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MASSSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
05:00 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

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Very Rev. Mark Doherty

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Rev. Michael Thomas, CSC

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Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews

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Mrs. Noreen Browning
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HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples.

Isaiah 2: 1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

Psalms 122

SECOND READING

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.

Romans 13: 11-14

GOSPEL

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24: 37-44



Jeanne D'Arc in Armor
-- Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres (1846)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 NOVEMBER 2025

Let us throw off the works of darkness,
and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13: 12

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 30 NOV-06 DEC

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	Leo Dizon Roa
05:30 PM	† Joe Personeni
TUE: 07:30 AM	John and Elisa Schnur
05:30 PM	Maria Cenni
WED: 07:30 AM	Juvy Yu
05:30 PM	In memory of St. Joseph
THU: 07:30 AM	Michael Peavler
05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members; Samuel Humphries; The Tropeano and Dorman families, living and deceased; Marie Ciel Santos
FRI: 07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
05:30 PM	† Livio and Timothy Durando
SAT: 08:00 AM	The Brian and Cuc Lee family; Cecilia Louise Tuite; Anthony Lillies and family; † Sonia Trabanino; † Carolyn Colonelli

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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)

30 NOV	(Sunday)	<i>SVdP Brown Bag Sunday</i>
01 DEC	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
02 DEC	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Fall Bible Study
	09:30 AM	Nativity School Advent Reconciliation
03 DEC	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Prep Class
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
04 DEC	(Thursday)	
	12:00 PM	The Senior Thursday Group
	04:00 PM	ICF #351 Meeting
	07:00 PM	Choir Practice
05 DEC	(Friday)	<i>First Friday</i> ^{1st}
	08:45 AM	Nativity School Stations of the Cross
06 DEC	(Saturday)	<i>First Saturday</i> ^{1st}
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class
	11:00 AM	YCP Advent Retreat



Parish Office Hours

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

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 15-16 NOV
FIGURES	UNAVAILABLE
AT TIME	OF PUBLICATION
ADA Progress:	\$48,278
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

03 DEC (Wednesday)

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER, Priest (1506-1552)

Born in Spain, Francis Xavier studied in Paris and became a follower of Ignatius Loyola. He was one of the founding Jesuits, and the first Jesuit missionary. He proclaimed the Gospel in India and Japan, and died on Sancian, an island near the China coast. He is the patron saint of foreign travelers.



06 DEC (Saturday)

SAINT NICHOLAS, Bishop (~342)

Saint Nicholas, the patron Saint of Russia, is universally regarded as the champion of the innocent and wronged. He was known to have given his entire vast inheritance for the benefit of the poor and helpless, and many miracles have been attributed to him. Even to this day healings of the sick occur at the site of his relics in Bari, Italy.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE LOT

We are getting ready for Nativity's annual Christmas Tree Lot! **Pre-orders** open the week of **10 NOV 2025** and will be available until **25 NOV 2025**. Please visit our website to pre-order your tree: www.nativitytrees.com We are open the day after Thanksgiving! Be sure to save the date for **Saturday, 06 DEC 2025** as **Santa** will be visiting the lot. Thank you as always for your support of Nativity School and we can't wait to welcome you this season.



Whoever serves Me must follow Me,
and where I am, there also will My servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves Me.

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)

MORE DETAILS: <https://www.nativitymenlo.org/OCIA>
There are also OCIA brochures in the back of the Church

DEC'25

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR
(topics subject to change)

DEC'25

- The Mass and the Eucharist (Part 1)
- The Mass and the Eucharist (Part 2)
- Confession and Anointing of the Sick

There will be **no class** on **30 NOV** (Thanksgiving holiday)
There will be **no class** on **28 DEC** (Christmas holiday)

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).



BROWN BAG SUNDAY

This weekend is the **fifth Sunday** of the month and the SVdP "Brown Bag" collection. We hope you can help with the increasing need for aid from our neighbors. The Nativity Parish **St Vincent de Paul Society** is a wonderful embodiment of the charitable intentions of our parish, and your support is put to very good use in service of folks in need. The basic elements of support that we provide are *Second Harvest* food and grocery store gift cards, as well as rental assistance. *Second Harvest* is coping with rising food costs and reduced donations, resulting in more limited food available from them. We now need additional financial support to continue to provide grocery gift cards to support our neighbors at the level we established earlier this year. **28-29 OCT 2023** is our **Brown Bag Sunday** collection, and we humbly ask that you consider continuing to support this parish mission. Volunteers will be outside the church to receive donations, and donations can also be made via the QR Code, or left at the parish during business hours. Thank you!



