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# Church of the Nativity

## MASSES

**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

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

**FIRST READING**

They shall proclaim My glory among the nations.

*Isaiah 66: 18-21*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The fidelity of the Lord endures forever.

*Psalms 117*

**SECOND READING**

Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines.

*Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13*

**GOSPEL**

*For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.*

*Luke 13: 22-30*



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 24 AUGUST 2025

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many... will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

*Luke 13: 24*

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 24 - 30 AUG

<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 del Socorro Rusca
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ivica Milicevic
<b>TUE:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Anthony Zele
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Timothy Durando
<b>WED:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Anton John Logronio
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Ernesto V. Jr., Ernest Josef and Joan Gabriel Verbo
<b>THU:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Swede Lenz
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Coleen Rita Deck
<b>FRI:</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Jury Joves
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	Sharon Dubanowich; Helen Lee; † Mary Giardina † Lourdes Ribeiro de Souza
<b>SAT:</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Nativity parishioners and donors; Protection of the unborn; † Giacomo Festa; † Holy Souls in Purgatory

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<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)

**24 AUG** (Sunday)

**25 AUG** (Monday)

**08:00 AM** Legion of Mary  
**07:00 PM** Medjugorje Prayer Group

**26 AUG** (Tuesday)

**27 AUG** (Wednesday)

**07:30 PM** Consecration to the BVM

**28 AUG** (Thursday)

**06:30 PM** Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group

**29 AUG** (Friday)

**30 AUG** (Saturday)

**Parish Office Hours**

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

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF 09-10 AUG
<b>FIGURES</b>	<b>UNAVAILABLE</b>
<b>AT TIME</b>	<b>OF PUBLICATION</b>
<b>ADA Progress:</b>	<b>\$39,138</b>
<b>2025 ADA Goal:</b>	<b>\$156,819</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## 27 AUG (Wednesday):

### SAINT MONICA, (322-387)

A Christian from birth, she was given in marriage to a bad-tempered, adulterous pagan named Patricius. She prayed constantly for the conversion of her husband (who converted on his death bed), and of her son, **St. Augustine** (who converted after a wild life and 18 years of his mother's prayers, to become not only a bishop but a *Doctor of the Church*).



## 29 AUG (Friday):

### 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.

## 28 AUG (Thursday):

### 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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Besides the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, **John the Baptist** is the only saint to have two feast days celebrated on the liturgical calendar: both the day of his birth and of his death.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend *Hands Together* mission appeal takes part in the *Missionary Cooperation Plan* at parishes across the country. Hands Together coordinates and conducts appeals on behalf of projects and ministries in Gonaives and Cap Haitien, Haiti, as well as HT's ministry in Port-au-Prince. All of the funds raised go directly to the work of helping the poor through feeding programs, health/medical care, education, maintenance/repair of structures, and reaching the poor with the love of Christ in the ministry designated for the appeal.

The Missionary Cooperative Plan assigns a mission group to every parish to speak about the work of our church in other parts of the world and to remind us that our church is fundamentally a Mission Church.

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.

## 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.

## BULLETIN NEWS

### REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be emailed to the bulletin editors at [nativity.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:nativity.bulletin@gmail.com).

### EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

Bulletin items for...	Submit by...
07 SEP 2025	27 AUG 2025 (WED)



## BROWN BAG SUNDAY

Next weekend is the **fifth Sunday** of the month and the SVdP "Brown Bag" collection. We hope you can help with the increasing need for aid from our neighbors. The Nativity Parish **St Vincent de Paul Society** is a wonderful embodiment of the charitable intentions of our parish, and your support is put to very good use in service of folks in need. The basic elements of support that we provide are *Second Harvest* food and grocery store gift cards, as well as rental assistance. *Second Harvest* is coping with rising food costs and reduced donations, resulting in more limited food available from them. We now need additional financial support to continue to provide grocery gift cards to support our neighbors at the level we established earlier this year. We humbly ask that you consider continuing to support this parish mission. Volunteers will be outside the church to receive donations, and donations can also be made via the QR Code, or left at the parish office during business hours. Thank you!



*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** • Sophie Kathleen Hage, daughter of Pierre Hage and Kathleen Palla

**MARRIAGES** • Douglas Michael Kurtz and Leah Grace Callahan

## ATTENTION, PRAYER WARRIORS!

**San Mateo Pro-Life** members are currently protesting Planned Parenthood in RWC, **Mon-Fri 08:30-11:30 AM**. The more people who physically show up to pray, the more graces God gives to save babies! It has also been proven that many abortion-bound women cancel their appointments when people are praying on the sidewalk.

Consider joining us, **God will bless you!** Let's see the closure of this last bastion of death in the Peninsula.

We need a Spanish-speaking counselor as well

*"Deliver them that are led to death; and those that are drawn to death forbear not to deliver."* ~ Proverbs 24.11

For questions, email **Erika Hathaway** ([erikashathaway@gmail.com](mailto:erikashathaway@gmail.com))

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**, a **new Mass schedule** will be inaugurated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays will be celebrated at:

**08:00 AM    09:30 AM    11:00 AM    12:30 PM**

The **Folk Choir** will shift to the new **12:30 PM** Mass. A **vocal quartet** will begin singing at the **09:30** and **11:00 AM** Masses, possibly as soon as **07 SEP 2025**. The **Choristers** (children's choir) will eventually slot into the **09:30 AM** Mass. Note, however, that it will take time to form the Chorister program. Presently, we anticipate the **Choristers** making their Nativity debut on the **4th Sunday of Advent**.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the members of the **Folk Choir** for their outstanding contribution to our worship at the **09:30 AM** Mass over many decades, and my deepest appreciation for their gracious willingness to move to a new slot (**12:30 PM**).

