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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

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Rev. Bruce Hoefer

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Noreen Browning

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

It becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For You my flesh pines and my soul thirsts.

Psalms 63

SECOND READING

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.

Romans 12: 1-2

GOSPEL

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.

Matthew 16: 21-27



The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August 2026

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Matthew 16:25

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 29 AUG-05 SEP

SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON:	07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	Isa Hildegard
TUE:	07:30 AM	Sigona & Franzella Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	† William and Jaime Lee † Maria Elena Nuñez & Alma Nieto † John Long † Ilka Miskic
WED:	07:30 AM	Kleinschmidt & Ross Families (L&D)
	05:30 PM	St. Joseph
THU:	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 Members (L&D)
FRI:	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Richard Runkel
SAT:	08:00 AM	Todd and Bev Dorman Kathy Felix DiCicco Family (L&D) † Kevin Munk † Mary Ellen Noonan

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	06:00 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)

30 AUG	[Sunday]	
	10:00 AM	Food & Fellowship ministry
	12:30 PM	Traditional Latin Mass
	02:30 PM	Baptisms
31 AUG	[Monday]	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
01 SEP	[Tuesday]	
02 SEP	[Wednesday]	
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Mass
03 SEP	[Thursday]	
04 SEP	[Friday]	
	05:00 PM	First Friday Our Lady Queen of Peace Novena
05 SEP	[Saturday]	
	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group in O'Hare
	02:00 PM	Wedding in Church

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 08-09 AUG	WEEK OF 15-16 AUG
TOTAL:	\$15,318	\$ 10,654
ADA Progress:	\$17,720	\$17,720
2026 ADA Goal:	\$152,365	\$152,365

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

07 SEP (Monday):

LABOR DAY

On **05 SEP 1882**, the first **Labor Day parade** was held in New York City. Twenty thousand workers marched in a parade up Broadway. They carried banners that read *LABOR CREATES ALL WEALTH* and *EIGHT HOURS FOR WORK, EIGHT HOURS FOR REST, EIGHT HOURS FOR RECREATION!* After the parade there were picnics all around the city. At night, fireworks were set off. Within the next few years, the idea spread from coast to coast, and all states celebrated Labor Day. In 1894, Congress voted it a federal holiday.



08 SEP (Friday):

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

09 SEP (Wednesday):

SAINT PETER CLAVER, Priest (1581-1654)

A Jesuit missionary to America, Peter ministered physically and spiritually to the slaves when they arrived in Cartagena. He reportedly converted 300,000, and worked for humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. He organized charitable societies among the Spanish in America similar to those in Europe by **St. Vincent de Paul**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Monday, 14 SEP 2026**, we will continue our **2026 Fatima Celebrations**. 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**.

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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, (06 SEP 2026: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**, will be a High Mass.



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.



BROWN BAG SUNDAY

On **29-30 AUG 2026**, the fifth Sunday of this month, members of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your monetary donations. There will be a QR code for electronic donations on the placards held by volunteers. If it is more convenient to write a check in advance and drop it in the bags, or to send a check to the parish office, please make it out to **Nativity Conference St. Vincent de Paul Society**. You can also donate through the parish's portal at <https://osvhub.com/nativitymenlo/giving/funds> will also find a tab there for online donations to our St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you very much for your generosity.



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**.



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):

Wednesday: 03:00 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.



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Schola Seraphica Choir will begin rehearsals on **September 14 at 7:00 pm at the O'Hare Center**. Please feel free to contact **Margaret Duando** at margysull@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Our theme this year is "The Light of the World." And our concert date is **Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm**. We will look forward to seeing you.



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).

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: **Wednesdays, 6:15pm-7:30 pm**
Start of classes: **AUG 26, 2026**
Class topics: **Fall 2026**

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

There will be OCIA brochures in the back of the Church soon. Classes are open to OCIA students, parishioners and friends of Nativity.

