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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
Sundays	12:00 PM - 12:30 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. Bruce Hoefer

PERMANENT DEACONS
Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com

FIRST READING
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting.
Proverbs 31: 10–13, 19–20, 30–31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
Psalms 128

SECOND READING
Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.
1 Thessalonians 5: 1–6

GOSPEL
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.
Matthew 25: 14–30



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 November 2026

Well done, My good and faithful servant...
Come, share your Master's joy.
Matthew 25: 23

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF 14-21 NOV

SAT:	**05:00 PM**	Priest's intentions
SUN:	**Masses**	Priest's intentions
MON:	**07:30 AM**	Ortiz & Rubio Families (L&D)
		† Amado Flores
	05:30 PM	Nancy Preston
TUE:	**07:30 AM**	Lucas Kramer
	05:30 PM	Julian Verbo
WED:	**07:30 AM**	Merle Talens
	05:30 PM	Thursday Senior Group
		O'Driscoll Family
		† Modesta de Torres
		† Larry Nakamura
THU:	**07:30 AM**	† Thomas Munk
	05:30 PM	† Manolito Vitug
FRI:	**07:30 AM**	† Manolito Vitug
	05:30 PM	† Mary Ellen Eichler
SAT:	**08:00 AM**	Private Individual
		Rene La Comb
		Dcn. Dominick & Mary Ellen Peloso
		† Maria Elena Nuñez & Alma Nieto
		† Felipe Vera

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 31 OCT-01 NOV
TOTAL:	**$11,501**
St. Patrick's Seminary Collection:	**$8,855**
ADA Progress:	**$75,400**
2026 ADA Goal:	**$152,365**

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

CALENDAR

SUN	**07:00 PM**	Holy Hour for Priests
SUN	**12:00 -12:30 PM**	Confessions
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)
15 NOV	**[Sunday]**	
	09:30 AM	Nativity Mass – Buddy Class
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	02:00 PM	Baptism
16 NOV	**[Monday]**	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
17 NOV	**[Tuesday]**	
	03:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Novena
18 NOV	**[Wednesday]**	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	06:15 PM	OCIA Classes
19 NOV	**[Thursday]**	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith & Study Group
20 NOV	**[Friday]**	
	08:00 AM	Altar Society
21 NOV	**[Saturday]**	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning
	04:00 PM	Adopt a Family - Guadalupe Room

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

16 NOV (Monday):

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND (`1045-1093)

Granddaughter of **King Edmund Ironside** of England; great-niece of **Saint Stephen** of Hungary; **Queen of Scotland**. Margaret founded abbeys and used her position to work for justice and improved conditions for the poor.

SAINT GERTRUDE, Religious (1256-1302)

Gertrude, a Benedictive nun, received visions of Jesus and mystical instruction, which formed the basis of her writings. She helped spread devotion to the *Sacred Heart of Jesus*. Her writings were greatly praised by **Saint Teresa** and **Saint Francis de Sales**, and continue in print today.

18 NOV (Wednesday)

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



ST. PETER'S, ROME



ST. PAUL'S, ROME

17 NOV (Tuesday)

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY,
Patroness of the Third Order (1207-1231)



The daughter of **King Andrew** of Hungary; she married **Prince Louis** of Thuringa at age 13. Built a hospital at the foot of the mountain on which her castle stood and tended to the sick herself. Once when she was taking food to the poor and sick, Prince Louis stopped her and looked under her mantle to see what she was carrying; the food had been miraculously changed to roses.

21 NOV (Saturday):

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Commemorating the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child in the Temple where, according to tradition, she was educated. The feast originated in the Orient, probably about the 7th century. It was introduced into the Western Church in the 14th century, abolished by Pope Pius V, but reestablished by Sixtus V in 1585.

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, (22 NOV 2026**: *The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)*, will be a *Missa Cantata*.

See tinyurl.com/1962missal for more on the Roman Rite.

ADOPT A FAMILY



Nativity is now preparing for our 36th year of Christmas adopt a family. In this program we will be assisting more than 200 families in need in our parish and around our community. Parishioners will have the opportunity to pick a family or 2 to purchase gifts and St. Vincent de Paul will supply additional food. The sign-ups will occur outside of church on **November 21st and 22nd.** Delivery of the food and gifts will occur on **Saturday, December 12**. We will need many volunteers to assist with that delivery. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For questions contact **Mary Ellen Peloso at 650-269-7794.**

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development.* More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive changes to their community. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development visit www.usccb.org/cchd

Checks for the special collection should be made out to the Church of the Nativity. In the memo line write what your donation should go to, for example: *Catholic Campaign for Human Development.*

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**.

