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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

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Kevin Gaffey

Rev. Paul Maillet

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 327-2319

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST READING

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin.

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

PSALM

Oh, that today you would hear His voice: harden not your hearts.

Psalms 95

SECOND READING

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

GOSPEL

He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1: 21-28



"Healing the Blind" -- Carl Bloch

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 JANUARY 2012

"I know Who You are: the Holy One of God!"

Mark 1: 24

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 29 JAN - 04 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Hilde Schubert
	05:30 PM	† Vi Killiam
TUE	07:30 AM	† Marie Masuda
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Joan O'Donnell
	05:30 PM	† Jim Taaffee
THU	07:30 AM	† John Downing
	05:30 PM	Arthur Guerra; † Luz Guerra
FRI	07:30 AM	† Philip Seow
	05:30 PM	† Joey Morey III
SAT	08:00 AM	† Erminia D'Amante

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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

29 JAN	(Sunday)	
	11:00 AM	Nativity School Open House
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests

30 JAN	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA

31 JAN	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Class on Catholicism
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Class on Catholicism

01 FEB	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	Confirmation Class

02 FEB	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting

1st	03 FEB	(Friday)	
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1st	04 FEB	(Saturday)	
		09:00 AM	Baptism Class
		10:00 AM -	Confessions
		12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
		03:30 PM -	Confessions
		04:30 PM	(parish priest)



"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY

This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.



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



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 14-15 JAN	WEEK OF 21-22 JAN
TOTAL:	\$11,307	\$10,674
St. Patrick's Seminary:		\$4,873
Annual Appeal Progress:	GOAL MET!	GOAL MET!
2011 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$119,800	\$119,800

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

31 JAN (Tuesday):

SAINT JOHN BOSCO, Priest (1815-1888)



Born in Becchi, Italy, John devoted his priestly life to children. He was ordained in 1841, and by 1846 he had befriended 800 difficult boys. He founded a religious society, now known as the **Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians)**, which spread worldwide. He also helped found the **Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians** who work with poor girls.

02 FEB (Thursday):

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

According to the Law of Moses, Jesus would have been brought to the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth to be presented to God. It was then that **Simeon** and **Anna** made their prophecies concerning the lives of the child and His mother. At the beginning of the 8th century, **Pope Sergius** inaugurated a candlelight procession to commemorate this event, including the blessing and distribution of candles. This gave the feast its popular name: **Candlemas**.



03 FEB (Friday):

SAINT BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr (d. ~316)

Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, who was persecuted under the governor Agricola. While in prison, he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone (leading to the blessing of throats on his feast day). Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and join him to prove the power of their gods: they all drowned. He was then martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs, and beheaded.

SAINT ANSGAR, Archbishop (801-865)

Benedictine monk and Archbishop of Hamburg. He established the first Christian school in Denmark and was responsible for many conversions in Scandinavia, including Erik, the King of Jutland.

05 FEB (Sunday):

SAINT AGATHA, Virgin and Martyr (d. ~250)

We have little reliable information about this martyr, who has been honored since ancient times, and whose name is included in the canon of the Mass. Legend says that carrying her veil, taken from her tomb in Catania, in procession has averted eruptions of Mount Etna. Her intercession is reported to have saved Malta from Turkish invasion in 1551.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

ROSARY OUTSIDE 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.

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

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

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:

WED: 11:00 AM

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

SAT: 12:00 PM and 01:00 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).

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

- **Julia**, daughter of **Fernando Carrazedo** and **Carolina dos Reis Conte**
- **Quinn Wyatt**, son of **Shannon** and **Amanda Holloway**

MARRIAGES

NEW PARISHIONERS

- **Mariangela** and **Pierre Cintra** (*Carolina, Daniel*)
- **Barbara** and **Mark Rosasco**
- **Timothy Toombs**
- **Nadine Shim**
- **Carolyn Go**

DEATHS

- **Eloise Lancestremere**
- **Chuck Camuso**
- **Sister Pat Phelan**

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**.



“BROWN BAG” COLLECTION

This weekend, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be outside all the church doors with their brown bags to accept your donations. The **Nativity Conference of St. Vincent de Paul** is a very active one. Several times a week, members go out to the needy of our parish bringing food, or assistance with PG&E bills or rent. These collections on the 5th Sundays make their good work possible.

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.

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, 15 JAN 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The theme of vocation stands out in the biblical Readings of this Sunday — the Second in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel there is call to the first disciples by Jesus; in the First Reading is the call of the Prophet Samuel. In the forefront of both these accounts is the importance of the figure who plays the role of mediator, helping people to recognize God's voice and to follow it.

