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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

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the Lord.

2 Kings 5: 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands: break into song; sing praise.

Psalms 98

SECOND READING

I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen.

2 Timothy 2: 8-13

GOSPEL

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"

Luke 17: 11-19



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 OCTOBER 2025

One of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice.

Luke 17: 15

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 - 18 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	The Ortiz and Rubio families, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	Marcelino Vazquez
TUE:	07:30 AM	† William Beaver
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
WED:	07:30 AM	† Anton John Logronio
	05:30 PM	† Alejandro Diaz; † Elena and Isidro Lim; † Evelyn Otellini; † Dorothy Smith
THU:	07:30 AM	† Tena Carrell
	05:30 PM	† Leo Pollano
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Lola Praetzel Saylor
	05:30 PM	† Barbara and Joseph Wynne
SAT:	08:00 AM	Dinna Guhit; Michael Nakamura; † Cesar Alesna Jr.; † Jack Boland; † Lola Praetzel Saylor

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Monday, **13 OCT 2025**
for Columbus Day.
The regular Mass schedule
will be observed on Monday.

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)
12 OCT	(Sunday) 09:15 AM	Bethlehem Olivewood Sales OCIA and Faith Formation
13 OCT	(Monday) 08:00 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Legion of Mary Fatima Mass and Celebration Medjugorje Prayer Group Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
14 OCT	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
15 OCT	(Wednesday) 07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
16 OCT	(Thursday) 12:00 PM 06:30 PM 07:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group Concert Practice
17 OCT	(Friday) 03:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 OCT	(Saturday) 09:00 AM	NFP Class



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 27-28 SEP
TOTAL:	\$9,747
ADA Progress:	\$42,953
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

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

15 OCT (Saturday)

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to **St. Joseph**. Teresa became a Carmelite nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.



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



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

17 OCT (Monday)

SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop and Martyr (c. 50 - c. 107)

Ignatius was a pagan convert to Christianity, who succeeded **Peter** as bishop of Antioch, Syria. He served during the persecution of Domitian, and during the persecution of Trajan, he was ordered taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, a journey which took months, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. He was the first writer to use the term *the catholic Church*. -- *"No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."*

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 13 OCT 2025**, we will hold our final **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**.

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** (mar7sull@gmail.com)

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

WE HAVE OPENINGS IN PRESCHOOL/TK!

Our Nativity School year is underway! Our beautiful *Montessori Preschool and TK program* currently has **2 spots** left for this school year. This program is for ages 2.5-5 years old. This wonderful program incorporates our Catholic faith while educating and preparing students for Kindergarten and beyond! Please contact our admissions office for more information and to schedule a tour: admissions@nativityschool.com or **650/325-7304 x205**.

SEPTEMBER NEWS

Our Nativity Panthers have been enjoying weekly Mass at 8:45am on Wednesday mornings—feel free to join us! It is a darling site to see the joy in the little ones as they pray and join in the Eucharist. We have been blessed to have weekly Seminarian visits as they work with our students in the classrooms. Whether they are helping with activities, leading a small group, or simply playing with them on the playground it is such a joy to see them interacting with our school community!

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 OCT 2025** 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.



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

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**
- **Beckham Tate** and **Bria Mae Boyd**, children of **Bijon Boyd** and **Tatiana Loops**
 - **Teddy Luis Escalante Le**, son of **Tommy P. Le** and **Shiela Marie Escalante**

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

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

IN THE COMMUNITY

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 18 OCT 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.

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
	<u>Palestinians in Gaza</u> More than 65,000 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

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Nativity is presenting an eight-week Bible Study entitled "*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*." Class began on **Tuesday 30 SEP 2025**; you are still welcome to attend. This study is an overview of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. This class is a prelude to further New Testament studies beginning in the winter. Classes are every **Tuesday** at **09:30 AM** in the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room behind the Church. They will end the week before Thanksgiving. Further learning, sharing and discussion is led by Deacon Dominick Peloso. An emphasis is placed on how the Bible stories inspire us to live and love better. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**

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.

BETHLEHEM ARTWORKS

On the weekend of **11-12 OCT 2025**, after all the Masses, beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles will be available for purchase. These items are crafted by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem who rely on this sacred work to sustain their livelihood.

Bethlehem Artworks supports more than 100 struggling Christian families each week. By purchasing a rosary, statue, cross, or nativity, you are not only receiving a meaningful gift for yourself or loved ones—you are also helping preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land, where the population of Christians has now declined to **less than 1%**.

Please visit our tables after Mass and prayerfully consider supporting these families, empowering them to live and share their faith in the very land where Christ was born.

WATCH THE NEW FILM ABOUT ST. CARLO ACUTIS

Discover the inspiring life of Saint Carlo Acutis in *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality*. This powerful new documentary film explores Carlo's legacy and the impact of technology on young people today. The film tackles urgent questions about technology's impact on humanity, holding up Carlo as a model for young people — and everyone — as we engage the digital world. (Learn more about the film by visiting CarloAcutisFilm.com.)

Watch the film on St. Carlo's first Feast Day, **Sunday, 12 OCT 2025, 02:00-03:45 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Hope you can join us!

