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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

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Rev. Bruce Hoefer

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning

nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Them I will bring to My holy mountain and make joyful in My house of prayer.
Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May God have pity on us and bless us; may He let His face shine upon us.
Psalms 67

SECOND READING

The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.
Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL

Let it be done for you as you wish.
Matthew 15: 21-28



The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 August 2026

Jesus said to her in reply,
"Oh, woman. Great is your faith!"

Matthew 15:28

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 15 AUG-22 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Sigona & Franzella Families (L&D) † Angela Grennan
TUE:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Corazon Joves † Raymond Rosendin
WED:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† John and Virginia Conway Nativity Parishioner
THU:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Barret & Ferrando Families (L&D) † Bridget Grennan & Kathleen O'Brien-Grennan
FRI:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D) † Luisa de Lumban † Karel Sykora † John Long † Douglas Fossati
SAT:	08:00 AM	Claudia Loy Velasquez & Family † Karel and Maria Sykora † Robert James Hendershott, Jr. † Teresa Ashbeck † Resa King

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)

16 AUG	[Sunday] 10:00 AM 12:30 PM 02:30 PM	Food & Fellowship Ministry Traditional Latin Mass Baptisms
17 AUG	[Monday] 08:00 AM 03:00 PM	Legion of Mary Infant of Prague Prayer Society
18 AUG	[Tuesday]	
19 AUG	[Wednesday]	
20 AUG	[Thursday]	
21 AUG	[Friday]	
22 AUG	[Saturday] 06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group in O'Hare

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**.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 25-26 JUL	WEEK OF 01-02 AUG
TOTAL:	\$9,016	Unavailable
World Mission Appeal	-	\$5,134
ADA Progress:	\$17,720	\$17,720
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

15 AUG (Tuesday):

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

"Therefore, just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part of this victory [over sin and death] and its final trophy, so the struggle shared by the Blessed Virgin and her son was to end in the glorification of her virginal body ... Hence, the august Mother of God ... the whole-hearted companion of the divine Redeemer ... gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges -- to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb ... to be carried up body and soul to the exalted glory of heaven, there to sit in splendor at the right hand of her son, the immortal King of the ages."

Pope Pius XII

19 AUG (Saturday):

SAINT JOHN EUDES, Priest (1601-1680)

John worked with plague victims in France, and later formed the *Congregation of Jesus and Mary Eudists* and the *Sisters of Our Lady of Charity*. He authored the liturgical devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

21 AUG (Monday):

SAINT PIUS X, Pope (1835-1914)

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. One of the twentieth century's greatest popes, he was interested in politics and encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved.



22 AUG (Tuesday):

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Pius XII established this feast in 1954, but Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever.



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, (23 AUG 2026: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a *Missa Cantata*.



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 AUG 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.

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We give glory to God through our gratitude.

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.



"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

CALL FOR SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

At the **11:00 AM** Folk Mass we always welcome new musicians. If you sing or play an instrument, it's a great way to serve, have fun, and meet other parishioners. We especially need singers, particularly those who can serve as cantors, as well as a bass player and a drummer (small footprint: cajon, djembe, or similar). All instruments are welcome. You do not need to know how to read music, but you do need to be able to learn songs by ear/YouTube. If you're interested, please contact **Barbara Nelson 650/464-2971**, bnelson1015@gmail.com, or see me after **11:00 AM** Mass.



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 Kate Solomia Zhuk, daughter of
Sergii Zhuk and Julianne Smith

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST SOCIAL

On Sunday, August 23rd, the Nativity Men's Club will be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and mimosas after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses. There is no charge, but donations are always greatly appreciated. Bring friends and family, enjoy a delicious breakfast meal and spend time connecting with fellow parishioners. It's a simple, tasty way to grow together as one parish family.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CHORISTER PROGRAM

Discover the joy of singing the Church's sacred music!

Ages: 5-17 (New for ages 5-7)

Begins: August 25, 2026

Location: St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park

Instructors: Prof. Christopher Berry

& Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka

For more information or to register, please scan the QR code to the right.



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).

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? All are welcome! We will 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**.

WHAT: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: **Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm**
Start of classes: **AUG 26, 2026**
Class topics: **Fall 2026**

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

There will be OCIA brochures in the back of the Church soon. Classes are open to OCIA students, parishioners and friends of Nativity.

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).

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>



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.



WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Women's Catholic Scripture Study invites women from parishes throughout the Bay Area to join us for our new study of the Gospel According to Mark. We meet at **St. Mark Church (325 Marine View Drive, Belmont)** on **Thursday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, September 17, 2026, through May 13, 2027** (with holiday breaks). To learn more, visit www.TurningtoGodsWord.com, click "Study the Bible" in the top menu, then scroll to "TtGW Study Groups," select "California Groups," and click. To register, contact **Tami Palladino** at tami@theprayerpage.net or (650) 235-6974. Old Bible? New Bible? No Bible? You're welcome here!

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!



FROM THE HOLY SEE

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions.
For **August 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For Evangelization In The City*

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

16 AUG (SUN)

17 AUG (MON)

18 AUG (TUE) FIRST DAY: St. Monica

19 AUG (WED) SECOND DAY: St. Monica
FIRST DAY: St. Augustine

20 AUG (THU) THIRD DAY: St. Monica
SECOND DAY: St. Augustine

21 AUG (FRI) FOURTH DAY: St. Monica
THIRD DAY: St. Augustine

22 AUG (SAT) FIFTH DAY: St. Monica
FOURTH DAY: St. Augustine

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Monica:

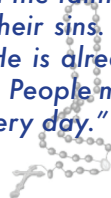
www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*



--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

www.theholynosary.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

www.savior.org/wwwrc/

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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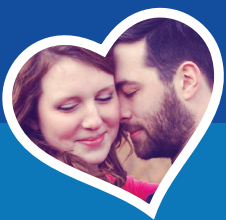
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AUGUST, MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Did you know that the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

