:00 AM	† Augustino Cuong Doan; † Maria Gai Doan; † Kevin Gallagher; † Tom McCrae

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The Baptism of Christ
-- Nicolas Poussin (1642)

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)

11 JAN	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA
	09:30 AM	Rite of Enrollment
12 JAN	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
13 JAN	(Tuesday)	
14 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Prep Class
	07:30 PM	Total Consecration to Jesus
15 JAN	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
16 JAN	(Friday)	
17 JAN	(Saturday)	
	08:00 AM	Genesis Retreat
	03:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 13-14 DEC
TOTAL:	\$10,263
ADA Progress:	GOAL MET!
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

16 JAN (Friday):

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS, Doctor of the Church (315-368)

Born to wealthy polytheistic, pagan nobility, Hilary's early life was uneventful as he married, had children (including **Saint Abra**), and studied on his own. As he studied the Bible for the first time, he literally read himself into the faith, and was converted by the end of the New Testament.

Hilary lived the faith so well he was made bishop of **Poitiers** from **353 to 368**. Hilary opposed the emperor's attempt to run Church matters, and was exiled; he used the time to write works explaining the faith. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.

SAINT BERARD, Priest, and COMPANIONS, Protomartyrs (d. 16 JAN 1220)

The first martyrs of the Franciscan order, **Berard** and four companions had been sent by **St. Francis** himself to preach the gospel in Morocco. When they would not denounce their religion and continued to preach against Mohammed, the Moorish king killed them himself.



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

17 JAN (Saturday):

SAINT ANTHONY (OF THE DESERT), Abbot (251-356)

St. Anthony is known as the patriarch of the monastic life, for he founded the first two monasteries. Following the direction to "sell what you have and give to the poor", he gave away all his vast possessions and retired to the desert in solitude, where he lived an extremely austere and punishing life. He was assaulted mercilessly by demons, but his faith never wavered. He was persuaded to establish two monasteries and a rule only after great numbers of people sought him out for the life he led and example he provided.



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.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the *Adopt-a-Family* program. As always, there was a great spirit of Christian joy experienced by the donors, those adopting families and especially for the delivery teams. We successfully assisted 255 families and four charitable organizations. Included in those families were four in Nigeria that Father Christian had recommended and asked for assistance. We encourage that spirit of Christian giving throughout the year.

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

JAN'26

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

JAN'26

- The Vocations of Holy Orders and Religious Life
- The Vocation of Matrimony
- Sacramentals, Spiritual Warfare
- Tradition of Prayer

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).

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 JAN 2026** at **03:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the *Infant Jesus of Prague Novena*, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers; it is how God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life. Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request

and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339** or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com.

We give glory to God through our gratitude.

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.

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 • Joel O'Driscoll and Catherine Hoffmann

PARISHIONERS

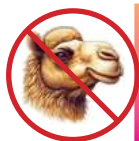
DEATHS • Julia Salas



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

TIP TAP PAY INSTRUCTIONS

As the offertory baskets are passed, we want to remind you that if you didn't bring cash today, you can still make a donation using your mobile wallet or card. Simply tap your mobile phone or card to the device. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Bringing animals inside the Church
**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 08:30-11:30 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 Erika at 650/283-5353

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



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If you want a year-end tax receipt for your donations, you can (after your first tap) scan the provided QR code to register your card (you only need to do this once).

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

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.

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

Intention: *For Prayer With the Word of God*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

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

11 JAN (SUN)

12 JAN (MON) FIRST Day: St. Agnes

13 JAN (TUE) SECOND Day: St. Agnes

14 JAN (WED) THIRD Day: St. Agnes

15 JAN (THU) FOURTH Day: St. Agnes

16 JAN (FRI) FIFTH Day: St. Agnes

17 JAN (SAT) SIXTH Day: St. Agnes

18 JAN (SUN) SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes

19 JAN (MON) EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes
FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

20 JAN (TUE) NINTH Day: St. Agnes
SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

21 JAN (WED) Feast of Saint Agnes
THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

22 JAN (THU) FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

23 JAN (FRI) FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

24 JAN (SAT) SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agnes:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm



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.

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.

2026 Catholic Calendar

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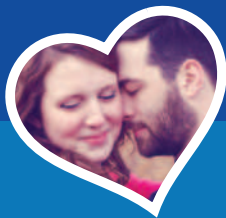


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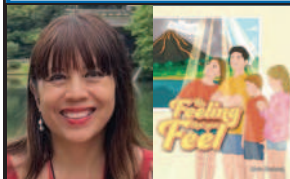
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WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2026

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on **24 JAN 2026**. There will be Mass at **09:30 AM** celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at **12:30 PM** in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at **01:30 PM**. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call **415/658-1793**.



Watch the informational video:
<https://youtu.be/kFy7dyW6fYw>

WALK FOR LIFE BUS

As we have in the past, Nativity is renting a bus to take *Walk for Life* participants to San Francisco on **Saturday, 24 JAN 2026**. We will be leaving Nativity at **10:45 AM** and returning around **04:30 PM**. The cost is **\$20** per person. Please contact **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-7794** for reservations. Sign-up's for the bus will also be available on **10-11 JAN 2026** after the Masses.



HELP THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCEND TO THE RIVER JORDAN



PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER:

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

CAN YOU FIND 5 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE PICTURES?

