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Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 09:00 and 11:00 AM
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 07:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 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)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Bob Andrews
Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

VISITING PRIESTS

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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

With the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

ACTS 9: 26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To Him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve Him.

PSALMS 22

SECOND READING

God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

1 JOHN 3: 18-24

GOSPEL

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you.

JOHN 15: 1-8



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

02 MAY 2021

Whoever remains in Me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without Me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 02 - 08 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Raimonda Bartolini
	05:30 PM	Felix Froula; The Custodio family, living & deceased; † Michael Enright; † Jean Tixier; † Maria Goretti Ermang
TUE	07:30 AM	Antonio and Marietta Cuyegkeng
	05:30 PM	Keith and Lynn Virnoche
WED	07:30 AM	Fernando Urive Loy
	05:30 PM	In honor of St. Joseph; All mothers, living and deceased
THU	07:30 AM	† Peggy Herr
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 members, living and deceased
FRI	07:30 AM	† Elizabeth Rosenberg
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
SAT	08:00 AM	Fr. Karl Tolentino; Evangeline Carlos; Kevin Stolpe; The Penafort family; All mothers, living and deceased

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Every **Wednesday** evening after the **05:30 PM** Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena takes about 20 minutes. In addition to the novena, once a month the **05:30 PM** Mass will be in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join in this celebration in honor of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at **415/614-5506**.

Activities marked (*) may be suspended based on COVID-19 restrictions, or held outdoors only.

SUN	07:00 PM	(*) Holy Hour for Priests
MON-FRI	07:10 AM	(*) Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	(*) Evening Prayer
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	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	(*) Confessions
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	(*) Confessions

02 MAY (Sunday)

03 MAY (Monday)

04:00 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM Medjugorje Prayer Group

04 MAY (Tuesday)

07:00 PM RCIA (via Zoom)
07:00 PM (*) H4

05 MAY (Wednesday)

06:00 PM Novena to Saint Joseph

06 MAY (Thursday)

07 MAY (Friday)

First Friday

1st

08 MAY (Saturday)

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



Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF 17-18 APR
TOTAL:	\$8,785
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$5,124
2021 ADA Goal:	\$151,149

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

02 MAY (Sunday):

SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
(297-373)

03 MAY (Monday):

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, Apostles

Philip's request at the Last Supper, "Lord, show us the Father," prompted Jesus to proclaim unequivocally that he and the Father are one. **James**, the son of Alphaeus, was a cousin of Jesus, and eventually presided over the church in Jerusalem. In his epistle, he encourages us to ask God for wisdom and faith.

ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.



"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend there is a special collection for **Catholic Charities**. This second collection is an annual opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to personally invest in the lives of thousands of marginalized and vulnerable residents in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties. Over the past fourteen months Catholic Charities' dedicated staff has been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic serving nearly 60,000 individuals – more than double the number normally assisted annually, including an increase in families experiencing homelessness and hunger, many for the first time. You can text **CCSunday** at **76278**

or visit www.catholiccharitiessf.org/CCSunday to donate or give online. For more information, contact **Jane Ferguson Flout** at **415/972.1227** or jfergusonflout@catholiccharitiessf.org

Checks for all special collections should be made out to *Church of the Nativity*. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Charities*.

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):

Monday: 09:00 PM

Friday: 04:00 AM

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

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191), or San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every **Wednesday** from **11:00AM-12:00 PM** there is a Pro-Life Rosary at the Mountain View Planned Parenthood, 2500 California Street (cross street Showers). Parking is available at the shopping center across the street. Just show up. For more information contact **Cris Goodman 650/279-5909** or cfgoodman13@gmail.com.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **09 MAY 2021!** What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

VALLOMBROSA CENTER OUTDOOR ROSARY

Nativity's next door neighbor, Vallombrosa Center, invites us all to a weekly Rosary at **07:30 PM** every **Friday**, in the *Lourdes Grotto (new location)*, which is just inside of the Nativity gate at the back of our parking lot. On the second Friday, we pray especially for the youth, their needs and intentions, and their vocations. Please join us and invite a friend. (We socially distance and wear masks.)

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

The **Medjugorje Prayer Group** meets every **first Monday** of the month at **07:30 PM**. The next meeting will be **Monday, 03 MAY 2021**. We pray the rosary together and then read the recent message from Our Lady. A discussion follows about the encouragement Our Lady is offering us. We consider how we can live the messages in these times. For more information please contact **Hal Fletcher** at hal.fletcher@gmail.com.

