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MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM
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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Kyle Faller

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

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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

These men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction.

Psalms 40

SECOND READING

Persevere in running the race that lies before us.

Hebrews 12: 1-4

GOSPEL

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

Luke 12: 49-53



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 AUGUST 2025

I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12: 49

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 - 23 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Victoria Iragorri
	05:30 PM	Kathy Avery; The Boumann and Thomas families, living and deceased; † Teresa Barbarulo; † William Jarvis
TUE:	07:30 AM	Ramona Torres
	05:30 PM	Ann Jumaoas
WED:	07:30 AM	Jill Mueller
	05:30 PM	† Frank Fonteyn
THU:	07:30 AM	† Sandra Tozzini
	05:30 PM	John and Elisa Schnur
FRI:	07:30 AM	Jill Mueller
	05:30 PM	† Zenaida and Enrique Lim
SAT:	08:00 AM	Maila Estacio; Kosema Mahoni; † Antonietta Barbarulo; † John P. Hanna

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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through our website
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Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)
closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

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)

17 AUG	(Sunday)	
	03:00 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 AUG	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
19 AUG	(Tuesday)	
20 AUG	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
21 AUG	(Thursday)	
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
22 AUG	(Friday)	
23 AUG	(Saturday)	

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

Bringing animals inside the Church



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PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 02-03 AUG
TOTAL:	\$11,820
ADA Progress:	\$39,138
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

19 AUG (Tuesday):

SAINT JOHN EUDES, Priest (1601-1680)

Missionary and author of a liturgical devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



**Livestreaming of the
Nativity Sunday Mass
is now at 11:30 AM**

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 12 SEP 2025**, we will hold our next **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**.

20 AUG (Wednesday):

SAINT BERNARD, Abbot and Doctor of the Church (1894-1941)

Fearing the ways of the world, Bernard of Clairvaux, along with four of his brothers and 25 friends, joined the abbey of Citeaux. Their father and another brother joined shortly after. He founded and led the monastery of Clairvaux, which soon had 700 monks and 160 daughter houses. He is the first Cistercian monk to be placed on the calendar of saints.



23 AUG (Saturday):

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA (1586-1618)

The first saint born in the Americas, to parents who were immigrants to Peru. A beautiful girl and devoted daughter, she was so devoted to her vow of chastity that she used pepper and lye to ruin her complexion so she would not be attractive. A mystic and visionary, she received the stigmata invisibly. She had a particularly great devotion to **Saint Catherine of Siena**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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 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.

SVdP Volunteering

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area, please call **Dan Winnike at 650/714-4644**.

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.

NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB MONTHLY BREAKFAST

We're excited to announce that the Men's Club is bringing back their beloved **pancake breakfast!** Stop by every third (3rd) Sunday of the month, starting this **Sunday, 17 AUG 2025**, after all the morning Masses for a delicious meal and great company. Please note: there will be no breakfast in **DEC 2025**.

Bring your appetite (and a friend) and enjoy a morning of food, laughter, and community!



ATTENTION, PRAYER WARRIORS!

San Mateo Pro-Life members are currently protesting Planned Parenthood in RWC, **Mon-Fri 08:30-11:30 AM**. The more people who physically show up to pray, the more graces God gives to save babies! It has also been proven that many abortion-bound women cancel their appointments when people are praying on the sidewalk.

Consider joining us, **God will bless you!** Let's see the closure of this last bastion of death in the Peninsula.

We need a Spanish-speaking counselor as well

"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)

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.



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**
- **Silas Isaac Abelgas**, son of **Joseph Alphonsus Abelgas** and **Marie Shiela Butaya**
 - **Liam Andr s Bandurski**, son of **Michael Patrick Bandurski** and **Alejandra Amesquita**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Laki Fonua** and **Natalie Mendoza**

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.



John 14:15

"IF YOU LOVE ME,"

"THEN KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

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. An Early Bird discount is available through **11 AUG 2025**, as well as scholarships upon request.

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**. It will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**, a **new Mass schedule** will be inaugurated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays will be celebrated at:

08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM

The **Folk Choir** will shift to the new **12:30 PM** Mass. A **vocal quartet** will begin singing at the **09:30** and **11:00 AM** Masses, possibly as soon as **07 SEP 2025**. The **Choristers** (children's choir) will eventually slot into the **09:30 AM** Mass. Note, however, that it will take time to form the Chorister program. Presently, we anticipate the **Choristers** making their Nativity debut on the **4th Sunday of Advent**.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the members of the **Folk Choir** for their outstanding contribution to our worship at the **09:30 AM** Mass over many decades, and my deepest appreciation for their gracious willingness to move to a new slot (**12:30 PM**).

Additionally, it is likely that we will restore a Sunday evening – **05:00 PM** – Mass starting on the **1st Sunday of Advent**. Planning is still ongoing, and details remain fluid. I will update you in due course.

Very Rev. Mark Doherty

OUR LADY'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISING GALA

Our Lady's Ministry is hosting its Annual Fundraiser Gala, with special guests **Archbishop Salvador Pi eiro** and **Monsignor Inca Pereda**, whose dioceses in Peru we serve and who are cherished colleagues of **Pope Leo XIV**.

Music will be provided by renowned harpist **Anna Maria Mendieta**.

WHAT: Gala and fundraiser for the work of *Our Lady's Ministry*

WHERE: **SDES Hall**, 30846 Watkins St, Union City

WHEN: **Saturday, 06 SEP 2025**

04:30 PM - Reception and Silent Auction

06:00 PM - Dinner and Speakers

CONTACT: For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.olmgala.com

MORE DETAILS: Priests and Religious receive **free admission** (email rsvp@olmgala.com).

Our Lady's Ministry is a 501c3 which brings financial relief and God's love to the poorest of the poor around the world, at the invitation of Bishops, Priests, and Religious.

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

Intention: *For Mutual Coexistence*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DID YOU
KNOW?

BULLETIN NEWS

ACTIVE HYPERLINKS

If you visit the Nativity website at www.nativitymenlo.org and access the PDF version of the weekly bulletin, all hyperlinks and email addresses are "live" and clickable?

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

17 AUG (SUN)

18 AUG (MON) FIRST DAY: St. Monica

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

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

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

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

23 AUG (SAT) SIXTH DAY: St. Monica
FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine

24 AUG (SUN) SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica
SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine

25 AUG (MON) EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica
SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine

26 AUG (TUE) NINTH DAY: St. Monica
EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine

27 AUG (WED) Feast of Saint Monica
NINTH DAY: St. Augustine

28 AUG (THU) Feast of Saint Augustine

29 AUG (FRI)

30 AUG (SAT) FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM

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/

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

THE FLYING NOVENA

What is the "Flying Novena?" Much endorsed by **St. Teresa of Calcutta** (Mother Teresa), who frequently said it herself, it is the recitation of **9 Memorares** for an urgent intention, plus **one additional Memorare** in thanksgiving of the anticipated graces received.

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. All are welcome to participate. Light reception follows the Mass.

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

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

CONTACT: Valerie Schmalz, 415/614-5571
lifeanddignity@sarch.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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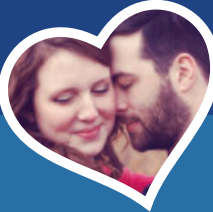


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will grant forgiveness without conversion,
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IMPUGNING THE KNOWN TRUTH
(to attack, resist, or contradict the truth)
ENVY OF THE SPIRITUAL GOOD OF ANOTHER
OBSTINACY IN SIN
(stubbornly persisting in sin)
FINAL IMPENITENCE
(being unwilling to repent)

OCIA CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about our Catholic faith?

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) classes will begin **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025** from **09:30-10:45 AM**. This is your opportunity to invite friends and family to "come and see," and learn about the treasures of our faith.

Classes on the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture, the Mass, the Pope, the Trinity and the Saints will be led by seminarians from **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and parish leaders will share their own stories of what it means to be Catholic.

OCIA brochures are in the back of the Church.
Please visit the website for more information:

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

or call the Rectory Office at **650/323-7914** *All are welcome!*

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

SEMINARY PODCAST: IN VIA CHRISTI

Scan the QR code to listen to *In Via Christi*, the new podcast for ongoing priestly formation produced by **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Season 1 considers the theme of *spiritual fatherhood* and features our pastor, **Fr. Mark Doherty**, on multiple episodes.

<https://stpsu.edu/in-via-christi-podcast/>



YOU MATTER

I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.

*Jesus to St. Faustina
(Diary - 1273)*



HAPPY NEWS

THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

On **07 SEP 2025**, EWTN will report live from Rome, with expert analysis and exclusive behind-the-scenes content for the much-awaited canonization of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**.

Carlo, who died at 15 in 2016, inspired many with his faith and tech-savvy evangelization, creating a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles. He's now on track to become the first millennial saint.

