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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

He considered how to save his people from ruin, and fortified the city to withstand a siege.

Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Preserve me, O God, for in thee I take refuge.

Psalms 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11

SECOND READING

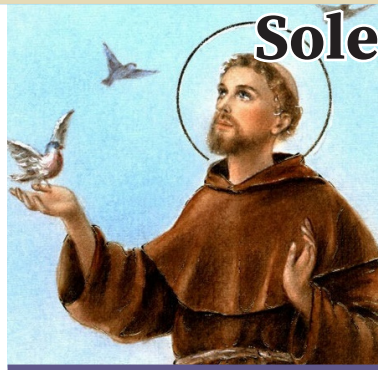
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren.

Galatians 6:14-18

GOSPEL

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:25-30



Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

04 October 2026

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 OCT-10 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Sigona and Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† John and Virginia Conway † Vaclav Havel
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Sandra Berkeley
	05:30 PM	Naomi Cantu Johnson William Dorman Holy Souls in Purgatory † Resa King † Sid Custodio
WED:	07:30 AM	Protection of the Unborn & Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	St. Joseph Darren King
THU:	07:30 AM	Amuri Valdez
	05:30 PM	† Maria Elena Nunez and Alma Nieto
FRI:	07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt and Ross Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† Dannie Jumaoas
SAT:	08:00 AM	J Ashley Nakamura Drbal Family (L&D) † E.P. Stallings † Susan Bravo-Durando † Susitina Mahoni

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
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)

04 OCT	[Sunday]	
	10:30 AM	Food and Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
05 OCT	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
06 OCT	[Tuesday]	
07 OCT	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	06:15 PM	OCIA in O'Hare
08 OCT	[Thursday]	
	11:00 AM	Funeral Mass
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF in O'Hare
09 OCT	[Friday]	
	08:00 AM	Altar Society
10 OCT	[Saturday]	
	11:00 AM	Wedding in Church



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 26-27 SEP
FIGURES UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION	
ADA Progress:	\$55,630
2024 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

05 OCT (Monday):

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, (1905-1938)

Saint Faustina's spiritual life was based on deep humility, purity of intention, and loving obedience to the will of God in imitation of the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She kept a diary of over 600 pages containing the revelations she received about God's mercy.

06 OCT (Tuesday):

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

Presided over the cathedral school at Rheims from 1057 to 1075. Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in 1084 and with the help of **Saint Hugh of Grenoble**, he founded what became the first house of the *Carthusian Order*; he and his brothers supported themselves as manuscript copyists. Assistant to **Pope Urban II** (Bruno's former student) in 1090, and supported the pope's efforts at reform.

07 OCT (Wednesday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Pope St. Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. **Clement XI** extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716.



FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Tuesday, 13 OCT 2026**, we will conclude our **2026 Fatima Celebrations**. It will include Holy Mass (at **07:00 PM**), Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. This will be the final Fatima celebration for this year. Please join us as we pray especially for the intercession of the Blessed Mother in these difficult times.

For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

Sponsored by Nativity Legion 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, (11 OCT 2026: The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a *High Mass*.



WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

Why Read Fiction? Stories to Awaken the Heart

All women are invited to an evening with Colleen Hutt, Director of Literary Evangelization for Well-Read Mom, on **October 16th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the O'Hare Center**. Well-Read Mom is an organization that accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations. Whether you're a longtime reader or simply longing for deeper connection and meaning, come be inspired by how fiction awakens our humanity—and how you can be a part of this growing movement of readers. Please register for the event using the QR code.

The Book Club began meeting at Nativity on September 13th. Moms & non-biological moms are welcome to join.

CONTACT: Meredith Berry, meredith.watson@gmail.com



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



FAMILY RECONCILIATION & RECREATION (R&R)

Join us for our next Family Ministry event: Reconciliation and Recreation (R&R)! Fr. Mark Doherty will be available for Confession for adults and older kids. We will also have light refreshments and activities for kids of all ages. All families are welcome! The event will take place on Saturday, **September 26, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. at the O'Hare Center**.

Please email nativitychurchfamilyministry@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or the Nativity Family Ministry.

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):

Wednesday: 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

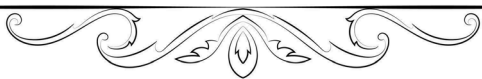
TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

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.



