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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
[nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com)



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

**FIRST READING**

Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.

*Sirach 15: 15-20*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Give me discernment, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart.

*Psalms 119*

**SECOND READING**

The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

*1 Corinthians 2: 6-10*

**GOSPEL**

*I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.*

*Matthew 5: 17-37*



# The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 15 February 2026

Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

*Matthew 5: 19*

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 15-21 FEB

<b>SAT:</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN:</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON:</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	Corrie Peñafor
<b>TUE:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Dorothy Pierson
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Francisco Lau
<b>WED:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Sister Joyce Stemper
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Stephen Hopkins Cooney
<b>THU:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Diane Masetti
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Dr. John Merrill Dorman; † Dolores Dutil; Ellen Lutrel; Agnes Lillies
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Maria Chiyo Masuda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Thelma Lee
<b>SAT:</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Doug Tozzini; † Michael Periat; † Chong and Lurica Lee; † Jaime and William Lee; † Gloria Merlino

*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)**

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF <b>31 JAN-01 FEB</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,637</b>
<b>ADA Progress:</b>	
<b>2026 ADA Goal:</b>	<b>\$152,365</b>

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If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506**.

<b>SUN</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>07:10 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Morning Rosary
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>05:10 PM</b>	Evening Prayer
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Nativity Family Rosary
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Medjugorje Prayer Group
<b>TUE</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>WED</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Novena to Saint Joseph
<b>THU</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	<b>06:15 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	<b>07:40 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	<b>09:00 - 10:00 AM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>03:30 - 04:30 PM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>15 FEB CXL</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	Men's Club Pancake Social - <b>CXL</b>
	<b>09:15 AM</b>	OCIA
	<b>09:30 AM</b>	Buddy Class Family Mass

<b>16 FEB</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>08:00 AM</b>	

<b>17 FEB</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	Bible Study
	<b>09:30 AM</b>	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	<b>03:00 PM</b>	Evangelization Class/ADSF
	<b>06:00 PM</b>	

<b>18 FEB</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 
	<b>09:00 AM</b>	Nativity School Mass
	<b>07:30 PM</b>	Total Consecration to Jesus

<b>19 FEB</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	Thursday Senior Group
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Nativity Women's Faith & Study
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	

<b>20 FEB</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	<b>Lenten Friday</b> 
	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Stations of the Cross

<b>21 FEB</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	Natural Family Planning Class
	<b>09:00 AM</b>	



Ashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the **07:30 AM** and **05:30 PM** Masses on **Ash Wednesday**



We will have **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday** during Lent, following the **05:30 PM** Mass

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**17 FEB (Tuesday):**

## THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES (1233)

On the **Feast of the Assumption** in 1240, the **Founders** received a vision of Our Lady. She held in her hand a black habit, and a nearby angel bore a scroll reading *Servants of Mary*. Mary told them, *"You will found a new order, and you will be my witnesses throughout the world. This is your name: Servants of Mary. This is your rule: that of Saint Augustine. And here is your distinctive sign: the black scapular, in memory of my sufferings."* By 1285 there were 10,000 members with houses in Germany, France, Italy, and Spain.



## 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.



The parish office will be closed  
on **Monday, 16 FEB 2026**  
for Presidents Day.



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE SOCIAL -CXL DUE TO WEATHER

The Nativity Men's Club will be hosting their always-popular Pancake Social on **Sunday, 15 FEB 2026**. All are invited to gather and enjoy a delicious breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, orange juice, coffee, and mimosas. The meal is offered free of charge, and donations are gratefully appreciated. The Men's Club will be serving after all Sunday morning Masses. Come share good food, warm fellowship, and a wonderful start to your Sunday.



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

### CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE ETHICS CONFERENCE

Health care professionals are invited to the fifth *Converging Roads* health care ethics conference on **21 FEB 2026** from **09:45 AM-06:15 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary** in Menlo Park, CA. This one-day conference will explore the theme of *The Future of Human Flourishing in Medicine* and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. Registration: **\$75-\$159** based on CME/CNE inclusion. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the San Francisco and Santa Clara Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary. For more info, please visit [convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco](https://convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco) or email [nancy@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:nancy@forlifeandfamily.org).