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**
- Willie Odell and Oliver Wells, sons of Willie and Peggy Alford
 - Drew Lilliana, daughter of Kayvan Baroumand and Kathleen Policy
 - Virginia Bouret, daughter of John and Katelyn Laurens

- MARRIAGES**
- Christopher Ngo & Mariel Ashley Soriano

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Frank Papi
 - Eleanor McLoughlin
 - Francis Guarascio



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

NATIVITY'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Church of the Nativity started to provide livestreaming access to the Holy Mass on YouTube at the onset of the pandemic. This service has been of great benefit to many of our parishioner who are unable to attend Mass in person. We would love to grow and reach out to more people who might find it worthwhile to have this virtual connection to our parish.



If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to our YouTube channel by visiting our website at www.nativitymenlo.org. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "Livestreamed Masses, YouTube Church of the Nativity." This will take you directly to our YouTube channel where you can "Subscribe" to our channel by clicking on that button. Please encourage others you may know to also "Subscribe" to our YouTube channel. Our goal is to reach 1000 subscribers. At the present we are a little more than half way there.

 [Livestreamed Masses](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)
[YouTube Church of the Nativity Channel](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)

IN THE COMMUNITY



WE ARE OPEN!

Pauline Books and Media has something for all your Catholic religious gift needs— gifts for Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, RCIA, and many other occasions! We have rosaries, crosses and crucifixes, jewelry, Bibles, and spiritual reading for all ages in English and Spanish.

We are open!

Monday – Friday: 10:00 AM-05:30 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM-05:00 PM

3250 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

Phone: 650/562-7060

Parking in rear (off 6th Ave)

Contactless pick-up is available



PRESENTATION: SIR JAMES MACMILLAN WITH ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE

On Saturday, 29 MAY 2021 at 12:00 PM via Zoom, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will host a live online lecture followed by a Q&A with world-renowned Scottish composer Sir James MacMillan on the topic of "Music and Some Wider Implications: a Catholic Composer's Perspective." You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the



21st Century's most prolific and influential living composers speak from the heart on the importance of music from a Catholic perspective. This event is **FREE** to attend. Registration, however, is required! Register and learn more at <https://sfarch.org/music>.

SHORT COURSE ON C.S. LEWIS WITH DR. KREEFT

On Tuesdays, 04 MAY-08 JUN 2021, 07:00-08:30 PM, the School of Pastoral Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is excited to share that Dr. Peter Kreeft will be teaching a five-part online course on some of C.S. Lewis's lesser known works of fiction and non-fiction. C.S. Lewis is probably most famous in the United States for his series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Lesser known is the fact that C.S. Lewis was also one of the greatest Christian apologists to have ever lived. This course will explore six of his most powerful and life-changing books: *Surprised by Joy*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Problem of Pain*, *A Grief Observed*, *Till We Have Faces*, and *The Great Divorce*. Register now at www.sfarch.org/cslewis. A \$25 donation is requested, but no one will be turned down for inability to pay. Contact Deacon Fred Totah, Director, Office of Pastoral Ministry, 415/614-5504, or totahf@sfarch.org for more information.

Please continue to check our website
(www.nativitymenlo.org)
for the latest updates to the parish schedule.

COVID CRISIS IN BRAZIL

A new COVID strain in Brazil is having a devastating effect on the residents of the state of Amazonas and its largest city, Manaus. Beds and oxygen are so scarce that people are dying of asphyxiation in hospital hallways.

To help, please donate to Catholic Relief Services (877/435-7277 - www.crs.org/donate); designate "for COVID emergency, City of Manaus, Brazil"



FROM THE HOLY SEE

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions.
For **May 2021**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *The World of Finance*

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PLEASE HELP

HELP STOP INFANTICIDE!

Babies who survive attempted abortions are being left to die or sometimes killed in our country. The **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act** presently proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives would prevent this from happening and provide crucial medical treatment for these babies. House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** (SF) has been refusing to allow a vote on this legislation. Please phone or write your representative in Congress and Speaker Pelosi, urging them to fully support this bill **HR 619**. Also urge them to support legislation to stop fetal body part harvesting. Phone: **202/225-4965** or **415/556-4862**; write: 1236 Longworth H.O.B, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Or visit her website: <https://www.speaker.gov/contact>.

For Redwood City, Menlo Park and Atherton: Congresswoman **Anna Eshoo** 650/323-2984, email <https://eshoo.house.gov>.

This bill did not pass during the prior Congressional session.

CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR MEN DISCERNING A PRIESTLY VOCATION

Monthly meetings for men interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood are resuming for San Mateo County on the **first Monday** of each month, and for San Francisco County on the **third Monday**. The question of meetings online via Zoom or meetings in person is still to be settled. Any man interested in participating should contact one of the priests below:

First Monday Meetings: St. Pius X Church, Redwood City, Fr. **Tom Martin** (martin.thomas@sfarch.org)

Third Monday Meetings: Church of the Visitación, San Francisco Fr. **Cameron Faller** (faller.cameron@sfarch.org).

PRIVATE RETREATS AND PRIVATE TIME AT VALLOMBROSA

Vallombrosa Center currently offers **Private Retreats** for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens.

There are both Day retreats and Overnight (no food or coffee service available in either case). Please visit <https://conta.cc/3gldQtI> or call **650/325-5614** to learn more.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

02 MAY (SUN)

03 MAY (MON)

04 MAY (TUE)

05 MAY (WED)

06 MAY (THU)

07 MAY (FRI)

08 MAY (SAT)

09 MAY (SUN)

10 MAY (MON)

11 MAY (TUE)

12 MAY (WED)

13 MAY (THU)

14 MAY (FRI)

15 MAY (SAT)

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the **Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail, Mary" related to the mystery being said.



Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

VALLOMBROSA NEWS

Please check the **Vallombrosa Center** website for an updated schedule of their offerings. They have some online classes and retreats via Zoom. www.vallombrosa.org/calendar/

Date	Event
Every Tuesday 10:00 - 10:30 AM	Homilies by Zoom A 30-minute homily or reflection, by various presenters
One Saturday per month (online)	Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation "Engaging the Heart"

The following received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** from
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone on **18 APR 2021**

Josephine Boyle
Francisco Chan
Sebastian Deras
Shylah Doyle
Bennett Enright
Julian Farias-Pintor
Nathaniel Garcia
Katelyn Gordon
Chiara Harrington

Heather Lee
Alex Lew
Allen Lew
Maxinne Libunao
Andre Lobera
Titan Mendoza
Nicole Nieva
Kandie Patino
Sophia Pestoni

Robert Redmond
Damian Ryczkowski
Gael Sandoval
Erin Stroth
Timothy Torres
Adeline Ventura
Ryder Wilson
Lauren Zerella



THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Isaiah 11: 2-3)

- WISDOM
- UNDERSTANDING
- COUNSEL
- FORTITUDE
- KNOWLEDGE
- PIETY
- FEAR OF THE LORD



SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT (CCC.2091+)

- DESPAIR
- PRESUMPTION OF GOD'S MERCY (either presuming on one's own capabilities, or presuming that God, in His infinite mercy, will grant forgiveness without conversion, and glory without merit)
- IMPUGNING THE KNOWN TRUTH (to attack, resist or contradict the truth)
- ENVY OF THE SPIRITUAL GOOD OF ANOTHER
- OBSTINACY IN SIN (stubbornly persisting in sin)
- FINAL IMPENITENCE (being unwilling to repent)

THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5: 22-23 and CCC.1832)

- CHARITY
- JOY
- PEACE
- PATIENCE
- KINDNESS
- GOODNESS
- GENEROSITY
- GENTLENESS
- FAITHFULNESS
- MODESTY
- SELF-CONTROL
- CHASTITY



COVID-19 VACCINE SCHEDULING

For information about scheduling an appointment for COVID-19 vaccination, please visit the following websites:

San Mateo County:

<https://www.smchealth.org/covid-19-vaccination>

Santa Clara County:

<https://sccfreevax.org>

Each of these websites contains information about how to register based on your health care provider, or how to get the vaccination if you have no health insurance.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINE

Marian Helper has written an article "*The Vaccines: You Probably Have Questions.*" Find the article in the Spring 2021 issue (pp 6-9) at www.marian.org/marianhelper. You can read the article online or download it as a PDF. We have also put copies of the article in the Church.