Please contact **Mary Rudolph** (mem.rudolph@gmail.com),

Cindy Zollinger (cindy Zollinger@gmail.com),

Joan Desmond (jfdesmond@aol.com),

Hal Fletcher (hal.fletcher@gmail.com)

or the Rectory (650/323-7914).

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>



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Married and engaged couples are invited to the tenth annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **October 24, 2026, from 11:00 am - 6:15 pm at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA**. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through September 14 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. To register, scan the QR code to the right.

For more information, visit togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco or email christel@forlifeandfamily.org.



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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!



FROM THE HOLY SEE

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions.
For **August 2026**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *For Evangelization In The City*

Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

30 AUG (SUN)	FIRST DAY: Nativity of the BVM
31 AUG (MON)	SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM
01 SEP (TUE)	THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM
02 SEP (WED)	FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
03 SEP (THU)	FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
04 SEP (FRI)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (SAT)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (SUN)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

ST. CLARE'S SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sisters and Lay Women's 3-Day Silent Retreat
Sept. 18-20, 2026

Retreat Master: Fr. Jim Sullivan

Check in 4-6PM on Friday,

concludes at 12PM on Sunday.

2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel, CA 95073

831-423-8093

www.stclaresretreat.org



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!



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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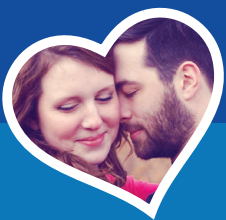
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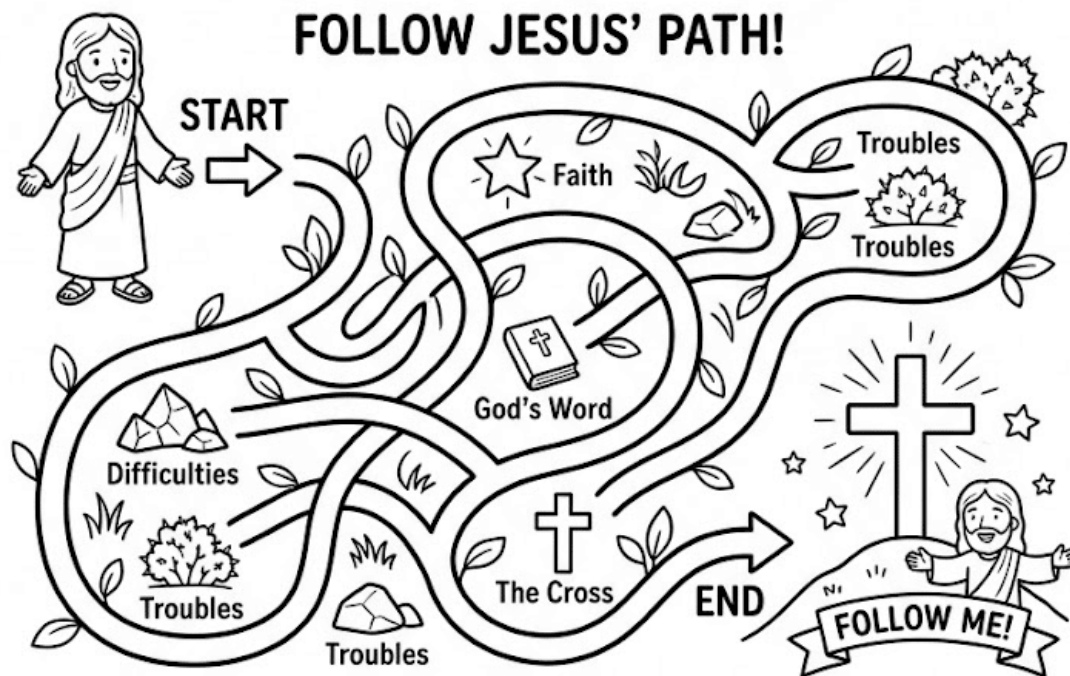
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PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

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."

AUGUST, MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Did you know that the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Since the 16th century, Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