### 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

### FEB'26 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change) FEB'26

- Natural Moral Law, Grace, and the Decalogue
- Commandments I, II, III, and IV
- Commandments VII, VIII, and X
- no class on 22 FEB 2026  
Rite of Election at St. Mary's Cathedral

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

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### 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.



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## MARRIAGES

## PARISHIONERS

## DEATHS

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## ST. ANTHONY'S PADUA DINING HALL

On the weekend of **14-15 FEB 2026**, there will be a special second collection in support of St. Anthony's Padua Dining Hall. The Dining Hall, which has been in operation for over 50 years, serves up to 600 individuals, six days a week, providing them with a hot meal as well as grocery bags and clothing assistance to local families. Last year, over 100,000 hot meals were served to our neighbors in need with no questions asked and no one ever turned away.

Despite a heavy reliance on volunteers and donors, rising operational costs and aging equipment, as well as reduced federal food support, are creating significant challenges and continued needs which, with your generosity, will help keep the mission alive. Please be generous. Thank you for your continued support.

## 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.sanmateoprofite.com](http://www.sanmateoprofite.com) or call Erika at 650/283-5353



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

**ABSTINENCE:** Everyone **fourteen years of age and older** is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

**FAST:** Everyone **eighteen years of age and older**, but **under the age of sixty**, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

This Lent 2026 please take a stand for life! From **18 FEB-29 MAR 2026** commit to one hour weekly at the **40 Days for Life** peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Meet many other faithful committed Catholics. It's easy.

Schedule your Lenten commitment through Jessica:

phone/text **650/918-9119**, or email [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com)

Or schedule yourself online at:

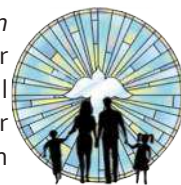
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God will surely bless you for it ~ you will not be at the vigil alone ~ and you may save a life!

*Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco*

## NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY

Join us for our next Family Ministry event on **Saturday, 21 FEB 2026, 02:30-04:00 PM** at the O'Hare Center! The theme of this event will be *Reconciliation and Recreation (R&R)*. **Fr. Mark Doherty** will be available for Confession for the adults and older kids. We will also have light refreshments and activities for kids of all ages. Come join us to start the season of Lent as a community!



## SAVE THE DATE: PARISH-WIDE AUCTION

The **Nativity Parish Community**, collectively (church and school) warmly invites our church and school families to the **2026 Nativity Parish Community Auction** on **Saturday, 02 MAY 2026**. Rooted in faith and united as one community, we will gather for an evening of *Growing Faith, Growing Community, and Growing Funds*, supporting our students and furthering the mission God has entrusted to Nativity.

More details on the event, donations and sponsorship opportunities to come! We look forward to coming together with gratitude, generosity, and a shared purpose.

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

**Intention:** *For Children With Incurable Diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## 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](mailto: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 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 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

**15 FEB (SUN)**

**16 FEB (MON)**

**17 FEB (TUE)**

**18 FEB (WED)**

Ash Wednesday

F+A

**19 FEB (THU)**

**20 FEB (FRI)**

Lenten Friday

A

**21 FEB (SAT)**

**22 FEB (SUN)**

**23 FEB (MON)**

**24 FEB (TUE)**

**25 FEB (WED)**

**26 FEB (THU)**

**27 FEB (FRI)**

Lenten Friday

A

**28 FEB (SAT)**

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agatha:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/qcm7zmr>

Our Lady of Lourdes:

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/lourdes.htm>

### HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

Finding peace after our parents' divorce or separation can be difficult, but with faith, deep healing is possible. Join our powerful yet gentle three-day retreat to rediscover your identity as a child of God, explore forgiveness, and connect with others who share similar experiences.

