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MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
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

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

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Mrs. Noreen Browning
nbrowning@nativityschool.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

The one who serves God willingly is heard.

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

No one incurs guilt who takes refuge in Him.

Psalms 34

SECOND READING

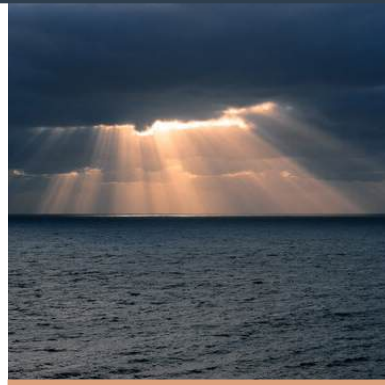
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to His heavenly kingdom.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 18: 9-14



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 OCTOBER 2025

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest till it reaches its goal.

Sirach 35: 21

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 OCT - 01 NOV

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	Fresya Mena
05:30 PM	† Marie Firenzi
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Maria Adiola Mena
05:30 PM	† Suzanne Beaver
WED: 07:30 AM	Maria Cenni
05:30 PM	† Evelyn Otellini
THU: 07:30 AM	† Anton John Logronio
05:30 PM	† Danilo Jumaoas
FRI: 07:30 AM	Meke Fa'aoso
05:30 PM	Ronald Reis; † Matthew Cruz; † Andrew Gonzales; † Ricky Torres
SAT: 08:00 AM	Luis Diaz; Lanuola Saulala; The Brian and Cuc Lee family; The Alesna-Peñafort families, living and deceased; † Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

*"Lord, I thank you that
I am not like this
tax collector!"*

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

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

CALENDAR

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
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 OCT	(Sunday)	
	08:00 AM	Advent Candle Sale
	09:15 AM	OCIA and Faith Formation
27 OCT	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
	07:00 PM	Schola Seraphica Concert Practice
28 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
29 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
30 OCT	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	Senior Thursday Group
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
	07:00 PM	Concert Practice
31 OCT	(Friday)	
01 NOV	(Saturday)	



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 11-12 OCT
TOTAL:	\$9,173
World Mission Sunday:	\$100
ADA Progress:	\$45,053
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 OCT (Tuesday)

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). 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". His patronage of lost or impossible causes traditionally derives from confusion by many early Christians between Jude and the traitor **Judas Iscariot**; not understanding the difference between the names, they infrequently prayed for Jude's help, and devotion to him became something of a recourse of desperation.

01 NOV (Saturday):

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



ALL SAINTS DAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR

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.



**Livestreaming of the
Nativity Sunday Mass
is now at 11:00 AM**

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: 07 DEC 2025

Rehearsals are underway for our annual *Schola Seraphica Christmas Concert* at St. Patrick's Seminary. Tickets will go on sale in November. If you have any interest in joining us, please come and introduce yourself! We meet at **07:00 PM Mondays** in the O'Hare Center. Choral experience and reading music is helpful but not mandatory. Any questions please contact **Margaret Durando** (marzsull@gmail.com)

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)**
Starting **07 SEP 2025**
- MORE DETAILS:** <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

OCT'25 THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change) OCT'25

- The Profession of the Christian Faith
- Symbols of Faith
- The Mystery of our Trinitarian God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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).

MISSA CANTATA: TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Starting on the *first Sunday of Advent*, **30 NOV 2025**, we will add a **05:00 PM** Sunday Mass. This Mass will be a sung Traditional Latin Mass, (a sung Mass celebrated according to the Missal of 1962).

The First Sunday of Advent is the first day of the liturgical year. It symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle," reminding us that Jesus is coming.



Can't find your copy of the 1962 Roman Missal?
<https://tinyurl.com/1962missal>



Parish Office Hours

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

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

Friday: 02:00 PM

**Saturday: 01:00-03:00 AM (once per month),
09:00 AM, 11:00 PM**

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

MARRIAGES • Steve Lanakila Brown Jr. and Olivia Nicole DiVittorio

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL: PRE-K/TK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, 19 NOV 2025 from 09:30-11:00 AM.

Come experience our PreK/TK and Kindergarten at Nativity School! Classrooms will be open and teachers and admin will be available to answer questions. Our PreK/TK program is a beautiful Montessori-Catholic program for ages 2.5-5 years old. Our TK group is a beneficial foundation to Kindergarten and beyond! Kindergarten admissions for the 2026-2027 school year have begun. We hope to see you!



Register at: www.nativityschool.com.

FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE 2025

The keynote speaker is **Father Agustino Torres, CFR.** Our theme is *"Hope Does Not Disappoint;" "La Esperanza No Desilusiona."* Presentations will be in English and Spanish. We invite all in catechetical ministry to attend.

WHAT: Two-day conference for catechetical ministers

WHERE: St. Matthew Parish – One Notre Dame Avenue, San Mateo

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, 07-08 NOV 2025
11:00 AM

CONTACT: Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, 415/614-5652
arbucklec@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: Friday, 07 NOV 2025 for Youth Leaders
Saturday, 08 NOV 2025 for everyone

OPEN HOUSE

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at **Notre Dame High School** in Belmont! Shadow dates run from **16 SEP-17 NOV 2025**. 7th and 8th grade families are invited to **Notre Dame Night** on **13 NOV 2025**.

Find out why Notre Dame Belmont was voted the best private high school in the Bay Area for 2024 and 2025! To register for a shadow visit or other event, click [here](#). Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org



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.

NATIVITY STUDENT HOSPITALITY REVIVES A TRADITION!

