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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
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

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Rev. Kyle Faller

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Mrs. Noreen Browning
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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

The day is coming ... when all the proud
and all evildoers will be stubble.

Malachi 3: 19-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the sea and what fills it resound.

Psalms 98

SECOND READING

We wanted to present ourselves as a
model for you.

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

GOSPEL

*"You will be hated by all because of My
name, but not a hair on your head will
be destroyed."*

Luke 21: 5-19



THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 NOVEMBER 2025

For you who fear My Name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays.

Malachi 3: 20

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 16 - 22 NOV

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Julian Josef Verbo
	05:30 PM	The Drbal family; † Charles Chatfield; † Nancy Preston; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
TUE:	07:30 AM	Danijela Brekalo
	05:30 PM	Sergio Vazquez
WED:	07:30 AM	The Ortiz and Rubio families, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	John and Elisa Schnur
THU:	07:30 AM	† Marie Kitano
	05:30 PM	† Maria Brito; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Valentina Cantu; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	† Mary Ellen Eichler
SAT:	08:00 AM	Dave Stronck; The Dorman and Tropeano families, living and deceased; † Charles Chatfield; † Loretta Esselman; † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

16 NOV	(Sunday)	
	07:00 AM	Adopt-A-Family Sign-Ups
	08:00 AM	Advent Candle Sale
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
17 NOV	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	03:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
18 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
19 NOV	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
20 NOV	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
21 NOV	(Friday)	
22 NOV	(Saturday)	
	10:30 AM	Order of Malta Mass/Meeting
	04:00 PM	Adopt-A-Family Sign-Ups
	05:00 PM	Advent Candle Sale



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 01-02 NOV
TOTAL:	\$10,070
St. Patrick's Seminary:	\$8,357
All Saints Day:	\$1,817
ADA Progress:	\$45,078
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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18 NOV (Tuesday)

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



ST. PETER'S, ROME



ST. PAUL'S, ROME



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

21 NOV (Friday)

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.

22 NOV (Saturday)

SAINT CECILIA, Martyr (d. 177)

Cecilia was a cultivated patrician woman of high Roman society. She vowed her virginity to God, and on her wedding night converted her husband, Valerian. He and his brother began a ministry to bury Christian martyrs, and were martyred themselves because of it, along with Cecilia. Her body was found incorrupt almost 1500 years after its burial.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SILENT RETREAT

Monsignor Otellini will again be leading Vallombrosa's *Advent Five Day Silent Retreat* from **14-20 DEC 2025**. All are encouraged to consider attending this potentially life-changing event. Monsignor will be providing daily Mass, conferences, and confessions. The cost is **\$475** which includes meals from **Sunday evening, 14 DEC 2025** to breakfast on **Saturday, 20 DEC 2025**. This is 50% off Vallombrosa's regular price. Some scholarships are available. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** at **650/269-6279**. To register, call **Jaynie** at **650/325-5614**.

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 NOV 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.

Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)

closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)



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

NOV'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

NOV'25

- The Saints and Mary, the Mother of Christ
- Introduction to the Liturgy – Holy Mass
- The Pascal Mystery
- Introduction to the Sacraments

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**).

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**

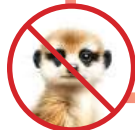
Call **Mary Ellen Peloso** (**650/269-7794**) to sign up.

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Arriving late is a way of saying
that your own time is more
valuable than the time of the
person waiting for you.
Isn't God worth you being on time?



Bringing animals inside the Church
**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

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. For more information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT CANDLE SALE

We will be selling sets of Advent candles on the weekends of **15-16** and **22-23 NOV 2025**. Each set includes 4 candles and a prayer card for **\$10**. Share the light of Advent in your home and support our parish community.

ATTENTION PRAYER WARRIORS!

San Mateo Pro-Life members are currently protesting Planned Parenthood in RWC, M--F 8:30-11:30. The more people who physically show up, to pray, the more graces God gives to save babies! Also, it's been proven that many abortion bound women cancel their appointments when people are praying on the sidewalk.

Consider joining us, *God will bless you!*

We need a Spanish-speaking counselor as well

Let's see the closure of this last bastion of death in the Peninsula.
"Deliver them that are led to death: and those that are drawn to death forbear not to deliver" -- Proverbs 24.11

For questions, email **Erika Hathaway** (erikashathaway@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATE: 07 DEC 2025

Rehearsals are underway for our annual *Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert* at St. Patrick's Seminary. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you have any interest in joining us, please come and introduce yourself! We meet at **07:00 PM Mondays** in the O'Hare Center. Choral experience and reading music is helpful but not mandatory. Any questions please contact **Margaret Durando** (mar7sull@gmail.com)

Schola Seraphica Concert Tickets will be sold after morning Masses beginning **16 NOV 2025**. **\$20** general **\$15** seniors/students. All checks should be made out to the *Church of the Nativity*. It was a **sell-out** last year, don't get left behind!



NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We have started our **35th annual program** to assist families in our area who are in need and to brighten their Christmas celebration. With your generosity, we will be assisting over 200 families with gifts and food. On the weekends of **15/16** and **22/23 NOV 2025**, we will be outside church for parishioners to come to our Christmas tree and choose a family that they would like to help. These are all families identified by our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and other trusted sources. The idea is to then purchase gifts for each child and one family gift. These will be brought to Nativity School Gym on **Saturday, 13 DEC 2025** for delivery.

We will also have items to purchase for various charitable organizations. Finally, we will be taking sign-ups to be on the delivery teams. As a parish, we have always been very generous and look forward to helping you enjoy the Christmas season even more by helping others do the same. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.



NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY

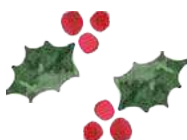
Please join us for a special *Family Advent Gathering* as we kick off our new **Nativity Family Ministry**! Enjoy listening to an Advent-themed talk given by **Fr. Mark**, fun arts and crafts for the kids, and light refreshments for all. Come grow in faith and community as we prepare our hearts for Christmas together. All families are welcome!

WHAT: Inaugural event for the new **Nativity Family Ministry**

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: Saturday, 06 DEC 2025
(03:00-04:30 PM)

RSVP:



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

Intention: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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

16 NOV (SUN) FOURTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

17 NOV (MON) FIFTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

18 NOV (TUE) SIXTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

19 NOV (WED) SEVENTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

20 NOV (THU) EIGHTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

21 NOV (FRI) NINTH DAY: Saint Cecilia

22 NOV (SAT) Feast of Saint Cecilia

23 NOV (SUN)

24 NOV (MON)

25 NOV (TUE)

26 NOV (WED)

27 NOV (THU) FIRST DAY: Saint Nicholas

28 NOV (FRI) SECOND DAY: Saint Nicholas

29 NOV (SAT) THIRD 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

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL: PRE-K/TK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, 19 NOV 2025 from 09:30-11:0 AM.

Come experience our PreK/TK and Kindergarten at Nativity School! Classrooms will be open and teachers and admin will be available to answer questions. Our PreK/TK program is a beautiful Montessori-Catholic program for ages 2.5-5 years old. Our TK group is a beneficial foundation to Kindergarten and beyond! Kindergarten admissions for the 2026-2027 school year have begun. We hope to see you!



Register at: www.nativityschool.com.

NATIVITY CHRISTMAS MARKET AT SOBRATO GYM

Save the date: **Sunday, 23 NOV 2025**

Get ready to shop local and support our community of Nativity artists and bakers at our *2nd Annual Christmas Market*. Vendor spaces are still available! Contact **Jen** at jennortiz1@gmail.com for more information.

NATIVITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

We are getting ready for Nativity's annual Christmas Tree Lot!

Pre-orders open the week of **10 NOV 2025** and will be available until **25 NOV 2025**. Please visit our website to pre-order your tree: www.nativitytrees.com We are open the day after

Thanksgiving! Be sure to save the date for **Saturday, 06 DEC 2025** as **Santa** will be visiting the lot. Thank you as always for your support of Nativity School and we can't wait to welcome you this season.



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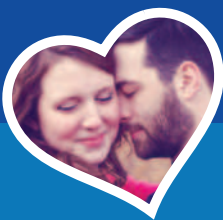


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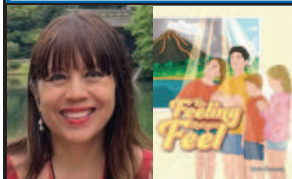
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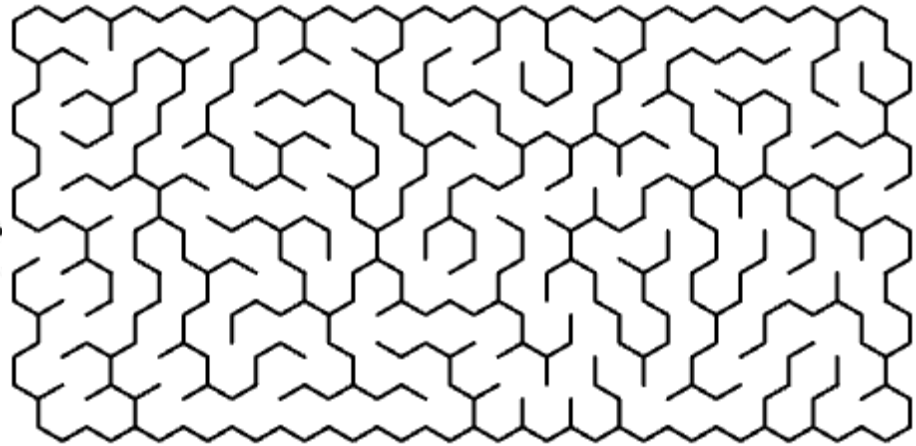
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