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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 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. Kyle Faller

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam
mon.hickam@gmail.com



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.

Genesis 18: 20-32

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Though I walk amid distress, You preserve me.

Psalms 138

SECOND READING

He brought you to life along with Him.

Colossians 2: 12-14

GOSPEL

Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.

Luke 11: 1-13



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 JULY 2025

I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Luke 11: 9

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 JUL - 02 AUG

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Jonathan Albar
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Malloy
TUE:	07:30 AM	† Coleen Deck
	05:30 PM	† Felicisimo and Valentina Miranda
WED:	07:30 AM	Tatafu Mahoni
	05:30 PM	† Danilo Jumaoas
THU:	07:30 AM	† Carmelita Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Evalinda Miranda
FRI:	07:30 AM	Paolo Cenni
	05:30 PM	Lisa Cooper; Mary Mainini; † Merton Ortencio
SAT:	08:00 AM	Joel Joves; James and Michele Killmond; † Daniel Ames; † Meke Fa'aoso

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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**Parish Office Hours**

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



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

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)

27 JUL	(Sunday)	
28 JUL	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
29 JUL	(Tuesday)	
	07:00 PM	Natural Family Planning Class
30 JUL	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
31 JUL	(Thursday)	
01 AUG	(Friday)	<i>First Friday</i> ^{1ST}
02 AUG	(Saturday)	<i>First Saturday</i> ^{1ST}

CHURCH REFURBISHMENT



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
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for a paper form

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF 12-13 JUL
TOTAL:	\$9,950
ADA Progress:	\$38,138
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

29 JUL (Tuesday):

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).

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42



01 AUG (Friday):

SAINT ALPHONSUS MARIA DE LIGUORI,

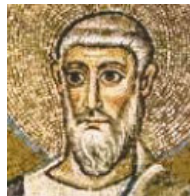
Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1696-1787) Neapolitan lawyer (at the age of 16) who became a priest and founder of a new religious order, the *Redemptorists*, devoted to missionary work. He is noted for his opposition to Jansenism, and for his profuse writings, particularly his devotional works.



30 JUL (Wednesday):

SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (406-450)

An adult convert, Peter became the **Bishop of Ravenna**, Italy in **433**. He fought paganism and heresies, enforced reforms, and built several churches. He was a preacher of such language skills that he was given the name *Chrysologus*, referring to his golden word. 176 of his sermons have survived, and these beautiful explanations of the Incarnation, the Creed, and the place of Mary and John the Baptist in the plan of salvation, led to his being proclaimed a **Doctor of the Church** in 1729 by Pope Benedict XIII.



02 AUG (Saturday):

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS OF PORTIUNCULA

The town and parish of Portiuncula is about three-quarters of a mile from **Assisi**. In the basilica of *Our Lady of the Angels*, **St. Francis** recognized his vocation, spent most of his life, and died on **26 OCT 1226**.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

LAUDATO SI AND VALLOMBROSA GARDEN PARTY

Nativity's *Laudato Si* Circle is heeding the words of Pope Francis' encyclical (see <https://tinyurl.com/laudatosi-doc>) to care for our common home - in this case, by acting locally to help clean up and maintain the gardens around Vallombrosa Center, next door to Nativity. We now meet on the **third Saturday** of every month (**not the second**) starting around **10:00 AM (not 01:00 PM)** near the Stations of the Cross to do some garden cleanup. Join us! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc., whatever you have for gardening. The next event will be **Saturday, 16 AUG 2025**. We hope to see you there.



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.



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 AM

Call Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794) to sign up.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REPORT ON RESOURCES RECEIVED

Dear parishioners,

You have been very generous with your support of the Nativity St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and we thought you might appreciate a short report on our usage of resources entrusted to us.

For the first six months of this year, **01 JAN-30 JUN 2025**, we received **\$67,982.00** in donations from parishioners from Brown Bag Sundays and other generous donations.

During the same 6 months, we distributed **\$60,000.00** in grocery store gift cards.

We provided **\$5047.00** in rent and other monetary assistance.

We made over 600 "house calls", typically delivering a bag of fresh produce, a bag of frozen protein and bread and a bag of dry staples, along with the gift cards. We estimate that on average we deliver to approximately 500 people per month.

All food items are provided by Second Harvest Food Bank - at no cost to us. All "shopping" and delivery of food/gift cards is accomplished by a group of fellow parishioners who volunteer a few hours each week to do this extremely rewarding work.

We have tasks that can generally work around busy schedules. If you have an interest in learning more about what we do and perhaps getting involved, please contact **Dan Winnike** at **650/714-4644**.

As always, we very much appreciate the opportunity to manifest your charity and concern for our neighbors.



