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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

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)

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso (650) 269-7794

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Christian Anyanwu

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

VISITING PRIESTS

Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam mon.hickam@gmail.com



FIRST READING

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife.

GENESIS 2: 18-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May you see your children's children.

PSALMS 128

SECOND READING

He is not ashamed to call them 'brothers'.

HEBREWS 2: 9-11

GOSPEL

"Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

MARK 10: 2-16



Perfect Love - Del Parson

WENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 03 October 2021

Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

MARK 10: 15

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 OCT

WEEK OF 03 - 09 OCT				
SAT:	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions		
SUN:	Masses	Priest's intentions		
MON:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Marisa Malatesta † Michael Enright		
TUE:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Bob and Grace Ferrando Maria and Teresa Perez		
WED:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Polonia Veamatahau In honor of Saint Joseph		
THU:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Special intention ICF #351 living and deceased members		
FRI:	07:30 AM 05:30 PM	Domenica Campanella The Zappettini family; The Head family; The Massouras and Delaney families, living and deceased; † Sid Custodio		
SAT:	08:00 AM	Benefactors of the parish; Baby Reya; † Augustina Nevarez; † John Rackers		

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

MASS TIMES BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

Beginning the weekend of **02-03 OCT 2021** our Mass times will be as follows:

- Saturday Vigil Mass at o5:00 PM
- Sunday Masses at o8:00, 09:30, & 11:30 AM







PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SUN MON-FRI MON-FRI TUE WED THU SAT SAT SAT	07:00 PM 07:10 AM 05:10 PM 06:00 PM 06:00 PM 06:00 PM 06:15 AM 07:40 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Cenacles of Life Rosary Novena to Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Novena Men's Prayer Group Morning Prayer Confessions Confessions
03 OCT	(Sunday) 12:30 PM	RCIA
04 OCT	(Monday) 04:00 PM	Legion of Mary
05 OCT	(Tuesday) 07:00 PM	Н4
06 OCT	(Wednesday) 06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
07 OCT	(Thursday) 12:00 PM	The Thursday Group
08 OCT	(Friday)	
09 OCT	(Saturday) 09:30 AM	Baptism Class



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

Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF
	18-19 SEP
TOTAL:	\$10,676
Priests Retirement Fund:	\$2,967
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2021 ADA Goal:	\$68,048 \$151,149

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

Saint Faustina's spiritual life was based on deep humility, purity of

intention, and loving obedience to the will of God in imitation of

the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She kept a diary of over 600

pages containing the revelations she received about God's mercy.

Following a vision he received of a secluded hermitage where

he could spend his life becoming closer to God, he retired to a

mountain near Chartreuse in Dauphiny in 1084 and with the help

of Saint Hugh of Grenoble, he founded what became the first

house of the Carthusian Order; he and his brothers supported

04 OCT (Monday):

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders (1181-1226)

Francis renounced his family wealth and moved to the outskirts of Assisi, practicing a life of prayer, simplicity, and poverty, and preaching the love of God to all. He attracted many followers, including St. Clare of Assisi, and their communities grew into the worldwide Franciscan Order of priests, nuns, and laity. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata.

07 OCT (Thursday):

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Known for several centuries by the alternate title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion.

a talk on the apparition, Rosary Candlelight Proces-

sion, and Benediction. The celebration continues each

month on or about the 13th until OCT. As the world

seems to grow in chaos and confusion, the messages

of Fatima and these prayers become more and more

important. Please join us and help bring Jesus back

into the lives of everyone. We will pray especially for

For questions, call Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-

Please join Archbishop Cordileone in praying the rosary in the Crusade Against Darkness. We will be praying that the light of

the Triune God will shine upon the darkness that seems to be

spiritualdirection.com/2021/09/12rosary-crusade-against-the-darkness.

the healing of so many hurts.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, (1905-1938)

SAINT BRUNO, Religious (1030-1101)

themselves as manuscript copyists.

Starting Tuesday, 12 OCT 2021, we will again be hosting our

The first class each day is og:30-11:00 AM. It will be repeated 650/269-6279.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

It's Baaaack! Once again, the Nativity Men's Club will be serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and mimosas on Sunday, 17 OCT 2021 after all the morning Masses. This will be at Nativity School outside the Pavilion. After Mass make your way over to

Nativity School to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast with family and friends. To-Go options are available. It is free of charge, but donations are appreciated. All are welcome.



