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Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
05:00 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



FIRST READING

I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live.

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His Word I hope.

Psalms 130

SECOND READING

If Christ is in you ... your spirits are alive because of righteousness.

Romans 8: 8-11

GOSPEL

Even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You.

John 11: 1-45



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?

John 11: 26

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 22-28 MAR

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	† Sister Joyce Stemper
05:30 PM	† Joel Villa
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Donald Hayes
05:30 PM	† Denis Ryan
WED: 07:30 AM	† Rita Gould
05:30 PM	Jacob Corradetti Gendron
THU: 07:30 AM	† Marie Miyo Kitano
05:30 PM	Ida Salisbury; † Norberto and Socorro Ubaldo; † Josephine Sayer; † Carol Ann Egan
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Ned Gallagher
05:30 PM	† Minnie Perez
SAT: 08:00 AM	Benedicto Go Jr.; Fuainga Veamatahau; † Joe Personeni; † Scott Faley; † Frank Ashbeck

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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.



		PARISH OFFERINGS	
		WEEK OF 07-08 MAR	
TOTAL:		\$11,123	
ADA Progress:			
2026 ADA Goal:		\$152,365	

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)

22 MAR	(Sunday)	09:00 AM	OCIA Faith Formation
23 MAR	(Monday)	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
24 MAR	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM	Bible Study
		06:00 PM	Evangelization Class/ADSF
25 MAR	(Wednesday)	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
		07:30 PM	Total Consecration to Jesus
26 MAR	(Thursday)	12:00 PM	Thursday Senior Group
		07:00 PM	Nativity Women's Faith & Study
27 MAR	(Friday)	08:30 AM	<i>Lenten Friday</i> School Stations of the Cross
		06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
28 MAR	(Saturday)	09:00 AM	First Reconciliation
		11:00 AM	Confirmation Retreat (Vallombr.)



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

23 MAR (Monday):

SAINT TORIBIO DE MORGROVEJO (1538-1606)

Toribio was a noble, lawyer, and professor of law at Salamanca. He became the archbishop of Lima, Peru in 1579, and founded the first seminary in the Western Hemisphere.



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

25 MAR (Wednesday):

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY

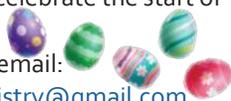
Join us for our next Family Ministry Event: an **Easter Egg Hunt!**

We will be holding the Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday, 05 APR 2026**, after the **09:30 AM** Mass. Easter egg bags will be provided and there will be prizes for the kids! Come celebrate the start of the Easter season!



For any questions, please email:

NativityChurchFamilyMinistry@gmail.com.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2026

This Lent 2026 please take a stand for life! From **18 FEB-29 MAR 2026** commit to one hour weekly at the **40 Days for Life** peaceful sidewalk prayer vigil, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

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

God will surely bless you for it ~ you will not be at the vigil alone ~ and you may save a life!

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Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)

closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)



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)

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

There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

MAR'26 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change) MAR'26

- The Fifth Commandment
- The Sixth and Ninth Commandments
- How to Go to Confession
- Preparation for the Triduum

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).

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

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"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

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: 11:00 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

CALL FOR SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

At the **12:30 PM** 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 **12:30 PM** Mass.



IN THE COMMUNITY

ATTENTION **MOTORISTS!**

A few people have reported to have been almost run over by speeding vehicles. Therefore, to add to another level of safety for our parishioners, Church of the Nativity have implemented the following:

	<p>Signage We have installed 5 MPH signs as a visual reminder to slow down. Please help us keep everyone safe as you drive on the Church of the Nativity property.</p>
	<p>Speed Bumps These are now being installed on the property in efforts to slow down drivers. They will be installed appropriately in places where it should serve as a gentle reminder that it is a church parking lot, and not a racetrack.</p>
	<p>Fire Lane The red fire lane provides access for emergency vehicles. Please never park or stop there.</p>
	<p>Blue Curb and Spaces These are reserved for those with disability placards.</p>

Thank you for keeping all our parishioners safe and providing easy access to our church.

FETAL ORGAN HARVESTING AT UCSF

Currently there are babies in the womb of their mothers that will be aborted and have their organs harvested even while still alive... without anesthesia! There is a campaign to end this program at University of California San Francisco. Please go to ethicalresearchnow.org to send a pre-composed e-letter to U.C. Board of Regents, U.C. President and U.C. Chancellor urging termination of this program.

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Effective on **Easter Sunday, 05 APR 2026**, the schedule of Sunday Masses will be changing. The **05:00 PM** traditional Latin Mass will be discontinued, and the **12:30 PM** Mass will be celebrated in the traditional Latin form. The new schedule for Sundays will be:

- **08:00 AM**
- **09:30 AM** (choristers)
- **11:00 AM** (folk choir)
- **12:30 PM** (traditional Latin Mass)



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.



SAVE THE DATE: PARISH-WIDE AUCTION

The **Nativity Parish Community**, collectively (church and school) warmly invites our church and school families to the **2026 Nativity Parish Community Auction** on **Saturday, 02 MAY 2026**.

