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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?"

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The promises of the Lord I will sing forever.

Psalms 89

SECOND READING

Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL

Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.

Matthew 10: 37-42



The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2026

Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Matthew 10: 38

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 JUN - 04 JUL

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	† Carmen Chavez
05:30 PM	† Jim Valente
TUE: 07:30 AM	The unborn & † Holy Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	Joan Desmond
WED: 07:30 AM	Mary Nakamura
05:30 PM	St. Joseph; Michael Kelley; Colby Richards; Cody Diego; Austin Rose
THU: 07:30 AM	† Maria Cenni
05:30 PM	ICF #351 members, living and deceased
FRI: 09:00 AM	† James and Mary Grennan
SAT: 08:00 AM	Giuliana Peloso; Rev. Scott Borba; † Dominic Berhan; † Maria Elena Nuñez and Alma Nieto; † Charles Schmit

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

A CROSS-BEARING FABLE

A man once cried out to Jesus that his personal cross was too much to bear. To his surprise, Jesus appeared to him and took him to a room full of crosses, and told him to exchange his for any other one he wanted. The man searched the room packed with crosses, and found something unpleasant about each one (too heavy, too rough, too splintery). Finally he found one in the corner that seemed small and lightweight. He told Our Lord he would take that one. Jesus smiled and said, "Sure. That's the one you came in with."

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
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)

28 JUN	[Sunday]	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
29 JUN	[Monday]	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
30 JUN	[Tuesday]		
01 JUL	[Wednesday]	07:00 PM	Total Consecration to Jesus
02 JUL	[Thursday]		
03 JUL	[Friday]	First Friday	1st
04 JUL	[Saturday]	First Saturday	1st
		05:00 PM	Our Lady Queen of Peace Novena



The parish office will be closed
on Friday, **03 JUL 2026**
for Independence Day.
There will be one Mass,
at **09:00 AM**, on Friday.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 13-14 JUN
	\$8,799
ADA Progress:	\$17,460
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365

03 JUL (Friday):

SAINT THOMAS, Apostle

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “*Doubting Thomas*” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and My God!” and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said until the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “*Have you come to believe because you have seen? Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.*”

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 13 JUL 2026**, we will have our next **2026 Fatima Celebration**. It will include Holy Mass (at **07:00 PM**), Rosary Candlelight Procession, and Benediction. The celebration continues each month on or about the **13th** until **OCT**. Please join us as we pray especially for the intercession of the Blessed Mother in these difficult times.

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

04 JUL (Saturday):

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Although July 4th is celebrated as America’s official split from Britain’s rule and the beginning of the American Revolution, the actual series of events show that the process took far longer than a single day. The original resolution was introduced by **Richard Henry Lee** of Virginia on **07 JUN 1776**. New York did not vote on the resolution until **July 19th**, and no one actually signed the *Declaration of Independence* on July 4th (all but one of the signatures was in place by **02 AUG 1776** -- **Thomas McKean** did not sign until **1781**).

SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Daughter of **King Pedro III** of Aragon and Constantia; great-granddaughter of **Emperor Frederick II**. Great-niece of **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**, for whom she was named. Married at age twelve to **King Diniz** of Portugal, and thus Queen of Portugal before she was a teenager. Elizabeth suffered through years of abuse and adultery, praying all the while for his conversion, and working with the poor and sick.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Sunday there will be a second collection for *Peter’s Pence*. The faithful offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

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!



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.

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 (05 JUL 2026: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)** will be a *Missa Cantata* (sung Mass), with the OCM Sisters present as the Choir.



Parish Office Hours

09:00 AM-04:00 PM (M-F)

closed 12:00-01:00 PM (lunch)

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, **until 15 JUL 2026**
(07:00-08:30 PM)

CONTACT: **Mauricio Montezuma (860/751-2203)**

MORE DETAILS: For more info, visit bondsofmarianlove.net
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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**
- **Christian Ahmed Saadeh**, son of **Yousef Ahmed Saadeh** and **Elyssa Michelle Davis**
 - **Chiara Montezuma**, daughter of **Jairo Mauricio Montezuma** and **Fresya Mena**

- DEATHS**
- **Resa King**
 - **Karel Sykora**



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

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SUMMER POTLUCK

The **Nativity Family Ministry** is having a summer potluck at *Stulsaft Park* in Redwood City on **18 JUL 2026** at **10:30 AM**. We will have picnic tables reserved near the playground and splash pad (picnic area #1, closest to the restrooms and playground). There will be a short prayer walk plus lots of playground time and splash time for the kids. Bring a side to share and join the group for a fun summer picnic lunch! We hope to see you there! Please email nativitychurchfamilyministry@gmail.com if you have any questions about the event or the Nativity Family Ministry.



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).

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.

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.



