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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)

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FIRST READING

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

ACTS 4: 32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

PSALMS 118

SECOND READING

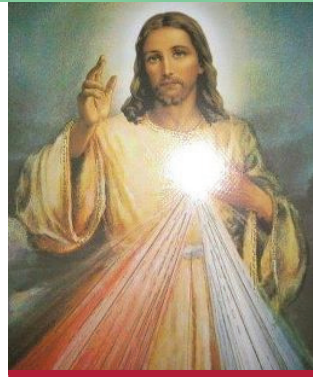
whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

1 JOHN 5: 1-6

GOSPEL

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

JOHN 20: 19-31



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

11 APRIL 2021

Blessed are those who have not seen, and have believed.

JOHN 20: 29

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 11 - 17 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Kathleen Cresci
	05:30 PM	The Zappettini family
TUE	07:30 AM	† Marlene Annuzzi
	05:30 PM	† Ivica Milicevic
WED	07:30 AM	† George Gould
	05:30 PM	Paul Manni; Benefactors of the parish; † Shelby Drazan; † John Robert Thompson Jr. † Carmen and George Goitia
THU	07:30 AM	† Gregory Turner Jr.
	05:30 PM	† Arthur and Ruth Bellaire
FRI	07:30 AM	Nico Critkovic
	05:30 PM	Keith and Lynn Virnoche
SAT	08:00 AM	Michael Ridenbaugh; Andreas and Hannah Drbal; Teresita Madrinan; † Betty Jean Sinnott; † Mary Henriques

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

11 APR (Sunday)
12:30 PM Divine Mercy Talk and Mass

12 APR (Monday)
04:00 PM Legion of Mary

13 APR (Tuesday)
07:00 PM RCIA (via Zoom)
07:00 PM (*) H4

14 APR (Wednesday)
06:00 PM Novena to Saint Joseph

15 APR (Thursday)

16 APR (Friday)

17 APR (Saturday)
09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class

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.



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



Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF 27-28 MAR
TOTAL:	\$13,759
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$3,498
2021 ADA Goal:	\$151,149

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

On **Divine Mercy Sunday, 11 APR 2021**, we will have our annual **Divine Mercy Celebration**. It will include Confessions from **12:00-02:00 PM**, a talk on Divine Mercy from **12:30-01:30 PM**, Mass and Chaplet at **02:00 PM**. Please join us. The need for Divine Mercy is greater now than it has ever been. The world has become much darker and confusing. We will pray that God will shower His Mercy on the world, especially on all those who participate in this worldwide celebration. For any questions, call **Deacon Dominick (650/269-6279)** or **Mary Ellen (650/269-7794)**.



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

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next **Natural Family Planning (NFP)** class will be on **Saturday, 17 APR 2021**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the **O'Hare Center** and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact **Finola, 650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

ASSE International Exchange Student Program is looking for a Catholic host family in the Bay Area for a student, **Camila**, who is coming from Italy for the **2021-2022** school year. If you are interested in being a host family or you would like more information about **Camila** and what is involved in being a host family for an exchange student please contact the ASSE Area Representative, **Laura Hubbard** at **650/773-3757** or laura.hubbard@sbcglobal.net.

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):

Wednesday: 02:00 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).

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

YouTube Church of the Nativity Channel



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

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. (We socially distance and wear masks.)

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 **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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**
- Matteo Roberto, son of Richard and Lucero Renteria
 - Benjamin Jose, son of Jose Hurtado and Jessica Miranda

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

INFORMED CONSENT FOR IN-PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Because we are once again having Masses in the Church we must ask you to sign the **Informed Consent Form**. All the forms that were signed last fall have been shredded. There are copies in the church and a basket to place them in after they are signed. This form is from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and will only be used for contact tracing in the event that one of our priests or deacons becomes ill. You only need to fill this form out once. Thank you for your help with this.



IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY MIXER

For anyone wanting to meet and talk with new people, join us for conversation and a no-host happy hour and/or dinner. Meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month from **06:00-09:00 PM**. On **21 APR 2021**, we'll be at **Celia's Mexican Restaurant** (1850 El Camino Real, Menlo Park). Invite your friends; open to everyone. Drop-ins are welcome. Send questions and requests to be added to the email list to NativityMixer@yahoo.com.

SPIRITUAL COMFORT FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

The *St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith* offers prayer for your intentions; podcasts and videos on topics related to family crisis; free spiritual consultation with a Mercedarian friar by appointment. Subscribe to the YouTube channel at *Philly Nonnatus*. For more information please visit the website nonnatus.org or text/call **215/870-9913**. For free Spiritual Consultation appointments please email director. srnf@gmail.com.

CSM CATHOLIC CLUB RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The **College of San Mateo Catholic Club** recruitment drive is underway to ensure a bright future for this great community at the *College of San Mateo*. The club welcomes students of all different walks of life to come define, refine, and fulfill their spiritual goals. Meetings are **2nd and 4th Thursdays** from **02:10-03:00 PM**. Connect with the club on Instagram or email csmcatholicclub@gmail.com. For more information contact **Chris Mariano**, Office of Youth & Young Adults, **415/614-5594**, or marianoc@sfarch.org.



UCSF leads the US in teaching physicians not only how to kill babies by abortion, but also how to take their organs while they are still alive. There are no words to describe how horrifying this is.