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

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 • Ari James Lau Beckman, son of Alexander Charles Beckman and Valerie Lau

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS



Bringing animals inside the Church
**IS NOT ALLOWED
AT ANY TIME!**

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>



**LOOK!
STARTS THIS WEEK!**

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY FAMILY MINISTRY

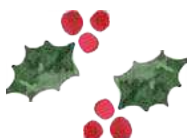
Please join us for a special *Family Advent Gathering* as we kick off our new **Nativity Family Ministry**! Enjoy listening to an Advent-themed talk given by **Fr. Mark**, fun arts and crafts for the kids, and light refreshments for all. Come grow in faith and community as we prepare our hearts for Christmas together. All families are welcome!

WHAT: Inaugural event for the new **Nativity Family Ministry**

WHERE: O'Hare Center

WHEN: Saturday, 06 DEC 2025
(03:00-04:30 PM)

RSVP:



SCHOLA SERAPHICA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are now available for *Schola Seraphica's* Annual Christmas Concert on **07 DEC 2025** at **02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20** for adults and **\$15** for seniors and students. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday morning Masses. Additionally, you may purchase the tickets at the Nativity parish office between **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday-Friday**. Seating is limited; we are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.

Schola Seraphica Concert Tickets will be sold after morning Masses beginning **16 NOV 2025**. **\$20** general **\$15** seniors/students. All checks should be made out to the *Church of the Nativity*. It was a **sell-out** last year, don't get left behind!

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU PARTY!

Very Reverend Mark Doherty cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual *Thank You Christmas Party* on **Saturday, 13 DEC 2025**, at **04:00 PM**. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and your help is invaluable. The party will be in the **Guadalupe Room**. If you have done any volunteer work for Nativity Church or School, please stop by for some friendly company, good food, drinks, and general good cheer. This includes all volunteers, e.g., choir members, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Altar Society, Eucharistic Adoration, Men's club, Mom's club, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, OCIA, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Respect Life, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say "thanks" for all your generous help throughout the year.

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY

We have started our **35th annual program** to assist families in our area who are in need and to brighten their Christmas celebration. With your generosity, we will be assisting over 200 families with gifts and food. These are all families identified by our *St. Vincent de Paul Society* and other trusted sources. The idea is to then purchase gifts for each child and one family gift. These will be brought to Nativity School Gym on **Saturday, 13 DEC 2025** for delivery.

We will also have items to purchase for various charitable organizations. Finally, we will be taking sign-ups to be on the delivery teams. As a parish, we have always been very generous and look forward to helping you enjoy the Christmas season even more by helping others do the same. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso**, 650/269-7794.



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

Intention: *For Christians in areas of conflict*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

SILENT RETREAT

Monsignor Otellini will again be leading Vallombrosa's *Advent Five Day Silent Retreat* from **14-20 DEC 2025**. Monsignor will be providing daily Mass, conferences, and confessions. The cost is **\$475** which includes meals from **Sunday evening, 14 DEC 2025** to breakfast on **Saturday, 20 DEC 2025**. This is 50% off Vallombrosa's regular price. Some scholarships are available. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick** at **650/269-6279**. To register, call **Jaynie** at **650/325-5614**.

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

30 NOV (SUN)	FOURTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
01 DEC (MON)	FIFTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
02 DEC (TUE)	SIXTH DAY: Saint Nicholas
03 DEC (WED)	SEVENTH DAY: Saint Nicholas FIRST DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe
04 DEC (THU)	EIGHTH DAY: Saint Nicholas SECOND DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIRST DAY: Saint Lucy
05 DEC (FRI)	NINTH DAY: Saint Nicholas THIRD DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SECOND DAY: Saint Lucy
06 DEC (SAT)	Feast of Saint Nicholas FOURTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe THIRD DAY: Saint Lucy
07 DEC (SUN)	FIFTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FOURTH DAY: Saint Lucy
08 DEC (MON)	SIXTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe FIFTH DAY: Saint Lucy
09 DEC (TUE)	SEVENTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SIXTH DAY: Saint Lucy
10 DEC (WED)	EIGHTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe SEVENTH DAY: Saint Lucy
11 DEC (THU)	NINTH DAY: Our Lady of Guadalupe EIGHTH DAY: Saint Lucy
12 DEC (FRI)	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe NINTH DAY: Saint Lucy
13 DEC (SAT)	Feast of Saint Lucy

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

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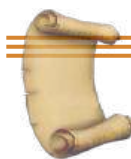
www.fisheaters.com/novenas.html#nicholas

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

www.sancta.org/novena.html

Saint Lucy:

www.novena.com/2013/12/10/saint-lucy/



BULLETIN NEWS

REMINDER: SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Items for the bulletin should be emailed to the bulletin editors at nativity.bulletin@gmail.com.

