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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
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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. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Set it on a pole; and every one ... when he sees it, shall live.

Numbers 21: 4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God was their rock, the Most High God their Redeemer.

Psalms 78

SECOND READING

Being found in human form He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death.

Philippians 2: 6-11

GOSPEL

God sent the Son into the world, ... that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3: 13-17



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son.

John 3: 16

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 14 - 20 SEP

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------|--|
| SAT: | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN: | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON: | 07:30 AM | Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| | 05:30 PM | † Shelby Drazan |
| TUE: | 07:30 AM | † Tena Carrell |
| | 05:30 PM | John and Elisa Schnur |
| WED: | 07:30 AM | † Anton John Logronio |
| | 05:30 PM | † Ignacio Correa |
| THU: | 07:30 AM | Francisco Wong and family, living and deceased |
| | 05:30 PM | † Frederick Heyeck; † Evelyn Otellini; † Suzanne Walsh |
| FRI: | 07:30 AM | † Lucila de Bonilla |
| | 05:30 PM | † Alicia de Leon |
| SAT: | 08:00 AM | Heather Lee; Elizabeth Verbo; † Evelyn Otellini |

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| 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) |

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| 14 SEP | (Sunday) | |
| | 09:15 AM | OCIA and Faith Formation |
| 15 SEP | (Monday) | |
| | 08:00 AM | Legion of Mary |
| | 07:00 PM | Medjugorje Prayer Group |
| | 07:00 PM | Concert Practice |
| 16 SEP | (Tuesday) | |
| 17 SEP | (Wednesday) | |
| | 03:00 PM | Infant Jesus of Prague Society |
| | 07:30 PM | Consecration to the BVM |
| 18 SEP | (Thursday) | |
| | 12:00 PM | Senior Thursday Group |
| | 06:30 PM | Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group |
| 19 SEP | (Friday) | |
| 20 SEP | (Saturday) | |

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| | WEEK OF 30-31 AUG |
| TOTAL: | \$9,676 |
| ADA Progress: | \$40,238 |
| 2025 ADA Goal: | \$156,819 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

16 SEP (Tuesday):

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**.

20 SEP (Saturday):

SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAEGON, Priest and Martyr, PAUL CHONG HASANG, Martyr, and Their Companions, Martyrs

During an outbreak of persecution that occurred in Korea in 1839, 1846, and 1867, some 103 members of the Korean Christian community gave their lives as martyrs.

17 SEP (Wednesday):

THE SACRED STIGMATA OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, Bishop (1542-1621)

Jesuit who taught and wrote extensively; he authored the most complete work of his time defending Catholicism against the Protestant attack. He also wrote catechisms for children and teachers, and was part of the commission for the 1592 revision of the Vulgate Bible. He was a spiritual advisor to **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**, helped **Saint Frances de Sales** in the founding of the *Visitation Order*, and defended **Galileo Galilei**, with whom he corresponded regularly. He was also the head of the Vatican Library.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS



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

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**.

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**.

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 PM

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

FALL BIBLE STUDY

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Where: Nativity School (Gr. 1-6) or Vallombrosa (Gr. 7+)

Activities: Sacramental Prep Classes; Sunday School.

Contact: Noreen Browning. **650/325-7304 x118**
nbrowning@nativityschool.com

Description: *Nativity School of Religion Welcomes You!* Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email nbrowning@nativityschool.com if you have any questions!

CONFIRMATION PREP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OPEN

Where: Confirmation Prep in the **O'Hare Center** and Sunday School at **Nativity School**

Who: All Catholic Students interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and preparing to receive one of the Sacraments of Initiation. All Students in grades 1-8 are welcome!

More Details: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/school-of-religion>
Description: See the *School of Religion Welcome Packet* at the back of the church.

Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email nbrowning@nativityschool.com if you have any questions!

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**
- **Ariela Nevaeh Berumen**, daughter of **Carlos Berumen** and **Julia Curincita**
 - **Lionel Roberto Picazo-Contreras**, son of **Roberto Contreras** and **Brenda Picazo**

MARRIAGES

- PARISHIONERS**
- **Cory Zimmerman**
 - **Gabriel and Monica Rodriguez**
 - **Robert Kalesnik-Orszulak**
 - **Abraham Wieland**
 - **Michael and Adrienne Ramirez (Eloise)**
 - **Fadel Muci and Brittany Barbara**

DEATHS

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

Next weekend is the 3rd Sunday of the month; the Men's Club will be serving pancake breakfast after all the morning Masses. Bring your appetite (and a friend) and enjoy a morning of food, laughter, and community!

21 SEP 2025 • Breakfast
Sunday (morning)



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 SEP 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.

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.

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**.