EUCHARISTIC 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 - 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 • *Declan Cleary Pompili,* son of Edward Pompili and Chelsea Duck

MARRIAGES • *Walter Eric Wheeler and Amanda Priya Todd*

OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for our **PreK & Kindergarten Open House** event on **Tuesday, November 17th at 4pm-5:30pm.** If you have a younger child that will be ready for Preschool or Kindergarten in Fall 2027, this is a perfect opportunity to come learn more! Have a friend at work, dance class, or sports teams that may be a great fit for our Nativity community? Let them know! Registration is open now! Visit our website at www.nativityschool.com for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL TREE LOT

Our **Nativity School Christmas tree lot** is back again this holiday season! Visit us for your Christmas tree, wreaths, and much more. The Nativity School Tree Lot will open the morning after Thanksgiving-**Nov. 27, 2026!** Pre-sales are now live on our website, or you may scan the QR code on the flyers located in the vestibule. Pre-sales close on Nov. 24th! We will have members from our committee at church on Sunday, Nov. 15th & Sunday, Nov. 22nd to help with pre-orders. We look forward to welcoming you to the 28th annual Nativity Tree Lot!



NATIVITY SCHOOL YEARLY APPEAL

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support of Nativity Catholic School! Our 2026/2027 Yearly Appeal is now in full swing. Your generosity helps provide an exceptional, faith-filled education for current and future Panthers. To make a donation, please visit our church website under the "Giving" tab. May God bless you for your kindness!

A PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

To Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Saints of Mexico

Four nights in Mexico City and two in Puebla with **Fr. Jerome Magat,** centered on the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the tilma of Saint Juan Diego, with Holy Mass each day at the shrines of Mexico and at the tombs of Blessed Miguel Pro, Blessed Conchita Cabrera, and Blessed Sebastian de Aparicio.

For more information and registration:

www.prorometours.com/magat-mexico-2027

OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION: 2026-27 PROGRAM

The reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the ***Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 27, 2027.***

CLASS TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER:

- The Holy Spirit
- The Church
- Introduction to the Liturgical Year

There will be **no classes on:** Nov. 25, Dec. 23, Dec. 30, Mar. 23, Mar. 31.

You may get more information by going to the church website: https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for the highly anticipated Schola Seraphica Concert will be available for purchase after all Sunday Masses. Please stop by their table outside the church to secure your tickets for an inspiring afternoon of beautiful music.

The concert will take place on **Sunday, December 6, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Seminary.**

Known for their exceptional vocal artistry, soaring harmonies, and captivating performances, Schola Seraphica brings together gifted voices that beautifully interpret sacred and classical works. Their concerts are always a moving and uplifting experience, featuring a repertoire that delights the heart and elevates the spirit. This year's theme is **"Splendor of Light,"** and it promises to be another memorable musical event.



Ticket Prices:

- General Admission: $20
- Seniors and Students: $15

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of extraordinary music. Tickets are available after all Sunday Masses.

You may also purchase concert tickets at the Rectory Office Mon-Fri during business hours.

"GRACE AND GRUB"

Growing in Holiness through Parenthood

O Come, All Ye Families! Join the Nativity Family Ministry for a special Advent talk and dinner on **Saturday, December 5th, from 4:00–6:00 PM** at the O'Hare Center! Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, faith, and food as **Fr. Jim McCormack** shares insights on the Holy Family, reflections from St. Faustina's writings, and the virtues of the Holy Family that we can strive to imitate in our own family life. A fun Nativity craft will be available for the kids. Dinner provided!

Evening at a Glance:

4:00–4:30 PM – Welcome & Crafting
4:30–5:00 PM – Talk with Fr. Jim McCormack
5:00–6:00 PM – Dinner (Provided!)

