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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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
WISDOM 7: 7-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

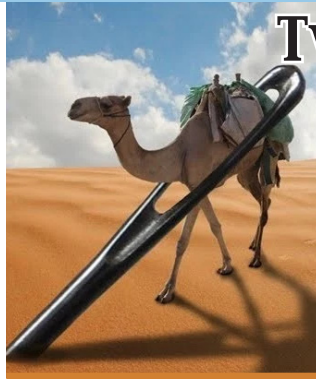
Teach us to number our days aright, that we
 may gain wisdom of heart.

PSALMS 90**SECOND READING**

Everything is naked and exposed to the eyes
 of Him to Whom we must render an account.
HEBREWS 4: 12-13

GOSPEL

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the
 eye of a needle."*

MARK 10: 17-30

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 OCTOBER 2021

For human beings it is impossible, but not
 for God. All things are possible for God.

MARK 10: 27**CALENDAR**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 10 - 16 OCT

SAT: 05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN: Masses	Priest's intentions
MON: 07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
05:30 PM	Jessica Nakamura; Losaline Mafleo; † Ivica Milicevic; † Sid Custodio
TUE: 07:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	† Nikki Salas; † Aaron Salas
WED: 07:30 AM	† John Rackers
05:30 PM	† Michael Enright
THU: 07:30 AM	† Kerry O'Reilly
05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
FRI: 07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Souls in Purgatory
05:30 PM	† Leo Pollano
SAT: 08:00 AM	† John Rackers; † Gloria Lucille Ahern; † Michael Porcello Jr.; † Marilyn Matusch; The Laidlaw family, living and deceased

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	08:00 AM	Morning Rosary
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

10 OCT	(Sunday)	12:30 PM RCIA
11 OCT	(Monday)	04:00 PM Legion of Mary
12 OCT	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM H4
13 OCT	(Wednesday)	06:00 PM Novena to Saint Joseph 07:00 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
14 OCT	(Thursday)	09:30 AM Opus Dei Women's Group 12:00 PM The Thursday Group
15 OCT	(Friday)	
16 OCT	(Saturday)	

**Parish Offerings**

	WEEK OF 25-26 SEP
TOTAL:	\$7,685
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$67,863
2021 ADA Goal:	\$151,149

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

12 OCT (Tuesday):

SAINT SERAPHIN OF MONTEGRANARO, Religious (d. 1604)

Born of a poor, pious family. An uneducated shepherd in his youth, he spent his time in the fields in prayer. He entered the *Capuchins* at age 16, receiving the name *Seraphin*. Noted for his simple, obedient, ascetic life, and his charity to the poor. He had a special devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and to Our Lady.



15 OCT (Friday)

SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church (1515-1582)

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to **St. Joseph**. Teresa became a *Carmelite* nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.

"Impossible is not a fact;
it is an opinion."

-- Muhammad Ali

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 OCT 2021**, we will conclude our **2021 Fatima Celebrations**. It will include Holy Mass, a talk on the apparition, Rosary Candlelight Procession, 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 the healing of so many hurts.

For questions, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso, 650/269-6279**.



ROSARY CRUSADE

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 covering the earth. Here is the link:

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

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.

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):

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)**.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN

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

The first class each day is **09:30-11:00 AM**. It will be repeated that evening from **06:30-08:00 PM**. The classes will include videos by the **Augustine Institute** and commentary by **Deacon Dominick**. For more information, contact **Deacon Dominick at 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.



MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The **Opus Dei Women's Group** has a monthly morning of recollection at Nativity, which is sponsored by the **Charwick Study Center (www.charwick.org)**. They meet on the **second Thursday** of the month beginning at **09:30 AM**. For more information please contact **Carrie at 408/674-2861** or **Bridget at 650/224-8025**. Find more information about Opus Dei at www.opusdei.org.

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 nativityministrycoordinators@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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Lou Harrington
 - Ann Berg
 - Ellen Connelly Rice
 - Antonio Caballero

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.



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 safe.

PLEASE READ!

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 **09-10 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 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

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.

"I've noticed that every single person who is pro-abortion has already been born."
-- Ronald Reagan

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 **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



OCTOBER IS ...

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

VALLOMBROSA

VALLOMBROSA CENTER IS OPEN!

...and here is what is new!

Vallombrosa is pleased to announce the retreat center is open and accepting bookings immediately.

- ★ We have upgraded our wi-fi capabilities to high-speed across campus.
- ★ We are following reduced capacity guidelines and COVID protocols based on the current tier for San Mateo County.
- ★ Retreatants coming on campus must check in upon arrival and follow safety guidelines to ensure the health of all.
- ★ Wearing masks is enforced along with proper social distancing. Hand sanitizers and disinfectants for cleaning are provided.

