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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED

FIRST READING

Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.

Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God gives a home to the forsaken; He leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

Psalms 68

SECOND READING

You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL

You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 14: 1, 7-14



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 AUGUST 2025

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14: 11

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 31 AUG - 06 SEP

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 09:00 AM	John and Elisa Schnur
TUE: 07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
05:30 PM	† Francesca Cipriani; † Malachy Higgins; † Claudette Jolly; † Charity Torres
WED: 07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
05:30 PM	In memory of St. Joseph
THU: 07:30 AM	The Ortiz and Rubio families, living and deceased
05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI: 07:30 AM	† Kevin Munk
05:30 PM	The Bishop family
SAT: 08:00 AM	Jack Loar; The Brian and Cuc Lee family; The Ferrando family, living and deceased

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Monday, **01 SEP 2025**
for Labor Day.

There will be one Mass,
at **09:00 AM**, on Monday.



Bringing animals inside the Church

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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
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)

31 AUG	(Sunday)	SVDP Brown Bag Sunday
01 SEP	(Monday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary
	07:00 PM	Medjugorje Prayer Group
02 SEP	(Tuesday)	
03 SEP	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Consecration to the BVM
04 SEP	(Thursday)	
	04:00 PM	ICF #351 Meeting
	06:30 PM	Nativity Women's Faith and Study Group
05 SEP	(Friday)	First Friday ^{1st}
06 SEP	(Saturday)	First Saturday ^{1st}
	09:30 AM	Baptism Class

**Parish Office Hours**

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

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

**PARISH OFFERINGS**

	WEEK OF 09-10 AUG	WEEK OF 16-17 AUG
TOTAL:	\$11,061	\$9,811
Solemnity of the Assumption:	\$2,795	
ADA Progress:	\$39,238	\$39,238
2025 ADA Goal:	\$156,819	\$156,819

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

01 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. 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.



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

03 SEP (Wednesday):

SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (540-590)

Prefect of Rome who then sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily, plus one in Rome. He collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are today referred to as Gregorian Chants.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FOLK CHOIR MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

Come join the band! And you can sleep in on Sundays...

The contemporary folk group that plays at **09:30AM** Mass is moving to the new **12:30PM** Mass starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**. We are always looking for cantors, singers, and musicians who play piano/KB, guitar, bass, percussion and solo instruments: flute, sax, trumpet, cello, etc. The later time allows those of you who like to keep rock star hours to sleep in and play with us. We have a very light rehearsal schedule – once a month or so before or after Mass. It is not required to sing/play at Mass every Sunday. Interested? Call or email **Barbara Nelson 650/464 2971**, bnelson1015@gmail.com.

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**.



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. 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 office during business hours. Thank you!



You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

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.

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 PM

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

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**
- **Thomas Benedict Chang Parkinson**, son of **William Worthington Parkinson** and **June Allison Chang**
 - **Henry Luis & William Benjamin Simmons**, sons of **William Daniel Simmons Jr.** and **Adriana Elizabeth Romero**

- MARRIAGES**
- **Ricky Thach Tran** and **Rachel Denise Lai**

ATTENTION, PRAYER WARRIORS!

San Mateo Pro-Life members are currently protesting Planned Parenthood in RWC, **Mon-Fri 08:30-11:30 AM**. It has been shown that many abortion-bound women cancel their appointments when people are praying on the sidewalk.

Consider joining us, **God will bless you!** Let's see the closure of this last bastion of death in the Peninsula.

We need a Spanish-speaking counselor as well

"Deliver them that are led to death; and those that are drawn to death forbear not to deliver." ~ Proverbs 24.11

For questions, email **Erika Hathaway** (erikashathaway@gmail.com)

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.

★ *STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!* ★

Dear Friends in Christ,

Starting **Sunday, 07 SEP 2025**, a **new Mass schedule** will be inaugurated. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays will be celebrated at:

08:00 AM 09:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM

The **Folk Choir** will shift to the new **12:30 PM** Mass. A **vocal quartet** will begin singing at the **09:30** and **11:00 AM** Masses, possibly as soon as **07 SEP 2025**. The **Choristers** (children's choir) will eventually slot into the **09:30 AM** Mass. Note, however, that it will take time to form the Chorister program. Presently, we anticipate the **Choristers** making their Nativity debut on the **4th Sunday of Advent**.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the members of the **Folk Choir** for their outstanding contribution to our worship at the **09:30 AM** Mass over many decades, and my deepest appreciation for their gracious willingness to move to a new slot (**12:30 PM**).

Additionally, it is likely that we will restore a Sunday evening – **05:00 PM** – Mass starting on the **1st Sunday of Advent**. Planning is still ongoing, and details remain fluid. I will update you in due course.