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

Intention: *For collaboration between different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, **18-19 OCT 2025**, there is a second collection for *World Mission Sunday*. This year Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5.5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers." Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses – bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

12 OCT (SUN)

13 OCT (MON) FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

14 OCT (TUE) SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

15 OCT (WED) THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

16 OCT (THU) FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

17 OCT (FRI) FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

18 OCT (SAT) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

19 OCT (SUN) SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
SECOND DAY: Saint Jude

20 OCT (MON) EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
THIRD DAY: Saint Jude

21 OCT (TUE) NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude

22 OCT (WED) Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II
FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude

23 OCT (THU) SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude
FIRST DAY: All Saints

24 OCT (FRI) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude
SECOND DAY: All Saints

25 OCT (SAT) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude
THIRD DAY: All Saints

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJg1cun

St. Jude:

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

All Saints' Novena:

piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html

MASS OF HEALING FOR SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The journey through separation and divorce can be filled with grief, change, and a longing for peace. You are warmly invited to a Mass of Healing for all who have experienced separation or divorce - regardless of faith tradition. Come as you are - bring your prayers, your struggles, your longing for healing, and allow God's grace to meet you in this moment.

WHERE: St. Pius parish

1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City

WHEN: Saturday, 18 OCT 2025, 11:00 AM

CONTACT: Donna Nathanson, 415/205-5998

dhaasnathan97@gmail.com

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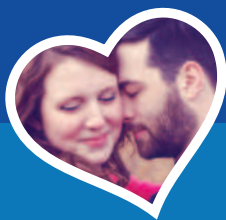
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OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

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)**
Starting **07 SEP 2025**

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

OCT'25 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change) OCT'25

- The Profession of the Christian Faith
- Symbols of Faith
- The Mystery of our Trinitarian God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

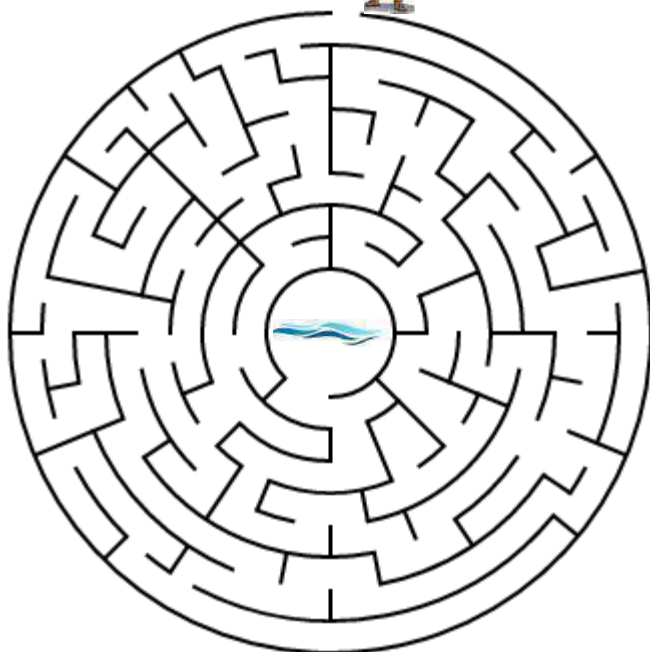
Please contact **Mary Rudolph** (mem.rudolph@gmail.com),
Joan Desmond (jfdesmond@aol.com),
Hal Fletcher (hal.fletcher@gmail.com)
or the Rectory (650/323-7914).

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."

Lead Naaman to the Jordan River to wash



HAPPY NEWS

NEWEST DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

On **01 NOV 2025**, Pope Leo XIV will proclaim **St. John Henry Newman** a *Doctor of the Church*.

With the proclamation, the saint will become the **38th** Doctor of the Church, joining a select group of saints recognized for their enduring contribution to Catholic theology and spirituality. He is especially noted for his insights on the development of doctrine and the role of conscience.



Read more here:

<https://tinyurl.com/newmanChurchDoctor>

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE 2025

The keynote speaker is **Father Agustino Torres**, CFR. Our theme is "*Hope Does Not Disappoint;*" "*La Esperanza No Desilusiona.*" Presentations will be in English and Spanish. We invite all in catechetical ministry to attend.

WHAT: Two-day conference for catechetical ministers

WHERE: **St. Matthew Parish** – One Notre Dame Avenue, San Mateo

WHEN: **Friday and Saturday, 07-08 NOV 2025**
11:00 AM

CONTACT: Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, 415/614-5652
arbucklec@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: **Friday, 07 NOV 2025** for Youth Leaders
Saturday, 08 NOV 2025 for everyone
Contact **Sr. Celeste Arbuckle** if you have questions.



JOIN US: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since its inception, *40 Days for Life* has saved thousands of babies from brutal death and parents from endless regret. We need your help! Join our peaceful prayerful vigil:

24 SEP-02 NOV 2025, 07:00 AM-07:00 PM: one or more hours per week.

We will have a **rally** on **Sunday, 21 SEP 2025, 02:00-02:30 PM** for sign-ups and questions, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. More info: **Jessica** (scheduler) at 650/918-9119 (mobile) or email: themunns@yahoo.com

or sign up yourself: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

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