In Samuel's case it was Eli, a priest of the Temple of Shiloh where the Ark of the Covenant had formerly been kept, before it was taken to Jerusalem. One night, while he was asleep, Samuel, who was still a boy and had lived ministering in the temple since infancy, heard his name called three times and ran to Eli. But it was not Eli who had called him. The third time Eli understood and said to Samuel: "if he calls you, you shall say, 'speak Lord, for your servant hears'" (1 Sam 3:9). So it came to pass and from that time Samuel learned to recognize God's words and became his faithful prophet.

In the case of Jesus' disciples, the mediator is John the Baptist. John, in fact, had a vast circle of disciples among whom were also the two pairs of brothers, Simon and Andrew, and John and James, fishermen from Galilee. It was to two of them that the Baptist pointed out Jesus the day after his Baptism in the River Jordan. He pointed Jesus out to them saying: "Behold, the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:36), which is equivalent to saying: "Behold, the Messiah".

And the two disciples followed Jesus, spent some time with him and became convinced that he truly was the Christ. They immediately told the others, and in this way the first nucleus of what was to become the College of the Apostles was created.

In the light of these two texts, I would like to stress the crucial role of the spiritual director in the journey of faith and, in particular, in the response to the vocation of special consecration for the service of God and of his People. The Christian faith already in itself implies proclamation and witness. Indeed, it consists in adherence to the Good News that Jesus of Nazareth has died and risen, that he is God. And so it is that the call to follow Jesus more closely, giving up the formation of a family of one's own so as to dedicate oneself to the great family of the Church, normally passes through the witness and introduction of an "elder brother", who is usually a priest. This is so but we should not forget the fundamental role of parents who, with their genuine and joyful faith and their conjugal love, show their children that it is beautiful and possible to build the whole of life on God's love.

Dear friends, let us pray to the Virgin Mary for all educators, especially priests and parents, that they may be fully aware of the importance of their spiritual role in order to encourage the young not only in their human growth but also to respond to God's call, to say: "Speak Lord, for your servant hears".

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 mediation, 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.

YOUNG ADULT PRAISE NIGHT

Join us for an evening of adoration, music, reconciliation, and compline on **Tuesday, 31 January 2012 at 08:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Have questions? Please contact **Tim Donovan** at tdonovan06@gmail.com or **Manolito Jaldon** at mjaldon@gmail.com.



Future dates:

- **28 February 2012**
- **27 March 2012**
- **24 April 2012**

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)



LIVES OF THE SAINTS: Saint John Bosco

Born: 15 AUG 1815
Died: 31 JAN 1888
Feast Day: 31 JANUARY

WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE

John Bosco was born at the end of the War of 1812, which was between the United States and Great Britain. During his lifetime, the Gold Rush took place in California, encouraging many settlers to travel to and settle in the American west. Abraham Lincoln was president and the American Civil War was fought. Alaska was purchased from Russia. The first railroad linking eastern United States to California was completed. In other parts of the world, Ireland suffered the potato famine and the Suez Canal was opened.

The telephone, the light bulb, and the phonograph were all invented during John Bosco's lifetime. The first postage stamp was introduced. Anesthesia was used for the first time in an operation. The periodic table was discovered and the first construction of a steel-framed skyscraper was completed.

WHO HE WAS

John Bosco was born in Italy in 1815. His father died when he was only two years old. He lived on a farm with his mother and two brothers. Because John had to help take care of the sheep, he was not able to go to school full time. Although he had to work hard, he was happy and had a great imagination. He learned how to juggle and do acrobatics from circus performers and would often entertain others with his tricks. John Bosco would begin and end each performance with a prayer.

He was taught to read and write by a priest who recognized John Bosco's intelligence. Through the help of his mother, some kind neighbors, and money he earned doing various jobs, he was able to finish school and enter the seminary. As a seminarian, he spent his free time working with boys who were neglected and orphaned. He taught them religion, entertained them with his acrobatics, and told them stories that they could understand. He did not believe in punishment; he treated all with kindness and respect. John Bosco believed that God lived within each person he met and he treated each person with love.

At the age of twenty-six, John Bosco became a priest. He wanted to continue his work with neglected boys. He started a boarding school where these boys could live and learn the skills needed to make a living. With the help of a friend, John Bosco also started a home for poor neglected girls.

John Bosco founded an order of priests, the Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), an order for women, the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, and an organization of lay people to help work with and teach the boys and girls.