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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

(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

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Rev. Bruce Hoefer

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning

nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

When he opens, no one shall shut; when he shuts, no one shall open.

Isaiah 22: 19-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In the presence of the angels I will sing Your praise.

Psalms 138

SECOND READING

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

Romans 11: 33-36

GOSPEL

He said to them, "But Who do you say that I am?"

Matthew 16: 13-20



The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2026

I will give you the keys
to the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16:18-19

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 22 AUG-30 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	Kosema Mahoni Jose Alfredo & Bertha Luz Martinez † Richard Runkel † Matthew Parn
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Jackie Minchuk
	05:30 PM	† John Long
WED:	07:30 AM	† Anthony William Zele
	05:30 PM	Helen Lee
THU:	07:30 AM	Sigona & Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† Ernesto V. Verbo Jr.
FRI:	07:30 AM	Carolyn Go
	05:30 PM	Ann Jumaoas
SAT:	08:00 AM	Jury Joves Helen and Thelma Lee Sergio Vazquez † Daniel Oliver † Jose Luis Zamora & Alfredo Orozco

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	06:00 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)

23 AUG	[Sunday]	
	08:00 AM	Pancake Social Breakfast
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
24 AUG	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
25 AUG	[Tuesday]	
26 AUG	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
27 AUG	[Thursday]	
28 AUG	[Friday]	
29 AUG	[Saturday]	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group in O'Hare
	11:00 AM	Wedding in Church

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**.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 08-09 AUG	WEEK OF 15-16 AUG
TOTAL:	Unavailable	Unavailable
ADA Progress:	\$17,720	\$17,720
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

25 AUG (Friday):

SAINT LOUIS IX of FRANCE, King and Patron (1226-1270)

Louis was devoted to his people and saw his kingly duties in light of his faith. He is the patron of the Third Order of the Franciscans.

28 AUG (Monday):

SAINT AUGUSTINE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (354-430)

Augustine was brought up in the Christian faith but did not receive baptism. An ambitious schoolboy of brilliant talents and violent passions, he early lost both his faith and his innocence. He persisted in his irregular life and doctrinal errors until he was 32. Then one day, stung to the heart by the account of some sudden conversions, he cried out, "The unlearned rise and storm heaven, and we, with all our learning, for lack of courage lie inert!" His mother, St. Monica, had been praying unceasingly for 18 years for Augustine's return to the faith. Augustine's *Confessions* are a triumph to read.



29 AUG (Tuesday):

THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. The Church specially honors John by celebrating the feasts of both his martyrdom and birth.

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 14 SEPT 2026**, we will celebrate our **2026 Fatima Celebrations**. It will include Holy Mass (at **07:00 PM**), Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. 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**.

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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, (30 AUG 2026: The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a *Missa Cantata*.



CALL FOR SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

At the **11:00 AM** 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 **11:00 AM** Mass.



BROWN BAG SUNDAY

On **29-30 AUG 2026**, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the *St. Vincent de Paul Society*

will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations. There will be a QR code for electronic donations on the placards held by volunteers. If it is more convenient to write a check in advance and drop it in the bags, or to send a check to the parish office, please make it out to **Nativity Conference St. Vincent de Paul Society**. You can also donate through the parish's portal at <https://osvhub.com/nativitymenlo/giving/funds> will also find a tab there for online donations to our St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you very much for your generosity.



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.



NATIVITY MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST SOCIAL

On Sunday, August 23rd, the Nativity Men's Club will be serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange juice and mimosas after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses. There is no charge, but donations are always greatly appreciated. Bring friends and family, enjoy a delicious breakfast meal and spend time connecting with fellow parishioners. It's a simple, tasty way to grow together as one parish family.



IN THE COMMUNITY

CHORISTER PROGRAM

Discover the joy of singing the Church's sacred music!

Ages: 5-17 (New for ages 5-7)

Begins: August 25, 2026

Location: St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park

Instructors: Prof. Christopher Berry
& Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka

For more information or to register, please scan the QR code to the right.



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).

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? All are welcome! We will 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**.

