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MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
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

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

Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other.

Exodus 17: 8-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will guard your coming and your going, both now and forever.

Psalms 121

SECOND READING

If we persevere we shall also reign with Him.

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2

GOSPEL

"When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

Luke 18: 1-8

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 OCTOBER 2025



Will not God then secure the rights of His chosen ones, who call out to Him day and night?

Luke 18: 7

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19 - 25 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Evelyn Otellini
	05:30 PM	† Paz and Ricardo Samaniego Jr.
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Mike Minor
	05:30 PM	Okusi Fa'aoso; † Meke Fa'aoso
WED:	07:30 AM	† Tena Carrell
	05:30 PM	† Matthew Tarentino
THU:	07:30 AM	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	James Mayer; Marion Miller; Marie Ciel Santos; John and Elisa Schnur
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Evelyn Otellini
	05:30 PM	† Tim Kennedy
SAT:	08:00 AM	Rev. Andy Ligot; Bishope Procell; Alicia Reyes; † Alejandro Diaz; † Fr. Kenneth Kong

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

Jesus uses this parable to encourage us never to give up in prayer, asking our just and generous Father for the things we need.

**"Pray without
ceasing."**



*The unjust judge and
the insistent widow*

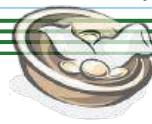
PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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)

19 OCT	(Sunday)	
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
20 OCT	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
21 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
22 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Preparation
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
23 OCT	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
	07:00 PM	Concert Practice
24 OCT	(Friday)	
	09:00 AM	Nativity Pre-School Church Tour
25 OCT	(Saturday)	



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 04-05 OCT
TOTAL:	\$11,974
Priests' Retirement:	\$10,000
ADA Progress:	\$42,953
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

24 OCT (Monday)

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.



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

NATIVITY MENS CLUB LAST MONTHLY BREAKFAST FOR 2025

This weekend, **19 OCT 2025**, will be the last breakfast social of the Nativity Men's Club for the year 2025. They will be serving pancake breakfast after all the morning Masses. Bring your appetite (and a friend) and enjoy a morning of food, laughter, and community!



SAVE THE DATE: 07 DEC 2025

Rehearsals are underway for our annual *Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert* at St. Patrick's Seminary. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you have any interest in joining us, please come and introduce yourself! We meet at **07:00 PM Mondays** in the O'Hare Center. Choral experience and reading music is helpful but not mandatory. Any questions please contact **Margaret Durando** (mar7sull@gmail.com)

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

WE HAVE OPENINGS IN PRESCHOOL/TK!

Our Nativity School year is underway! Our beautiful *Montessori Preschool and TK program* currently has **2 spots** left for this school year. This program is for ages 2.5-5 years old. This wonderful program incorporates our Catholic faith while educating and preparing students for Kindergarten and beyond! Please contact our admissions office for more information and to schedule a tour: admissions@nativityschool.com or **650/325-7304 x205**.

Our weekly visits from **Fr. Doherty, Deacon Dominick**, and the **Seminarians** have brought so much joy to our classrooms! Our annual appeal has kicked off for the 2025/2026 school year. Many of our families have already donated to our annual fund which helps support our Nativity School mission. We are looking forward to the holiday season as our tree lot planning is underway and our food drive to support the *Adopt-A-Family* program has kicked off! Thank you as always for your many prayers and support of our Nativity School community!



Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)
closed **12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)**



Bringing animals inside the Church

**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

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, 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.



BAPTISMS • Evangeline Margaret Gonzales, daughter of Allen Gonzales and Michelle Papangellin

MARRIAGES • Michael Donald Culhane and Mary Christine Menotti
• Brandon Jacob Maramag and Hanah Nguyen

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

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

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE 2025

The keynote speaker is **Father Agustino Torres**, CFR. Our theme is *"Hope Does Not Disappoint;" "La Esperanza No Desilusiona."* Presentations will be in English and Spanish. We invite all in catechetical ministry to attend.

WHAT: Two-day conference for catechetical ministers

WHERE: St. Matthew Parish – One Notre Dame Avenue, San Mateo

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, 07-08 NOV 2025
11:00 AM

CONTACT: Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, 415/614-5652
arbucklec@sarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Friday, 07 NOV 2025 for Youth Leaders
Saturday, 08 NOV 2025 for everyone
Contact **Sr. Celeste Arbuckle** if you have questions.

