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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

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Rev. John Mary Chung

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Rev. Clement Davenport

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

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Rev. Kevin Gaffey

Rev. Paul Maillet

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST READING

Remember that my life is like the wind.
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

PSALM

He tells the number of the stars; He calls each by name.
Psalms 147

SECOND READING

All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

GOSPEL

Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed.
Mark 1: 29-39



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

05 FEBRUARY 2012

“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

Mark 1: 38

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 05 - 11 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Raimonda Bartolini
TUE	07:30 AM	† Jean and Fred Hogg
	05:30 PM	† Jim Taaffee
WED	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	ICF Br. #351 living and deceased members
THU	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Bob Connelly
FRI	07:30 AM	Brian Woods and Michael Lastovic
	05:30 PM	In thanksgiving to our Lady of Lourdes
SAT	08:00 AM	† Heleodoro Beltran

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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



Electronic giving is offered through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office for a paper form

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
05 FEB	(Sunday)	Rwanda Presentation (after all Masses) Holy Hour for Priests
06 FEB	(Monday)	Bible Group Legion of Mary RCIA
07 FEB	(Tuesday)	Class on Catholicism Cenacles of Life Rosary Class on Catholicism
08 FEB	(Wednesday)	
09 FEB	(Thursday)	Opus Dei Women's Group The Thursday Group Perpetual Help Novena
10 FEB	(Friday)	Nativity Moms' Group
11 FEB	(Saturday)	Confessions 12:00 PM (Opus Dei priest) Confessions 04:30 PM (parish priest) Crab Cioppino Dinner



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 28-29 JAN
TOTAL:	\$10,726
Annual Appeal Progress:	GOAL MET!
2011 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$119,800

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

06 FEB (Monday):

SAINTS PAUL MIKI and COMPANIONS, Martyrs (d. 1597)

Paul, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuits in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified with 25 other Japanese Catholics (the Martyrs of Nagasaki), mostly laymen, during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruler of Japan in the name of the emperor. Paul delivered his final sermon from the cross.

11 FEB (Saturday):

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (1858)

- Our Lady appeared to Bernadette 18 times at the **Grotto de Massabielle**.
- Over **5 million** visitors journey to Lourdes every year.
- It has been estimated that in the first 50 years of pilgrimages to Lourdes, over **4000** cures were attributed and recorded. This number is considered to be significantly lower than the actual number of cures.
- Two basilicas, the **Basilique du Rosaire** and the **Upper Basilica**, were built in the late 1800's on either side of the grotto.



10 FEB (Friday):

SAINT SCHOLASTICA, Virgin (480-543)

Twin sister of **St. Benedict**. After Benedict founded the monastery of Monte Cassino, Scholastica founded a community of nuns nearby, leading an exemplary life.

“She has the appearance of a young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She is dressed in a white robe, girdled at the waist with a blue ribbon which flows down all around it. A yoke closes it in graceful pleats at the base of the neck. The sleeves are long and tight-fitting. She wears upon her head a veil which is also white. This veil gives just a glimpse of her hair and then falls down at the back below her waist. Her feet are bare but covered by the last folds of her robe, except at the point where a yellow rose shines upon each of them. She holds on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold, shining like the two roses on her feet.”

-- Bernadette's description of Our Lady of Lourdes after the first apparition.

MORE MIRACLES OF LOURDES

Want to hear more about the miracle cures at Lourdes? Perform a search on the Internet for “John Traynor” and “Gabriel Gargam”, two of the most famous cures that have been recorded.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

HELP NEEDED

The Gabriel Project, a pro-life ministry, is in need of your used baby equipment, baby/toddler clothes and maternity clothes for our mothers-to-be in need. Please contact **Julia Rumann** at **650/704-2217** to arrange pick up.

NATIVITY MOMS' GROUP

All moms are invited to join the Nativity Moms' Group. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 10 February 2012** from **10:30 AM-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.

NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Nativity Community Blood Drive will be on **Sunday, 12 February 2012** from **08:30AM-12:30PM**. Please consider calling **Zachary Thomas** at **650/327-9452** to make an appointment. You can also schedule your own appointment by browsing to <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>, click on “**Find a Blood Drive**”, search by city “**Menlo Park**”. Remember: *The Blood You Give May Help Save a Life!*

STANFORD
BLOOD DRIVE

RWANDA PRESENTATION

Nativity parishioner **Christine Broesamle** will be sharing her work on reconciliation in Rwanda in the O'Hare Center after all Masses on **Sunday, 05 February 2012**. Pictures, slide show, crafts and music will be on display. Come and learn more about Rwanda and the issues Catholics in Rwanda face. Any questions, contact **Barbara Nelson** (bnelson1015@gmail.com), **650/464 2971**.

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:

THU: 04:00 PM (*Prayer Partners*)

SAT: 01:00 PM

SUN: 02:00 PM

Please call **650/269-7794** for more information or to sign up.



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).

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

- Joellen and David Stoffel (*Lauren, Alex, Jack*)
- Griselda and Juan Ibarra (*Isabel*)
- Stephen Fletcher

DEATHS

- Chuck Camuso
- Sister Pat Phelan

LOST AND FOUND

- FOUND:**
- small garage door opener
 - sunglasses with mirror-type lenses

Call 650/323-7914.

Glasses not collected are donated to the Lions Club and all other items are donated to St. Francis Center, St. Anthony's or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We have obtained a small amount of low-gluten hosts. These are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for use in the Liturgy and contain less than 0.01% of gluten content. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with these special hosts please contact **Msgr. Otellini**.



SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sign-ups for the Spring Session of the Small Faith Sharing Groups will take place after all Masses on the weekend of **04-05 February 2012**. The resource materials for this next season will include prayers, reflections on the Sunday readings, faith sharing questions, and ideas for action responses. This new session will begin the week of **19 February 2012** for six weekly sessions. Any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

There will be a raffle held at the Crab Cioppino dinner on 11 February 2012. The prize for this drawing is *one semester of tuition for Nativity School or the cash equivalent*. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 10 for \$50.00. Tickets are available after the morning Masses on Sunday, at Nativity School, or at the parish office. You do not need to be present to win. Don't miss this great opportunity to support the Nativity School Building Fund.

IN THE COMMUNITY

ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades K-7. Please call the school office, **650/325-7304**, to request an application or visit our website at www.nativityschool.com, "Forms." Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

21ST WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our celebration of the **21st World Day of the Sick** at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco, on **Saturday 11 February 2012 at 12:00 PM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." (John Paul II). Hosted by the Order of Malta, Western Association USA, San Francisco in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

BENEFIT CONCERT

A benefit Concert will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, **12 February 2012 at 03:30 PM**. This concert is to benefit the flood victims in the Philippines. Choir members from St. Thomas, St. Albert, Vallombrosa and Schola Seraphica, along with Margaret Durando and others will participate in this special event. Donations for disaster relief are gratefully accepted. St Thomas is located at 751 Waverley Street, Palo Alto.

GOOD FOOD AND GOOD MUSIC!

Join us for the **Nativity Men's Club 2012 Crab Cioppino Feast**. Tickets are on sale for the Men's Club Crab Cioppino Dinner on **Saturday, 11 February 2011** at Nativity School in the Sobrato Pavilion. The dinner will include Dungeness Crab Cioppino, pasta, salad; sourdough bread, and dessert. The tickets are **\$45.00** per person and include 2 glasses of wine per adult. In addition to the best Crab Cioppino anywhere dinner entertainment will be provided by Ron Borelli, accordionist and his 5-piece band. All tickets must be purchased in advance along with your reservations. Seating is limited. Reservations are being taken until **01 February 2012**, or until the seating capacity is reached, whichever comes first. Drop off your reservations at the school office or the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact **Don Coy** at **650/465-4466** or nativitymc@gmail.com.





THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions.

For **February 2012**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: *Access to Water*

That all peoples may have access to water and other resources needed for daily life.

Missionary: *Health Workers*

That the Lord may sustain the efforts of health workers assisting the sick and elderly in the world's poorest regions.