Private Retreats: we offer Private Retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time, with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines and gardens.

The Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes is complete but still accepting donations for bricks and benches.

★ Finally, we have a live, in-person Pre-Cana event: *Engaging the Heart* – **21 AUG 2021, 09:00 AM-03:30 PM.**

Register on <https://Vallombrosa.org/calendar>

We Look Forward to Seeing You All Again!

Group reservations:

call Jaynie 650/325-5614 or jaynie@vallombrosa.org.

Private Retreats: contact David at davidl@vallombrosa.org

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, see below), 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.)

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

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

17 OCT (SUN) FIFTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II

18 OCT (MON) SIXTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FIRST DAY: Saint Jude

19 OCT (TUE) SEVENTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
SECOND DAY: Saint Jude

20 OCT (WED) EIGHTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
THIRD DAY: Saint Jude

21 OCT (THU) NINTH DAY: Pope Saint John Paul II
FOURTH DAY: Saint Jude

22 OCT (FRI) Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II
FIFTH DAY: Saint Jude

23 OCT (SAT) SIXTH DAY: Saint Jude
FIRST DAY: All Saints

Pope St. John Paul II

gloria.tv/article/19L2jgpFYdR12aFEkDwJ91cun

St. Jude:

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

All Saints' Novena:

www.piercedhearts.org/treasures/devotions/Novenas/novena_all_saints.html

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS HIRING!

Are you a compassionate listener, who wants to make a difference in women's lives? **St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County** (SVdP) is looking to hire a part-time relief staff member for *Catherine Center*, a Restorative Justice Program of SVdP. Knowledge of recovery a plus. Clean driving record required. This is a paid, part time position with hours on weekends, holidays and in the evenings.

If interested, send a statement of interest, resume and three references to **Vivian** at vclausing@svdpsm.org.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men! Join us for our *Catholic Men's conference* on **16 OCT 2021**, 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 Burkesivers**, 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 hopfner@sfarch.org or **415/614-5547**. St. Pius is located at 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City.



**CELEBRATE NATIVITY'S 150th!
UPCOMING EVENTS...
SAVE THE 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

DID YOU KNOW ???

A group meets every morning (Mon-Fri) in the church to pray the rosary at 08:00 AM? They have been practicing this devotion since the 1970s. Perhaps you'd like to join them!



September 22 - October 31
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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 community 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
- 221 abortion workers converted
- 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 Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, RWC
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Jessica, phone or text: 650-918-9119 or email themunns@yahoo.com
- **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 **07:00 AM-07:00 PM** in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic located at 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Nativity parish will be covering **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.40daysforlife.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 Piguette
(Nativity Respect Life coordinators)

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF

"MIRACLES OF GOD'S CREATION"

Think about all the amazing things God has created. Take a few minutes to learn about some of the incredible things that have come from the imagination of our Creator!



The Wonder of Ice

"Ice"? Yes, ice. We all know that as you lower the temperature of a liquid it will assume its solid form. For all non-metallic substances, the solid form is more dense (more heavy) than the liquid form ... except for one substance: **water**. Water has the unique and unusual property that ice (the solid form) is 8% less dense than water's liquid form. This is extremely important in God's great plan for His creation: the earth's surface is 70% covered by water, and this water affects our climate and our very existence (much of the earth's food comes from the oceans). If ice were more dense than water, then during the freezing months of the year, all bodies of water would freeze starting at the bottom and freeze straight up to the top, killing all the life in the water that could not tolerate being frozen. But the less-dense ice floats on the more-dense liquid water, and the life in the water is allowed to survive the otherwise deadly cold. Only water behaves this way -- isn't our God amazing?

LOCAL AND GLOBAL RELIEF

The world is crying out for help, and the church has always been quick to answer those cries. Please prayerfully consider offering whatever assistance you can to these urgent needs, both close at hand and around the world.

The Need	How to Help
<p>Victims of the Dixie Fire</p>	<p>California Catholic Conference</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Visit https://nvcss.org/ to help Northern Valley Catholic Social Services, which is assisting with relief efforts.</p>
<p>Victims of Hurricane Ida</p>	<p>Catholic Charities of New Orleans</p> <p>Hurricane Ida has the dubious distinction of being tied as the strongest hurricane ever to hit Louisiana (Cat-4 (almost Cat-5) with winds of 150-172 mph).</p> <p>Visit www.ccano.org to help Catholic Charities</p>
<p>Victims of the Haitian Earthquake</p>	<p>Catholic Relief Services</p> <p>A massive 7.2 earthquake has devastated Haiti, killing 1300 people and overwhelming hospitals.</p> <p>Visit support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake to help Catholic Relief Services</p>