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

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

Intention: *For the proper use of wealth*

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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

14 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Cecilia
15 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Cecilia
16 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
17 NOV (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
18 NOV (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
19 NOV (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
20 NOV(FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
21 NOV (SAT)	NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia
22 NOV (SUN)	**Feast of Saint Cecilia**
23 NOV (MON)	
24 NOV (TUE)	
25 NOV (WED)	
26 NOV (THU)	**Thanksgiving Day**
27 NOV (FRI)	FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas
28 NOV (SAT)	SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas
29 NOV (SUN)	THIRD DAY: Saint Nicholas
30 NOV (MON)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Saint Andrew/Christmas (long form)
01 DEC (TUE)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
02 DEC (WED)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Cecilia:
nashvilledominican.org/charism/st_cecilia/Novena_to_St_Cecilia

St. Nicholas:
www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Christmas Novena:
www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/christmas-novena-276

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**

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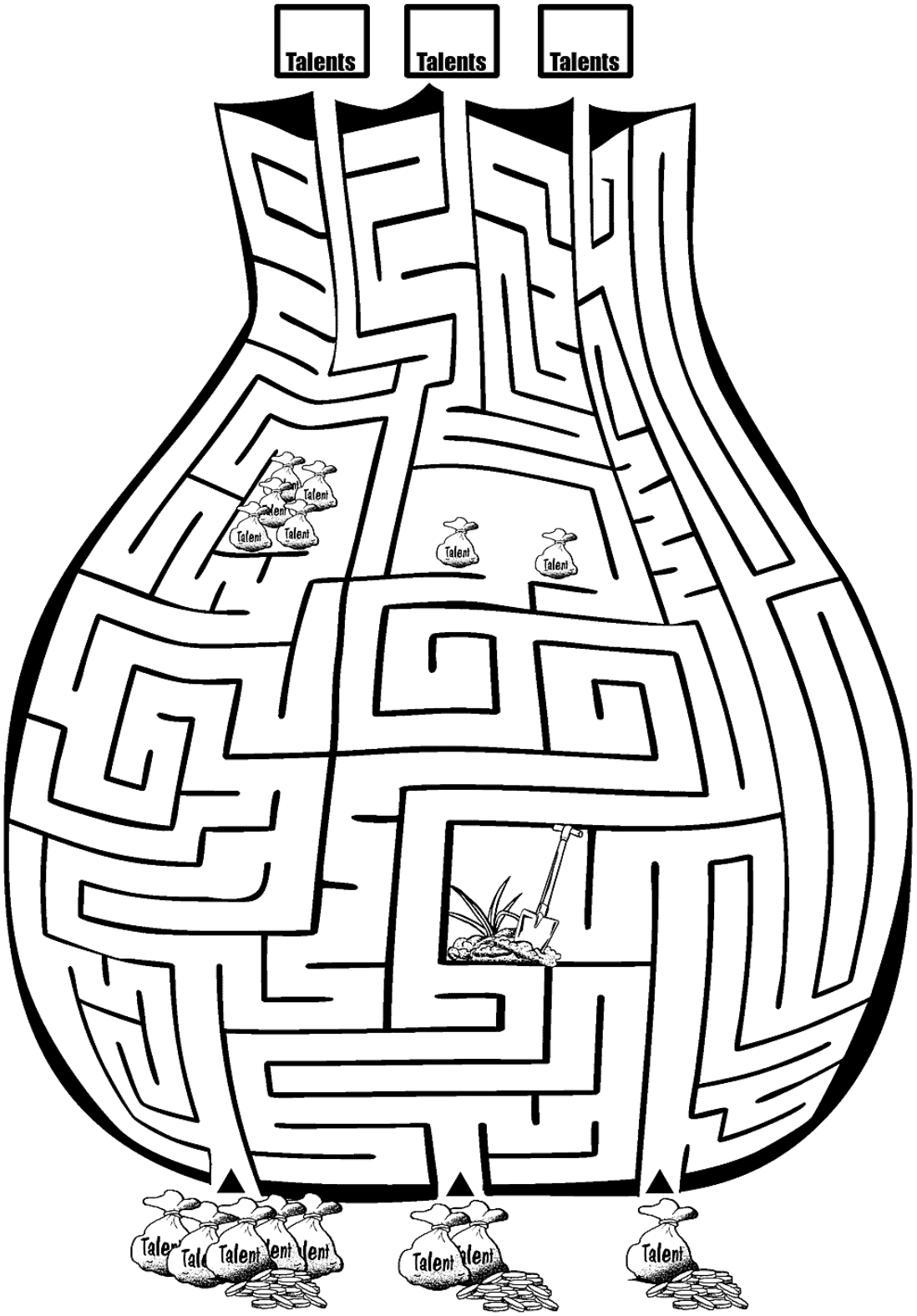
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A group meets every morning (Mon-Fri) in the church to pray the rosary at 08:00 AM? They have been practicing this devotion since the 1970s. Perhaps you'd like to join them!

DID YOU KNOW?

The first day of **Advent** is **29 NOV 2026**?

