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The Church of the Nativity

MASSES

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

Saturdays 08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)

Weekdays 07:30 AM and 05:30 PM

Holy Days 07:30 AM, 05:30 and 07:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Opus Dei priest)

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM (parish priest)

(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)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. John Mary Chung

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Clement Davenport

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24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27 NOVEMBER 2011

We are the clay and You the potter:
we are all the work of Your hands.

Isaiah 64: 7



FIRST READING

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but You doing such deeds for those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7

PSALM

Give us new life, and we will call upon Your name.

Psalms 80

SECOND READING

God is faithful, and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

GOSPEL

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Matthew 13: 33-37

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 27 NOV - 03 DEC

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	All souls
	05:30 PM	Peggy O'Day Zabala
TUE	07:30 AM	All souls
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Amy Ellis
	05:30 PM	All souls
THU	07:30 AM	† Peter Hankin
	05:30 PM	† Bob Connelly
FRI	07:30 AM	† Betty Treinen
	05:30 PM	† Joanne Kenney
SAT	08:00 AM	Isabelle Silva

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer

27 NOV	(Sunday)	Adopt-A-Family (all Masses) Holy Hour for Priests
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28 NOV	(Monday)	09:00 AM Bible Group 07:30 PM RCIA 07:30 PM Legion of Mary 07:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society 07:30 PM Christmas Concert Practice
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29 NOV	(Tuesday)	06:00 PM Cenacles of Life Rosary 07:00 PM Class on the End Times
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30 NOV	(Wednesday)	09:30 AM Class on the End Times 07:00 PM Confirmation Class
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01 DEC	(Thursday)	11:00 AM The Thursday Group 06:00 PM Perpetual Help Novena 06:30 PM ICF Dinner and Meeting
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1st	02 DEC	(Friday)
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1st	03 DEC	(Saturday)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
			03:30 PM - 04:30 PM Confessions (parish priest)
			05:00 PM Adopt-A-Family
			06:00 PM Ignatius Movie Night



SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for the **Altar Society**.

Christmas is just around the corner ... Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's birth! Your donation will help fund the flowers, linens, vestments, and all that beautifies our liturgy and church, not only at Christmas but throughout the year. Please help support the work of our creative Altar Society, who thank you for your continued generosity and support! Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Altar Society*.



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 12-13 NOV
TOTAL:	\$10,298
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$51,130
2011 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$119,800

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

29 NOV (Tuesday)
ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER

03 DEC (Saturday)
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.

04 DEC (Sunday)
SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (~676-754)

30 NOV (Wednesday)
SAINT ANDREW, Apostle

St. Andrew was first a disciple of **John the Baptist**. When he became a follower of Christ, he brought along his brother, **Simon Peter**. Andrew is the apostle who found a boy carrying loaves and fishes, which Jesus multiplied for the hungry multitude. He was crucified at Achaia on an "X"-shaped cross (in heraldry an "X"-shaped charge (*saltire*) is often referred to as a *St. Andrew's cross*). Andrew is said to have preached for two days while on the cross. He is the patron saint of Scotland.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM

Our annual **Christmas Adopt-A-Family** signups will be held here at Nativity Church on the weekends of **19-20** and **26-27 November 2011** after all the Masses. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful event of sharing the joys of the Christmas with those in our area who are less fortunate than us. The Adopt-A-Family committee members will be taking signups for adopting families (buying gifts for the children and a family gift), helping local organizations by purchasing Wish List items, making financial donations, and signing up volunteers to pack food and make the deliveries on **Saturday, 17 December 2011**. For questions, or to reserve a family if you are out of town, call **650/269-7794**.

NATIVITY MOMS' GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 09 December 2011 from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4367** for more information.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets are now available for **Schola Seraphica's Christmas Concert** on **04 December 2011, 02:30 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**. Tickets are **\$20.00** for adults and **\$15.00** for seniors and students.

They may be purchased at the Nativity parish office. Seating is limited. We are looking forward to sharing more beautiful music with you.



NATIVITY TREE LOT: 14TH ANNUAL TRADITION

Nativity School's annual Christmas Tree Lot is now officially open for business! Choose your tree from the finest quality fir trees. Wreaths and garland are also available. Convenient delivery to Menlo Park, Atherton, Palo Alto, and Redwood City is available. All proceeds benefit the Nativity School's educational and extracurricular programs. Don't wait any longer. Visit our tree lot today and pick out the perfect tree for your home or business. For hours of operation, visit **nativitytrees.com**. We still need volunteers to deliver trees! To sign up, visit **volunteer.nativitytrees.com**.