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

Bulletin items for...	Submit by...
07 DEC 2025	30 NOV 2025 (Sunday)
14 DEC 2025	04 DEC 2025 (Thursday)
21 DEC 2025	10 DEC 2025 (Wednesday)
28 DEC 2025	18 DEC 2025 (Thursday)
04 JAN 2026	25 DEC 2025 (Thursday)

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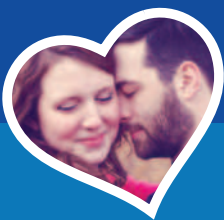


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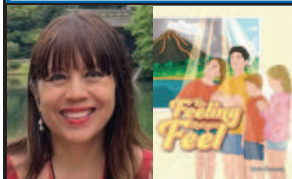
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For the Latin Rite of Roman Catholicism, this Sunday is the beginning of the liturgical year. Western Christian liturgical calendars are based on the cycle of the Roman or Latin Rite (even Protestant calendars, since this cycle pre-dates the Protestant Reformation). The liturgical seasons are **Advent**, **Christmas**, **Ordinary Time** (time after *Epiphany*), **Lent**, **Easter**, and **Ordinary Time** (time after *Pentecost*).

Advent begins four Sundays prior to **Christmas Day** and ends on **Christmas Eve**.

Christmas begins on the evening of **24 DEC** and ends on the **Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (13 JAN)**.

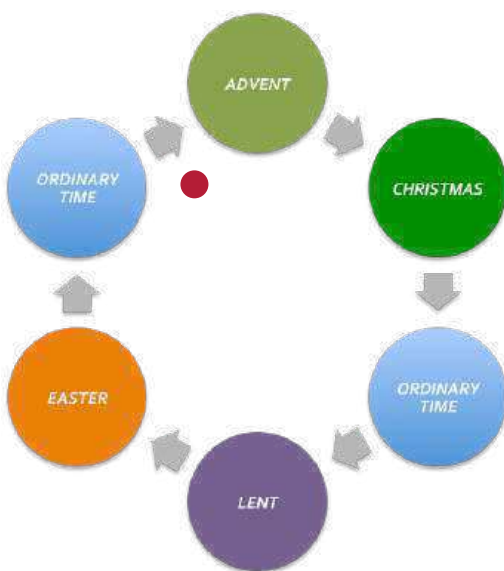
Ordinary Time does not mean "plain" or "regular" time. It comes from the same root word as "ordinal" (ordinal numbers are first, second, third, etc.). Ordinary time means "the counted weeks". It begins after the Baptism of Our Lord and continues through the **Tuesday before Ash Wednesday**.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday** and ends at the beginning of the **Easter Vigil** (the end of Holy Week).

Easter as a liturgical season begins with the Easter Vigil and ends on **Pentecost Sunday**. The date of Easter Sunday varies each year, according to the rule that it falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal equinox (**21 MAR**). This means that Easter Sunday will never be before **22 MAR** nor after **25 APR**. We had an "early" Easter in **2008 (23 MAR)**, but some years it could be even one day earlier (even though that won't happen again in this century)! In **2026** it will fall on **05 APR**.

Ordinary Time resumes on **Pentecost Monday** and continues until the Saturday before the **first Sunday of Advent**.

So we have now completed the "last" season of the Church year, and today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year.



Schedule of Christmas and New Year Services

15-19 DEC	after	Confession Service
22-23 DEC	05:30 PM Mass	Confession Service
24 DEC	(Wednesday)	Vigil of Christmas
	06:00 PM	Vigil Mass of Christmas
	09:00 PM	Choral Prelude to Mass at Night
	09:45 PM	Christmas Proclamation and Procession to the Crib
	10:00 PM	Christmas Mass at Night
	12:00 AM	Traditional Latin Mass
25 DEC	(Thursday)	Christmas Day
	08:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	09:30 AM	Christmas Day Mass
	11:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
26 DEC	(Friday)	Feast of St. Stephen
	09:00 AM	Daily Mass (one Mass only)
31 DEC	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	06:00 PM	Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
01 JAN	(Thursday)	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
	09:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)
02 JAN	(Friday)	(regular Mass schedule resumes)
	07:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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.



Can't Get Enough of St. Nick?

Check out the website www.stnicholascenter.org for games, crafts, stories, history, events and more!

