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# Church of the Nativity

## MASSSES

**Sundays** 08:00, 09:30 and 11:30 AM  
**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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Monica Hickam  
[mon.hickam@gmail.com](mailto:mon.hickam@gmail.com)



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

### FIRST READING

One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year."

*Genesis 18: 1-10*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

*Psalms 15*

### SECOND READING

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.

*Colossians 1: 24-28*

### GOSPEL

*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.*

*Luke 10: 38-42*



*Martha and Mary -- Harold Copping*

# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 20 JULY 2025

There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

*Luke 10: 42*

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 20 - 26 JUL

<b>SAT:</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN:</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Sara Clougherty
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Tucker Chapman; Delmy Martinez; Marion Miller; † Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>TUE:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Marie Gould
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	John and Elisa Schnur
<b>WED:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Isabel Russell
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Dan Spingola
<b>THU:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Herman Mamon
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Rose Marie Jacobberger
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Elizabeth Schnur
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Shelby Drazan
<b>SAT:</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Tiuke Mahoni; † Lucille Abondolo; † Pacita Yuson

*Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing*

<b>SUN</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>07:10 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Morning Rosary
<b>MON-FRI</b>	<b>05:10 PM</b>	Evening Prayer
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Nativity Family Rosary
<b>TUE</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>WED</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Novena to Saint Joseph
<b>THU</b>	<b>06:00 PM</b>	Perpetual Help Novena
<b>SAT</b>	<b>06:15 AM</b>	Men's Prayer Group
<b>SAT</b>	<b>07:40 AM</b>	Morning Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	<b>09:00 - 10:00 AM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>03:30 - 04:30 PM</b>	Confessions (parish priest)

<b>20 JUL</b>	(Sunday)	
	<b>09:30 AM</b>	Youth Bible Study
<b>21 JUL</b>	(Monday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>
	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Medjugorje Prayer Group
<b>22 JUL</b>	(Tuesday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>
<b>23 JUL</b>	(Wednesday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>
<b>24 JUL</b>	(Thursday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>
<b>25 JUL</b>	(Friday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>
<b>26 JUL</b>	(Saturday)	<b>Church Refurbishment</b>

### FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Wednesday, 13 AUG 2025**, we will hold our next **2025 Fatima Celebration**. It will include Holy Mass, Rosary Candlelight Procession, Benediction, and a talk on the apparitions. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. Mary taught the children about the gravity of sin, which merits temporal punishment, the reality of Grace by which we are given the vision of God, and the efficacy of the daily recitation of the Rosary to bring about world peace. Please join us in these celebrations. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506**.

Bringing animals inside the Church during Mass is not allowed, unless they have a proper service certification



### Parish Office Hours

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



### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 05-06 JUL JUN
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,529</b>
<b>ADA Progress:</b>	<b>\$38,038</b>
<b>2025 ADA Goal:</b>	<b>\$156,819</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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**22 JUL (Tuesday):**

## 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.

**23 JUL (Wednesday):**

## SAINT BRIGIDA OF SWEDEN, Religious (1302-1373)

Daughter of the governor of Uppland and descended from the royal house of Sweden, Bridget began receiving visions, most of the Crucifixion, at age 7. She wed **Prince Ulfo** of Nercia at age 13 and raised 8 children, including **Saint Catherine of Sweden**. She pursued a religious life after her husband's death in **1344**, and founded the *Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines)*. She was a counselor to kings, queens, and popes, and encouraged everyone to meditate on the Passion, and of Jesus Crucified.



**25 JUL (Friday):**

## SAINT JAMES ("THE GREATER"), Apostle

**James** and his younger brother, **John**, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen of Galilee when called by Jesus to follow Him. James was present at most of the miracles performed by Christ, and the two brothers, along with Peter, were the only disciples to witness the Transfiguration. James, the first apostle to be martyred, was put to death by Herod around the year **42**.



**26 JUL (Saturday):**

## SAINTS ANN AND JOACHIM, Parents of Mary

We know nothing about Mary's parents except what we can infer from Mary's own life -- she was devout, generous, able to recognize God when He called, and courageous enough to accept God's call without knowing where it would lead. She must have had exceptional parents. They are mentioned in the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James*, which speaks of the life of Mary and her elderly, well-to-do parents, Joachim and Anna.



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### 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](mailto: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**.

### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the **09:30 AM** Mass each week! 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](mailto:liz.palla@gmail.com).



### 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](http://couragec.org) or our local website, [www.sfarchdiocese.org/courage](http://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/](http://www.everlastinghills.org/movie/). For those wishing to support people who are struggling with same-sex attraction you can go to [www.monicacross.com](http://www.monicacross.com).

### SVdP Volunteering

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area, please call **Dan Winnike** at **650/714-4644**.

### 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, 08:00 PM**

**Saturday: 09:00 AM, 11:00 AM**

Call **Mary Ellen Peloso** (650/269-7794) to sign up.

### 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.



*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**
- **Bruce Stanley Dieringer**, son of **Thomas Dieringer** and **Danielle Silveira**
  - **Jophiel Ann George**, daughter of **Lijo Philipose Varghese** and **Thulasee Jose**

## MARRIAGES

## PARISHIONERS

## DEATHS

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to enrich you spiritually. Training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at [nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com](mailto:nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com)

## LOST AND FOUND

**FOUND:** • a pink purse (over the **28-29 JUN** weekend)  
Call 650/323-7914.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference.

**WHAT:** This conference is presented by the *St. John Paul II Foundation* and the *Archdiocese of San Francisco*

**WHERE:** **Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Belmont, CA

**WHEN:** **Saturday, 27 SEP 2025**  
**(10:45 AM-06:00 PM)**

**CONTACT:** For more info, visit  
[togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco](http://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco) or  
email [jessie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:jessie@forlifeandfamily.org)

**MORE DETAILS:** Registration: **\$64/couple** and **\$5/child** for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through **11 AUG 2025**, as well as scholarships upon request.

## DESCRIPTION:

This one-day conference will include inspiring keynote presentations from **Renzo and Monica Ortega**, **Rev. Jerome A. Magat** on the theme of *Marriage, an Icon of God's Love*, as well as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and vigil Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Cordileone**. It will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family.

## DISCOVER THE JOY OF SINGING THE CHURCH'S SACRED MUSIC!

The **Catholic Institute of Sacred Music** presents *Chant Camp*, a day camp for singers ages 8-17, held **04-08 AUG 2025**, at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. This day camp offers engaging rehearsals, games, catechesis, prayer, and meals, fostering faith and fellowship through sacred music. Open to all skill levels, it includes optional afternoon sessions on pipe organ, music theory, and composition, led by **Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka** and **Prof. Christopher Berry**. Discounts available for multiple children from the same family. More info and registration at [catholicinstituteofsacredmusic.org](http://catholicinstituteofsacredmusic.org).



## WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

The Women's Catholic Scripture Study invites you to join us for the **2025-2026** study, *Sing a New Psalm: Communicating with God Through the Prayers of the Church, Vol. II: Vigils, Day Prayer & Compline*. We meet at **St. Mark Catholic Church**, Belmont, on **Thursdays, 11 SEP 2025-07 MAY 2026** (with holiday breaks), **09:45 AM-12:00 PM**.

For more information, go to [www.TurningtoGodsWord.com](http://www.TurningtoGodsWord.com), look under "TtGW Studies," scroll down to "Old Testament Studies," scroll across to "Sing a New Psalm II," and click.

To register, please contact **Martha Rubio** at **650/743-0949** or [msr.rubio@gmail.com](mailto:msr.rubio@gmail.com).



**Livestreaming of the  
Nativity Sunday Mass  
is now at 11:30 AM**

## PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

This course is based on the Method of **St. Louis de Montfort** as described in his book *True Devotion to Mary*.

*"Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus"* -- **St. Louis de Montfort**

**WHAT:** A 33-week course of study in preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

**WHERE:** **O'Hare Center (Guadalupe Room)**

**WHEN:** **every Wednesday**,  
beginning **30 JUL 2025**, for **33 weeks**  
**(07:30-09:00 PM)**

**CONTACT:** For more info, visit [bondsofmarianlove.net](http://bondsofmarianlove.net)  
**Mauricio Montezuma (860/751-2203)**

**MORE DETAILS:** Sponsored by the *Missionaries of Bonds of Marian Love*

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

**Intention:** *For Formation in Discernment*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

#### 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](http://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.