NATIVITY CALENDAR: CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Many of our talented parishioners have beautiful high-resolution photos of our church, grounds, and parish life. We are in need of new photos for a special project. Will you share your talent with us? Past and recent photos appreciated! Please contact merletnativity@gmail.com for a link to upload. Thank you! Deadline is **01 OCT 2025**.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 21 SEP 2025, there will be a second collection for the *Priests' Retirement Fund*. At age 70, retired priests begin receiving a monthly pension, which they use for basic needs such as food, housing, and transportation. The *Priests' Retirement Fund* also provides retired priests with health insurance and extended care expenses, if needed. It makes a huge difference in the lives of priests who have served us over the years. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

LAUDATO SI AND VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY

Nativity's *Laudato Si Circle* is heeding the words of Pope Francis' encyclical (see <https://tinyurl.com/laudatosi-doc>) to care for our common home - in this case, by acting locally to help clean up and maintain the gardens around Vallombrosa Center, next door to Nativity. We now meet on the **third Saturday** of every month (**not the second**) starting around **10:00 AM (not 01:00 PM)** near the Stations of the Cross to do some garden cleanup. Join us! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc., whatever you have for gardening. The next event will be **Saturday, 20 SEP 2025**. We hope to see you there.



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

Intention: *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

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

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| 14 SEP (SUN) | FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina |
| 15 SEP (MON) | SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina |
| 16 SEP (TUE) | THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina |
| 17 SEP (WED) | FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina |
| 18 SEP (THU) | FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul |
| 19 SEP (FRI) | SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul |
| 20 SEP (SAT) | SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul |
| 21 SEP (SUN) | EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul |
| 22 SEP (MON) | NINTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina FIFTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FIRST DAY: St. Terese |
| 23 SEP (TUE) | Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina SIXTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul SECOND DAY: St. Terese |
| 24 SEP (WED) | SEVENTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul THIRD DAY: St. Terese |
| 25 SEP (THU) | EIGHTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FOURTH DAY: St. Terese FIRST DAY: St. Francis |
| 26 SEP (FRI) | NINTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul FIFTH DAY: St. Terese SECOND DAY: St. Francis |
| 27 SEP (SAT) | Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul SIXTH DAY: St. Terese THIRD DAY: St. Francis |

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. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/terese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

2025 WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

A White Mass, so named for the traditional color of physicians' coats, is a way to pray for and honor all those who serve in the medical professions.

WHERE: **St. Dunstan's** parish
1133 Broadway, Millbrae

WHEN: **03 OCT 2025, 06:00 PM**

CONTACT: **Valerie Schmalz, 415/614-5571**
lifeanddignity@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Join the *Archdiocese of San Francisco Human Life and Dignity Department* for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals are invited.

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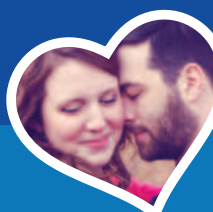


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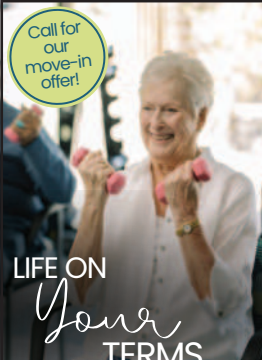
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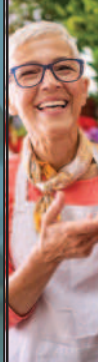


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JOIN US: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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

- God will surely bless you for it •
- you will not be at the vigil alone •
- and you may save a life! •

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco



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

SEP

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

SEP

- Man's Capacity for God
- God Comes to Meet Man
- Man's Response to God

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).

OPEN HOUSE

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at **Notre Dame High School** in Belmont! Shadow dates run from **16 SEP-17 NOV 2025**. 7th and 8th grade families are invited to Open House on **19 OCT 2025** and Notre Dame Night on **13 NOV 2025**.

Find out why Notre Dame Belmont was voted the best private high school in the Bay Area for 2024 and 2025! To register for a shadow visit or other event, click [here](#).

Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org



HAPPY NEWS

THE TWO NEWEST SAINTS

On **07 SEP 2025**, the Church welcomed its two newest saints: **Saint Carlo Acutis** and **Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati**.



DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Gospel contains the **most-often-quoted passage** in the entire Bible:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

-- **John 3:16**

MORE JOHN 3:16 . . .

A video of former NFL quarterback **Tim Tebow** recalling an amazing Biblical 'coincidence' in his life went viral on social media in JAN 2018.

The story begins with Tebow in his college football years. It was **2009** and he was weeks away from competing in the highly televised national championship football game.

Tebow said God led him to write **John 3:16** under his eyes for all the world to see while he played.

After winning the championship game he found out something incredible happened: during the game, **94 million** people Googled **John 3:16**

"Honestly my first thought was 'How do 94 million people not know John 3:16?'" Tebow said. "I was just so humbled by how big the God is that we serve."

But that's not where the story ends.

Fast-forward three years to **2012**. Tebow is a Denver Bronco playing the Pittsburgh Steelers in the playoffs, and after the Broncos won, he headed into the post-game press conference when his public relations representative stopped him in his tracks.

"He says, 'Timmy, did you realize what happened? It's exactly three years later from the day that you wrote **John 3:16** under your eyes,'" Tebow continued. "I was like, 'Oh, that's really cool.'"

"He said, 'No, I don't think you realize what happened. During the game you threw for **316** yards, your yards per completion were **31.6**, your yards per rush were **3.16**, the ratings for the night we're **31.6**, and the time of possession was **31.06** and during the game **91 million** people googled **John 3:16** and it's the number one trending thing on every platform.'"

God still so loves the world . . .