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Church of the Nativity

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

Sundays 12:00 PM - 12:30 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

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com

FIRST READING

If he cries out to Me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate.

Exodus 22: 20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

"Praised be the Lord," I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51

SECOND READING

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth.

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

GOSPEL

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

Matthew 22: 34-40



The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2026

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield,
the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Psalms 18:3

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 24 OCT-31 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Tom Talty
	05:30 PM	† Marie Firenzi
TUE:	07:30 AM	Brenda Woolsey
	05:30 PM	† Donald Thomas
WED:	07:30 AM	Lucas Kramer
	05:30 PM	Milicevic Families (L&D)
THU:	07:30 AM	Nick Peloso
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
FRI:	07:30 AM	Cathy Peloso
	05:30 PM	Howard Benden Rose and Lina Merlino † Scott Young † Amado Flores
SAT:	08:00 AM	Maloney Family (L&D) † Ronald Reis † Steve Rubio † David Fencel † Felipe Vera

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 26-27 SEP	WEEK OF 03-04 OCT	WEEK OF 10-11 OCT
TOTAL:	\$10,248	\$ 11,763	\$11,203
ADA Progress:	\$55,630	\$55,630	\$55,630
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365	\$152,365	\$152,365

SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
SUN	12:00 - 12:30 PM	Confessions
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)

25 OCT	[Sunday]	
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:00 PM	Election Prayers in O'Hare
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
26 OCT	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Rehearsals
27 OCT	[Tuesday]	
28 OCT	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
	06:15 PM	OCIA Classes
29 OCT	[Thursday]	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	Baptism
	06:30 PM	Women's Faith & Study Group
30 OCT	[Friday]	
	08:00 AM	Altar Society
31 OCT	[Saturday]	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
	10:00 AM	Baptism

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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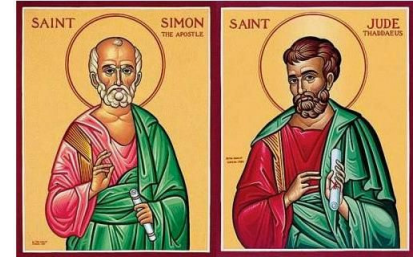
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at 415/614-5506.

28 OCT (Thursday)

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles

Known as *Simon the Zealot*, **St. Simon** evangelized in Egypt and Mesopotamia, and travelled to Persia with St. Jude. There is debate over the method and place of his martyrdom: by some accounts he was crucified in Samaria, by others he was sawn in half in Persia (along with St. Jude). While Luke's gospel refers to him as Simon the Zealot, both Matthew and Mark call him Simon the "Canaanean", which does not mean he is from Canaan, but that he is an "enthusiast". Simon had joined others who were outspoken against the Roman occupation of Palestine. These "Zealots" were radical patriots who wanted to restore divine rule to their communities.

St. Jude was the son of Cleophas and the nephew of Mary and Joseph. He preached in Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia with St. Simon. He was a healer and exorcist, and could exorcise pagan idols, which caused the demons to flee and the statues to crumble. St. Jude was martyred by clubbing in Persia. "Thaddaeus" (or "Lebbaeus") is an Aramaic word meaning "courageous" and "lively".



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, (01 NOV 2026: The Feast of All Saints)**, will be a *Missa Cantata*.

See tinyurl.com/1962missal for more on the Roman Rite.



ELECTION PRAYERS

On **Sunday, Oct. 25**, Nativity parish will again be praying for the elections. We will be praying the 2,000 Hail Marys for Our Lady's intercession that the noble forces in our nation will overcome the evil forces, especially with the issue of abortions. The prayers will start at **12 noon in the O'Hare Center**. We will move to the church after the last Mass and go until 8 P.M. Please join us for as many hours as possible. Call **Deacon Dominick** (650-269-6279) or **Mary Ellen Peloso** (650-269-7794) for questions.



NATIVITY MINISTRY INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: November 7 & 8

TIME: After all Masses

Everyone is welcome!

Discover where your gifts can make a difference! Meet Ministry leaders! Explore ways to serve! Find your place in our parish community!

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**.



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend (Oct 31-Nov 01) our parish is holding a special collection for **St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park**. For over a century, St. Patrick's has prepared men for the priesthood, serving the Catholic Church in our community and beyond. Well-formed priests are vital, and your support helps St. Patrick's continue its mission and expand seminarian housing. Thank you for your generosity.

NATIVITY WOMEN'S FAITH AND STUDY GROUP

Please join the women of Nativity as we worship, study and engage in meaningful conversations as women living out our Faith. These gatherings have been warmly and enthusiastically received as a valued time of hospitality, fellowship and spiritual growth. All ages of women are welcome.

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays

TIME: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

CONTACT:

Julia Voinche, 650-444-3052 or julialisavoinche@gmail.com



EUCHARISTIC 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 - 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.