Very Rev. Mark Doherty

OUR LADY'S MINISTRY FUNDRAISING GALA

Our Lady's Ministry is hosting its Annual Fundraiser Gala, with special guests **Archbishop Salvador Piñeiro** and **Monsignor Inca Pereda**, whose dioceses in Peru we serve and who are cherished colleagues of **Pope Leo XIV**.

Music will be provided by renowned harpist **Anna Maria Mendieta**.

WHAT: Gala and fundraiser for the work of *Our Lady's Ministry*

WHERE: **SDES Hall**, 30846 Watkins St, Union City

WHEN: **Saturday, 06 SEP 2025**

04:30 PM - Reception and Silent Auction

06:00 PM - Dinner and Speakers

CONTACT: For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.olmgala.com

MORE DETAILS: Priests and Religious receive **free admission** (email rsvp@olmgala.com).

Our Lady's Ministry is a 501c3 which brings financial relief and God's love to the poorest of the poor around the world, at the invitation of Bishops, Priests, and Religious.

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

Intention: *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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 nbrowning@nativityschool.com if you have any questions!

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

31 AUG (SUN) SECOND DAY: Nativity of the BVM

01 SEP (MON) THIRD DAY: Nativity of the BVM

02 SEP (TUE) FOURTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

03 SEP (WED) FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

04 SEP (THU) SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

05 SEP (FRI) SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

06 SEP (SAT) EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

07 SEP (SUN) NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM

08 SEP (MON) Feast of the Nativity of the BVM

09 SEP (TUE)

10 SEP (WED)

11 SEP (THU)

12 SEP (FRI)

13 SEP (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

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.

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.

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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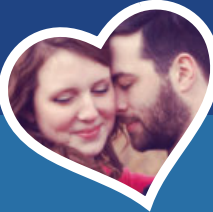


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OCIA AND FAITH FORMATION

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

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** (mem.rudolph@gmail.com),
Joan Desmond (jfdesmond@aol.com),
Hal Fletcher (hal.fletcher@gmail.com)
or the Rectory (650/323-7914).

"PLAINCHANT"

Want to learn more about **Gregorian Chant** -- the form of sacred music sung by the Church for hundreds of years? The **Church Music Association of America** (www.musicasacra.com) is one great place to start.

They even have an introductory course in Chant for Children (www.musicasacra.com/music-pedagogy-for-children). Other wonderful sites include the **Canons Regular of St. John Cantius** (www.canons-regular.org), which has on-line tutorials on the Latin Mass for clergy and laity, and the **Institute of Christ the King**, which has an on-line library of the Gregorian Chant Propers (www.institute-christ-king.org/latin-mass-resources/sacred-music/) for the entire liturgical year.

Oremus. Canamus.

What Does the Catechism Say About . . .

Music and the Liturgy?

1156 "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as a combination of sacred music and words, it forms a necessary or integral part of solemn liturgy." The composition and singing of inspired psalms, often accompanied by musical instruments, were already closely linked to the liturgical celebrations of the Old Covenant. The Church continues and develops this tradition: "Address . . . one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart." "He who sings prays twice."

1157 Song and music fulfill their function as signs in a manner all the more significant when they are "more closely connected . . . with the liturgical action," according to three principal criteria: beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and the solemn character of the celebration. In this way they participate in the purpose of the liturgical words and actions: the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful:

1158 The harmony of signs (song, music, words, and actions) is all the more expressive and fruitful when expressed in the cultural richness of the People of God who celebrate. Hence "religious singing by the faithful is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred exercises as well as in liturgical services," in conformity with the Church's norms, "the voices of the faithful may be heard." But "the texts intended to be sung must always be in conformity with Catholic doctrine. Indeed they should be drawn chiefly from the Sacred Scripture and from liturgical sources."

NATIVITY SCHOOL NEWS

School is off to a terrific start! Nativity School welcomed new teachers **Sydney Mufarreh** (3rd grade), **Justin Perez** (2nd grade) and **Brian Tupper** (7th grade), along with 3rd grade aide **Michelle Plascencia** to its ranks. **Father Doherty** began the school year with Mass on **Thursday, 21 AUG 2025** and our students began attending a new weekly **Wednesday Mass** on **27 AUG 2025**.

We are feeling blessed with such a beautiful beginning to the 2025 - 26 school year!

WE HAVE OPENINGS IN PRESCHOOL/TK!

Our Nativity School year is underway! Our beautiful *Montessori Preschool and TK 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: admissions@nativityschool.com or **650/325-7304 x205**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION



On **Friday, 12 SEP 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**.

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."

Chapter 2, Article 1 (*Celebrating the Church's Liturgy*)

sections 1156-1158: