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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
(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

About three thousand persons were added that day.

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me.

Psalms 23

SECOND READING

By His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep.

1 Peter 2: 20-25

GOSPEL

The Shepherd calls His own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10: 1-10



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2026

I come so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly.

John 10: 10

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 APR - 02 MAY

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	† Donald Hayes
	05:30 PM	Msgr. Steven Otellini
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Mike Minor
	05:30 PM	† Guadalupe Kolenda
WED:	07:30 AM	† Diane Masetti
	05:30 PM	† Susan Bravo-Durando
THU:	07:30 AM	† Estuardo Valenzuela
	05:30 PM	J. Alfredo Martinez; † Richard Melbye; † Matthew Chew; † Robert Rowell
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Ruth and Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	The Skogstrom and Finney families, living and deceased
SAT:	08:00 AM	Brian and Cuc Lee and family; Bertha Luz Martinez; † Dina Tozzini; † Mark Hayter; † Alex Zhigny

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)

26 APR	[Sunday]	09:15 AM OCIA Class
		09:30 AM School Family Buddy Class Mass
		12:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass
27 APR	[Monday]	08:00 AM Legion of Mary
28 APR	[Tuesday]	
29 APR	[Wednesday]	
30 APR	[Thursday]	12:00 PM Senior Thursday Group
		07:00 PM Nativity Women's Faith and Study

01 MAY	[Friday]	First Friday ^{1st}
		09:00 AM School Mass: Crowning of Mary
		05:00 PM First Friday Novena (Our Lady, Queen of Peace)
02 MAY	[Saturday]	First Saturday ^{1st}
		10:30 AM Parish-Wide Auction

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

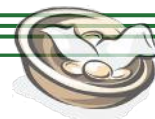


Christ the Good Shepherd - Bartolome Esteban Murillo (~1660)

BIBLICAL ART

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 11-12 APR
TOTAL:	11,741
ADA Progress:	
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 APR (Tuesday):

SAINT PETER CHANEL, Priest and Martyr (1803-1841)

The first martyr in Oceania, where he was ministering in New Hebrides.

SAINT LOUIS MARY DE MONTFORT, Priest (1673-1716)

Devout from his youth, Louis entered a Paris seminary after walking 130 miles in the rain. While recuperating from a deliberate poisoning, he wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

29 APR (Wednesday):

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

Deeply loving God from her youth, Catherine entered the Third Order of St. Dominic. She fought for the rights of the Roman Pontiff and promoted the renewal of religious life. Her spiritual writings are classics of Christian mysticism.

01 MAY (Friday):

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER



Jesus honored the workaday life with His parables, lessons undoubtedly learned from Joseph the carpenter. The Second Vatican Council writes: "Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefit on their fellowmen, and help to realize God's plan in history."

02 MAY (Saturday):

SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (297-373)

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Readers** and **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** for all Masses. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to add to your own weekly devotion while attending Mass. You can set your own preferences for whichever Mass you regularly attend, indicate dates when you are unavailable, and training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com

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.



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

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

- Easter De-Brief!
- Ministries at Nativity (at Vallombrosa)
- Tradition of Prayer
- The Prayer Jesus Taught: "Our Father"

No Class on **Easter Sunday (05 APR 2026)**
Last class will be **Sunday, 03 MAY 2026**

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).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for *Catholic Home Missions*. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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, 03:00 AM, 04:00 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

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.



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)
closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

07 MAY 2026 is the 75th National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "*Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations.*"

www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a free Clothing Distribution Center which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.

NATIVITY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Church of the Nativity started to provide livestreaming access to the Holy Mass on **YouTube** at the onset of the pandemic. This service has been of great benefit to many of our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass in person. We would love to grow and reach out to more people who might find it worthwhile to have this virtual connection to our parish.

If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to our YouTube channel by visiting our website at www.nativitymenlo.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Livestreamed Masses, YouTube Church of the Nativity." This will take you directly to our YouTube channel where you can "Subscribe" to our channel by clicking on that button. Please encourage others you may know to also "Subscribe" to our YouTube channel. Our goal is to reach **1000** subscribers. At the present we are **75%** of the way there!



Livestreamed Masses
YouTube Church of the Nativity Channel



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 and sponsorships for the Nativity Parish Community Auction are now available in the church vestibule. Pick up an invitation and plan to join the Parish Community for an evening for *Growing Faith, Growing Community and Growing Funds*.

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

GENOCIDE IN DARFUR

Tens of thousands of men, women and children are being killed right now by the Sudanese Rapid Defense Forces in western Sudan's Darfur region. No mercy is being shown.

The Sudanese American Physicians Association provides food, water, hot meals, shelter, medical supplies, medical care and a mobile medical clinic in the Tawila refugee camp in Darfur.