#### 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).

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

**20 JUL (SUN)**

**21 JUL (MON)**

**22 JUL (TUE)** FIRST Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

**23 JUL (WED)** SECOND Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

**24 JUL (THU)** THIRD Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

**25 JUL (FRI)** FOURTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola

**26 JUL (SAT)** FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
FIRST Day: St. John Vianney

**27 JUL (SUN)** SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
SECOND Day: St. John Vianney

**28 JUL (MON)** SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
THIRD Day: St. John Vianney

**29 JUL (TUE)** EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney

**30 JUL (WED)** NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney

**31 JUL (THU)** Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola  
SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney

**01 AUG (FRI)** SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney

**02 AUG (SAT)** EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney  
FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi

#### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:**

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf>

**Novena to Saint John Vianney:**

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

**Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:**

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/po4336.htm>

#### THE FLYING NOVENA

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

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Ever since **Saint Dominic** established the devotion to the **Holy Rosary**, up until the time that **Blessed Alan de la Roche** re-established it in **1460**, it had always been called the *Psalter of Jesus and Mary*. This is because it has the same number of Angelic Salutations as there are psalms in the Book of the Psalms of David. Ever since **Blessed Alan de la Roche** re-established this devotion, the voice of the people, which is the voice of God, have called it the **Rosary**. The word **Rosary** means "*Crown of Roses*".

~ *The Secret of the Rosary*,  
**Saint Louis Marie de Montfort**

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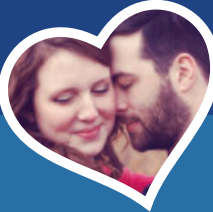


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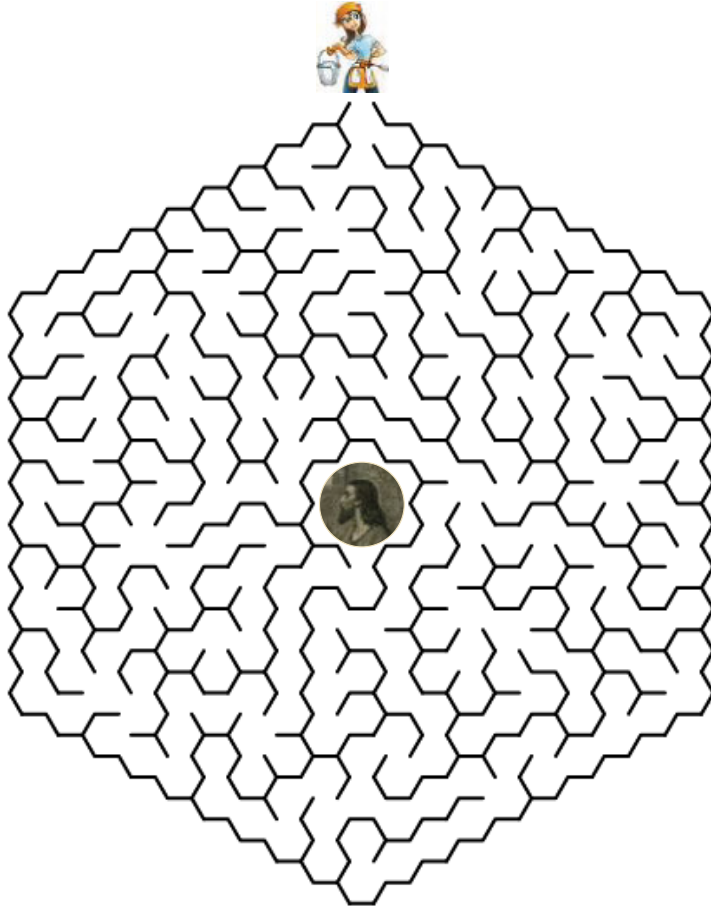


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SARAH  
ABRAHAM  
BLAMELESSLY

REPROBATE  
HONOR  
INNOCENT  
REJOICE  
SUFFERINGS  
MINISTER  
JESUS  
MARTHA  
MARY

GENERATIONS  
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LISTEN  
TEACHING  
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NEEDFUL

## DID YOU KNOW?

Today's first reading ends with the verse "And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him." In the very next verses (GEN 18: 11-12) we read "Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So **Sarah laughed to herself** as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" The promise was fulfilled, and their son (as we know) was **Isaac**. The word "Isaac" in Hebrew means "laughter". God loves it when we laugh!

hee hee ...  
yeah, right.

