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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

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

I am the Lord. There is no other.

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
awesome is He, beyond all gods.

Psalms 96

SECOND READING

Our gospel did not come to you in word
alone, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

GOSPEL

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are
you testing me, you hypocrites?"

Matthew 22: 15-21



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2026

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22: 25

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 17 OCT-24 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Michael Nakamura
	05:30 PM	Charles Larson
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Mike Manor
	05:30 PM	† Richard Runkel
WED:	07:30 AM	Gian Tozzini
	05:30 PM	Sean Meraz
THU:	07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Drbal Family Richard Hammerud † Querubin Arias Jr. & Teresita Santos † Tom and Kevin Munk
FRI:	07:30 AM	Ortiz & Rubio Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Sarah Parker
SAT:	08:00 AM	Rev. Greg Heidenblut † Tim Kennedy † Jane Steranka † Fatima Mafileo † Amado Flores

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.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 10-11 OCT
FIGURES UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION	
ADA Progress:	\$55,630
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

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)

18 OCT	[Sunday]	World Mission Sunday
	09:00 AM	~~Men's Pancake Social~~ CANCELLED
	09:30 AM	Buddy Class Family Mass
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	02:30 PM	Baptism

19 OCT	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals

20 OCT	[Tuesday]	
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21 OCT	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	06:45 PM	OCIA Classes

22 OCT	[Thursday]	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith & Study Group

23 OCT	[Friday]	
	08:00 AM	Altar Society

24 OCT	[Saturday]	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group

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.

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

23 OCT (Friday)

SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, Priest
(1386-1456)

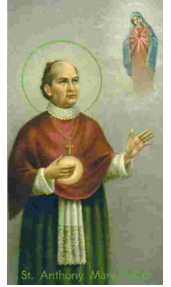
John was governor of Perugia under King Landislas of Naples. When war broke out between Perugia and Malatesta in 1416, John tried to broker a peace, but instead his opponents ignored the truce, and John became a prisoner of war. During his imprisonment he came to the decision to change vocations, and became a Franciscan. He was reported to heal by making the Sign of the Cross over a sick person. After the fall of Constantinople, he preached a Crusade against the Muslim Turks. At age 70 he was commissioned by Pope Callistus II to lead it, and marched off at the head of 70,000 Christian soldiers. He won the great battle of Belgrade in the summer of 1456, then died in the field a few months later.



24 OCT (Saturday)

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, Bishop
(1807-1870)

He founded the *Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* (the Claretians). Anthony became the Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba on 20 May 1850. He also founded the *Teaching Sisters of Mary Immaculate*. Following his work in the Caribbean, Blessed Pope Pius IX ordered Anthony back to Spain, where he became confessor to Queen Isabella II, and was exiled with her. He had the gifts of prophecy and miracles, and was reported to have preached 10,000 sermons and published 200 works. Anthony spread devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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, (25 OCT2026: Solemnity of Christ the King)**, will be a *Missa Cantata*.

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



SCAM ALERT REMINDER

A quick, important reminder for our parish family: For several years now, scammers have been sending emails and text message pretending to be our pastor. Unfortunately, these attempts have not stopped. These individuals are persistent, and their messages can look very convincing. Please be extremely cautious with any message asking for favors, gift cards, urgent help or personal information – especially if it claims to come from our pastor. If something feels off, it probably is. Always report it as scam email or text and block it from your address book.

Here is one example of a scam text message:

Hello Hannah, I hope this message finds you well. Do you have some time? I have a request. Please reply to my message as soon as you receive it.

Blessings To you

Rev. Mark Doherty



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



ELECTION PRAYERS

On **Sunday, Oct. 25**, Nativity parish will again be praying for the elections. We will be praying the 2,000 Hail Marys for Our Lady's intercession that the noble forces in our nation will overcome the evil forces, especially with the issue of abortions. The prayers will start at **12 noon in the O'Hare Center**. We will move to the church after the last Mass and go until 8 P.M. Please join us for as many hours as possible. Call **Deacon Dominick** (650-269-6279) or **Mary Ellen Peloso** (650-269-7794) for questions.



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):

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

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.



GHS FALL BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION

Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to our Annual Fall Benefit Dinner & Auction on **Saturday October 24, 2026** at **Saint Frances Cabrini Parish Hall**. Our Guest Speaker is **Rev. Jerome Magat**, STD Vice Rector and Associate Professor of Moral Theology at St. Patrick's Seminary. Doors open at 6:00PM, with a welcome at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$100 each.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4xOh3ZJ> or use the QR code here. Call the office at **(408)447-5433** with questions or to register in person or by check.