Please donate soon: sapa-usa.org

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.



Please make sure your cell phones are turned off or muted when you enter the church.



Bringing animals inside the Church IS NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME!

DEMAND ETHICAL RESEARCH

Experiments on aborted humans are happening at UCSF, and they must stop. We can - and must - pursue lifesaving medical discoveries without exploiting pregnant women and the preborn. UCSF can choose to continue these practices, or lead the way in humane, ethical science. **Take action**; email the UC Regents, UC President, and the Human Research Protection Program.

<https://ethicalresearchnow.org/>

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

Intention: *That Everyone Might Have Food*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

26 APR (SUN) **EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort**
SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena
FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

27 APR (MON) **NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort**
EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena
SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

28 APR (TUE) **Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort**
NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena
SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

29 APR (WED) **Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena**
EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

30 APR (THU) NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

01 MAY (FRI) Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

02 MAY (SAT)

03 MAY (SUN)

04 MAY (MON)

05 MAY (TUE)

06 MAY (WED)

07 MAY (THU)

08 MAY (FRI)

09 MAY (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Louis de Montfort:
novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/

Saint Catherine of Siena:
www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:
www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/

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



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.



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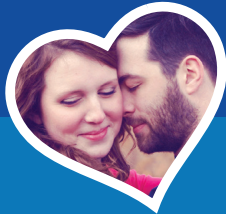
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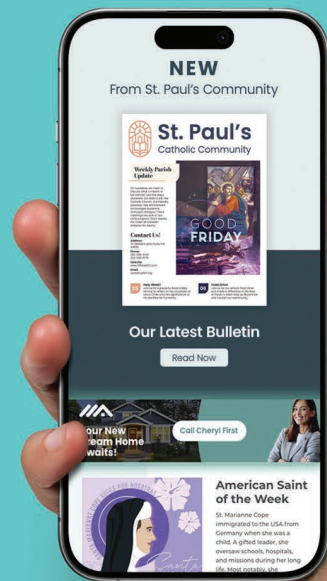
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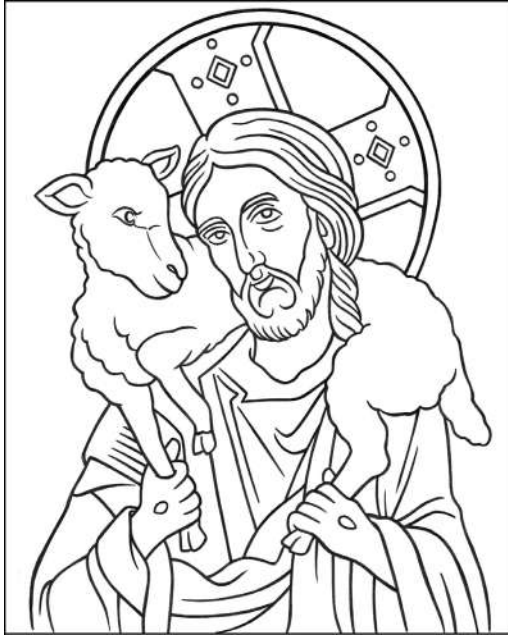


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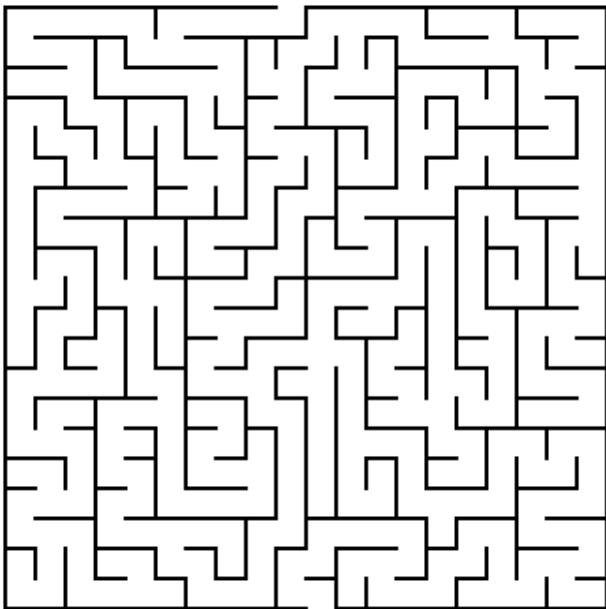


PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

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.”

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CARNIVAL

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Nativity Carnival
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Save the dates:
June 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2026



CARNIVAL HOURS

05 JUN	FRI	05:00-10:00 PM
06 JUN	SAT	12:00-10:00 PM
07 JUN	SUN	12:00-06:00 PM

www.nativitycarnival.com

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