**WHAT:** Three-day healing retreat

**WHERE:** Vallombrosa Retreat Center  
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

**WHEN:** **27-28 FEB and 01 MAR 2026**

**CONTACT:** Ed Hopfner  
[HopfnerE@SFArch.org](mailto:HopfnerE@SFArch.org)

**MORE DETAILS:** To view an informational video click [here](#); much more information about the ministry [here](#).

#### DESCRIPTION:

The weekend includes talks, small group sharing, adoration, spiritual direction, and Mass—all part of a supportive journey toward lasting healing. For more information and/or register go to the Archdiocese of San Francisco's website at [www.sfarch.org/lgw](http://www.sfarch.org/lgw)

### DEMAND ETHICAL RESEARCH

Experiments on aborted humans are happening at UCSF, and they must stop. We can - and must - pursue lifesaving medical discoveries without exploiting pregnant women and the preborn. UCSF can choose to continue these practices, or lead the way in humane, ethical science. **Take action.** Email the UC Regents, UC President, and the Human Research Protection Program. <https://ethicalresearchnow.org/>



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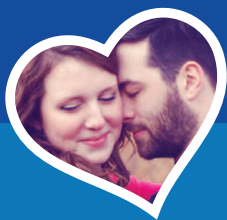


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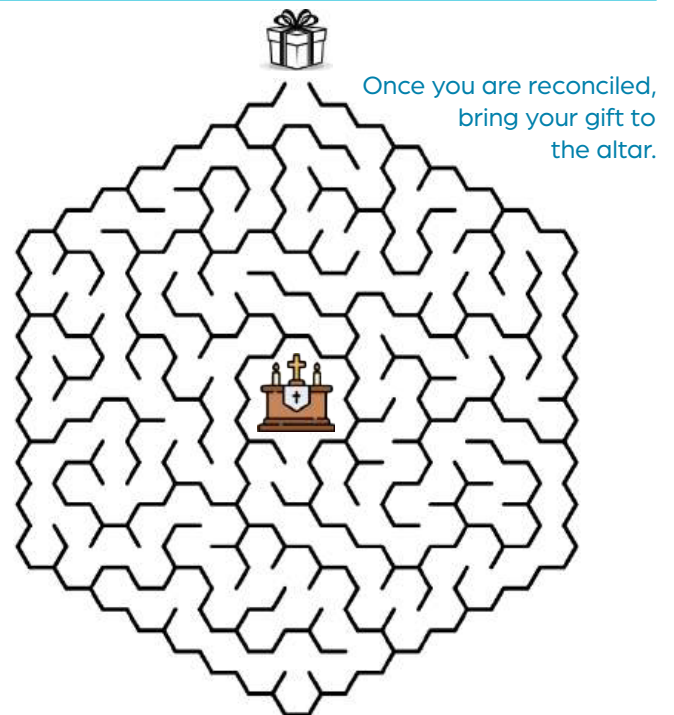
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## LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

<b>Fridays</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Stations of the Cross
<b>02 APR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b> <b>06:00 PM</b> (one Mass only)	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>Followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the O'Hare Center until midnight</i>
<b>03 APR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> <b>12:30 PM - 02:00 PM</b> <b>02:00 PM</b> <b>07:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Stations of the Cross Reflections (TBD) Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
<b>04 APR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b> <b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> <b>02:00 PM - 04:00 PM</b> <b>08:00 PM</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation  Sacrament of Reconciliation  <b>Easter Vigil</b> (no other Masses)
<b>05 APR</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b> <b>08:00 AM</b> <b>09:30 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>  <b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>livestreamed Mass</i> Traditional Latin Mass
<b>06 APR</b>	<b>(Monday)</b> <b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>Easter Monday</b> Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

### NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 21 FEB 2026**. 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](mailto:love2pray@gmail.com).

### INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

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The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 FEB 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](mailto:pray2infantjesus@aol.com).

*We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

### EVANGELIZATION CLASS

This eight-week class on evangelization, partnered with the Office of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, is running from **27 JAN-17 MAR 2026**. Class is held at the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room on **Tuesdays from 06:00-09:00 PM**. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. To sign up, please contact Julia Voinche at [julialisavoinche@gmail.com](mailto:julialisavoinche@gmail.com). This is a **PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL** class. **NO DROP INS**.