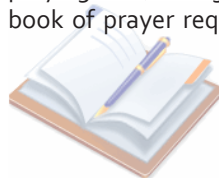


REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the *Parish Registration Form*. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

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." -- **Psalms 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

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? The OCIA class has begun for those who wish to become Catholic or for Catholics needing to be confirmed. We 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**.

CLASS TOPICS FOR OCTOBER:

- The Most Holy Trinity
- Creation and the Fall of Jesus
- True God and True Man

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: **Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm**

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

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**).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

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

Intention: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

18 OCT (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II FIRST DAY: Saint Jude
19 OCT (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II SECOND DAY: Saint Jude
20 OCT (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II THIRD DAY: Saint Jude
21 OCT (WED)	NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude
22 OCT (THU)	Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude
23 OCT (FRI)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude FIRST DAY: All Saints
24 OCT (SAT)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude SECOND DAY: All Saints
25 OCT (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude THIRD DAY: All Saints

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope Saint John Paul II
gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

St. Jude:
www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm

All Saints' Novena:
<https://tinyurl.com/allSaintsNovena>

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Schola Seraphica Choir will begin rehearsals on **September 14 at 7:00 pm at the O'Hare Center**. Please feel free to contact **Margaret Duando** at marzsull@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Our theme this year is "The Light of the World." And our concert date is **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm**. We will look forward to seeing you.



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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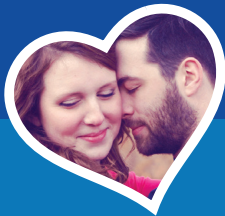
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Annual Report of the Nativity Parish Finance Council on the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

Fiscal Year 2026

Please allow us to begin with a brief recap of how the parish reports its income. We have three categories of income: **Operating income** – primarily Mass offerings, collections and sacramental offerings; **Unrestricted gifts and bequests** – one-time gifts and bequests that are not earmarked for specific purposes; and **Other income** – gifts earmarked for specific purposes and earnings on the parish investment funds. All our expenses are categorized as Operating expenses. As a general matter, we seek to balance our Operating income and Operating expenses, save for extraordinary outlays for which we have typically done capital campaigns.

In fiscal 2026, Operating expenses of \$1,224,993 exceeded our Operating income of \$753,095, resulting in an operating loss of \$471,898. Our largest Operating expense categories in fiscal 2026 were Salaries, Payroll Taxes and Benefits (\$690,127) and Property Costs (including landscaping, maintenance, security and utilities) (\$337,441). Fortunately, we were able to cover the shortfall in operating income in fiscal 2026 with Unrestricted gifts and bequests and other income from investments and restricted gifts.

Looking Ahead

We have all been aware of the potential impact on our parish of the settlement of the Archdiocesan bankruptcy proceedings. As recently announced, a settlement has been reached, and Nativity was assessed \$2.5 million to help fund this payment. While the Parish and School will be able to fund the assessment, doing so will require almost all the available investment cash in our accounts (restricted funds in three school endowment accounts will not be used).

We are now at work on the fiscal 2027 parish budget in this new economic landscape. We want to continue to maintain our church grounds and facilities and office staff and provide 24/7 access for Adoration and the same level of sacramental music as we have in the past. Doing so requires, however, that we have an increase in our Operating income given our lack of cash reserves and, for the foreseeable future, investment income. Parish Operating income has declined over the past few years. With the bankruptcy concern now behind us, we can all look forward to doing what is necessary to maintain Nativity Parish as the wonderful resource for the practice of our Catholic faith that it has been for over 150 years.

To begin to help us meet our financial goals, we earnestly ask that any parishioners in a position to do so also consider increasing their regular contributions. Further, we hope that everyone will consider Nativity as a beneficiary of year-end and other special charitable contributions.

Electronic and Other Giving

In addition to the traditional Sunday envelope method of contribution, Nativity offers two electronic contribution methods. Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) is the on-line way to contribute, and the link to sign up can be found on our website, www.nativitymenlo.org. The second electronic method is the TipTap system, by which contributions can be made by tapping a credit or debit card or mobile payment app at the kiosk in the vestibule or on the small devices attached to the collection baskets. We are not in the business of giving tax advice but note that parishioners over 70-1/2 who are required to take minimum distributions (“RMD”) from their tax-deferred retirement accounts may make charitable contributions up to \$111,000 from those accounts that will count toward the RMD and will be excluded from gross income. Please consult your tax advisor about this tax-efficient way to support Nativity Parish.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Mary Wynne (Chair), Gary Cruz, Fran Dehn, Dan Winnike, Cindy Zollinger

