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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

Rev. Bruce Hoefer

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com

FIRST READING

Remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Sirach 27: 30 – 28: 7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

Psalms 103

SECOND READING

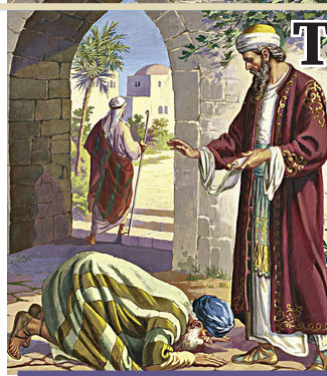
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

Romans 14: 7-9

GOSPEL

“So will My heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

Matthew 18: 21-35



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?

Matthew 18:33

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 12 SEP-19 SEP

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	† Shelby Drazan
05:30 PM	† John Long
TUE: 07:30 AM	Protection of the Unborn & Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	† Jose M. Gonzalez
WED: 07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D)
05:30 PM	† Josephine Shuster
THU: 07:30 AM	Barret & Ferrando Families (L&D)
05:30 PM	Tricia Young Holy Souls in Purgatory † Scott Young † Donald Thomas
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Marylou Cirina
05:30 PM	† Richard Runkel
SAT: 08:00 AM	Elizabeth Verbo Danny Dorman Jack Humphries Laurence Tropeano † Manolito Vitug

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.



Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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	06:00 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 SEP	[Sunday]	
	09:30 AM	Nativity School Mass
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
14 SEP	[Monday]	Labor Day Holiday
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Fatima Novena Mass
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
15 SEP	[Tuesday]	
16 SEP	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
17 SEP	[Thursday]	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	03:00 PM	Infant of Prague Prayer Society
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith & Study Group
18 SEP	[Friday]	
19 SEP	[Saturday]	
	08:00 AM	Genesis Retreat
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 29-30 AUG
TOTAL:	\$9,354
ADA Progress:	\$17,720
2024 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

12 SEP (Saturday):

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

Feast of the entire Latin Church, celebrated on the Sunday within the octave of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. It was first observed at Cuenca, Spain in 1513, then extended to the universal Church and assigned to its present place and rank by **Pope Innocent XI** in **1683** in thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Virgin for the liberation of Vienna, France and the signal victory over the Turks on **12 September 1683**. It is the titular feast of the *Society of Mary (Marianists)* and of the *Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate*.



16 SEP (Wednesday):

SAINT CORNELIUS, Pope and Martyr, and SAINT CYPRIAN, Bishop and Martyr

Cornelius was the 21st pope, elected during a time when persecutions were so bad that papal ascension was a quick death sentence. He worked to maintain unity in a time of schism and apostasy. He called a synod of bishops to confirm him as rightful pontiff. Among his supporters was **St. Cyprian**.

21 SEP (Monday):

SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew was working as a tax collector when he was called by Jesus to follow Him. Matthew's gospel, more than any other, sets out to show that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah. Written for his countrymen in Palestine, Matthew wrote his gospel in Aramaic, probably between 42-52 A.D.



FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 14 SEP 2026**, we will continue 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

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Connect with a centuries-old tradition of the Church. The **12:30 PM** Mass each Sunday is celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (the Traditional Latin Mass), according to the 1962 Roman Rite Missal.

Next **Sunday, (20 SEP 2026: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a *Missa Cantata*.



ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING

On **September 13, Sunday at the 9:30 AM** Family Buddy Class Mass, we joyfully invite you to join us as we formally initiate and bless the newest members of our Ministry of Altar Servers. During the commissioning, these young parishioners will be welcomed into their ministry with prayer and blessing. This



moment marks not only the beginning of their service at the altar, but also strengthens their sense of belonging, reverence, and responsibility within our church community. Let us surround them with our prayers and encouragement as they begin this beautiful ministry of service.

NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of Nativity as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith. These gatherings have been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time of hospitality, fellowship and spiritual growth. All ages of women are welcome.

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

CONTACT: **Julia Voinche**

650-444-3052 or julialisavoinche@gmail.com

FAMILY RECONCILIATION & RECREATION (R&R)

Join us for our next Family Ministry event: Reconciliation and Recreation (R&R)! Fr. Mark Doherty will be available for Confession for adults and older kids. We will also have light refreshments and activities for kids of all ages. All families are welcome! The event will take place on Saturday, **September 26, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the O'Hare Center**.

Please email nativitychurchfamilyministry@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or the Nativity Family Ministry.

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**.