- BAPTISMS**
- **Coast Hayes Mammen and Laken Lawrence**, sons of Miles Mammen and Ginamarie Cleveland
 - **Dalton James Bouret and Colbie Elizabeth Bouret**, children of Matthew Bouret and Lindsay Dorst

- MARRIAGES**
- Marko Brekalo and Carla Paula Sigua
 - John Sebastian Lee Kraynik and Monica de la Rosa

IN THE COMMUNITY

SCAM ALERT REMINDER

A quick, important reminder for our parish family: For several years now, scammers have been sending emails and text message pretending to be our pastor. Unfortunately, these attempts have not stopped. These individuals are persistent, and their messages can look very convincing. Please be extremely cautious with any message asking for favors, gift cards, urgent help or personal information – especially if it claims to come from our pastor. If something feels off, it probably is. Always report it as scam email or text and block it from your address book.

Here is one example of a scam text message:

Hello Hannah, I hope this message finds you well. Do you have some time? I have a request. Please reply to my message as soon as you receive it.

*Blessings To you
Rev. Mark Doherty*



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? The OCIA class has begun for those who wish to become Catholic or for Catholics needing to be confirmed. We 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**.

- CLASS TOPICS FOR OCTOBER:**
- Introduction to the Bible
 - Creation and the Fall
 - Jesus Christ

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm

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

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>

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHOIR REHEARSALS

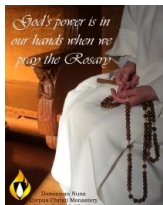
The Schola Seraphica Choir will begin rehearsals on **September 14 at 7:00 pm at the O'Hare Center**. Please feel free to contact **Margaret Duando** at mar7sull@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Our theme this year is "The Light of the World." And our concert date is **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm**. We will look forward to seeing you.



BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the **Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail, Mary" related to the mystery being said.



Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets online at <https://www.opnunsmenlo.org> for **\$3.25** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

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 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.



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 **October 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

25 OCT (SUN)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Jude THIRD DAY: All Saints
26 OCT (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Jude FOURTH DAY: All Saints
27 OCT (TUE)	NINTH DAY: Saint Jude FIFTH DAY: All Saints
28 OCT (WED)	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude SIXTH DAY: All Saints
29 OCT (THU)	SEVENTH DAY: All Saints
30 OCT (FRI)	EIGHTH DAY: All Saints
31 OCT (SAT)	NINTH DAY: All Saints
01 NOV (SUN)	Feast of All Saints
02 NOV (MON)	Feast of All Souls
03 NOV (TUE)	
04 NOV (WED)	
05 NOV (THU)	
06 NOV (FRI)	
07 NOV (SAT)	
08 NOV (SUN)	
09 NOV (MON)	
10 NOV (TUE)	

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Jude:

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

All Saints' Novena:

<https://tinyurl.com/allSaintsNovena>

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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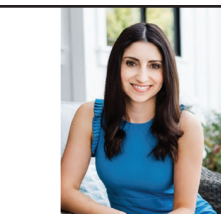


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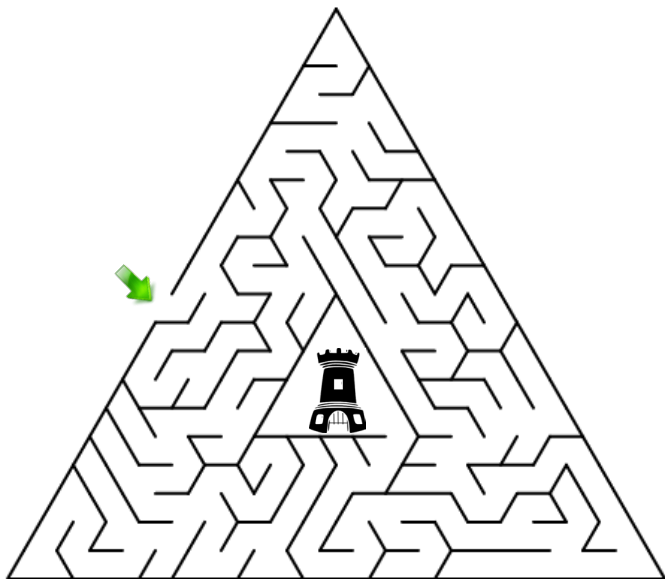


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DID YOU KNOW?

You can gain a **plenary indulgence** by making a devout visit to a cemetery, with a prayer for departed souls, between the **1st and 8th of November** (the **Octave of All Souls Day**). An excellent prayer for departed souls is the **St. Gertrude Prayer**:

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS DAY

It is instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to **Pope Urban IV**, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honored by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established. **Pope Gregory III** consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for **01 NOV**. **Pope Gregory IV** extended the celebration on **01 NOV** to the entire Church.