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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Though You are master of might, You judge with clemency.

Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give Your strength to Your servant.

Psalms 86

SECOND READING

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness.

Romans 8: 26-27

GOSPEL

Gather the wheat into My barn.

Matthew 13: 24-43



The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2026

The harvest is the end of the age,
and the harvesters are angels.

Matthew 13:39

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18-24 JUL

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Marie Gould
	05:30 PM	Vuong Nguyen † Ann Marie Swinkels † Dennis Bossa † Giovanni Tempesta † William Preston
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Sara Clougherty
	05:30 PM	† Tony San Juan
WED:	07:30 AM	Sigona and Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† Evelyn and Sean Curtin
THU:	07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt & Ross
	05:30 PM	Maudie G. Rollins & Teresa Diaz de Villegas
FRI:	07:30 AM	Deck & Virnoche Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† Rosella M. DiGuido
SAT:	08:00 AM	† Shelby Drazan † Kevin Munk † Emy Lopez † Esperanza Quintanilla † Manuel Quintanilla

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.



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**.

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 JUL	[Sunday]	
	10:30-11:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Social
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	2:30 PM	Baptisms
20 JUL	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
21 JUL	[Tuesday]	
22 JUL	[Wednesday]	
23 JUL	[Thursday]	
24 JUL	[Friday]	
25 JUL	[Saturday]	
	6:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group in O'Hare



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 04-05 JUL
TOTAL:	\$10,461
USCCB Collection:	\$3,230
ADA Progress:	\$39,145
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,576

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

18 JUL (Saturday):

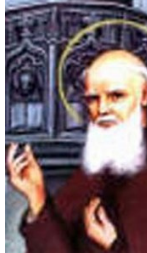
SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, Priest (1550-1614)

Camillus spent his youth as a soldier, and had such a terrible gambling addiction that, to pay his debts, he took a construction job on a building belonging to the Capuchins, who converted him. He founded an order to care for the sick.

21 JUL (Tuesday):

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, Priest and Doctor of the Church (1559-1619)

St. Lawrence was a Capuchin and theologian who became famous throughout Europe for his inspirational preaching, his work against Lutheranism, and the founding of several friaries. He helped raise an army that successfully drove back the Turks from Hungary, and was often called upon to settle disputes among the European monarchies.



22 JUL (Wednesday):

SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

It is clear from the Gospels that Mary of Magdala was a devoted disciple. We know that Christ cast from her seven devils, that she ministered to Him in Galilee, and that she was present at the Crucifixion. Matthew tells us that she was the first to see the Risen Christ, Who sent her to tell His disciples what she had seen. She is traditionally regarded as a penitent.



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

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**, (26 JUL 2026: *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*), will be a Low Mass.



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.



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**.

ST. CLARE'S RETREAT - SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT Franciscan Spirituality

Diving into the Franciscan spirituality and giving some bibliographical background on St. Francis and St. Clare. Giving an overview into Catholic spirituality.

Celebrating 800-Year Jubilee

WHO: Retreat Master

Fr. Jim Sullivan is a priest for the Diocese of Oakland; he is assigned to the chaplaincy at Bishop O'Dowd High School.

WHERE: 2381 Laurel Glen Rd, Soquel, CA 95073

WHEN: September 18 - 20, 2026

MORE DETAILS: For more info, visit www.stclaresretreat.org



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

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,**
03:00-05:00 AM (twice per month)

Tuesday: **01:00 AM**

Friday: **11:00 AM**

Saturday: **03:00 AM, 04:00 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**
- Abigail Thérèse Marie Min, daughter of Jung Min and Elizabeth Klare
 - Landon Francisco Dunn, son of Michael Dunn and Norayma Alvarez

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION - JULY 28

Discover one of Christianity's greatest mysteries at a special Shroud of Turin Exhibition on **Tuesday, July 28, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at the Nativity School Gym (Sobrato Pavilion), 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.**

Presented by Othonia, and hosted by the Order of Malta, this interactive exhibit features a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, displays exploring its history and scientific research, and replicas of the instruments of Christ's Passion.