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 o6:00 PM in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS NEEDED

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for all Masses. You can set your own preferences for whichever Mass you regularly attend, indicate dates when you are unavailable, and training is provided. If you think you can offer time in service, please contact the Nativity Ministry Coordinator at

 $\underline{nativity ministry coordinators@gmail.com}$

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN

On Wednesday, 13 OCT 2021, we will conclude our 2021 Fatima Celebrations. It will include Holy Mass,

Faith Formation Classes in the newly-remodeled O'Hare Center. This first series will be six weeks long and be primarily focused on the center of our Catholic Faith: Jesus as the Living Bread Come Down From Heaven, and onto our altar every day. Classes will all be on Tuesdays.

that evening from o6:30-08:00 PM. The classes will include videos by the **Augustine Institute** and commentary by **Deacon** Dominick. For more information, contact Deacon Dominick at

05 OCT (Tuesday):

06 OCT (Wednesday):

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

covering the earth. Here is the link:

ROSARY CRUSADE



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: 03:00 AM (every other week)

Friday: 11:00 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).

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** Elijah Emmanuel, son of Denis and Blanca Posunko
 - Adriana Alani, daughter of Isis Rios

MARRIAGES • Calvin Hemington and Sophie Emmerson

PARISHIONERS • Kory Trebbin

DEATHS • Ann Berg

NOVENATO SAINT JOSEPH

Every Wednesday evening after the o5:30 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 o5:30 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.



FACE MASKS REQUIRED

At this time the San Mateo County Health Department is "requiring face coverings for everyone indoors in workplaces and public setting regardless of vaccination status." This includes our Church and the O'Hare Center. The mask must cover both the mouth and the nose. Masks must be worn at all times while in the Church or the O'Hare Center while this health order is in place. Thank you for helping keep everyone

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HOLY LAND OLIVEWOOD SALE

Beautiful hand-made olivewood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale on the weekend of o9-10 OCT 2021 after all the Masses. Bethlehem

Artworks is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over 100+ suffering families each week. These items are beautiful, and will make a wonderful present for family and friends. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy-Land, and are their means of spreading the Word, a goal that began 2000 years ago.



VIRTUAL ANNUAL FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE

"Hope, Heal, Renew" Join our virtual conference 04-06 NOV 2021. More than 100 Sessions, Across 3 Days, In 5 Languages! A gathering from over 10 dioceses will come together to learn, network, pray and celebrate. Early registration until 15 OCT 2021 is \$15/person; \$25 afterwards. You will have an opportunity after the conference to go online and attend recorded sessions. More information and registration at www.hopehealrenew.org/ or contact Sr. Celeste Arbuckle at 415/614-5652 or arbucklec@sfarch.org

RESPECT LIFE WEBINAR SERIES IN OCTOBER

Dates: Tuesdays 05, 12, 19 OCT 2021

Time: 12:30 PM

During the month of October the church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. For this reason, the Office of Human Life and Dignity, wants to help bring awareness to an important study and its findings during this month. Join us for a series of 3 webinars that address the findings of this study. Conveniently planned during lunch time so people can take a break from work and watch!

To register go here: www.sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars

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).



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

11TH ANNUAL PRIESTS RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

On Friday, 22 OCT 2021, the Archdiocese of San Francisco will hold its 11th Annual Priest Retirement Luncheon. It is one of the highlights of the year. Financially, it's critical in our ability to care for our retired priests. Socially, it enables our retired priests and others to come together, renew friendships, and make new ones. Given the past fifteen months, that's especially important this year. Over \$2.1M has been raised since the Priests Retirement Luncheon began in 2011. Our retired priests have devoted their lives to serving others, and without this spectacular support they would not receive the level of care they need and deserve. On behalf of all of us committed to our retired priests and their care, we offer our most sincere thanks for this support. We look forward to getting together on October 22nd! For information on the Luncheon contact Rose Marie Wong at 415/614-5517 or wongr@sfarch.org.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

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

Intention: Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS



The Guadalupe Hope Society presents



ROSARY & FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 @ 11:30AM - 1:00PM IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Rev. Michael "Mickey" Pintacura will lead the Rosary and give a reflection on "Blessed Anna Maria Taigi: Wife, Mother and Mystic"

This event is both in-person and virtual, free to attend. Please call (408) 447-5433 or email at admin@ghswomenscenter.com to reserve a seat, as they are limited due to CDC guidelines. Register on Eventbrite for both in-person and virtual attendance.

https://rosaryoctober821.eventbrite.com



OCTOBER IS ...

The Month of the Most Holy Rosary "Respect Life" Month

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

03 OCT (SUN)	NINTH DAY: St. Francis		
04 OCT (MON)	Feast of Saint Francis		
05 OCT (TUE)			
06 OCT (WED)			
07 OCT (THU)			
08 OCT (FRI)			
09 OCT (SAT)			
10 OCT (SUN)			
11 OCT (MON)			
12 OCT (TUE)			
13 OCT (WED)	FIRST DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II		
14 OCT (THU)	SECOND DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II		
15 OCT (FRI)	THIRD DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II		
16 OCT (SAT)	FOURTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II		
St. Francis of Assisi:			

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-francis-assisi-novena/

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2j9pFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

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

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on Tuesdays from 07:00-08:00 PM, followed by drinks at **o8:oo PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@qmail.com. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men! Join us for our Catholic Men's conference on 16 OCT2021, at St. Pius Catholic Church in Redwood City. Be challenged, strengthened and inspired with other Catholic men from around the Bay Area. Our keynote speaker, Deacon Harold Burke-**Sivers**, is fantastic. The day includes Holy Mass with **Archbishop** Cordileone, opportunities for confession, and lunch. Fathers are encouraged to bring their teenage sons (discount rate). Find more information on the speaker and the registration form at https://sfarch.org/sfbaymen21/ or contact Ed Hopfner at hopfnere@sfarch.org or 415/614-5547. St. Pius is located at 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City.