First, Second, and Fourth Thursdays, 12:00 – 01:00 PM

We are delighted to announce the return of a beloved tradition. Beginning in **October 2025**, Nativity students will again join our Senior Thursday Group, serving a light lunch, sharing stories, and spending time together. This wonderful program offers our students a chance to reach out with kindness and companionship, and it brings smiles and warm hearts to everyone involved. It's a beautiful reminder of how faith and friendship bridge generations within our Nativity family.

2025 SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT

You will return home refreshed, grounded, and more aware of God's presence in your daily life.

WHAT: Three-day silent retreat

WHERE: St. Clare's Retreat
2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel CA

WHEN: **31 OCT - 02 NOV 2025 (Friday-Sunday)**

CONTACT: **831/423-8093**

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.stclaresretreat.org>

DESCRIPTION:

Experience a peaceful weekend of silence, reflection, and deep spiritual renewal. Guided by the time-tested wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this retreat invites you to encounter God personally in the stillness - through Scripture, guided meditations, and the beauty of silence.



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

Intention: *For collaboration between different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship led by St. Patrick's seminarians.

- **Saturday, 15 NOV 2025 (07:15-08:45 PM)**
Confession available; light refreshments to follow



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

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

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Jude:

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

All Saints' Novena:

piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html

JOIN US: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Since its inception, *40 Days for Life* has saved thousands of babies from brutal death and parents from endless regret. We need your help! Join our peaceful prayerful vigil:

24 SEP-02 NOV 2025, 07:00 AM-07:00 PM: one or more hours per week.

We will have a **rally** on **Sunday, 21 SEP 2025, 02:00-02:30 PM** for sign-ups and questions, at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. More info: **Jessica** (scheduler) at **650/918-9119** (mobile) or email: themunns@yahoo.com

or sign up yourself: www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

- *God will surely bless you for it*
- *you will not be at the vigil alone*
- *and you may save a life!*

Approved by the Archdiocese of San Francisco



EWTN (ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK)

EWTN is a 24x7 Catholic television station. They broadcast locally on Comcast 74 and digital 229, DirecTV 422, and DISH channel 461. EWTN also broadcasts on traditional and satellite radio (1260 AM and channel 160 on Sirius Satellite Radio). You can also watch/listen to their programs directly online at www.ewtn.com. EWTN broadcasts daily



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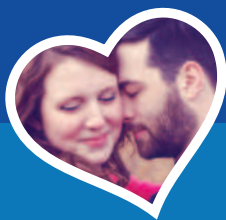
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- **\$100** will provide new balls so our students can play basketball, kickball, soccer, and volleyball at recess.
- **\$300** will provide a 50% scholarship to a 6th grader attending Outdoor Ed at Walden West in Saratoga.
- **\$500** will provide a 50% scholarship to an 8th grader spending a week in Yosemite.
- **\$750** will provide a new computer for one of our teachers.
- **\$1,000** will provide a state-of-the-art projector in one of our classrooms.
- **\$5,000** will help buy a new Math curriculum for our students in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Very Rev. Father Mark Doherty, Pastor

Mrs. Amelia Stone, Principal

<https://tinyurl.com/nativitySchoolFund2025>

ca•the•dral

To be called a "cathedral", a church must be the principal church of a bishop's diocese. It is not based on size or the grandeur of the building, but only whether or not it is the church from which a bishop officiates.

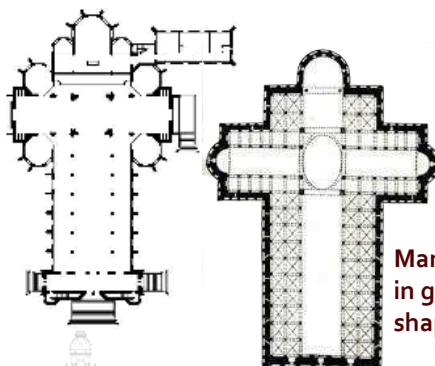
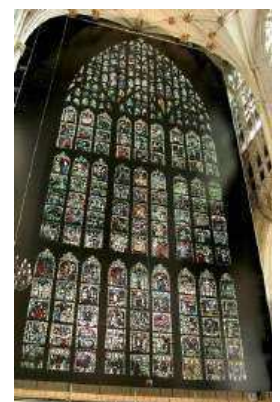
A cathedral cost an enormous amount of money to construct, and took a very long time to build. The church relied on volunteer labor from the town to build the cathedral. Often a family would help begin the construction, knowing they would be dead before it was completed. Often three generations of a family would work on a cathedral, with a father starting the work and only his grandchildren able to see the completed church.

The dome of the cathedral in Florence is considered an architectural and engineering wonder. It is the largest masonry dome ever constructed (45 meters wide) and was constructed using ingenious techniques devised by a goldsmith and clockmaker named **Filippo Brunelleschi**. As it was impossible to find enough timber in all of Tuscany to build centering, Brunelleschi devised a way for the dome to support its own weight as it was being constructed.



(watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOPIGPQPuM>)

The Great East Window in York Minster Cathedral is the size of a tennis court. It is the single largest area of medieval glass in the world.



Many cathedrals (in fact, many churches in general) are "cruciform" in shape (i.e., shaped like a cross).

Architecturally, constructing the dome was one of the most challenging tasks in cathedral-building. A "keystone" (usually shaped like a plus sign) had to be dropped into the top of the dome to hold the pressure from all sides and keep the dome from falling in on itself. The stone sides of the dome would be built on wooden frames (called "centering"), then the keystone dropped into place, and finally the wood was burned away. To show his confidence in his own abilities, the master architect was required to stand in the center beneath the dome when the wood frames were burned away. If his design was flawed, he would be killed by the falling stones.

