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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

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



FIRST READING

God raised Him up, releasing Him from the throes of death.

Acts 2: 14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

With Him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Psalms 16

SECOND READING

You were ransomed from your futile conduct.

1 Peter 1: 17-21

GOSPEL

He was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

Luke 24: 13-35



Supper at Emmaus
– Anonymus (17th century)

The Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2026

Their eyes were opened
and they recognized Him.

Luke 24: 31

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19-25 APR

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Livio Durando
	05:30 PM	† John and Florence Whalen
TUE:	07:30 AM	Mark Ginanni
	05:30 PM	† Frank Canepa
WED:	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	Kosema and Susitina Mahoni
THU:	07:30 AM	Erica Valle Tozzini
	05:30 PM	† Suzanne Beaver
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Julie Ann Lenz
	05:30 PM	Kathleen Gilbert; The Drbal family; Adele Personeni; † Manoel Mascarenhas
SAT:	08:00 AM	† John Kates; † Leslie Gordon; † Marie and Adolph Firenzi; Jon and Elisa Schnur; The Drbal family

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 04-05 APR
TOTAL (Easter Sunday):	\$24,271
Holy Thursday:	\$2,706
Good Friday:	\$5,801
ADA Progress:	
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

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	06:15 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)

19 APR	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA Class
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	02:30 PM	Confirmation Faith Formation Ceremony
20 APR	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
21 APR	(Tuesday)	
22 APR	(Wednesday)	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
23 APR	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	07:00 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study
24 APR	(Friday)	
25 APR	(Saturday)	
	10:30 AM	First Holy Communion Ceremony



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through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form

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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

24 APR (Monday): SAINT FIDELIS ROY OF SIGMARINGEN, Priest and Martyr (1577-1622)

First a “doctor of laws”, he renounced the profession and became a Capuchin friar. He was known especially for his charity to the poor, even as a counselor. He preached among and converted many Calvinists, but was under constant threat of death. He was martyred by Calvinist soldiers as he returned to preach in a town where he had recently fled from death threats.



25 APR (Tuesday): SAINT MARK, Evangelist (d. ~74)

The second of the four evangelists, whose gospel—which sets out to proclaim the divinity of Christ— is possibly the common source for both **Luke** and **Matthew**. He was a disciple of **Peter**, and his gospel is most vivid when recounting Peter’s eyewitness testimony. He was a cousin of **Barnabas** and accompanied **Paul** on his first missionary journey.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.



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.



“Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.”

-- St. Francis de Sales

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

APR'26 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR **APR'26**
(topics subject to change)

- Easter De-Brief!
- Ministries at Nativity (at Vallombrosa)
- Tradition of Prayer
- The Prayer Jesus Taught: “Our Father”

No Class on **Easter Sunday (05 APR 2026)**
Last class will be **Sunday, 03 MAY 2026**

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).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for *Catholic Home Missions*. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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, 03:00 AM, 04:00 AM

Friday: 11:00 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

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.



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

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH-WIDE AUCTION

The **Nativity Parish Community**, collectively (church and school) warmly invites our church and school families to the **2026 Nativity Parish Community Auction on Saturday, 02 MAY 2026**. Invitations and sponsorships for the Nativity Parish Community Auction were given out after the Sunday Masses last week. They are now available in the church vestibule. Pick up an invitation and plan to join the Parish Community for an evening for *Growing Faith, Growing Community and Growing Funds*. For donations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Carol Hoy** at the Church of the Nativity office at **650/323-7914**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ATTENTION **MOTORISTS!**

A few people have reported being almost run over by speeding vehicles. Therefore, to add another level of safety for our parishioners, Church of the Nativity has implemented the following:

	<p>Signage We have installed 5 MPH signs as a visual reminder to slow down. Please help us keep everyone safe as you drive on the Church of the Nativity property.</p>
	<p>Speed Bumps These are now being installed on the property in efforts to slow down drivers. They will be installed appropriately in places where it should serve as a gentle reminder that it is a church parking lot, and not a racetrack.</p>
	<p>Fire Lane The red fire lane provides access for emergency vehicles. Please never park or stop there.</p>
	<p>Blue Curb and Spaces These are reserved for those with disability placards.</p>

Thank you for keeping all our parishioners safe and providing easy access to our church.

PARKING: CARE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Our neighbors on Rebecca Lane are asking that parishioners **please not park** on Rebecca Lane. Access to driveways is impacted and it can be an overall safety hazard. Please be mindful and extend this courtesy to the residents.




GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

Tens of thousands of men, women and children are being killed right now by the Sudanese Rapid Defense Forces in western Sudan's Darfur region. No mercy is being shown. The Sudanese American Physicians Association provides food, water, hot meals, shelter, medical supplies, medical care and a mobile medical clinic in the Tawila refugee camp in Darfur. Please donate soon: sapa-usa.org

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.



Please make sure your cell phones are turned off or muted when you enter the church.



