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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** 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Mrs. Monica Hickam • [mon.hickam@gmail.com](mailto:mon.hickam@gmail.com)

## 24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 18 APRIL 2021

Jesus was made known to them  
in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24: 35



The Supper at Emmaus - Salomon de Bray (1650s)

### FIRST READING

The Author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead.

ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

PSALMS 4

### SECOND READING

The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments.

1 JOHN 2: 1-5

### GOSPEL

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

LUKE 24: 35-48

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 18 - 24 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	Jozan Dugandzic
TUE	07:30 AM	Athanasius Froula
	05:30 PM	† John and Florence Whalen
WED	07:30 AM	Protection of the unborn; † Souls in Purgatory
	05:30 PM	President Joe Biden
THU	07:30 AM	† Rebecca Cabot Manzano
	05:30 PM	The Switalski, Barber and Eisenman families; † Jim and Terry Young; † Catherine Casciaro; † Carmen Heffler; † Carol Malinski
FRI	07:30 AM	† Yvonne Damele
	05:30 PM	The King family, living and deceased
SAT	08:00 AM	Ciel Santos; † Betty Jean Sinnott; † Kevin Schmidt; † Pete Giovanola; † Michael Enright

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

18 APR	(Sunday)	02:00 PM	Confirmation
19 APR	(Monday)	04:00 PM	Legion of Mary
20 APR	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM	RCIA (via Zoom)
		07:00 PM	(*) H4
21 APR	(Wednesday)	06:00 PM	Novena to Saint Joseph
22 APR	(Thursday)		
23 APR	(Friday)		
24 APR	(Saturday)		

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.

### Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF 03-04 APR
TOTAL:	\$27,213
Holy Thursday:	\$1,717
Good Friday (Holy Land):	\$3,592
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$3,498
2021 ADA Goal:	\$151,149

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

**21 APR (Wednesday):**

**SAINT CONRAD OF PARZHAM (1818-1894)**

Conrad spent most of his life as porter in Altoetting, Bavaria, letting people into the Capuchin friary and indirectly encouraging them to let God into their lives. He was a lover of solitary prayer, and a peacemaker.



**SAINT ANSELM OF CANTERBURY (1033-1109)**

The **Archbishop of Canterbury**, Anselm was a counsellor to **Pope Gregory VII**, **Pope Urban II** and **William the Conqueror**.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima  
13 October 1917

- [www.theholynosary.org](http://www.theholynosary.org)
- [www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how\\_to.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm)
- [www.savior.org/wwrc/](http://www.savior.org/wwrc/)

**23 APR (Friday):**

**SAINT GEORGE (d. ~304)**

The only facts we know are that George was a soldier and martyr (tortured and beheaded in Palestine). Several stories have been attached to him, including the famous tale of his defeat of the dragon in a lake near Silena, Libya.



**SAINT ADALBERT OF PRAGUE (~957-997)**

Member of the Bohemian nobility who became **Bishop of Prague** and friend of **Emperor Otto III**. He founded the monastery of Brevnov, and tried (unsuccessfully) to evangelize in Pomerania, where he and his fellow missionaries were martyred.

**24 APR (Saturday):**

**SAINT FIDELIS ROY OF SIGMARINGEN (1577-1622)**

First a "doctor of laws", he renounced the profession and became a Capuchin friar. He was known especially for his charity to the poor, even as a counselor. He preached among and converted many Calvinists, but was under constant threat of death. He was martyred by Calvinist soldiers as he returned to preach in a town where he had recently fled from death threats.



## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Today over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities' need, which includes Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Support of this appeal helps these dioceses meet these needs. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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 Home Missions*.

### 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)**.

### 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 than 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 *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.)

### 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](mailto:laura.hubbard@sbcglobal.net).

*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**
- Albino Geneviro
  - Daniel Sorbi

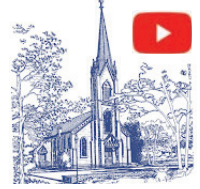


Parish Office Hours  
09:00 AM-04:00 PM  
Monday-Friday

Please continue to check our website  
([www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org))  
for the latest updates to the parish schedule.

## 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](http://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.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## 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](http://nonnatus.org) or text/call **215/870-9913**. For free Spiritual Consultation appointments please email director. [srnf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:csmcatholicclub@gmail.com). For more information contact **Chris Mariano**, Office of Youth & Young Adults, **415/614-5594**, or [marianoc@sfarch.org](http://marianoc@sfarch.org).