ROSARY OUTSIDE OF ABORTION CLINIC

Every first Saturday of the month a group of parishioners meets to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood in Mountain View, on the corner of California and San Antonio. We drive down after the **08:00 AM** Mass at Nativity and pray until about **10:00 AM**. Please contact **Charlie Capps** at **nativitymenlorespectlife@yahoo.com** or **314/882-6878** for more information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to visit our Lord during the week, as the church is open 24x7 and He awaits you. Also, everyone is encouraged to sign up for one hour. This will ensure your weekly meeting with Jesus. You may sign up for any hour. Please consider the following hours which currently have no one assigned. Our Lord wishes to speak with you, and you have much to say and ask of Him:

SUN: 02:00 PM

MON: 08:00 AM

TUE: 05:00 AM and 01:00 PM

FRI: 08:00 AM



Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191) or Community Pregnancy Center (650/964-8093).

Please call **650/269-7794** for more information or 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

MARRIAGES

NEW PARISHIONERS

- Emily Muhleman and David VanEdmond

DEATHS

CLASS ON THE END TIMES

Starting **29 November 2011**, our weekly Catholic Study will take up the topic of the End Times. We will be watching and discussing a DVD presentation by Scripture Scholar **Dr. Brant Pitre** entitled: *“Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days.”* We will cover the “Rapture”, coming of the “AntiChrist”, the Second Coming and more. We will learn that the Catholic Church has very explicit teaching about the Tribulation, the AntiChrist, the Final Judgment, the meaning of the temple destruction for us, and the New Creation. The once-a-week 90-minute classes will go for four straight weeks-. They are presented on **Tuesday** evening at **07:00 PM** and repeated the following Wednesday at **09:30 AM**. For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269.6279**.

MEN’S CLUB NEWS

Please join the Men’s Club of Nativity for their Annual Christmas Party on **Friday, 02 December 2011**, at The Patio at Rudy’s, 412 Emerson St., Palo Alto, beginning at **07:30 PM**. Early RSVP’s received by **30 NOV: \$20.00** per person. All other RSVP’s are **\$25.00** per person and includes food and a drink ticket. For more information please contact **Kevin Ames** at **650/995-6534** or **nativitymc@gmail.com**. You may drop your reservations off at the school or the parish office.

Save the Date: The Men’s Club fabulous **Crab Cioppino Dinner** will be held on **11 February 2012**. Mark your calendars and save the date so you don’t miss this event. More information will follow.

NATIVITY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2012

We are now scheduling tours with parents for prospective Kindergarteners. The tours are on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings at **09:00 AM** through the month of **January**. Please call the school office at **650/325-7304** to schedule an appointment. We are currently accepting applications for Kindergarten. Applications are available on our website under the Forms tab: **nativityschool.com/forms/index.htm**. Also, please encourage friends, neighbors, and other preschool classmates to consider Nativity School. Our Open House is scheduled for **Sunday, 29 January 2012**, from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM**.

VOLUNTEER THANK-YOU PARTY

Msgr. Steven Otellini cordially invites all Nativity volunteers to the annual Thank You Christmas Party on **Saturday, 17 December 2011**, after the **05:00 PM** Mass. Volunteers are a very important part of the Nativity community and their help is invaluable. The party will be in the rectory. 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, carnival, tree lot, Adopt-a-Family, Legion of Mary, School of Religion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and anyone who has done a special project, etc. This is our chance to say “thanks” for all your generous help throughout the year.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: reading glasses (5 pairs): tan and plaid, black and purple, black with sparkles (Vogue), small brown tortoise shell, brown large frame with one very strong lens; sunglasses (2 pairs): woman’s tortoise shell, Maui Jim brand men’s glasses; maroon stocking cap; maroon fur hat; leather purse with well-used bible inside; black sweater. All unclaimed items will be donated after **11 December 2011**. Please come to the parish office to claim. **650/323-7915**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SAINT PATRICKS SEMINARY: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer on **Monday, 28 November 2011**, at St. Patrick’s Seminary and University, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. The Christmas Boutique and Food Court opens at **04:00 PM**, and the Tree Lighting and Caroling by the Seminary Choir begins at **05:00 PM**; refreshments to follow. Experience the glory of seeing Seminary Halls decked out for Christmas. For information on how to participate as a crafter or to attend, please contact **Rosalinda Campbell** at **650/349-4316**, or **Linda Asti** at **650/365-2624** or **linda.m.asti@gmail.com**.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