Watch this informational video by *Pro-Life San Francisco*, and prayerfully discern how you can help. www.youtube.com/watch?v=jseijatM3al

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://tinyurl.com/sccCOVIDvaccine>

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.

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/3gldOtl> or call **650/325-5614** to learn more.



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 **April 2021**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: *Fundamental Rights*

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

DID YOU KNOW ???

The **Octave of Easter** refers to both the eight-day period following Easter Sunday and the eighth day after Easter itself (i.e., the first Sunday after Easter). Over the course of history, that Sunday has been referred to as *St. Thomas Sunday*, *White Sunday* and *Low Sunday*. In the year **2000** it was designated *Divine Mercy Sunday* by **Pope Saint John Paul II**.

- *St. Thomas Sunday* is derived from the Gospel reading for that day, which recounts the story of "doubting" St. Thomas the Apostle.
- *White Sunday* is a historical reference to the time when those newly baptized at Easter would wear their baptismal gowns until that day.
- *Low Sunday* is believed to derive from the Latin "*Laudes*", which is the first word in the Sequence for that day ("*Laudes Salvatoris voce modulemur supplicii*" -- "*Let us sing praises to the Savior with humble voice.*").

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

Effacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

11 APR (SUN)	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
12 APR (MON)	
13 APR (TUE)	
14 APR (WED)	FIRST Day: St. George
15 APR (THU)	SECOND Day: St. George
16 APR (FRI)	THIRD Day: St. George
17 APR (SAT)	FOURTH Day: St. George
18 APR (SUN)	FIFTH Day: St. George
19 APR (MON)	SIXTH Day: St. George FIRST Day: St. Louis de Montfort
20 APR (TUE)	SEVENTH Day: St. George SECOND Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIRST Day: St. Catherine of Siena
21 APR (WED)	EIGHTH Day: St. George THIRD Day: St. Louis de Montfort SECOND Day: St. Catherine of Siena
22 APR (THU)	NINTH Day: St. George FOURTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort THIRD Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIRST Day: St. Joseph the Worker
23 APR (FRI)	FEAST of SAINT GEORGE FIFTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FOURTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SECOND Day: St. Joseph the Worker
24 APR (SAT)	SIXTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIFTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena THIRD Day: St. Joseph the Worker

Saint George:

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

Saint Louis de Montfort:

novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/

Saint Catherine of Siena:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:

www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

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"
24 APR 2021 10:00 AM-12:00 PM 02:00 - 04:00 PM \$20.00	Thomas Merton's Epiphanies: A Spiritual Journey in Three Acts A full-day retreat with Carl McColman. Registrants will have access to recording post-presentation.



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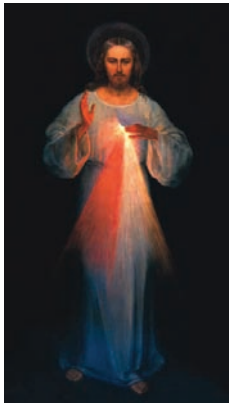
NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE

There have been multiple images of the Divine Mercy produced over the years. Although **Saint Faustina** was frequently consulted about the progress of the original painting, it was her spiritual director and confessor, **Venerable Michael Sopocko**, who was responsible for hiring an artist by the name of **Eugene Kazimirowski** to paint from **Saint Faustina's** description. There is a detailed letter from Fr. Sopocko that describes what happened. He wrote: "For several months the painter was unable to satisfy the author, who became sad on that account, and it was at this time that she wrote in her diary: "Once when I was at that painter's, who's painting this image, and saw that it is not as beautiful as Jesus is, I became very sad, but I hid that deep in my heart. When we left the painter, Mother Superior remained in the city to settle various matters, but I returned home by myself, immediately I made my way to the chapel and I had a good cry. I said to the Lord: 'Who will paint You as beautiful as You are?' Of a sudden I heard the words: 'not in the beauty of the color, nor of the brush is the greatness of this image, but in My grace.'" ...



Kazimirowski's painting is the "original", and now hangs in the **Cathedral in Vilnius, Lithuania**. But many have noted that the facial expression and direction of the rays do not match what Saint Faustina described.

I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one.

*Saint Faustina
(diary paragraph 1452)*



At the end of World War II, an artist named **Adolf Hyla** presented the Sisters of our Lady of Mercy with a painting in thanksgiving that his family had been spared during the war. This painting now hangs above the tomb of Saint Faustina in the convent chapel in **Lagiewniki, Poland**. Hyla's version is popular in Europe and Latin America.



Based on Saint Faustina's original description of the image, many people were dissatisfied with details of both the Kazimirowski and Hyla versions (the rays in the original were pointing downward, and the right hand in Hyla's is too high, being raised above the shoulder). So an American artist named **Robert Skemp** tried to correct these with his own version. The Skemp version is the most popular version in the Philippines even today, and hangs above the **Divine Mercy Shrine in Manila**.



All three of the images above have ecclesiastical approval for display in churches and for distribution to the faithful. But a fourth image has become possibly the most wide-spread, painted by another American, **Kathleen Weber**, based on Hyla's version. In fact, some refer to this as the "**Hyla by Weber**" image.

LISTEN TO OUR LORD'S OWN WORDS

Jesus Himself speaks of His limitless Mercy for us in the **Diary of Saint Faustina**. No Christian should ever despair if they hear what our Lord and Savior has promised us. These are only a few of the messages:

(1146) **Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice...**

(1273) 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.

(1520) **I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death.**

(1577) Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy.

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