## 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](http://www.crs.org/donate)) or **Doctors Without Borders** (888/392-0392 - [www.donations@newyork.msf.org](http://www.donations@newyork.msf.org)) designate "for COVID emergency, City of Manaus, Brazil"



## 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](mailto:NativityMixer@yahoo.com).

## 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.



## 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](mailto:martin.thomas@sfarch.org))

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

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.*

### 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/](http://www.vallombrosa.org/calendar/)

Date	Event
Every Tuesday 10:00 - 10:30 AM	<b>Homilies by Zoom</b> A 30-minute homily or reflection, by various presenters
One Saturday per month (online)	<b>Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation</b> "Engaging the Heart"
24 APR 2021 10:00 AM-12:00 PM 02:00 - 04:00 PM \$20.00	<b>Thomas Merton's Epiphanies: A Spiritual Journey in Three Acts</b> A full-day retreat with Carl McColman. Registrants will have access to recording post-presentation.

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT)

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

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24\\_glory.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm)

**Novena for Priests:**

[www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm)

**Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:**

[www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh\\_novena.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm)

**OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS**

## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

<b>18 APR (SUN)</b>	FIFTH Day: St. George
<b>19 APR (MON)</b>	SIXTH Day: St. George FIRST Day: St. Louis de Montfort
<b>20 APR (TUE)</b>	SEVENTH Day: St. George SECOND Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIRST Day: St. Catherine of Siena
<b>21 APR (WED)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. George THIRD Day: St. Louis de Montfort SECOND Day: St. Catherine of Siena
<b>22 APR (THU)</b>	NINTH Day: St. George FOURTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort THIRD Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIRST Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>23 APR (FRI)</b>	<b>FEAST of SAINT GEORGE</b> FIFTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FOURTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SECOND Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>24 APR (SAT)</b>	SIXTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIFTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena THIRD Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>25 APR (SUN)</b>	SEVENTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SIXTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FOURTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>26 APR (MON)</b>	EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>27 APR (TUE)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>28 APR (WED)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort</b> NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>29 APR (THU)</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena</b> EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>30 APR (FRI)</b>	NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
<b>01 MAY (SAT)</b>	Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

**Saint George:**

[www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/NOVGEOR.TXT](http://www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/NOVGEOR.TXT)

**Saint Louis de Montfort:**

[novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/](http://novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/)

**Saint Catherine of Siena:**

[www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/)

**Saint Joseph the Worker:**

[www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/](http://www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/)

### FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

DID YOU KNOW ???

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=j5ej1tM3al](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5ej1tM3al)

Please welcome and pray for our new Catholics who received  
the Sacraments of **Baptism, 1st Holy Communion** and **Confirmation**  
at the **Easter Vigil, 03 APR 2021**

**George Luis Aguilar**

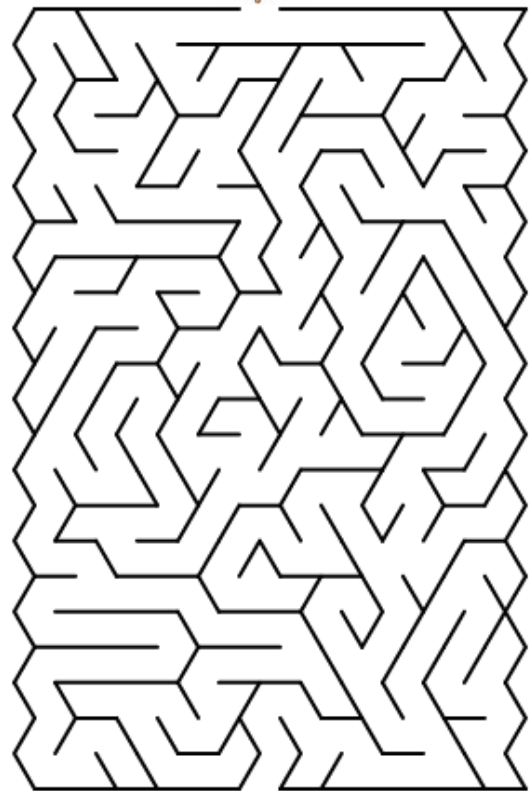
**Ismael Magaña**

**Katy Royle Amara**

**Jennifer Lu Ryan**



Help Our Risen Lord journey to Emmaus.



**DID YOU  
KNOW  
???**



The **Hobby Lobby** chain of craft stores are closed on Sundays, so that employees can uphold the Third Commandment and honor the Sabbath with their families.



**Chick-Fil-A** restaurants do the same thing: they are not open on Sundays for the same reason.



**In-N-Out Burger** has been printing Bible verses on their cups and wrappers since the 1980's. Soda cups are inscribed with **John 3:16**. Burger wrappers show **Revelation 3:20**. Fry trays have **Proverbs 24:16**, and milk shakes come with **Proverbs 3:5**



And it's not just for fast food. The **Forever 21** retail chain also prints **John 3:16** on its shopping bags.



### 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](http://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.