WHAT: The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: **Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm**
Start of classes: **AUG 26, 2026**
Class topics: **Fall 2026**

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

There will be OCIA brochures in the back of the Church soon. Classes are open to OCIA students, parishioners and friends of Nativity.

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>



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.



WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Women's Catholic Scripture Study invites women from parishes throughout the Bay Area to join us for our new study of the Gospel According to Mark. We meet at **St. Mark Church (325 Marine View Drive, Belmont)** on **Thursday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon, September 17, 2026, through May 13, 2027** (with holiday breaks). To learn more, visit www.TurningtoGodsWord.com, click "Study the Bible" in the top menu, then scroll to "TtGW Study Groups," select "California Groups," and click. To register, contact **Tami Palladino** at tami@theprayerpage.net or (650) 235-6974. Old Bible? New Bible? No Bible? You're welcome here!

THURSDAY SENIOR GROUP: SUMMER BREAK

The **Thursday Senior Group** will be on a summer break throughout July and August. Gatherings will resume on **Thursday, 10 SEP 2026**, following the Labor Day holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at that time. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and refreshing summer season; see you in the Fall!



FROM THE HOLY SEE

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

Intention: *For Evangelization In The City*

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

23 AUG (SUN)	SIXTH DAY: St. Monica FIFTH DAY: St. Augustine
24 AUG (MON)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine
25 AUG (TUE)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine
26 AUG (WED)	NINTH DAY: St. Monica EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine
27 AUG (THU)	Feast of Saint Monica NINTH DAY: St. Augustine
28 AUG (FRI)	Feast of Saint Augustine

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saint Monica:

www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm

Novena to Saint Augustine:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-augustine-novena/

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

---Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

www.theholynosary.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

www.savior.org/wwwrc/

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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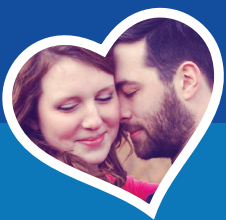
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**LIVES OF THE SAINTS: Saint Monica**

Born: 333 Died: 387

Feast Day: August 27th

What She Said*"Nothing is far from God."***What the World was Like**

Just before Monica's birth, the first Christian emperor, Constantine, called the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) to settle the controversy over the nature of the Blessed Trinity. This council proclaimed the nature of the Blessed Trinity -- one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In A.D. 381, a few years before Monica's death, the Council of Constantinople affirmed the work of the Council of Nicaea and added a longer section on the Holy Spirit. The creed they proclaimed was then known as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, and is the creed we proclaim at the Eucharist today. Today we call this creed "the Nicene Creed."

During Monica's lifetime, paganism was still widespread, and Christians were in the minority. Near the end of her life, the Huns invaded Europe. Eventually, these "barbarians" would reach Rome itself, in A.D. 410. The fall of Rome to these invaders inspired Monica's famous son, **Saint Augustine**, Bishop of Hippo, to write his book titled **The City of God**, a theological and philosophical work about God's action in the world.

Who She Was

Saint Monica was born in A.D. 333, into a middle-class Christian family. She was born in Thagaste, North Africa, in what is now Algeria. As a young woman, she was given in marriage to an older pagan man named Patricius. He had an uncontrolled temper and mistreated Monica. Monica depended on her faith to keep her strong and calm. In time, both Monica's husband and her mother-in-law were converted to the Christian faith. She had at least three children (two sons and one daughter). Her most well-known child is **Augustine**. As a young man, Augustine was a talented scholar. He resisted the Sacrament of Baptism and chose to follow Manichaeism, a quasi-Christian philosophy that believed the world was the creation of the powers of evil, not of God. Monica, however, never stopped praying for his conversion to the truth of Catholicism. After years of his mother's prayers, Saint Augustine responded to the grace of God and was baptized as a Christian by his friend and mentor, Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan, Italy. Soon after her son's Baptism, Monica died. Her greatest hope was fulfilled.

What She Means to Us Today

Saint Monica never gave up. She truly lived the words of Jesus -- to *pray always and never lose heart*.

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Did you know that the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

