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# Church of the Nativity

## MASSSES

**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** 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. Noreen Browning  
[nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com)



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

**FIRST READING**

Never will I forget a thing they have done!  
*Amos 8: 4-7*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

He raises up the lowly from the dust ... to  
 seat them with princes.  
*Psalms 113*

**SECOND READING**

There is also one mediator between God  
 and men.  
*1 Timothy 2: 1-8*

**GOSPEL**

If you are not trustworthy with what be-  
 longs to another, who will give you what  
 is yours?  
*Luke 16: 1-13*



# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

The person who is trustworthy in very small  
 matters is also trustworthy in great ones.

*Luke 16: 10*

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 21 - 27 SEP

<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>	† Maria Angelica Corrales
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† James Hannay; † Edna Heyeck; † Evelyn Otellini; † Gloria Ocampo Reyes
<b>TUE:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Juan Pablo Montezuma
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Lidia and Marco Roman
<b>WED:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Frank Zele
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Jean Adams
<b>THU:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Tena Carrell
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Angela Grennan
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Giacomo Festa
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Francesca Cipriani
<b>SAT:</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Most Rev. John R. Gaydos; † Nick Gaerlan; † Harley Hickman; † Greg Knox; † Ray Sabatelli

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



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 for a paper form



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 hotline at 415/614-5506.

<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>21 SEP</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	<b>09:15 AM</b>	OCIA and Faith Formation
<b>22 SEP</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Legion of Mary
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Concert Practice
<b>23 SEP</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
<b>24 SEP</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
	<b>07:00 PM</b>	Confirmation Preparation
	<b>07:30 PM</b>	Consecration to the BVM
<b>25 SEP</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Senior Thursday Group
	<b>06:30 PM</b>	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
<b>26 SEP</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Bonds of Marian Love Meeting
<b>27 SEP</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF 30-31 AUG
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$11,239</b>
<b>Archdiocese for the Military:</b>	<b>\$2,983</b>
<b>ADA Progress:</b>	<b>\$40,238</b>
<b>2025 ADA Goal:</b>	<b>\$156,819</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

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**22 SEP (Thursday):**

**FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN**



**26 SEP (Monday):**

**SAINT COSMAS and SAINT DAMIAN, (d. ~303)**

These twin brothers were Syrian-trained doctors. The brothers accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought



many to Christ. They were reported to have miraculously replaced the ulcerated leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, they were tortured (without suffering injury) and martyred by beheading.

**23 SEP (Friday):**

**SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA, Priest (1887-1968)**

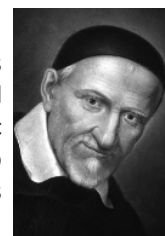
A Capuchin priest, Padre Pio spent 50 years at the monastery of San Stefano Rotundo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He was known to pray the Rosary almost continuously throughout the day, and he bore the stigmata.



**27 SEP (Tuesday):**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, Priest (1580-1660)**

Like his fellow saint, **Francis de Sales**, who was his friend and contemporary, **Vincent de Paul** performed an invaluable service to the Catholic Church in a period of confusion and laxness. To the Biblical injunction, "Thou art thy brother's keeper," he gave new practical meaning.



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 13 OCT 2025**, we will hold our final **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**.

### 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](mailto:admissions@nativityschool.com) or **650/325-7304 x205**.

### 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 PM**

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

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This **Sunday, 21 SEP 2025**, there will be a second collection for the *Priests' Retirement Fund*. At age 70, retired priests begin receiving a monthly pension, which they use for basic needs such as food, housing, and transportation. The Priests' Retirement Fund also provides retired priests with health insurance and extended care expenses, if needed. It makes a huge difference in the lives of priests who have served us over the years. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.



**Livestreaming of the  
Nativity Sunday Mass  
is now at 11:00 AM**

### MAKING DISCIPLES INSTITUTE

Whether you're new or have been doing catechumenate ministry for years, you're sure to come away from this training event on OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) with more confidence and joy for accompanying seekers to Christ. Come learn to build your team.