Additionally, it is likely that we will restore a Sunday evening – **05:00 PM** – Mass starting on the **1st Sunday of Advent**. Planning is still ongoing, and details remain fluid. I will update you in due course.

*Very Rev. Mark Doherty*

# 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](https://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.

## OUR LADY'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISING GALA

Our Lady's Ministry is hosting its Annual Fundraiser Gala, with special guests **Archbishop Salvador Piñeiro** and **Monsignor Inca Pereda**, whose dioceses in Peru we serve and who are cherished colleagues of **Pope Leo XIV**.

Music will be provided by renowned harpist **Anna Maria Mendieta**.

**WHAT:** Gala and fundraiser for the work of *Our Lady's Ministry*

**WHERE:** **SDES Hall**, 30846 Watkins St, Union City

**WHEN:** **Saturday, 06 SEP 2025**  
**04:30 PM** - Reception and Silent Auction  
**06:00 PM** - Dinner and Speakers

**CONTACT:** For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.olmgala.com](http://www.olmgala.com)

**MORE DETAILS:** Priests and Religious receive **free admission** (email [rsvp@olmgala.com](mailto:rsvp@olmgala.com)).

Our Lady's Ministry is a 501c3 which brings financial relief and God's love to the poorest of the poor around the world, at the invitation of Bishops, Priests, and Religious.

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

**Intention:** *For Mutual Coexistence*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

## 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

**24 AUG (SUN)** SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica  
SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine

**25 AUG (MON)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica  
SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine

**26 AUG (TUE)** NINTH DAY: St. Monica  
EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine

**27 AUG (WED)** Feast of Saint Monica  
NINTH DAY: St. Augustine

**28 AUG (THU)** Feast of Saint Augustine

**29 AUG (FRI)**

**30 AUG (SAT)** FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM

**31 AUG (SUN)** SEVENTH DAY: St. Monica  
SIXTH DAY: St. Augustine

**01 SEP (MON)** EIGHTH DAY: St. Monica  
SEVENTH DAY: St. Augustine

**02 SEP (TUE)** NINTH DAY: St. Monica  
EIGHTH DAY: St. Augustine

**03 SEP (WED)** Feast of Saint Monica  
NINTH DAY: St. Augustine

**04 SEP (THU)** Feast of Saint Augustine

**05 SEP (FRI)**

**06 SEP (SAT)** FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM

## FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

**Novena to Saint Monica:**

[www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm](http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english3/p02253.htm)

**Novena to Saint Augustine:**

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

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

[www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm](http://www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.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.

### 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. All are welcome to participate. Light reception follows the Mass.

**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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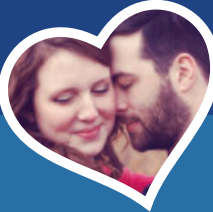


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## TEN SCRIPTURE VERSES FOR STUDENTS

As you and your friends prepare to return to school this fall, we invite you to reflect on these verses of encouragement, and pray that they lighten your heart and uplift your spirit.

### Learning Is a Blessing

"For the Lord gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has success in store for the upright, is the shield of those who walk honestly." — **Proverbs 2:5-7**

"How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is preferable to silver." — **Proverbs 16:16**

### The Call to Excellence

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." — **Colossians 3:17**

"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom."

— **James 3:13**

### Bring Your Prayer and Praises to God

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it."

— **James 1:5**

"My strength and my refuge is the Lord, and He has become my savior. This is my God, I praise Him; the God of my father, I extol Him." — **Exodus 15:2**

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened... If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask Him?" —

— **Matthew 7:7-8, 11**

### God Gives Students Endurance

"He gives power to the faint, abundant strength to the weak. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint."

— **Isaiah 40:29-31**

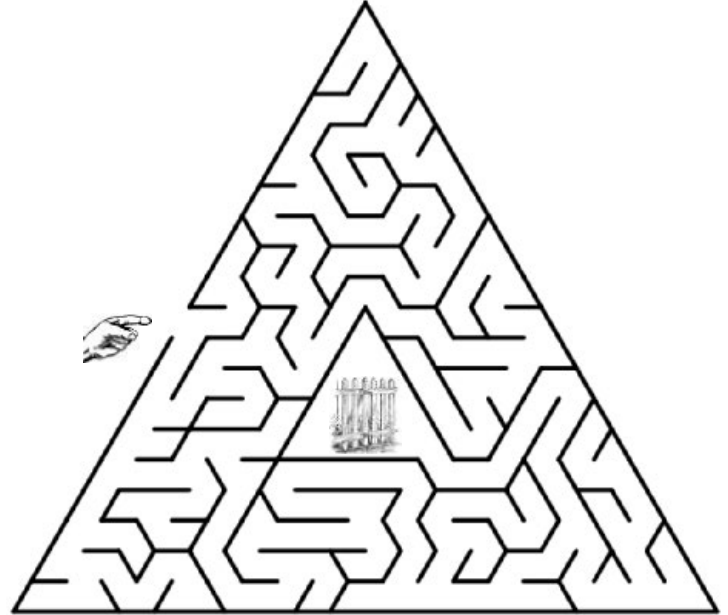
"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer." — **Romans 12:12**

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how He endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart."

— **Hebrews 12:1-3**

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## MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE NARROW GATE



## FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 12 SEP 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**.

## OCIA CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

Do you know someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you have questions about our Catholic faith?

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** classes will begin **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025** from **09:30-10:45 AM**. This is your opportunity to invite friends and family to "come and see," and learn about the treasures of our faith.

Classes on the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture, the Mass, the Pope, the Trinity and the Saints will be led by seminarians from **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and parish leaders will share their own stories of what it means to be Catholic.

OCIA brochures are in the back of the Church. Please visit the website for more information:

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

or call the Rectory Office at **650/323-7914** *All are welcome!*