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Church of the Nativity

MASSES

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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kyle Faller

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam
mon.hickam@gmail.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

It is something very near to you ... you have only to carry it out.

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

Psalms 69

SECOND READING

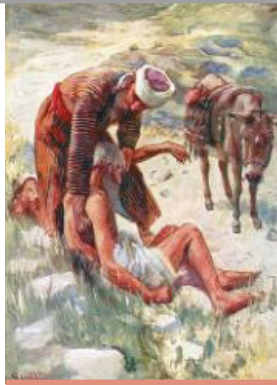
He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1: 15-20

GOSPEL

He said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10: 25-37



The Good Samaritan -- Harold Copping

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13 JULY 2025

Take care of him; and whatever more you spend,
I will repay you when I come back.

Luke 10: 35

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 13 - 19 JUL

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
TUE:	07:30 AM	Julius Joves
	05:30 PM	† Charlene Chanteloup
WED:	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	Karen Ford; † Sid Custodio; † Loretta Seyer; † Louise Valle
THU:	07:30 AM	† Anton John Logronio
	05:30 PM	† Ferdinand de Leon
FRI:	07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Galileo Flandez
SAT:	08:00 AM	† Larry Nakamura † Eugene Escalante

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



Parish Office Hours

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

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



The Good Samaritan - Rembrandt van Rijn (1633)

BIBLICAL ART

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)

13 JUL	(Sunday)	Nativity Mens Club Pancake Brkfst
14 JUL	(Monday)	Church Refurbishment
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
15 JUL	(Tuesday)	Church Refurbishment
16 JUL	(Wednesday)	Church Refurbishment
17 JUL	(Thursday)	Church Refurbishment
		Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 JUL	(Friday)	Church Refurbishment
19 JUL	(Saturday)	Church Refurbishment
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class



Bringing animals inside the Church during Mass is not allowed, unless they have a proper service certification



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 21-22 JUN
TOTAL:	\$9,954
Peter's Pence Collection:	\$3,389
ADA Progress:	\$31,388
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER



15 JUL (Tuesday):
SAINT BONAVENTURE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1221-1274)
Healed from a childhood disease by the prayers of **St. Francis of Assisi**. He was a friend to **King Saint Louis** and **Saint Thomas Aquinas**. At the age of 35 he was *General of the Franciscan Order*.

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 14 JUL 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**.

16 JUL (Wednesday):

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sacred Scripture celebrates the beauty of Carmel, where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the 12th century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite Order, devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of the Mother of God. The Carmelites celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary, and in 1726 it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



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**.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MEET NATIVITY'S NEW DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (DRE)

When: 13 JUL 2025 after the 09:30 AM Sunday Mass, outside the Church

Who: New DRE, **Noreen Browning**

Description: Pop by the *School of Religion* hospitality table, get a treat and meet the new DRE, **Noreen Browning**, and get some information on the School of Religion.

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 19 JUL 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.

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 AM

Call **Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794)** to sign up.

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 JUL 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

PLEASE NOTE: No Food & Fellowship this Sunday due to Nativity Men's Club Pancake Breakfast this Sunday.

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.



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 • Valerie Liu, daughter of Jonathan Liu and Tong (Elena) Guo

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

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

LOST AND FOUND

- FOUND:**
- gray knit sweater with a lined fur neckline (in church during a funeral service on **24 JUN**)
 - a pink purse (over the **28-29 JUN** weekend)

Call 650/323-7914.

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.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF SINGING THE CHURCH'S SACRED MUSIC!



The **Catholic Institute of Sacred Music** presents *Chant Camp*, a day camp for singers ages 8-17, held **04-08 AUG 2025**, at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. This day camp offers engaging rehearsals, games, catechesis, prayer, and meals, fostering faith and fellowship through sacred music. Open to all skill levels, it includes optional afternoon sessions on pipe organ, music theory, and composition, led by **Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka** and **Prof. Christopher Berry**. Discounts available for multiple children from the same family. More info and registration at catholicinstituteofsacredmusic.org.

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Women's Catholic Scripture Study invites you to join us for the **2025-2026** study, *Sing a New Psalm: Communicating with God Through the Prayers of the Church, Vol. II: Vigils, Day Prayer & Compline*. We meet at **St. Mark Catholic Church**, Belmont, on **Thursdays, 11 SEP 2025-07 MAY 2026** (with holiday breaks), **09:45 AM-12:00 PM**.

For more information, go to www.TurningToGodsWord.com, look under "TtGW Studies," scroll down to "Old Testament Studies," scroll across to "Sing a New Psalm II," and click.

To register, please contact **Martha Rubio** at 650/743-0949 or msr.rubio@gmail.com.



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

PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

This course is based on the Method of **St. Louis de Montfort** as described in his book *True Devotion to Mary*.

"Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus" -- St. Louis de Montfort

WHAT: A 33-week course of study in preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

WHERE: O'Hare Center (Guadalupe Room)

WHEN: every Wednesday, beginning **30 JUL 2025**, for 33 weeks (**07:30-09:00 PM**)

CONTACT: For more info, visit bondsofmarianlove.net **Mauricio Montezuma (860/751-2203)**

MORE DETAILS: Sponsored by the *Missionaries of Bonds of Marian Love*

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

Intention: *For Formation in Discernment*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

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

13 JUL (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
14 JUL (MON)	EIGHTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
15 JUL (TUE)	NINTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
16 JUL (WED)	Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17 JUL (THU)	
18 JUL (FRI)	
19 JUL (SAT)	
20 JUL (SUN)	
21 JUL (MON)	
22 JUL (TUE)	FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
23 JUL (WED)	SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
24 JUL (THU)	THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
26 JUL (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIRST Day: St. John Vianney

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.htm>

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

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.

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

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.

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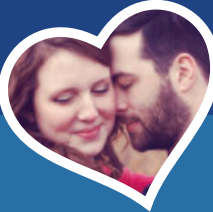


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DID YOU
KNOW?

MOUNT CARMEL

Wednesday is the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. But what and where exactly is **Mount Carmel** (hint: it's not a small eclectic art colony just south of Monterey)? We must begin in the Old Testament, with a major prophet whose feast day is also celebrated soon: **Elijah** (July 20th).

Elijah was sent by God to King Ahab of Israel, because at the urging of the king's wife Jezebel, the king had erected a temple to the god Baal. God's punishment was a drought of three years on the land of Israel. During the drought, Elijah lived by the side of a stream, being fed by ravens, until the stream dried up. Elijah then lived with a widow in Sarepta, and finally went to confront Ahab and the 450 "prophets of Baal". Elijah challenged them to a contest on the top of Mount Carmel, where he built an altar to God and Baal's prophets built an altar to their god. The contest was to call upon their god and have the altar lit and the sacrifice consumed without any human intervention. The prophets of Baal moaned and wailed and cried all day, but nothing happened. Then Elijah ordered his altar and sacrifice to be soaked seven times with water, with a trench of water around it, and then when he called upon God, fire from heaven consumed everything: the sacrifice, the water, the altar, and even melted the rocks.

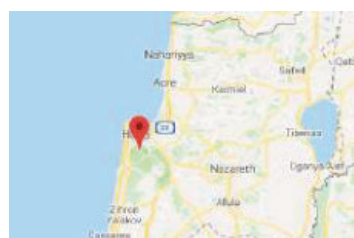
(it's a great story: read it for yourself in **1 Kings 18-40**).

Many years later (in **1155**) a group of devout men (former pilgrims and Crusaders) decided to model their lives on Elijah and established the **Carmelite Order** on Mount Carmel. It later became unsafe for them to remain on the mountain in Palestine, so around **1240** they left for Cyprus, Sicily, France and England.

On **July 16, 1251**, Our Lady appeared to **St. Simon Stock** and gave him the **brown scapular** with all of its attendant graces and blessings. Somewhere between **1376** and **1386** the Carmelites began to celebrate the *Commemoratio B. Mariæ Virg. duplex* (Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary), and in **1609** **Cardinal St. Robert Bellarmine** declared this day as the patronal feast of the Carmelite Order.

References to Mount Carmel in the Bible speak of it as a symbol of beauty (the "*splendor of Carmel*" in **Isaiah** and "*your head crowns you like Mount Carmel*" in the **Song of Solomon**). *Karmel* is "*garden*" in Hebrew.

(Oh, and Carmel (the city) was named after the Carmel mission (on the Carmel River), whose official title is *Mission San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo*)

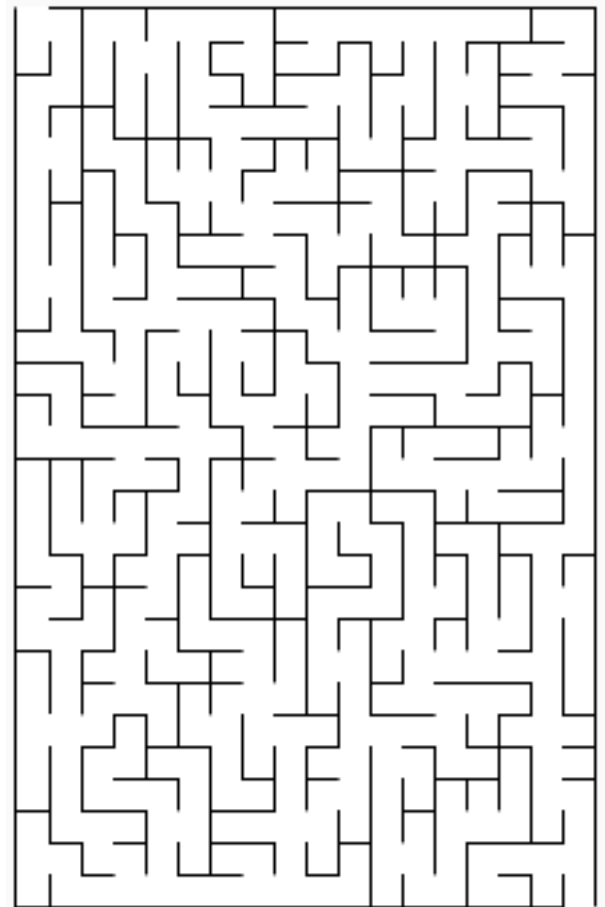


Mount Carmel is located south of Haifa. The lake on the right is the Sea of Galilee



The 1500-foot limestone southern face of Mount Carmel

Help the Samaritan bring the robbers' victim to the inn.



*But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was:
and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion*