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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

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning

nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Who is able to govern this vast people of yours?

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

Psalms 119

SECOND READING

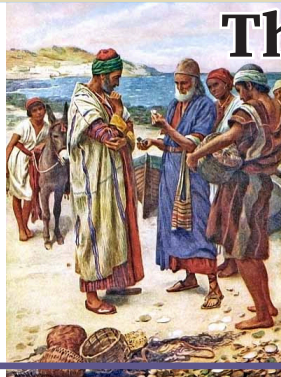
We know that all things work for good for those who love God.

Romans 8: 28-30

GOSPEL

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous.

Matthew 13: 44-52



The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2026

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:46

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 JUL-01 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Ariadne Lily Cocker
	05:30 PM	Tiuke Mahoni
TUE:	07:30 AM	Jon and Elisa Schnur
	05:30 PM	Elaine Stevick † Isidro & Elena Lim † Philippa Solomon † Erin Donohue
WED:	07:30 AM	† Victor and Olivia Ortiz
	05:30 PM	† Imelda and Bill Leech
THU:	07:30 AM	Sigona and Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Tatafu Mahoni
FRI:	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Erika Dobler
SAT:	08:00 AM	Maureen Anstead Arline Saiki Calar Family (L&D) † Sonia de Alvergue † Resa King

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 JUL	[Sunday]	
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship Ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
27 JUL	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
28 JUL	[Tuesday]	
29 JUL	[Wednesday]	
30 JUL	[Thursday]	
31 JUL	[Friday]	
01 AUG	[Saturday]	
	6:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group in O'Hare

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 11-12 JUL
TOTAL:	\$14,017
ADA Progress:	\$17,720
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

25 JUL (Saturday):

SAINT JAMES ("THE GREATER"), Apostle

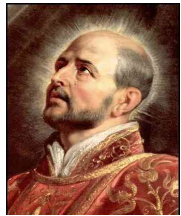
James and his younger brother, **John**, sons of Zebedee, were fishermen of Galilee when called by Jesus to follow Him. James was present at most of the miracles performed by Christ, and the two brothers, along with Peter, were the only disciples to witness the Transfiguration. James, the first apostle to be martyred, was put to death by Herod around the year 42.



31 JUL (Friday):

SAINT IGNATIUS of LOYOLA, Priest (1491-1556)

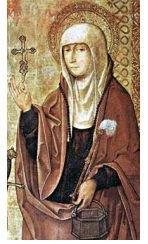
Ignatius was born at Loyola in Spain. He served his king as a courtier and a soldier until his thirtieth year. To pass the time of his convalescence after a cannon ball lamed his right leg, he asked for books; the life of Christ and lives of the saints were brought to him. He dedicated himself to Jesus through the intercession of Mary, and founded the *Society of Jesus (Jesuits)*. His *Spiritual Exercises* are, to this day, an essential guide for retreatants.



29 JUL (Wednesday):

SAINT MARTHA

The sister of **Saints Lazarus** and **Mary** of Bethany, she was a friend of Jesus and a hostess to Him in her house. She is believed to have taken part in an early mission to France (Gaul).



SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 AUG 2026**, we will have the next **2026 Fatima Celebration**. It will include Holy Mass, a talk on the apparition, Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. As the world seems to grow in chaos and confusion, the messages of Fatima and these prayers become more and more important. Please join us and help bring Jesus back into the lives of everyone. We will pray especially for the healing of so many hurts.



For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

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, (02 AUG 2026: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a High Mass.



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**.

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.



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

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.



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,**
03:00-05:00 AM (twice per month)

Tuesday: **01:00 AM**

Friday: **11:00 AM**

Saturday: **03:00 AM, 04:00 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 • Charlotte Grace Kurtz, daughter of Douglas Kurtz and Leah Callahan

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!



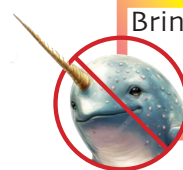
The Food and Fellowship Ministry will be serving coffee and donuts.



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 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>



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

IN THE COMMUNITY

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION - JULY 28

Discover one of Christianity's greatest mysteries at a special Shroud of Turin Exhibition on Tuesday, July 28, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at the Nativity School Gym (Sobrato Pavilion), 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

Presented by Othonia, and hosted by the Order of Malta, this interactive exhibit features a life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, displays exploring its history and scientific research, and replicas of the instruments of Christ's Passion.



The evening also includes a special presentation by Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC, internationally recognized Shroud scholar and Professor of Theology at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lorna Baggott at lornabaggott@gmail.com

SVdP VOLUNTEERING

Those attending one of Father Doherty's masses recently heard his inspiring call to "abide actively" in seeking to love God and our neighbors more completely. Father graciously recognized our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference as an opportunity for service to our neighbors. In response to our request for help retrieving food from Second Harvest, a number of parishioners volunteered. Emboldened by this success, we also want to make folks aware that we need assistance in our food deliveries. In particular, we are seeking volunteers to help deliver on **Thursday or Saturday** mornings. These deliveries entail about 3 hours of work on a delivery day. If anyone can spare one or two days a month to assist other volunteers with these deliveries, we would love to hear from you. You can contact Dan Winnike – 650/714-4644, or Cindy Zollinger – 650/207-4398, or any of our other volunteers with whom you are familiar.

As always, we are very appreciative of the generous support from our parishioners.

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: TBD
Information sessions: **SEP 2026**
Class topics: **Fall 2026**

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

There will be OCIA brochures in the back of the Church soon. 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).

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!

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

Intention: *For Respect for Human Life*

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 JUL (SUN)	Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim FIFTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIRST Day: St. John Vianney
27 JUL (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney
29 JUL (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney
30 JUL (THU)	NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney
31 JUL (FRI)	Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney
01 AUG (SAT)	SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney
02 AUG (SUN)	EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Novena-St-Ignatius-Loyola.pdf

Novena to Saint John Vianney:

<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/Vianney.htm>

Novena to Saint Clare of Assisi:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/novenas/p04336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/assumption_mary.htm

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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Contact Jose Altamirano

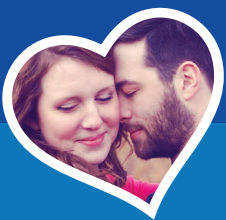
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(they) sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad

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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."

THE GOLDEN ARROW PRAYER:

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth and under the earth, by all the creatures of God and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.



Attention Young Believers! We want you to share your creativity -- this is your page. Write a poem or a story or a letter, or draw a picture. Email your special messages and artwork to nativity.bulletin@gmail.com and we will display them here. Include your first name (and optionally, your age) on the email. For drawings, either scan the picture or take a digital photo and attach the electronic file to the email.

DID YOU KNOW?

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!

