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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 (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

PERMANENT DEACONS

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

VISITING PRIESTS

Msgr. James Kelly
Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10 JANUARY 2021

A Voice came from the heavens,
"You are My beloved Son."

MARK 1: 11



The Baptism of Christ -- Verrocchio

FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord: Here is My servant Whom I uphold.

ISAIAH 42: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

PSALMS 29

SECOND READING

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

ACTS 10: 34-38

GOSPEL

On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open.

MARK 1: 7-11

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Andy Trahan
	05:30 PM	† Ricardo Sananiego, Jr.
TUE	07:30 AM	Jalil Ali
	05:30 PM	Ciel Santos; Amanda Ramirez; † Michele Soley-Jenkins; † Marian Coley
WED	07:30 AM	† Victor Sygenco
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
THU	07:30 AM	Ciel Santos
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI	07:30 AM	† Martha Sue Brown
	05:30 PM	Anna Zappettini; † Paula Zappettini
SAT	08:00 AM	The Hennings family; † Eduardo Iragorri; † Ben Vaissade; † Mary Bishop; † Bill Gretz

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 (Opus Dei priest)
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	(*) Confessions (parish priest)
10 JAN	(Sunday)	
11 JAN	(Monday)	
	04:00 PM	Legion of Mary
12 JAN	(Tuesday)	
	07:00 PM	RCIA (Zoom)
	07:00 PM	(*) H4
13 JAN	(Wednesday)	
	06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
14 JAN	(Thursday)	
15 JAN	(Friday)	
16 JAN	(Saturday)	

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

BIBLICAL ART



Mosaic of the Baptism of Jesus, from the West Facade of the Orvieto Cathedral

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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



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

Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF 26-27 DEC
TOTAL:	\$8,637
Christmas Day:	\$11,547
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$141,352
2020 ADA Goal:	\$145,044

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

12 JAN (Friday):

SAINT BERNARD OF CORLEONE, Religious (1605-1667)

A shoemaker by trade, Bernard was also considered the greatest swordsman and duelist in Sicily in his day. After mortally wounding a man named Canino in a duel, he sought sanctuary from the law in the church of the *Capuchin Friars Minor* in Palermo. While hiding there, he had a true conversion, and became a lay-brother of the Order in **1632**, changing his name to Brother Bernardo.



He was noted for his extreme austerity and self-imposed penances in an attempt to atone for his earlier life. He had the gift of healing animals by prayer.

16 JAN (Thursday):

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS, Doctor of the Church (315-368)

Born to wealthy polytheistic, pagan nobility, Hilary's early life was uneventful as he married, had children (including Saint Abra), and studied on his own. As he studied the Bible for the first time, he literally read himself into the faith, and was converted by the end of the New Testament.

Hilary lived the faith so well he was made bishop of Poitiers from **353 to 368**. Hilary opposed the emperor's attempt to run Church matters, and was exiled; he used the time to write works explaining the faith. He was proclaimed a *Doctor of the Church* in **1851**.

SAINT BERARD, Priest, and COMPANIONS, Protomartyrs (d. 16 JAN 1220)

The first martyrs of the Franciscan order, **Berard** and four companions had been sent by **St. Francis** himself to preach the gospel in Morocco. When they would not denounce their religion and continued to preach against Mohammed, the Moorish king killed them himself.

18-25 JAN 2021
is the
Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity



"Abide in My love...
You shall bear much fruit."

MINISTRY & GROUP NEWS

ADOPT-A-FAMILY (WOW!)

Our parish was incredibly generous in this most difficult year for families. The Adopt-a-Family program collected a total of **\$140,000**. We are at a loss for words to express our appreciation! **\$80,000** was given to the **200+** families we assisted with gift cards. The remaining money was given to **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City (assistance to poor families all year), **New Creation** in East Palo Alto (helping with unwed mothers and their children), **St. Vincent de Paul** (both Nativity and East Palo Alto), **Catholic Charities Alzheimer's Day Care** in San Carlos, and **Santa Clara Medical Respite** (assisting homeless who are released from the hospital). We (and they) cannot thank you enough for your generous donations, prayers, and sacrifices. Christmas became so much more joyful because of your caring contributions. Please continue to pray for the families impacted by our depressed economy and continue to assist our brothers and sisters as God sends them your way. May God bless you all, and may you have a most blessed new year. *Monsignor and the Adopt-A-Family Committee.*

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.



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).

NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL APPEAL

Next weekend there will be a special collection for **Nativity School**. Instead of relying on monthly collections at Sunday Mass, as we have done in the past, we are once again issuing an appeal to our parish family for a single donation to support Nativity School. The parish has always answered this call with extraordinary generosity. This appeal has doubled the amounts collected in monthly installments. On **16-17 JAN 2021** our second collection will be for Nativity School, our parish school, which is doing well despite this difficult year. We are blessed with a strong Catholic identity. We hope all will give generously to this vital ministry and excellent education that is provided for our children.

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: *Nativity School Appeal*.

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? When you sign up, you and your intentions share in the grace of everyone who comes to visit. Experience the dramatic presence of God in our lives. Please consider the following hours as there is no one currently assigned to them (or pick an hour that works for you):

Sunday: 05:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Monday: 09:00 PM

Call **Mary Ellen Peloso** (650/269-7794) 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 • Jack Thompson, son of Paul and Madeleine Rudolph

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Mary Henriques
• Joe Girimonte
• Steve Beretta

HYGIENIC UPGRADES FOR OUR CHURCH

We have recently installed three ultraviolet air purifiers in our HVAC system. These will significantly reduce pathogens such as bacteria, mold and viruses. In addition to this, we have acquired a portable atomizer sprayer for disinfecting surfaces in the church. These will enhance protection not only against Coronavirus, but other contagious disease that may be spread in enclosed spaces. When we are allowed back into the church, these measures will, I hope, inspire confidence in our parishioners that we can resume liturgical celebrations in a safe environment.

Msr. Steven Otellini

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.



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/ For example...

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"

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 *Mother Teresa Garden* (aka *Garden of Corporal Works*). On the second Friday, we pray especially for the youth, their needs and intentions, and their vocations. Please join us and invite a friend, as we ask Our Heavenly Mother's intercession in all our lives. (We socially distance and wear masks.)

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 **HR962**. 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>.

EXTRANEIOUS NOISE DURING LIVESTREAMING MASSES



Our Masses on **Saturday** evening at **05:00 PM** and **Sunday** at **09:00** and **11:00 AM** are being livestreamed for those who are not able to attend Mass in person at this time. Any extra noises in the church are being easily picked up by the audio equipment for the livestreaming. This extra noise makes it difficult for the people who are watching online to hear the Mass and homily. We kindly request that noisy children be taken out of the church until they are able to settle down and return. Thank you.

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).

FROM THE HOLY SEE

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

Intention: *Human fraternity*

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

10 JAN (SUN)	
11 JAN (MON)	
12 JAN (TUE)	FIRST Day: St. Agnes
13 JAN (WED)	SECOND Day: St. Agnes
14 JAN (THU)	THIRD Day: St. Agnes
15 JAN (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Agnes
16 JAN (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Agnes
17 JAN (SUN)	SIXTH Day: St. Agnes
18 JAN (MON)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes
19 JAN (TUE)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
20 JAN (WED)	NINTH Day: St. Agnes SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
21 JAN (THU)	Feast of Saint Agnes THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
22 JAN (FRI)	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
23 JAN (SAT)	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

Saint Agnes:
<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

Saint Thomas Aquinas:
<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

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**

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.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HOT MEAL OR CLOTHING?

We'd like to familiarize you with the services of **St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room**, 3500 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park. We provide a hot, nutritious meal **Monday** through **Saturday** from **11:00 AM** to **01:00 PM** and bread, fruit and vegetables to bring home to help with the evening meal. We also have a free Clothing Distribution Center which is open on **Wednesdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM** for women and children and on **Thursdays** from **10:00-11:00 AM**. In case of emergency, help is always available. All are welcome; no questions asked. Please pass the word to anyone you know who may need their services.



YOU MATTER!

I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it.

*Jesus to St. Faustina
(Diary - 1273)*

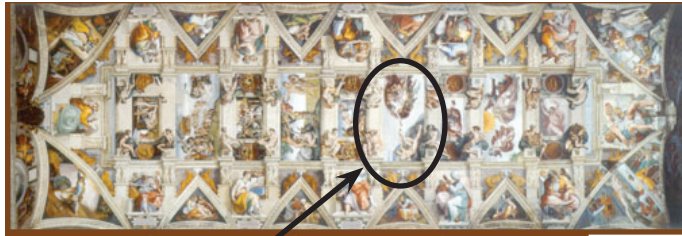


ART HISTORY

Take a religious art tour on-line! The Vatican Museums have an outstanding on-line tour. Start at:

mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/MV_Home.html

and tour the rooms and collections. Want to see the entire ceiling of the Sistine Chapel? Find out what the central panels depict (nine stories from Genesis).



(hey, look! It's the "Creation of Adam"!)

How about cuneiform tablets from Mesopotamia? The deed of sale for a plot of land from 2500 BC? Four rooms full of artwork by Raphael? 18 rooms spanning the 12th to 19th centuries, full of the works of famous artists like Caravaggio? A sketch by Da Vinci for an unfinished portrait of St. Jerome (which was bought by Napoleon's uncle)? There's some amazing history and extraordinary art to explore on this site.

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

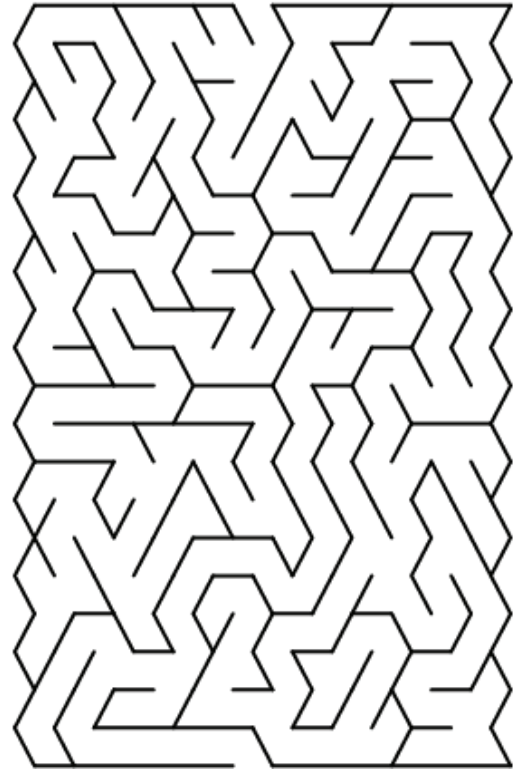
Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer

would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."



Help the descent of the Holy Spirit as a dove down to the Jordan River:



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A	W	R	I	V	E	R	S	M	Z	N	D

BAPTISM	WATER	ANOINTED	JORDAN	RIVER
DOVE	DESCENT	PLEASED	GLORY	CHOSEN
ACCEPTABLE	HEAVEN	SPIRIT	JESUS	BAPTIZER