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

DEMAND ETHICAL RESEARCH

Experiments on aborted humans are happening at UCSF, and they must stop. We can - and must - pursue lifesaving medical discoveries without exploiting pregnant women and the preborn. UCSF can choose to continue these practices, or lead the way in humane, ethical science. **Take action**; email the UC Regents, UC President, and the Human Research Protection Program. <https://ethicalresearchnow.org/>

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

Intention: *For Priests in Crisis*

Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

19 APR (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. George FIRST Day: St. Louis de Montfort
20 APR (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. George SECOND Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIRST Day: St. Catherine of Siena
21 APR (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. George THIRD Day: St. Louis de Montfort SECOND Day: St. Catherine of Siena
22 APR (WED)	NINTH Day: St. George FOURTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort THIRD Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIRST Day: St. Joseph the Worker
23 APR (THU)	Feast of Saint George FIFTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FOURTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SECOND Day: St. Joseph the Worker
24 APR (FRI)	SIXTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIFTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena THIRD Day: St. Joseph the Worker
25 APR (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SIXTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FOURTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
26 APR (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
27 APR (MON)	NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
28 APR (TUE)	Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
29 APR (WED)	Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
30 APR (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
01 MAY (FRI)	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker
02 MAY (SAT)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint George:

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/NOVGEOR.TXT

Saint Louis de Montfort:

novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/

Saint Catherine of Siena:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:

www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/



THE FLYING NOVENA

What is the "Flying Novena?" Much endorsed by **St. Teresa of Calcutta** (Mother Teresa), who often 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.

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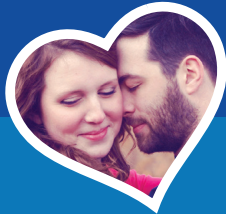
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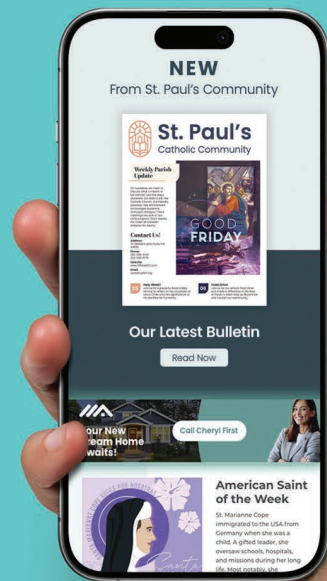
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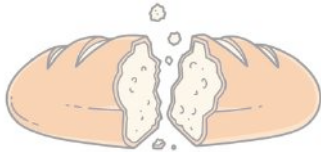
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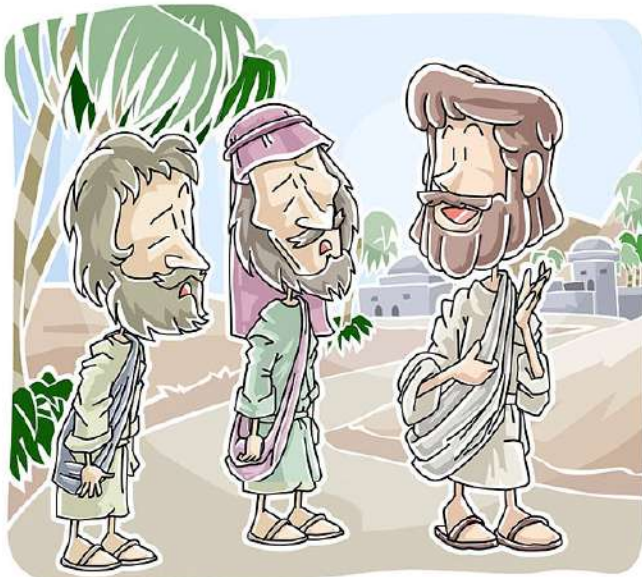
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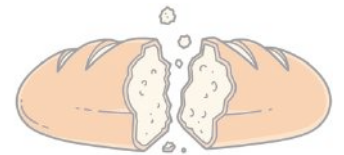
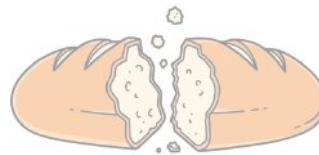
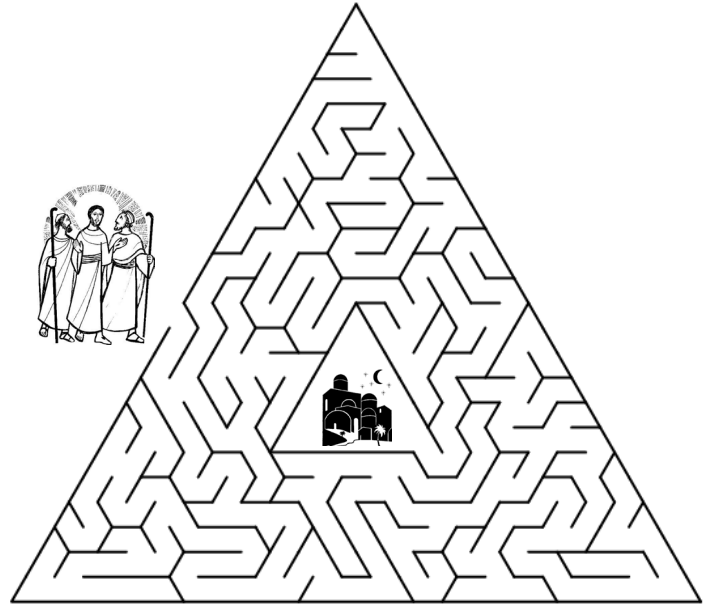
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CARNIVAL

The 44th Annual Nativity Carnival is coming!

Save the dates:

June 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2026

CORNER



CARNIVAL HOURS

05 JUN	FRI	05:00-10:00 PM
06 JUN	SAT	12:00-10:00 PM
07 JUN	SUN	12:00-06:00 PM

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