The evening also includes a special presentation by Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC, internationally recognized Shroud scholar and Professor of Theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. To RSVP, contact Lorna Baggott at lornabaggott@gmail.com. To make a donation, <https://buy.stripe.com/dRmdR9geGgTCdof11Felwo9>.

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? All are welcome! We will 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.**

WHAT: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

WHERE: O'Hare Center

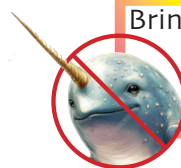
WHEN: **TBD**
Information sessions: **SEP 2026**
Class topics: **Fall 2026**

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

There will be OCIA brochures in the back of the Church soon. 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).

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Readers** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** for all Masses. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to add to your own weekly devotion while attending Mass. You can set your own preferences for whichever Mass you regularly attend, indicate dates when you are unavailable, and training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com



Bringing animals inside the Church
**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANYTIME!**

SVDP VOLUNTEERING

Those attending one of Father Doherty's masses recently heard his inspiring call to "abide actively" in seeking to love God and our neighbors more completely. Father graciously recognized our parish's *St. Vincent de Paul Conference* as an opportunity for service to our neighbors. In response to our request for help retrieving food from Second Harvest, a number of parishioners volunteered. Emboldened by this success, we also want to make folks aware that we need assistance in our food deliveries. In particular, we are seeking volunteers to help deliver on **Thursday** or **Saturday** mornings. These deliveries entail about 3 hours of work on a delivery day. If anyone can spare one or two days a month to assist other volunteers with these deliveries, we would love to hear from you. You can contact **Dan Winnike – 650/714-4644**, or **Cindy Zollinger – 650/207-4398**, or any of our other volunteers with whom you are familiar.

As always, we are very appreciative of the generous support from our parishioners.

THURSDAY SENIOR GROUP: SUMMER BREAK



The **Thursday Senior Group** will be on a summer break throughout July and August. Gatherings will resume on **Thursday, 10 SEP 2026**, following the Labor Day holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at that time. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and refreshing summer season; see you in the Fall!

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

Intention: *For Respect for Human Life*

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 JUL (SUN)	THIRD Day: St. Ann
20 JUL (MON)	FOURTH Day: St. Ann
21 JUL (TUE)	FIFTH Day: St. Ann FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
22 JUL (WED)	SIXTH Day: St. Ann SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
23 JUL (THU)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ann THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
24 JUL (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ann FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
25 JUL (SAT)	NINTH Day: St. Ann FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola
26 JUL (SUN)	Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIRST Day: St. John Vianney
27 JUL (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf

Novena to Saint Ann:

<https://st-ann-shrine.org/prayers/prayers-st-ann/novena-st-ann/>

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

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-Saturday 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 **Erika at 650/283-5353**

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



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Contact Jose Altamirano

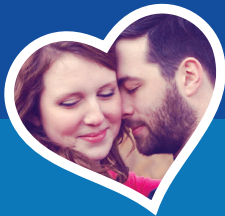
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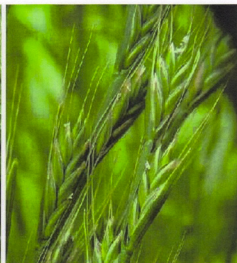
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DID YOU KNOW?

Today's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares. The "tare" that Jesus described in this parable was also known as the darnel seed, which looks almost exactly like wheat in the beginning stages of its growth. But after it grows a little more, it becomes evident that it is a weed, and it actually uproots the wheat. The two are hard to tell apart until very close to harvest time, and if you do mistakenly eat the seeds of a tare, you'll get quite sick.



Wheat



Tares: Lolium Temulentum



Can you find 5 differences in these images?

"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."



Attention Young Believers! We want you to share your creativity -- this is your page. Write a poem or a story or a letter, or draw a picture. Email your special messages and artwork to nativity.bulletin@gmail.com and we will display them here. Include your first name (and optionally, your age) on the email. For drawings, either scan the picture or take a digital photo and attach the electronic file to the email.

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."

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER:

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.