**Livestreaming of the
Nativity Sunday Mass
is now at 11:30 AM**

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

- PARISHIONERS**
- Josephine Ventura
 - Jen Garcia
 - Demetri Rosas
 - Samuel Santos Jr.
 - John and Elaine Desmond (*Gwyneth, Sloane*)
 - Marcelino Machuca and Azael Salgado (*Sebastian, Jimena, Galilea*)

DEATHS

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: • a pink purse (over the **28-29 JUN** weekend)

Call 650/323-7914.

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 or
email 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.

SVdP Volunteering

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers. If you are able to help them help the poor in our area, please call **Dan Winnike** at **650/714-4644**.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)**. This critical area of service to our parish is a wonderful way to enrich you spiritually. Training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the *Nativity Ministry Coordinator* at nativityministrycoordinators@gmail.com



FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 AUG 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**.

PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

This course is based on the Method of **St. Louis de Montfort** as described in his book *True Devotion to Mary*.

"Mary is the safest, easiest, shortest, and most perfect way of approaching Jesus" -- **St. Louis de Montfort**

WHAT: A 33-week course of study in preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

WHERE: **O'Hare Center (Guadalupe Room)**

WHEN: **every Wednesday**,
beginning **30 JUL 2025**, for **33 weeks**
(07:30-09:00 PM)

CONTACT: For more info, visit bondsofmarianlove.net
Mauricio Montezuma (860/751-2203)

MORE DETAILS: Sponsored by the *Missionaries of Bonds of Marian Love*

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the **09:30 AM** Mass each week! 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.



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

Intention: *For Formation in Discernment*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

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

27 JUL (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola SECOND Day: St. John Vianney
28 JUL (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola THIRD Day: St. John Vianney
29 JUL (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FOURTH Day: St. John Vianney
30 JUL (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Ignatius of Loyola FIFTH Day: St. John Vianney
31 JUL (THU)	Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola SIXTH Day: St. John Vianney
01 AUG (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. John Vianney
02 AUG (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. John Vianney FIRST Day: St. Clare of Assisi
03 AUG (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. John Vianney SECOND Day: St. Clare of Assisi
04 AUG (MON)	Feast of Saint John Vianney THIRD Day: St. Clare of Assisi
05 AUG (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi
06 AUG (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FIRST Day: The Assumption of Mary
07 AUG (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi SECOND Day: The Assumption of Mary
08 AUG (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi THIRD Day: The Assumption of Mary
09 AUG (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. Clare of Assisi FOURTH Day: The Assumption of Mary

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola:

<http://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/po4336.htm>

Novena to the Assumption of Mary:

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

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@sfarch.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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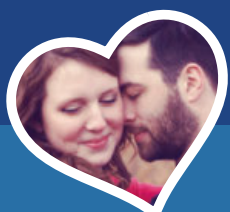


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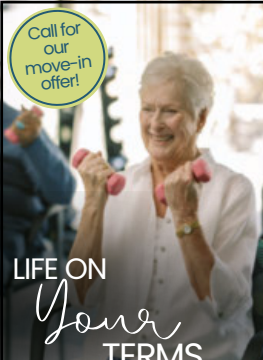


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KINGDOM	OPENED	OBLITERATING
FORGIVE	FRIENDSHIP	INNOCENT
ASK	PERSISTENCE	JESUS

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.

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.

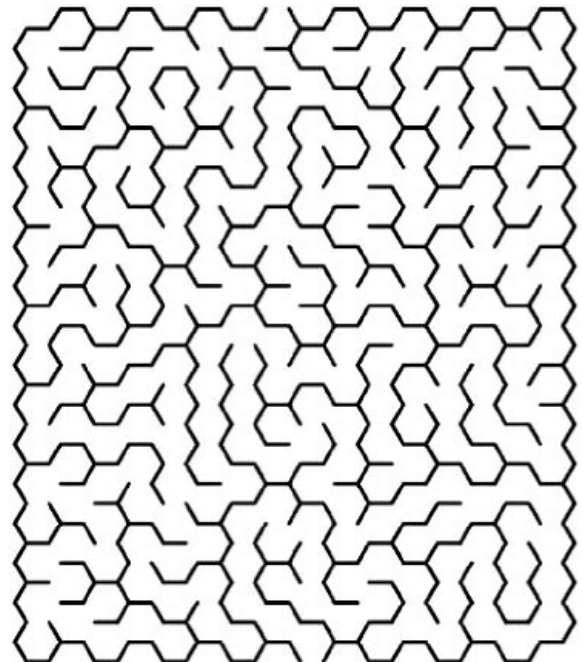
Classes on the person of Jesus Christ, Scripture, the Mass, the Pope, the Trinity and the Saints will be led by seminarians from **St. Patrick's Seminary**, and parish leaders will share their own stories of what it means to be Catholic.

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!*

Go Ask Your Friend For Three Loaves of Bread to Feed a Guest



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."