**WHAT:** Two-day conference for OCIA training

**WHERE:** **Saint Cecilia Parish Hall** (under church)  
2555 17th Street, San Francisco

**WHEN:** **Friday and Saturday, 03-04 OCT 2025**

**Friday: 05:30-08:30 PM**, plus light dinner  
**Saturday: 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**, plus lunch

**CONTACT:** Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, **415/614-5652**  
[arbucklec@sfnarch.org](mailto:arbucklec@sfnarch.org)

**MORE DETAILS:** \$50/person

*You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON 2025

15th Annual Priests Retirement Luncheon to support our retired Priests

**Friday, 03 OCT 2025**, St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco

**10:30 AM** Social Hour in the St. Francis Room.

**12:00 PM** Lunch

Includes music, appetizers, and a photo booth.

The Priests Retirement Luncheon is one of the highlights of the year and is integral to the Archdiocese's ability to care for our retired Priests. One of two priests honored at the Priest Retirement Luncheon this year is **our former pastor, Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini**. For information on the Luncheon and/or the Special Collection, please contact **Rose Marie Wong, 415/614-5517** or [wongr@sfarch.org](mailto:wongr@sfarch.org). To purchase tickets: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch/>.



### Parish Office Hours

**09:00 AM–04:00 PM (M–F)**

**closed 12:00–01:00 PM (lunch)**

## NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB EVENTS

This weekend is the 3rd Sunday of the month; the Men's Club 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!

**21 SEP 2025 • Breakfast**  
**Sunday (morning)**



## FALL BIBLE STUDY

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

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## 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.

## SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLMENT OPEN!

**Where:** Nativity School (Gr. 1-6) or Vallombrosa (Gr. 7+)

**Activities:** Sacramental Prep Classes; Sunday School.

**Contact:** Noreen Browning. **650/325-7304 x118**

[nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com)

**Description:** *Nativity School of Religion Welcomes You!* Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email [nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com) if you have any questions!

## CONFIRMATION PREP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE OPEN

**Where:** Confirmation Prep in the O'Hare Center and Sunday School at **Nativity School**

**Who:** All Catholic Students interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and preparing to receive one of the Sacraments of Initiation. All Students in grades 1-8 are welcome!

**More Details:** <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/school-of-religion>

**Description:** See the *School of Religion Welcome Packet* at the back of the church.

Please feel free to give **Noreen Browning** a call at **650/325-7304** or email [nbrowning@nativityschool.com](mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com) if you have any questions!

## SAINT FRANCIS CENTER: FALL FRIENDRAISER

We, the Saint Francis Center Auxiliary, invite you to attend a special event to share the mission and good works of our non-profit within the community. Please join us at our "Fall Friendraiser" to meet our Executive Director, Kate Young, and visit with Auxiliary members to explore opportunities for involvement, whether as a volunteer, supporter, or advocate.

**WHERE:** **Saint Denis Church**

2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park

**WHEN:** **Saturday, 04 OCT 2025**  
**(06:30-07:30 PM)**

**MORE DETAILS:** Appetizers and beverages provided.

### DESCRIPTION:

Are you familiar with The Saint Francis Center of Redwood City? The Center is located right in our community in North Fair Oaks at 151 Buckingham Avenue. They provide resources daily, offering clothing and food, a school, Holy Family School, and housing, as well as a community center for those living nearby. Saint Francis Center is also a place where you can donate clothing and food.

## NATIVITY CALENDAR: CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Many of our talented parishioners have beautiful high-resolution photos of our church, grounds, and parish life. We are in need of new photos for a special project. Will you share your talent with us? Past and recent photos appreciated! Please contact [merletnativity@gmail.com](mailto:merletnativity@gmail.com) for a link to upload. Thank you! Deadline is **01 OCT 2025**.

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

**Intention:** *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

## 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](mailto:liz.palla@gmail.com).

## 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

**21 SEP (SUN)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

**22 SEP (MON)** NINTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FIFTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIRST DAY: St. Terese

**23 SEP (TUE)** Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

SIXTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

SECOND DAY: St. Terese

**24 SEP (WED)** SEVENTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

THIRD DAY: St. Terese

**25 SEP (THU)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FOURTH DAY: St. Terese

FIRST DAY: St. Francis

**26 SEP (FRI)** NINTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIFTH DAY: St. Terese

SECOND DAY: St. Francis

**27 SEP (SAT)** Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul

SIXTH DAY: St. Terese

THIRD DAY: St. Francis

**28 SEP (SUN)** SEVENTH DAY: St. Terese

FOURTH DAY: St. Francis

**29 SEP (MON)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Terese

FIFTH DAY: St. Francis

**30 SEP (TUE)** NINTH DAY: St. Terese

SIXTH DAY: St. Francis

**01 OCT (WED)** Feast of Saint Terese

SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis

**02 OCT (THU)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis

**03 OCT (FRI)** NINTH DAY: St. Francis

**04 OCT (SAT)** Feast of Saint Francis

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/)

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

[www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm](http://www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm)

**St. Terese (Little Flower):**

[www.ewtn.com/terese/novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/terese/novena.htm)

**St. Francis of Assisi:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/)

### 2025 WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

A White Mass, so named for the traditional color of physicians' coats, is a way to pray for and honor all those who serve in the medical professions.