ANGELUS ST. PETER'S SQUARE Sunday, 22 JAN 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday falls in the middle of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** which is celebrated from 18 to 25 January. I cordially invite everyone to join in the prayer that Jesus addressed to the Father on the eve of his Passion: "that they may all be one... so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21). This year in particular our meditation during the Week of Prayer for Unity refers to a passage of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, from which the theme was formulated: "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58). We are called to contemplate Christ's victory over sin and death, that is, his Resurrection, as an event that radically transforms all who believe in him and gives them access to incorruptible and immortal life. In addition, recognizing and accepting the transforming power of faith in Jesus Christ sustains Christians in the search for full unity among themselves.

This year the resource material for the Week of Prayer for Unity has been prepared by a Polish group. Indeed Poland has lived through a long history of courageously fighting various adversities and time and again has given proof of great determination, motivated by faith. For this reason the words of the above-mentioned theme have special resonance and effectiveness in Poland. Down the centuries Polish Christians have spontaneously perceived a spiritual dimension in their desire for freedom and have understood that true victory can only be achieved if it is accompanied by a profound inner transformation. They remind us that our quest for unity can be realistically conducted if the change takes place within us first of all and if we let God act, if we let ourselves be transformed into the image of Christ, if we enter into new life in Christ who is the true victory.

The visible unity of all Christians is always a task that comes from on high, from God, a task that demands the humility of recognizing our weakness and of receiving the gift. However, to use a phrase which Bl. John Paul II liked to repeat, every gift also becomes a commitment. The unity that comes from God therefore demands of us the daily commitment to open ourselves to each other in charity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been a central feature in the Church's ecumenical activity for many decades. The time that we devote to prayer for the full communion of Christ's disciples will enable us to understand more deeply that we will be transformed by his victory, by the power of his Resurrection.

Next Wednesday, as is the custom, we shall conclude the Week of Prayer with the solemn celebration of Vespers on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, in the Basilica of St Paul Outside-the-Walls at which representatives of other Churches and Christian Communities will also be present. I expect many of you to come to this liturgical encounter to renew together our prayer to the Lord, the source of unity, with filial trust, to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.

NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:30 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a meditation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

SAINT MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL,
Defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits, who roam through the earth, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



The Conference of Bishops is calling on all Catholics to pray to Saint Michael for the protection of religious freedom in our country.

RECENT HHS EDICT

“Never before in our US History has the Federal Government forced citizens to directly purchase what violates our beliefs. At issue here... is the survival of a cornerstone constitutionally protected freedom that ensures respect for conscience and religious liberty.” -- Cardinal DiNardo

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have vowed to fight the January 20th announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that nearly all employers will be forced to cover drugs and procedures that violate their conscience in their health insurance plans. The HHS rule requires that sterilization and contraception – including controversial abortifacients – be included among “preventive services” coverage in almost every healthcare plan available to Americans.

What does this mean to us? It means that, if fully enacted, any of us that are not directly employed by a church will have no choice whatsoever than to have our insurance premiums go towards contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization. The edict also opens the door for the federal government to participate in funding these, so our premiums and our taxes will be used for these purposes, without our consent and without giving us any recourse to object (or “opt-out” via a “conscience clause”).

Inform yourself fully on this issue. The USCCB site has excellent resources:

[http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/
religious-liberty/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/index.cfm)

DID YOU KNOW?

Spending time with our Lord in a Holy Hour has benefits of which most of us are not aware:

- Our Lord revealed to **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** how to make a Holy Hour. In 1674, Our

Lord appeared to her and complained of the indifference with which mankind treated His Love for them and asked her to make atonement for this ingratitude. He said: *“I will make you a partaker of that sorrow unto death which it was My will to suffer in the Garden of Olives. To join with Me in the humble prayer which I then offered to My Divine Father in agony, you shall rise before midnight, and remain with Me upon your knees prostrate for one hour, with your face to the ground, to appease the anger of My Eternal Father and ask of Him pardon for sinners.”*

- In an Apostolic Letter on 30 MAR 1886, Pope Leo XIII allowed the faithful to make their Holy Hour on any hour and day of the week.
- *“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!”* -- **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**
- Our Lord revealed to **Blessed Dina Belanger** that a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important that *“a multitude of souls go to heaven that had been destined for hell”*.
- *“You can come to Me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace.”* -- Our Lord to **Saint Faustina**