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):

Wednesday: 03:00 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 • Callie Elizabeth Vera, daughter of Jason Vera and Deborah Papangellin

MARRIAGES • Andrew Collins and Veronica Rodriguez
• Nicholas Gurevich and Devon Filo
• Robert Kalesnik-Orszulak and Elizabeth Ngo
• Alexander Patton and Vienna Thomas



PARISH UPDATE ON ADSF CHAPTER 11

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has released updated information regarding the proposed \$395 million Chapter 11 settlement for survivors of sexual abuse. A formal press release and a detailed FAQ have been published to help the faithful better understand the current situation and the steps ahead, and can be viewed on the parish website at <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/parish-update-on-archdiocese-s-chapter-11-proposed-settlement>



SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, Sept. 12 & 13, we will have a special collection for the Church of Latin America. This collection funds a wide range of pastoral activities and programs, from evangelization to pregnancy centers to leadership development of community leaders based on Catholic Social Teachings to indigenous communities such as Guatemala, Peru, Colombia, Chile, Paraguay and Brazil. Your generosity is always appreciated.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Schola Seraphica Choir will begin rehearsals on **September 14 at 7:00 pm at the O'Hare Center.**

Please feel free to contact **Margaret Duando** at marzsull@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Our theme this year is "The Light of the World." And our concert date is **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm.** We will



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the tenth annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **October 24, 2026, from 11:00 am - 6:15 pm at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA.** This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through September 14 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. To register, scan the QR code to the right.

For more information, visit togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco or email christel@forlifeandfamily.org.



OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION: 2026-27 PROGRAM

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about our Catholic faith? The OCIA class has begun for those who wish to become Catholic or for Catholics needing to be confirmed. We meet weekly for study, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of *Baptism*, *First Communion*, and *Confirmation* at the Easter Vigil Mass on **Saturday, 27 MAR 2027.**

CLASS TOPICS • Christian Prayer
FOR SEPTEMBER: • Knowing and Desiring God
• Revelation and Faith
• Introduction to the Bible

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm

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

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

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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For single, Catholic women aged 18-40

Sept. 25 – 27, 2026

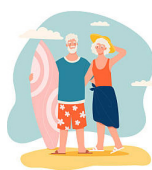
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THURSDAY SENIOR GROUP: SUMMER BREAK



The **Thursday Senior Group** will be on a summer break throughout July and August. Gatherings will resume on **Thursday, 10 SEP 2026**, following the Labor Day holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at that time. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and refreshing summer season; see you in the Fall!

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

Intention: *For Care of Water*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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

13 SEP (SUN)

14 SEP (MON) FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

15 SEP (TUE) SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

16 SEP (WED) THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

17 SEP (THU) FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

18 SEP (FRI) FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

19 SEP (SAT) SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

20 SEP (SUN) SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm

ST. CLARE'S SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sisters and Lay Women's 3-Day Silent Retreat

Sept. 18-20, 2026

Retreat Master: Fr. Jim Sullivan

Check in 4-6PM on Friday,

concludes at 12PM on Sunday.

2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel, CA 95073

831-423-8093

www.stclaresretreat.org



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 08:00-11:30 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/text **Erika at 650/283-5353**

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



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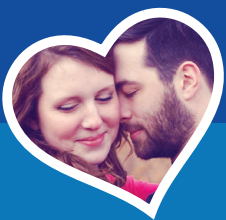
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So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him.

GUADALUPE HOPE SOCIETY ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEONS

Guadalupe Hope Society will be hosting two Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheons this fall:

- Friday, **September 11th at 11:30AM**, with Transitional Deacon Thien Bui of St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Friday, **October 9th at 11:30AM**, with Rev. Joseph Page, Parochial Vicar at St. Justin's Parish

Both Deacon Bui and Rev. Page will be praying the Rosary with us and sharing their faith in a talk.

You may register to attend either event: in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell, by emailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com, or by calling 408-447-5433 to reserve your seat at the Hall.

These are free events.



DID YOU KNOW?

*This week, we honor **Our Lady of Fatima**.
What is the story behind these observances?*

On May 13, 1917, three children reported seeing an apparition of the Virgin Mary near the village of Fatima, Portugal, about 70 miles northeast of Lisbon. Since that revelation, millions of the faithful have made pilgrimages to the site where the woman, commonly called Our Lady of Fatima, appeared. The Roman Catholic Church officially recognized the Fatima events as worthy of belief in 1930.

The peasant children (Lucia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto) claimed to have seen someone who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Following the initial event, the children reported seeing the vision five more times, once each month through October. During her appearances, Our Lady of Fatima supposedly told the children three secrets and repeatedly emphasized the necessity of devotions (such as frequently reciting the Rosary) to her Immaculate Heart in order for the world to have peace and for souls to be saved.

The children also said that she told them God would perform a miracle on October 13 so the people would believe. A crowd estimated at about 70,000 gathered at Fatima on that day, and they witnessed what has been described as a miraculous solar phenomenon, sometimes called the Miracle of the Sun.

The first national pilgrimage to Fatima took place in 1927, and a basilica was begun in 1928 and consecrated in 1953. With a tower 213 feet high and surmounted by a large bronze crown and a crystal cross, the basilica is flanked by hospitals and retreat houses and faces a vast square in which the little Chapel of the Apparitions is located. Each year, Catholics around the world observe 6 months of celebrations and Masses from May through October in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

This Fall 2026 *PLEASE* take a stand for LIFE!

From September 23 – November 1 commit to one hour **weekly** at the

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