CELEBRATE NATIVITY'S 150th! **UPCOMING EVENTS...** SAVETHE DATES!

26 NOV 2021	Nativity Christmas Tree Lot Opens	
18 DEC 2021	Volunteer Appreciation Reception	
26 FEB 2022	Nativity School Dinner and Auction	
14 MAY 2022	Father Davenport Golf Tournament	
10-12 JUN 2022	Nativity's 40th Annual Carnival	•
24 SEP 2022	Anniversary Mass and Dinner with Archbishop Cordileone	

TODAY'S HISTORY LESSON

Read about the Battle of Lepanto (07 OCT 1571). Few people realize how dramatically history would have changed if the invading forces had been victorious that day.





HELP SAVE LIVES IN REDWOOD CITY!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and nity outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven

- results over 27 coordinated campaigns: . 18,855 babies saved from abortion
- 112 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- . Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside
- 2907 El Camino Real, RWC Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily
- phone or text: 650-918-9119 or
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

40 DAYS FOR LIFE AT NATIVITY

The Fall campaign for 40 Days for Life begins on 22 SEP 2021 and runs through 31 OCT 2021.

Participants are asked to sign up for one hour of prayer during these days from o7:00 AM-07:00 PM in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood Nativity parish will be covering Wednesday, 29 SEP 2021 and Sunday, 17 OCT 2021.

If you want to join in this event, you may contact Jessica Munn:

650/918-9119 or themunns@yahoo.com

or go to: http://www.4odaysforlife.com/redwoodcity

Also, an opportunity for sign-ups will be after the Masses on the weekend of 25-26 SEP 2021. Thank you.

Rich and Helen Piquette (Nativity Respect Life coordinators)

HISTORICAL VICTORIES IN PRAYER

How powerful is the rosary? Consider these events:

o7 OCT 1571 — In the great battle of Lepanto, October 7th, 1571 a greatly outnumbered force of Christian defenders held off a Turkish invasion. It was considered a miraculous victory brought about specifically through the Rosary (St. Pius V's Crusade had united all of Europe in prayer).

13 MAY 1955 — After 700,000 people agreed to pray the Rosary in Austria, the Soviets mysteriously departed the country on the anniversary date of Fatima-May 13th, 1955.

13 OCT 160 — After Pope John XXIII called for prayer, a million pilgrims in Fatima held an all-night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. The next day, October 13, 1960, an accident destroyed a new Soviet missile, killing many top scientists and setting back the Soviet nuclear arms program by at least 20 years.

13 MAY 1984 — After another major Rosary Crusade, a massive explosion on May 13, 1984, eliminated two-thirds of the missiles of the Soviet Union's powerful Northern Fleet.

12 MAY 1988 — Four years later it happened again! As thousands prayed all night long, on May 12, 1988, during the vigil of the anniversary of the apparition at Fatima, another major explosion shut down the Soviet Union's only missile plant.

Need more? Look these up online: It stopped Ted Bundy from committing one of his serial murders; it cured Fr. Peyton (the "Rosary Priest") of advanced tuberculosis; it protected 8 Jesuit priests in a house less than a mile from Hiroshima when the atomic bomb was dropped; it overturned the corrupt government of the Phillippines, and preserved Brazil from communism.

PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

LOCAL AND GLOBAL RELIEF

The world is crying out for help, and the church has always been guick to answer those cries. Please prayerfully consider offering whatever assistance you can to these urgent needs, داند اد

both close at hand and around the world.		
The Need	How to Help	
Victims of the Dixie Fire	California Catholic Conference The Dixie Fire is now the largest single fire in the history of California, encompassing more than 500,000 acres (and growing) and causing the devastation of entire communities in the northern Sierra Nevada.	
	Visit https://nvcss.org/ to help Northern Valley Catholic Social Services , which is assisting with relief efforts.	
Victims of Hurricane Ida	Catholic Charities of New Orleans Hurricane Ida has the dubious distinction of being tied as the strongest hurricane ever to hit Lousiana (Cat-4 (almost Cat-5) with winds of 150-172 mph). Visit www.ccano.org to help Catholic Charities	
Victims of the Haitian Earthquake	Catholic Relief Services A massive 7.2 earthquake has devastated Haiti, killing 1300 people and overwhelming hospitals. Visit support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake	

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