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

28 JUN (SUN)	NINTH Day: Saints Peter and Paul
29 JUN (MON)	Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
30 JUN (TUE)	
01 JUL (WED)	
02 JUL (THU)	FIRST Day: Saint Benedict
03 JUL (FRI)	SECOND Day: Saint Benedict
04 JUL (SAT)	Independence Day THIRD Day: Saint Benedict
05 JUL (SUN)	FOURTH Day: Saint Benedict
06 JUL (MON)	FIFTH Day: Saint Benedict
07 JUL (TUE)	SIXTH Day: Saint Benedict FIRST Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
08 JUL (WED)	SEVENTH Day: Saint Benedict SECOND Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
09 JUL (THU)	EIGHTH Day: Saint Benedict THIRD Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
10 JUL (FRI)	NINTH Day: Saint Benedict FOURTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
11 JUL (SAT)	Feast of Saint Benedict FIFTH Day: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena to Saints Peter and Paul:

op54rosary.ning.com/events/novena-to-ss-peter-and-paul

Novena to Saint Benedict:

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

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

<https://www.ewtn.com/faith/carmel.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-Saturday 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 **Erika at 650/283-5353**

Do you speak Spanish? Your help could be crucial in saving a life!



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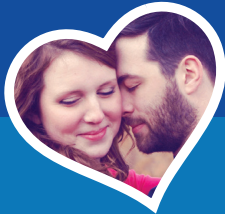
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A FEW PATRIOTIC LINKS

Consider visiting these on-line sites for some patriotic enlightenment:

www.archives.gov/historical-docs

Historic documents at the National Archives

www.historychannel.com/fourthofjuly

Fourth of July Information (the History Channel)

www.rsar.org

The Real Story of the American Revolution
(Sons of the American Revolution)

www.ushistory.org

Independence Hall Society of Philadelphia

memory.loc.gov/ammem

The American Memory collection
of the Library of Congress

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL

REPORT ABUSE OR INAPPROPRIATE

BEHAVIOR WITH A MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT

IMMEDIATELY!

For any abuse of a minor,
contact:

San Mateo County
hotline for
Child Protective Services
(650) 802-7922

You can also report abuse by contacting the Sheriff's Department:
(650) 363-4911

For any abuse of a vulnerable
adult, contact:

San Mateo County
hotline for
Adult Protective Services
(844) 868-0938

If the abuser is a church minister or employee of the
Archdiocese, also contact:

Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator,

Rocio Rodriguez
(415) 614-5506

(Reporting situations to the Archdiocese include, but are not limited to, incidences involving priests, deacons, volunteers, youth chaperones, and employees of a parish, school or of the Archdiocese of San Francisco)

PREVENTING • PROTECTING • REPORTING

The Office of Child and Youth Protection at the Archdiocese of San Francisco

is responsible for creating a safe and compassionate environment for abuse victim-survivors to come forward. Every allegation is treated seriously and discreetly, and immediate steps are taken to protect the confidentiality and the rights of both victim-survivors and alleged abusers.

As a result of the diligent work and dedication of the staff and clergy who participate in the program, new cases of sexual abuse are rare today in the Archdiocese. Yet, we remain steadfast in our commitment to protect children, report allegations and remove perpetrators from ministry.

All those whose ministry or job involves interacting with minors must be fingerprinted and participate in a training course every three years on recognizing, preventing and reporting suspected abuse prior to beginning their employment or volunteer work. The Victim Assistance Coordinator supports and advocates for victim-survivors of sexual abuse through counseling and programs.



Deacon Fred Totah
Director of Pastoral Ministry
(415) 614-5505
Twyla Powers
Safe Environment Coordinator Lay Adults
(415) 614-5576
Karen Guglielmoni
Safe Environment Coordinator (Youth)
(415) 614-5578
Rocio Rodriguez
Victim Assistance Coordinator
(415) 614-5506



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children are taught safe environment lessons to assist them in personal safety, abuse recognition and prevention. The serves our parishes and schools by assisting with training and implementing our Safe Environment Program.



19,740

employees, educators and volunteers are fingerprinted and submit to background checks in compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.



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priests, deacons and candidates for ordination are fingerprinted and submit to background checks in compliance with the USCCB charter.

Note: Statistics above were reported in annual audit documents of June 30, 2024

If child abuse is suspected, first call local authorities, then the Archdiocese Victim Assistance Coordinator at (415) 614-5506.

MARIN

Child & Family Services
24-hour Abuse & Neglect Reporting
Hotline: (415) 473-7153

SAN FRANCISCO

Family & Children's Services
24-hour Reporting Hotline: (800) 856-5553
Police Department Non-Emergency
Number: (415) 553-0123

SAN MATEO

Child Protective Services Child Abuse & Neglect
Hotline: (650) 802-7922 or (800) 632-4615
Sheriff's Department Non-Emergency
Number: (650) 363-4911