People throughout the USA will be praying in Adoration on **08 December 2011** from **09:00 PM**, until **01:00 AM** on **09 December 2011**. This is the time when we join people of good will throughout the United States for an end to abortion, especially in our country. The hour of unity, when all time zones will be praying is from **09:00-10:00 PM**. Please join us for as long as you can, especially during the hour of unity. For questions, call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794**.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **December 2011**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: Peace among All Peoples. That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.



Missionary: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY SERVICES

THURSDAY, 22 December 2011

07:30 PM Advent Penance Service

SATURDAY, 24 December 2011 (Christmas Eve)

08:00 AM Daily Mass
 06:00 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas
 10:00 PM Choral Prelude to Christmas Mass
 10:45 PM Christmas Proclamation
 and Procession to the Crib
 11:00 PM Christmas Mass

SUNDAY, 25 December 2011 (Christmas Day)

08:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
 09:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
 11:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
 (no 05:00 PM Mass)

MONDAY, 26 December 2011

09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)

SATURDAY, 31 December 2011 (New Year's Eve)

08:00 AM Daily Mass
 05:00 PM Vigil for the Solemnity of the Mother of God
 11:30 PM New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, 01 January 2012 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

08:00 AM Solemnity of the Mother of God
 09:30 AM Sunday Mass
 11:30 AM Sunday Mass
 05:00 PM Sunday Mass

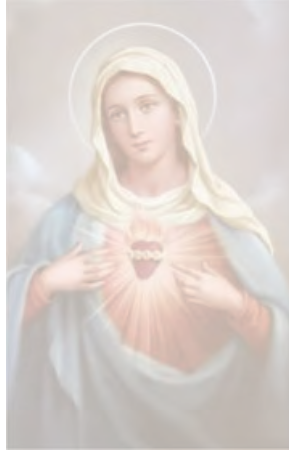
MONDAY, 02 January 2012

09:00 AM Daily Mass (one Mass only)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
San Carlos Adult Day Services is looking for volunteers to help to decorate the Senior Day Center, **28-30 November** or **01-02 December 2011** anytime between **09:00 AM** and **02:00 PM**; sing Christmas carols to Seniors Monday through Friday, **09:00 AM** to **02:00 PM** during the holiday season; assist staff with, set up, serving snacks and beverages and playing games with the seniors for the Holiday Party, **Friday, 16 December 2011, 01:00-02:00 PM**. This program welcomes high school volunteers as well (15 to 18). The San Carlos Adult Day Services is located at 787 Walnut Street, San Carlos. **650/593-9325**.

IGNATIUS NIGHT AT THE MOVIES
 On **Saturday, 03 December 2011** in the **O'Hare Center** at **06:30 PM**, we will be showing the documentary *The Story of the Nativity, The Truth of Christmas*. This is a fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity; an hour-long documentary that includes interviews of top scholars and speakers such as Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ; Steve Ray; Peter Kreeft, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk and more as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. Admission is **\$5/person** or **\$12/family** or a free-will donation will help the work of the Dominican Laity. Pizza and refreshments will be available for sale before the movie. Seating is limited so make your reservations early by calling the parish office. For more information, please contact **Ellen Spencer** at **650/851-0700**.

Happy New Year!



The First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

Many Catholics observe special devotions on the First Friday and First Saturday of each month, particularly attendance at Mass and the reception of the Eucharist.

First Friday:

Our Lord revealed to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, as one of the 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart:

“In the excess of the mercy of My Heart, I promise you that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in My displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and My Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.”

First Saturday:

Subsequent to the apparitions at Fatima, our Blessed Mother appeared again to Saint Lucia, on 10 DEC 1925, with the Child Jesus by her side. At that time, she revealed her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, and told her:

“Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me.”

Would you consider making this one of your own special devotions to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary?

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 December and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus (13 January).

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 March). This means that Easter Sunday will never be before 22 March nor after 25 April. We had an “early” Easter in 2008 (23 March), but some years it could be even one day earlier! (In 2012, it will be 08 April)

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.

