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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 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

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength.

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Psalms 40

SECOND READING

You ... have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy.

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

GOSPEL

Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.

John 1: 29-34



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026

This is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

John 1: 33

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18-24 JAN

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	Norman Blears
05:30 PM	Susan Lagazo
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Noah Jameson Steele
05:30 PM	† Carolyn Colonelli; † Enrique and Zenaida Lim; † Andrew Gonos; † Mary Gonos
WED: 07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	† Susana Colombetti
THU: 07:30 AM	† Jim Rivera
05:30 PM	John and Elisa Schnur
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Bob Dehn
05:30 PM	† Julie Salas
SAT: 08:00 AM	† Jose Mariano Gonzalez; † Betty Gould; † Ida Ileana Agius; Robert and Toni Hawkins

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Monday, 19 JAN 2026
for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

18-25 JAN 2026
is the
Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity



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
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)

18 JAN	(Sunday) 09:15 AM	Men's Club Pancake Breakfast OCIA
19 JAN	(Monday) 08:00 AM 07:00 PM	Legion of Mary Nativity Family Rosary
20 JAN	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM	Bible Study
21 JAN	(Wednesday) 08:45 AM 07:30 PM 09:30 PM	Nativity School Mass Total Consecration to Jesus Marin Catholic Kairos
22 JAN	(Thursday) 12:00 PM 07:30 PM	Senior Thursday Group Marin Catholic Kairos
23 JAN	(Friday)	
24 JAN	(Saturday)	

	WEEK OF 20-21 DEC	WEEK OF 27-28 DEC
TOTAL:	\$9,752	\$10,142
Christmas:	\$29,303	
ADA Progress: 2025 ADA Goal:	GOAL MET! \$156,819	GOAL MET! \$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

20 JAN (Tuesday):

SAINT FABIAN, Pope (d. ~250)

A layman farmer who happened to be in Rome on the day a new pope was to be chosen. A dove flew over the crowd and alighted on Fabian's head, and the assembled clergy and laity took this as a sign from God, and made Fabian the 20th pope. He was martyred in the persecutions of Decius.

SAINT SEBASTIAN, Martyr (d. ~288)

The son of a wealthy Roman family, Sebastian was an officer in Diocletian's army, and captain of the guard. When he was charged as a Christian, Diocletian ordered him tied to a tree and shot with arrows. He survived and recovered with the help of Saint Irene, and returned to preach directly to Diocletian, who then had him martyred by being beaten to death.



21 JAN (Wednesday):

SAINT AGNES, Martyr (d. ~254)

At age 12 or 13 Agnes was ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods and lose her virginity by rape. She was threatened, then tortured and martyred when she refused to turn against God. On her feast day two lambs are blessed at her church in Rome, Italy and then their wool is woven into the palliums (bands of white wool) which the Pope confers on archbishops.

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 Jacqueline at **510/697-9670** or nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com for more information.

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

JAN'26

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

JAN'26

- The Vocations of Holy Orders and Religious Life
- The Vocation of Matrimony
- Sacramentals, Spiritual Warfare
- Tradition of Prayer

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**).

24 JAN (Saturday):

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1567-1622)

Bishop of Geneva who sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, written especially for ordinary lay people living active lives in the world. With St. Jane Frances de Chantal he co-founded the Visitation Order.



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.



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

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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 or email nancy@forlifeandfamily.org.

EUCARISTIC 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.



MARRIAGES • Peter O'Driscoll and Catherine Hoffmann

NOTE: Printing error in last week's bulletin

OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our **Catholic Schools Week Open House** event on **Sunday, 25 JAN 2026 at 10:30 AM**! Classrooms will be open and our faculty and staff will be available to answer questions. View the campus, experience all the exciting learning that has happened so far this year and come and learn more about how Nativity may be a great fit for your family. You may register on our website: www.nativityschool.com. We look forward to welcoming you!



MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE SOCIAL

The Nativity Men's Club will be serving their always-popular Pancake Social on **Sunday, 18 JAN 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 the Sunday morning Masses. Come share good food, warm fellowship, and a wonderful start to your Sunday.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Parish Office Hours

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

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

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.sanmateoprolife.com or call **Erika** at **650/283-5353**

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

Dear parishioners,

You may recall that last July we in the *Nativity St Vincent de Paul Society* reported on our activities in the first half of 2025, and we thought you might appreciate a similar report on our usage of resources entrusted to us in the second half of the year.

For the 6 months ended **31 DEC 2025**, we received **\$55,400** in donations from parishioners from Brown Bag Sundays and other generous donations. During the same 6 months, we distributed **\$59,000** in grocery store gift cards. We provided **\$6,000** in rent and other monetary assistance.

We made nearly 700 "house calls", typically delivering bags of fresh produce, frozen protein and bread and dry staples, along with the gift cards. We estimate that we continued to deliver to over 500 people per month during this period.

All food items are provided by Second Harvest Food Bank - at no cost to us. All "shopping" and delivering of food/gift cards is accomplished by a group of fellow parishioners who volunteer a few hours each week to do this extremely rewarding work. We have tasks that can generally work around busy schedules. If you have an interest in learning more about what we do and perhaps getting involved, please contact **Dan Winnike 650/714-4644**.

As always, we very much appreciate the opportunity to manifest your charity and concern for our neighbors.

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.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM to 01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a free Clothing Distribution Center which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

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

Intention: *For Prayer With the Word of God*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



CITRUS FROM THE PARISH TREES

Our Pastor, **Fr. Mark Doherty**, has graciously invited parishioners to enjoy a few oranges or lemons from the trees on our grounds. We simply ask that you take only a small amount—just enough for personal use—and only pick fruit that is already ripe. Thank you for helping us care for our shared space with respect and gratitude.

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

18 JAN (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes
19 JAN (MON)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
20 JAN (TUE)	NINTH Day: St. Agnes SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
21 JAN (WED)	Feast of Saint Agnes THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
22 JAN (THU)	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
23 JAN (FRI)	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
24 JAN (SAT)	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
25 JAN (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
26 JAN (MON)	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
27 JAN (TUE)	NINTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas FIRST Day: St. Agatha
28 JAN (WED)	Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas SECOND Day: St. Agatha
29 JAN (THU)	THIRD Day: St. Agatha
30 JAN (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Agatha
31 JAN (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Agatha

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agnes:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

Saint Agatha:

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



Bringing animals inside the Church

**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2026

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the **22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast** in San Francisco on **24 JAN 2026**. There will be Mass at **09:30 AM** celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at **12:30 PM** in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at **01:30 PM**. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call **415/658-1793**.



Watch the informational video:
<https://youtu.be/kFy7dyW6fYw>

WALK FOR LIFE BUS

As we have in the past, Nativity is renting a bus to take *Walk for Life* participants to San Francisco on **Saturday, 24 JAN 2026**. We will be leaving Nativity at **10:45 AM** and returning around **04:30 PM**. The cost is **\$20** per person. Please contact **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-7794** for reservations.



2026 Catholic Calendar

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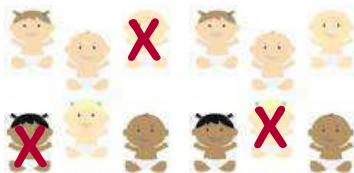
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66,390,000 +



abortions in the United States since Roe v. Wade (1973)

<http://www.numberofabortions.com>

How big is 60+ million? Watch this:
<https://youtu.be/uRjNbj4YMKI>

ON-LINE PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

National Right to Life Council	www.nrlc.org
Priests for Life	www.priestsforlife.org
California Pro-Life Council	www.californiaprolife.org
Gospel of Life Institute	www.gospeloflifeinstitute.org
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops	www.usccb.org
Natl. Committee for a Human Life Amendment	www.nchla.org
Project Rachel	www.hopeafterabortion.com



"16 WEEKS' GESTATION"

Many statistics use a time-point of **16 weeks' gestation**. Why? In order to address questions like "when does life begin?", it is pretty hard to argue that a baby after 16 weeks' gestation is a "clump of tissue". Consider what medical science knows about this point in the baby's development:

- The body is fully formed; the fingers and toes have fingerprints and nails.
- The baby is about 5 inches long and weighs about 3 ounces (about the size of a large avocado).
- The baby is moving about: he/she may grasp for the umbilical cord, suck their thumb, be able to make facial expressions and kick at the amniotic sac.
- The heart and circulatory system and the urinary tract are fully functioning, and the blood is pumping through the tiny veins.
- The baby is inhaling and exhaling the amniotic fluid through the lungs.
- The eyes are in the proper position, and the baby can see straight ahead and blink his/her eyelids.
- The genitals have formed. In the case of a girl, the uterus has already developed and the ovaries are in the proper place.
- In the case of twins, after **14 weeks' gestation** they will execute movements specifically aimed at the other twin.

PP Annual Reports always lag in reporting "services". They did not release their 2023-2024 report until May 2025, which lists 2022-2023 abortion totals.

IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT,
 PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATED THAT
**IT ABORTED 402,230 BABIES IN THEIR
 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR.**

That's ~**1102**
 babies per day!

For every 1 adoption
 referral, PP aborted
187 babies!

"MEET THE KILLERS"

GUNS	Kill approximately 30,000 people each year in the U.S. 55% of those deaths are self-inflicted.
ALCOHOL	Kills approximately 35,000 people each year in the U.S. 71% of those deaths are self-inflicted.
CIGARETTES	Kill approximately 440,000 people each year in the U.S. 91% of those deaths are self inflicted.
ABORTION	Kills approximately 1,210,000 people each year in the U.S. Less than 0.00001% of those deaths are self inflicted.

Abortion kills **more than twice as many people** each year as guns, alcohol, and cigarettes combined.

<http://www.abort73.com>