COURAGE

The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers support to persons with same-sex attraction and their loved ones through the ministry of **Courage**, which is faithful to the teachings of the Church. For more information go to their website couragec.org or our local website, www.sfarchdiocese.org/courage. We encourage you to watch an excellent documentary, *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, which **Courage** produced. It is available online at www.everlastinghills.org/movie/. For those wishing to support people who are struggling with same-sex attraction you can go to www.monicacross.com.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Nativity is presenting an eight-week Bible Study entitled *"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible."* Class began on **Tuesday 30 SEP 2025**; you are still welcome to attend. This study is an overview of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. This class is a prelude to further New Testament studies beginning in the winter. Classes are every **Tuesday** at **09:30 AM** in the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room behind the Church. They will end the week before Thanksgiving. Further learning, sharing and discussion is led by Deacon Dominick Peloso. An emphasis is placed on how the Bible stories inspire us to live and love better. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279**

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY
Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship led by St. Patrick's seminarians.

• **Saturday, 15 NOV 2025 (07:15-08:45 PM)**
Confession available; light refreshments to follow



2025 SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT

You will return home refreshed, grounded, and more aware of God's presence in your daily life.

WHAT: Three-day silent retreat

WHERE: St. Clare's Retreat
2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel CA

WHEN: 31 OCT - 02 NOV 2025 (Friday-Sunday)

CONTACT: 831/423-8093

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.stclaresretreat.org>

DESCRIPTION:

Experience a peaceful weekend of silence, reflection, and deep spiritual renewal. Guided by the time-tested wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this retreat invites you to encounter God personally in the stillness - through Scripture, guided meditations, and the beauty of silence.



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

Intention: *For collaboration between different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend, **18-19 OCT 2025**, there is a second collection for *World Mission Sunday*. This year Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," inspired by St. Paul's words, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5.5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers." Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses – bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

19 OCT (SUN)	SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II SECOND DAY: Saint Jude
20 OCT (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II THIRD DAY: Saint Jude
21 OCT (TUE)	NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude
22 OCT (WED)	Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude
23 OCT (THU)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude FIRST DAY: All Saints
24 OCT (FRI)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude SECOND DAY: All Saints
25 OCT (SAT)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude THIRD DAY: All Saints
26 OCT (SUN)	NINTH DAY: Saint Jude FOURTH DAY: All Saints
27 OCT (MON)	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude FIFTH DAY: All Saints
28 OCT (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: All Saints
29 OCT (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: All Saints
30 OCT (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: All Saints
31 OCT (FRI)	NINTH DAY: All Saints
01 NOV (SAT)	Feast of All Saints

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJg1cun

St. Jude:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/jude.htm

All Saints' Novena:

piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html

BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the **Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail, Mary" related to the mystery being said.



Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to *Church of the Nativity*. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation.

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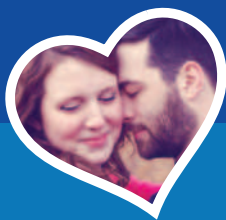
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OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

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)**
Starting **07 SEP 2025**

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

OCT'25 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR **OCT'25**
(topics subject to change)

- The Profession of the Christian Faith
- Symbols of Faith
- The Mystery of our Trinitarian God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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).

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Revealed to Saint Margaret Mary in the form of prayer

1. Heart of Jesus, give us **all the graces necessary** for our state of life. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
2. Heart of Jesus, grant **peace to our families**.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
3. Heart of Jesus, **console us** in all our sorrows.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
4. Heart of Jesus, be our **safe refuge** during life and especially at the hour of death. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
5. Heart of Jesus, **pour abundant blessings** on all our undertakings. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
6. Heart of Jesus, be for sinners the source and **infinite ocean of mercy**. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
7. Heart of Jesus, make **indifferent souls** fervent.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
8. Heart of Jesus, make **fervent souls** advance rapidly to perfection. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
9. Heart of Jesus, **bless the homes** in which the image of Your Sacred Heart is exposed and honored.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
10. Heart of Jesus, **give to priests the power** to touch the most hardened hearts. *You have promised it, O Jesus!*
11. Heart of Jesus, engrave on Your Heart forever the names of those who **propagate this devotion**.
You have promised it, O Jesus!
12. Heart of Jesus, give those who **receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months** the grace of final repentance, that they shall not die under Your displeasure, but strengthened by receiving the Sacraments, may Your Heart be their assured refuge at that last hour.
You have promised it, O Jesus!



DEVOTION TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/heart/meditation.htm

www.oblates.us/heart.htm

www.sacredheartdevotion.com

JOIN US: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since its inception, *40 Days for Life* has saved thousands of babies from brutal death and parents from endless regret. We need your help! Join our peaceful prayerful vigil:

24 SEP-02 NOV 2025, 07:00 AM-07:00 PM: one or more hours per week.

We will have a **rally** on **Sunday, 21 SEP 2025, 02:00-02:30 PM** for sign-ups and questions, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. More info: **Jessica** (scheduler) at **650/918-9119** (mobile) or email: themunns@yahoo.com

or sign up yourself: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

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