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## Church of the Nativity

**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

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. Noreen Browning

nbrowning@nativityschool.com



#### **FIRST READING**

Woe to the complacent ... they shall be the first to go into exile.

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

The fatherless and the widow He sustains.

Psalms 146

#### SECOND READING

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6: 11-16

#### GOSPEL

Neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.

Luke 16: 19-31



# WENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **28 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

Luke 16: 29

## **E**CALENDAR

#### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 SEP - 04 OCT

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Tina Robinson † William Fedak III
TUE:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	<ul><li>† Elizabeth Prussak</li><li>† Danilo Jumaoas</li></ul>
WED:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Anna Bacigalupi † In memory of St. Joseph
THU:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	† Tay Gallagher ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	<ul><li>† John and Virginia Conway</li><li>† Margarita Villanueva;</li><li>† Micah and Ellie Malatesta</li></ul>
SAT:	MA 00:80	<ul> <li>† Swede Lenz;</li> <li>The Ferrando family, living &amp; deceased;</li> <li>The Brian and Cuc Lee family;</li> <li>† Mary Ellen Shimmens;</li> <li>† Robert Saint John</li> </ul>

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.

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SUN MON-FRI MON-FRI MON-FRI MON TUE	07:00 PM 07:10 AM 08:00 AM 05:10 PM 07:00 PM 06:00 PM		Holy Hour for Priests Morning Prayer Morning Rosary Evening Prayer Nativity Family Rosary Cenacles of Life Rosary	
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28 SEP	(Sunday) 09:15 AM	OCIA	and Faith Formation	
29 SEP	(Monday) 08:00 AM 07:00 PM 07:00 PM	Medji	n of Mary ugorje Prayer Group ert Practice	
30 SEP	(Tuesday) 09:30 AM	Fall bi	ble Stody	
01 OCT	(Wednesday) 07:30 PM	Conse	cration to the BVM	
02 OCT	(Thursday) 12:00 PM 06:30 PM	Senior Thursday Group Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group		
03 OCT	(Friday)	First I	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup>
04 OCT	(Saturday)	First S	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>



PARISI	PARISH OFFERINGS		
	WEEK OF <b>13-14 SEP</b>		
TOTAL:	\$8,756		
ADA Progress: 2025 ADA Goal:	\$40,238 \$156,819		

## =SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

#### 01 OCT (Wednesday):

## SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1873-1897)

Through her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, this Carmelite nun continues to teach millions to trust in the loving Fatherhood of God, and that sanctity lies not necessarily in doing great deeds, but in doing everyday deeds with great love.



#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Within the octave of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, Monday, o6 OCT 2025, there will be a blessing of the animals at 08:00 AM. The blessing will take place at Nativity School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on the school blacktop. All are welcome to bring their pets to be blessed.



## 04 OCT (Saturday): SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI,

Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders (1181-1226)

After a carefree youth, Francis underwent a profound conversion. He renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He showed particular care for the poor and the sick, and he delighted in all living creatures, whom he addressed as brother and sister. He attracted many followers, including **St. Clare of Assisi**, and their communities grew into the worldwide *Franciscan Order* of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the climax of many supernatural events in his life.



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

#### FATIMA CELEBRATION ■



On Monday, 13 OCT 2025, we will hold our final 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.

#### NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

#### WE HAVE OPENINGS IN PRESCHOOL/TK!

Our Nativity School year is underway! Our beautiful *Montessori Preschool andTK program* currently has **2 spots** left for this school year. This program is for ages 2.5-5 years old. This wonderful program incorporates our Catholic faith while educating and preparing students for Kindergarten and beyond! Please contact our admissions office for more information and to schedule a tour: <a href="mailto:admissions@nativityschool.com">admissions@nativityschool.com</a> or **650/325-7304 x205**.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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 PM

## EMINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

#### MAKING DISCIPLES INSTITUTE

Whether you're new or have been doing catechumenate ministry for years, you're sure to come away from this training event on OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) with more confidence and joy for accompanying seekers to Christ. Come learn to build your team.

WHAT: Two-day conference for OCIA training

WHERE: Saint Cecilia Parish Hall (under church)

2555 17th Street, San Francisco

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, 03-04 OCT 2025

**Friday: 05:30-08:30 PM**, plus light dinner Saturday: 09:00 AM-04:00 PM, plus lunch

CONTACT: Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, 415/614-5652

arbucklec@sfarch.org

MORE DETAILS: \$50/person

#### **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

Contact Sr. Celeste Arbuckle if you have

questions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS ■**

#### PRIESTS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON 2025

15th Annual Priests Retirement Luncheon to support our retired **Priests** 

Friday, 03 OCT 2025, St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco 10:30 AM Social Hour in the St. Francis Room. 12:00 PM Lunch

Includes music, appetizers, and a photo booth.