Invitations for the Nativity Parish Community Auction will be available on **28 MAR 2026**. Plan to join the parish community for an evening for *Growing Faith, Growing Community* and *Growing Funds*, supporting our students and furthering the mission God has entrusted to Nativity.

For donations and sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Carol Hoy** at the Church of the Nativity office at **650/323-7914**.

REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



March 26, 2026
6:30 PM



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FROM THE HOLY SEE

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **March 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For Disarmament And Peace*

Let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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).

NEW!

CALENDAR OF NOVENAS

22 MAR (SUN)	SEVENTH Day: The Annunciation	
23 MAR (MON)	EIGHTH Day: The Annunciation	
24 MAR (TUE)	NINTH Day: The Annunciation	
25 MAR (WED)	Feast of The Annunciation	
26 MAR (THU)		
27 MAR (FRI)	<i>Lenten Friday</i>	
28 MAR (SAT)		
29 MAR (SUN)	PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY	
30 MAR (MON)	FIG MONDAY	
31 MAR (TUE)	GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY	
01 APR (WED)	SPY WEDNESDAY	
02 APR (THU)	HOLY THURSDAY	
03 APR (FRI)	GOOD FRIDAY FIRST Day: Divine Mercy	
04 APR (SAT)	HOLY SATURDAY SECOND Day: Divine Mercy	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

The Annunciation:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/Novena/annovena.htm

The Divine Mercy Novena:

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

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm



BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be emailed to the bulletin editors at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Deadline: **12:00 PM (noon) Friday** by email, for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin **9 days later**.

EXAMPLE: For inclusion in the **22 MAR 2026** bulletin, submit by **Friday, 13 MAR 2026** at noon.

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday seasons our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

Bulletin items for...	Submit by...
05 APR 2026 (Easter Sunday)	25 MAR 2026 (Wednesday)

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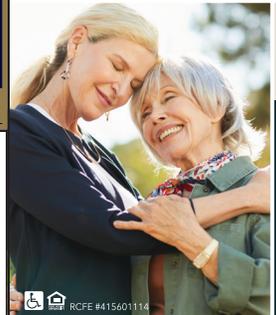
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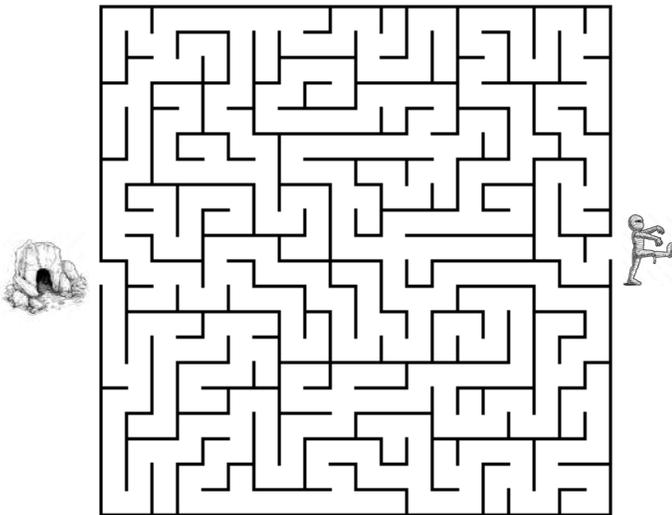


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DID YOU KNOW?

Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord. The word 'passion', in the Christian sense, does not mean an intense emotion; it refers to the historical events of Jesus' suffering and death. Although for several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday, after the Second Vatican Council this name was restored to the Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week, formerly called Palm Sunday. As a penitential season of the Church, Passiontide is even more ancient than Lent.

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NOTE: Some details may be subject to change.

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
02 APR	(Thursday) 06:00 PM (one Mass only)	Holy Thursday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass <i>Followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the O'Hare Center until midnight</i>
03 APR	(Friday) 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 02:00 PM 02:00 PM 07:00 PM	Good Friday Stations of the Cross Reflections <i>(Fr. Joshua Neu)</i> Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
04 APR	(Saturday) 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM 03:30 PM - 05:00 PM 08:00 PM	Holy Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mark Doherty) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Opus Dei Priest) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Mark Doherty) Sacrament of Reconciliation (Fr. Michael Thomas) Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
05 APR	(Sunday) 08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM	Easter Sunday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Traditional Latin Mass
06 APR	(Monday) 09:00 AM	Easter Monday Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)

LENTEN OFFERINGS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

Throughout Lent, the ICC will host programs to help you grow in faith during this season of repentance and preparation for the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Join us on this journey. To register, or for more information, please call **540/635-7155** or visit InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/Lent.



A Time of Renewal

Daily (Ash Wednesday - Easter Sunday)

Daily reflections for the Lenten season. (*Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters*)

Keeping Vigil

Monday, 23 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

Learning to live and pray with the dying. (*Very Rev. Stephen Freeman*)

Mystical Supper

Palm Sunday, 29 MAR 2026, 08:00 PM ET

A Biblical study of Holy Thursday. (*Jared Staudt, Ph.D.*)