**WHERE:** St. Dunstan's parish  
1133 Broadway, Millbrae

**WHEN:** 03 OCT 2025, 06:00 PM

**CONTACT:** Valerie Schmalz, 415/614-5571  
[lifeanddignity@sarch.org](mailto:lifeanddignity@sarch.org)

**MORE DETAILS:** Join the *Archdiocese of San Francisco Human Life and Dignity Department* for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals are invited.



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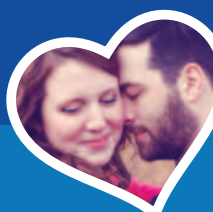


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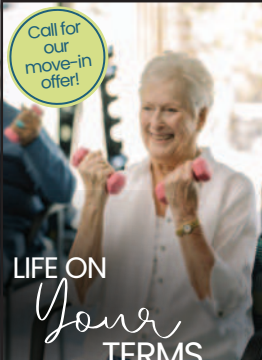
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Thinking about becoming Catholic? Have questions about our Catholic faith?

**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>  
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**SEP****THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR**  
(topics subject to change)**SEP**

- Man's Capacity for God
- God Comes to Meet Man
- Man's Response to God

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**Questions From the Annals of Catechism Classes:**

**"Why is that prayer we say at Mass every week called the 'Nicene Creed'?"**

Technically, it should probably be called the "**Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed**", since the version we recite today originated at the **Council of Nicaea** but was approved in amplified form during the **Council of Constantinople** in 381.

The **Council of Nicaea** was the very first ecumenical council ever called ("convoked"), in the year 325. The Emperor **Constantine** summoned the bishops to the city of Nicaea for a council to discuss something called the "**Arian Heresy**".

A priest by the name of **Arius**, influenced greatly by Greek philosophical thinking, had written a treatise stating that Jesus was the greatest of all men, but was not Himself truly God. In the Western Catholic Church the thoughts of **Arius** were not taken seriously, but in the East they were circulated by some influential rulers and began to cause major problems for the Catholic Church.

As early as 320, **St. Alexander**, the bishop of Alexandria, had called together a council of 100 bishops from Egypt and Libya to discuss what should be done about **Arius**.

The **Council of Nicaea** (which was opened and attended by the Emperor himself) heard testimony from many sources (including **Arius** himself). **Arius'** arguments were considered very seriously, and the bishops were very careful in their deliberations (although you can find out for yourself what **St. Nicholas** supposedly did to **Arius** during the council).

The council dealt with some other issues, too. These included a controversy over the proper date to celebrate Easter and a fallen-away sect called the **Meletians**. But the major outcome of the **Council of Nicaea** was the drafting of a "formula" - a statement of what we as Catholics believe, absolutely and without question:

*"We believe in God, the Father Almighty..."*

And what happened to **Arius**? Arius and his writings were branded as "**anathema**", his books were cast into a fire, and he was exiled to Illyria. "**Anathema Maranatha**" is a major form of excommunication, and is delivered with great solemnity by a formal ceremony, in which (among other things) the person so named is "**delivered...to Satan to mortify his body, that his soul may be saved on the day of judgment.**"

Very serious stuff, but also (per the **Catholic Encyclopedia**): The Church, animated by the spirit of God, does not wish the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live. This explains why the most severe and terrifying formulas of excommunication, containing all the rigors of the Maranatha have, as a rule, clauses like this: "**...unless he becomes repentant, or gives satisfaction, or is corrected.**"

**Arius** remained unrepentant until the day he died (his death was a gory, dramatic affair ... but that's another story.)

**OPEN HOUSE**

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at **Notre Dame High School** in Belmont! Shadow dates run from **16 SEP-17 NOV 2025**. 7th and 8th grade families are invited to Open House on **19 OCT 2025** and Notre Dame Night on **13 NOV 2025**.

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