The Priests Retirement Luncheon is one of the highlights of the year and is integral to the Archdiocese's ability to care for our retired Priests. One of two priests honored at the Priest Retirement Luncheon this year is our former pastor, Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini. For information on the Luncheon and/or the Special Collection, please contact Rose Marie Wong, 415/614-5517 or wongr@sfarch.org

To purchase tickets: <a href="https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch/">https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch/</a>.



#### FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Spend some time with your fellow parishioners after the og: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.

#### **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning on Tuesday, 30 SEP 2025, Nativity will present an eight-week Bible Study entitled "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." This study will be an overview of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. This class will be a prelude to further New Testament studies beginning in the winter. Classes will be every Tuesday at 09:30 AM in the O'Hare Center, Guadalupe Room behind the Church. Further learning, sharing and discussion will be led by Deacon Dominick Peloso. An emphasis will be placed on how the Bible stories inspire us to live and love better. For questions, call Deacon Dominick, 650/269-6279

## IN THE COMMUNITY:

#### **ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON**

Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon on Friday, 10 OCT 2025 at 11:30AM with Rev. Julius Ntalo, O.C.D. He will share a faith talk with us following the Rosary. Register to attend in person at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell byemailing admin@ghswomenscenter.com or call to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408/447-5433. This is a free event.

#### SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLMENT OPEN!

Where: Nativity School (Gr. 1-6) or Vallombrosa (Gr. 7+) Activities: Sacramental Prep Classes; Sunday School. Contact: Noreen Browning. 650/325-7304 x118 nbrowning@nativityschool.com

Description: Nativity School of Religion Welcomes You! Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to give Noreen Browning a call at 650/325-7304 or email <a href="mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com">nbrowning@nativityschool.com</a> if you have any questions!

#### CONFIRMATION PREP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL **CLASSES ARE OPEN**

Where: Confirmation Prep in the O'Hare Center and Sunday School at Nativity School

Who: All Catholic Students interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and preparing to receive one of the Sacraments of Initiation. All Students in grades 1-8 are welcome!

More Details: <a href="https://www.nativitymenlo.org/school-of-religion">https://www.nativitymenlo.org/school-of-religion</a> Description: See the School of Religion Welcome Packet at the back of the church.

Please feel free to give Noreen Browning a call at 650/325-7304 or email <a href="mailto:nbrowning@nativityschool.com">nbrowning@nativityschool.com</a> if you have any questions!

#### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY

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

- Saturday, 04 OCT 2025 (07:15-08:45 PM)
- Saturday, 15 NOV 2025 (07:15-08:45 PM)

Confession available; light refreshments to follow

#### SAINT FRANCIS CENTER: FALL FRIENDRAISER

We, the Saint Francis Center Auxiliary, invite you to attend a special event to share the mission and good works of our non-profit within the community. Please join us at our "Fall Friendraiser" to meet our Executive Director, Kate Young, and visit with Auxiliary members to explore opportunities for involvement, whether as a volunteer, supporter, or advocate.

WHERE: Saint Denis Church

2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park

WHEN: Saturday, 04 OCT 2025

(06:30-07:30 PM)

**MORE DETAILS:** Appetizers and beverages provided.

**DESCRIPTION:** 

Are you familiar with The Saint Francis Center of Redwood City? The Center is located right in our community in North Fair Oaks at 151 Buckingham Avenue. They provide resources daily, offering clothing and food, a school, Holy Family School, and housing, as well as a community center for those living nearby. Saint Francis Center is also a place where you can donate clothing and food.

> 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 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:

#### **NATIVITY CALENDAR: CALL FOR PHOTOS!**

Many of our talented parishioners have beautiful high-resolution photos of our church, grounds, and parish life. We are in need of new photos for a special project. Will you share your talent with us? Past and recent photos appreciated! Please contact <a href="mailto:merletnativity@gmail.com">merletnativity@gmail.com</a> for a link to upload. Thank you! Deadline is **o1 OCT 2025**.

## **DID YOU KNOW?** ON-GOING DEVOTIONS

#### **WEEKDAY MORNING ROSARY**

A group meets every morning (Mon-Fri) in the church to pray the rosary at **o8:00 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 **o5:30 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 **o6:15 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 **o5:30 PM** Mass followed at **o6:00-08:00 PM** rosary, music, meditation and closing with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. (in the church).

<b>E</b> CALENDAR OF NOVENAS				
28 SEP (SUN)	SEVENTH DAY: St. Terese FOURTH DAY: St. Francis			
29 SEP (MON)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Terese FIFTH DAY: St. Francis			
30 SEP (TUE)	NINTH DAY: St. Terese SIXTH DAY: St. Francis			
01 OCT (WED)	Feast of Saint Terese SEVENTH DAY: St. Francis			
02 OCT (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: St. Francis			
03 OCT (FRI)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis			
04 OCT (SAT)	Feast of Saint Francis			
05 OCT (SUN)				
06 OCT (MON)				
07 OCT (TUE)				
08 OCT (WED)				
09 OCT (THU)				
10 OCT (FRI)				
11 OCT (SAT)				
	FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS			

St. Terese (Little Flower):

www.ewtn.com/therese/novena.htm

St. Francis of Assisi:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

#### MASS OF HEALING FOR SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The journey through separation and divorce can be filled with grief, change, and a longing for peace. You are warmly invited to a Mass of Healing for all who have experienced separation or divorce - regardless of faith tradition. Come as you are - bring your prayers, your struggles, your longing for healing, and allow God's grace to meet you in this moment.

WHERE: St. Pius parish

 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City
 WHEN: Saturday, 18 OCT 2025, 11:00 AM
 CONTACT: Donna Nathanson, 415/205-5998 dhaasnathan97@gmail.com

#### 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.

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 Hu-

man Life and Dignity Department for the 2025 White Mass for Medical Professionals celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**. Doctors, nurses and healthcare pro-

fessionals are invited.





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## **Eucharistic Miracles**

## Avignon, France -

In Avignon, France, in **November 1433**, a small church run by the *Gray Penitents of the Franciscan order* was exhibiting a consecrated host for perpetual adoration. After several days of heavy rain, the Sorgue and Rhône rivers had risen to a dangerous height. On **30 NOV**, Avignon was flooded. The head of the order and another friar rowed a boat to the church, certain that their little church had been destroyed. Instead, they saw a miracle.

Although water around the church was four feet high, a pathway from the doorway to the altar was perfectly dry, and the sacred host was untouched. The water had been held back in the same way the Red Sea had parted. Amazed by what they had seen, the Friars had others from their order come to the church to verify the miracle. The news spread rapidly, and many townspeople and authorities came to the church, singing songs of praise and of thanks to the Lord. Still today, the Gray Penitent brothers reunite at the *Chapelle des Pénitents Gris* every November 30 to celebrate the memory of the miracle. Before the blessing of the sacrament, the brothers perform a sacred chant taken from the Canticle of Moses, which was composed after the parting of the Red Sea.

## -Siena, Italy

In the Basilica of San Francesco in Siena, 223 consecrated Hosts have remained intact for over 280 years. On 14 AUG 1730, thieves were able to enter San Francesco's Church in Siena and steal the chalice containing 351 consecrated Hosts. After three days, on August 17th, the 351 consecrated Hosts were found intact in the dust of the alms box of the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provengano. The entire population celebrated the finding of the consecrated Hosts which were immediately taken back to the church of San Francesco in a solemn procession. With the passing of time the Hosts did not change in appearance. Many times, distinguished men examined them with every means available and the conclusions were always the same: "The Sacred Hosts are still fresh, intact, uncorrupted, chemically pure, and do not present any sign of alteration".

In 1914, Pope St. Pius X authorized a test which was attended by many professors of health, chemistry and pharmaceutics, among whom was also the well-known Professor Siro Grimaldi. The final conclusion of the edited report of the test stated: "The Sacred Hosts of Siena are the classic example of the perfect conservation of particles from unleavened bread, consecrated in the year 1730, and constitute a unique and most interesting phenomenon ... the laws of nature have been reversed."

# DID YOU KNOW?

The rich man in today's Gospel is often referred to by the name **Dives**.

("The Parable of Dives and Lazarus")
The word dives is simply Latin for "rich".

#### 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: <a href="https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA">https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA</a>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

SEP'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR (topics subject to change)



Man's Capacity for God

- God Comes to Meet Man
- Man's Response to God

Please contact Mary Rudolph (<a href="mailto:mem.rudolph@gmail.com">mem.rudolph@gmail.com</a>),

Joan Desmond (jfdesmond@aol.com), Hal Fletcher (hal.fletcher@gmail.com) or the Rectory (650/323-7914). 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 Open House on 19 OCT 2025 and 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

Learn more about Notre Dame at <a href="hww.ndhsb.org">www.ndhsb.org</a>

#### 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: <a href="mailto:themunns@yahoo.com">themunns@yahoo.com</a>

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