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**
- Christian Prayer
- FOR SEPTEMBER:**
- Knowing and Desiring God
 - Revelation and Faith
 - Introduction to the Bible

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).

PARISH UPDATE ON ADSF CHAPTER 11

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has released updated information regarding the proposed \$395 million Chapter 11 settlement for survivors of sexual abuse. A formal press release and a detailed FAQ have been published to help the faithful better understand the current situation and the steps ahead, and can be viewed on the parish website at <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/parish-update-on-archdiocese-s-chapter-11-proposed-settlement>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REPORT

Dear parishoners, we are pleased to provide you with information about the activities of the Nativity St Vincent de Paul Society in the first half of 2026.

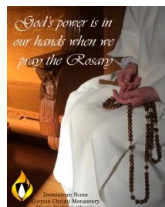
For the 6 months ended June 30, we received \$59,700 in donations from Brown Bag Sundays and other donations. We had total expenses of \$65,100. Most of our expenses were for grocery store gift cards, and we also had a small amount for rent assistance, as well as gifts to other agencies supported by St Vincent de Paul. Our administrative costs, primarily bank and money transfer fees, were just under \$400. We made 700 "house calls", delivering food and gift cards to over 500 people per month. We estimate that children represent more than half of the recipients of our assistance.

As we enter the second half of the year, we continue to be very busy. Rent requests, which of course are sizable in our area, and assistance with beds, are rising. In addition, we incurred costly repairs to our very actively-used freezer. Generous donations at the end of 2025 and in early 2026 provided us with reserves to cover the loss incurred in the first half of 2026. However, as of early August our bank balance was very low.

As always, we very much appreciate the opportunity to manifest your charity and concern for our neighbors. Please contact **Dan Winnike**, 650-714-4644, if you are interested in joining this team of committed, and deeply fulfilled, volunteers.

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 online at <https://www.opnunsmenlo.org> for \$3.25 apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

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 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

04 OCT (SUN) Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

05 OCT (MON)

06 OCT (TUE)

07 OCT (WED) Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

08 OCT (THU)

09 OCT (FRI)

10 OCT (SAT)

11 OCT (SUN)

12 OCT (MON)

13 OCT (TUE) FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

14 OCT (WED) SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

15 OCT (THU) THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

16 OCT (FRI) FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

Pope Saint John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

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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Contact Jose Altamirano

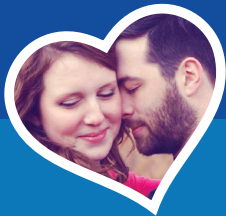
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DID YOU KNOW?

OCTOBER AND THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)**. This feast was instituted

to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

When we pray the Rosary, we are invited to meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Every time we pray the **Our Father** we are reminded that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. Praying the **Hail Mary** reminds us that we are joining with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. In addition, they help to make us aware that Mary was and is still intimately joined with her son, Jesus, in all the mysteries of earthly and heavenly existence.

- The **Joyful Mysteries** are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.
- The **Luminous Mysteries** bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.
- The **Sorrowful Mysteries** remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.
- The **Glorious Mysteries** tell us what happened after Jesus died: His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.

Praying the Rosary, whether alone, with friends, or as a family, is one of the strongest ways we have to draw near to our Blessed Mother. As Saint Louis de Montfort said, "Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus."

GUADALUPE HOPE SOCIETY ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEONS

Guadalupe Hope Society will be hosting two Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheons this fall:

- Friday, **September 11th at 11:30AM**, with Transitional Deacon Thien Bui of St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Friday, **October 9th at 11:30AM**, with Rev. Joseph Page, Parochial Vicar at St. Justin's Parish

Both Deacon Bui and Rev. Page will be praying the Rosary with us and sharing their faith in a talk.

You may register to attend either event: in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell, by emailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com, or by calling 408-447-5433 to reserve your seat at the Hall.

These are free events.



JOIN THE "RESPECT LIFE" ROSARY NOVENA

From **22-30 OCT 2026**, join thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death.

Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions to help build a culture of life, and more.

<https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

This Fall 2026 *PLEASE* take a stand for LIFE!

From September 23 – November 1 commit to one hour **weekly** at the

40 Days for Life peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil:

2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

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Schedule your Lenten commitment through Jessica:

phone/text 650-918-9119, or email themunns@yahoo.com

or schedule yourself online at:

www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

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