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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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 25 APRIL 2021

They will hear My voice, and there will be one flock, one Shepherd.

JOHN 10: 16



The Good Shepherd - Bernhard Plockhorst

### FIRST READING

There is no salvation through anyone else.  
ACTS 4: 8-12

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

PSALMS 118

### SECOND READING

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

1 JOHN 3: 1-2

### GOSPEL

This is why the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life in order to take it up again.

JOHN 10: 11-18

## CALENDAR

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

25 APR	(Sunday)	
26 APR	(Monday)	04:00 PM Legion of Mary
27 APR	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM RCIA (via Zoom) 07:00 PM (*) H4
28 APR	(Wednesday)	06:00 PM Novena to Saint Joseph
29 APR	(Thursday)	
30 APR	(Friday)	
01 MAY	(Saturday)	First Saturday

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 APR - 01 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† John Kates
	05:30 PM	Antonio and Marietta Cuyegkeng
TUE	07:30 AM	† Gregory Turner Sr.
	05:30 PM	Levi Froula
WED	07:30 AM	† Peggy Kingman
	05:30 PM	† Guadalupe Kolenda
THU	07:30 AM	Frank Tolentino
	05:30 PM	Adele Personeni
FRI	07:30 AM	† Frances Romano
	05:30 PM	Ciel Santos; Linda Dickinson; † Stanley Dickinson; † Dolly Vasil; † Ivica Milicevic; † Liz Evalyn Quimbo
SAT	08:00 AM	Ciel Santos; † Arthur and Ruth Bellaire; † Betty Jean Sinnott; † Michael Enright; † Wally Gibson

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.



Electronic giving is offered through our website [www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org) or call the parish office for a paper form



### Parish Offerings

	WEEK OF 10-11 APR
TOTAL:	\$10,899
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$5,099
2021 ADA Goal:	\$151,149

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

## 28 APR (Wednesday):

### SAINT PETER CHANEL, Priest and Martyr (1803-1841)

The first martyr in Oceania, where he was ministering in New Hebrides.

### SAINT LOUIS MARY DE MONTFORT, Priest (1673-1716)

Devout from his youth, Louis entered a Paris seminary after walking 130 miles in the rain. While recuperating from a deliberate poisoning, he wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

## 29 APR (Thursday):

### SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

Deeply loving God from her youth, Catherine entered the Third Order of St. Dominic. She fought for the rights of the Roman Pontiff and promoted the renewal of religious life. Her spiritual writings are classics of Christian mysticism.

## 30 APR (Friday):

### SAINT POPE PIUS V (1504-1572)

## 01 MAY (Saturday):

### SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

## MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

### PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Every **Wednesday** from **11:00AM-12:00 PM** there is a Pro-Life Rosary at the Mountain View Planned Parenthood, 2500 California Street (cross street Showers). Parking is available at the shopping center across the street. Just show up. For more information contact **Cris Goodman 650/279-5909** or [cfgoodman13@gmail.com](mailto:cfgoodman13@gmail.com).

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

This 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).*

### HOLY HOUR: DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, **25 APR 2021** at **03:00 PM**, please consider offering a special Holy Hour at **03:30 PM** to intentionally pray for an increase and strengthening of vocations to the holy orders and consecrated life. All are welcome to join at **St. Pius** or at home.

St. Pius, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City. For more information contact **Fr. Cameron Faller**, Director, Office of Vocations **415/614-5683** [faller.cameron@sfarch.org](mailto:faller.cameron@sfarch.org)

### 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**
- Kimberly Rose, daughter of Francisco Lucio and Daisy Baires-Lucas
  - Charlotte Isabella, daughter of Aaron and Verence Gatchel

- MARRIAGES**
- Michael Stepanov and Daniella Witt

## PARISHIONERS

- DEATHS**
- Frank Papi
  - Al Genevro
  - Juan Bautista Yurjar



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

## 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.

 [Livestreamed Masses](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)  
[YouTube Church of the Nativity Channel](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## VATICAN OBSERVATORY: NEW WEBSITE, SHOP AND PODCAST

The **Vatican Observatory**, located outside Rome, was established by the Holy See for astronomical research and public outreach to advance the scientific understanding of our universe. It is one of the oldest active astronomical observatories in the world. Areas of impact are astronomy, technology, education, physics and planetary sciences, and culture and history. Visit their new website to learn more, see the latest news, and sign up for their magazine and newsletter. Links to social media accounts for the observatory are available from the website, as well.



- Website: [www.vaticanobservatory.org](http://www.vaticanobservatory.org)
- Podcast: [www.vaticanobservatory.org/podcast/](http://www.vaticanobservatory.org/podcast/)
- Shop: [www.vaticanobservatory.org/shop/](http://www.vaticanobservatory.org/shop/)

"To err is human. To admit it is science." -- Br. Guy Consolmagno

## PRESENTATION: SIR JAMES MACMILLAN WITH ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE

On **Saturday, 29 MAY 2021 at 12:00 PM via Zoom**, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will host a live online lecture followed by a Q&A with world-renowned Scottish composer **Sir James MacMillan** on the topic of "*Music and Some Wider Implications: a Catholic Composer's Perspective*." You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the 21st Century's most prolific and influential living composers speak from the heart on the importance of music from a Catholic perspective. This event is **FREE** to attend. Registration, however, is required! Register and learn more at <https://sfarch.org/music>.



## SHORT COURSE ON C.S. LEWIS WITH DR. KREEFT

On **Tuesdays, 04 MAY-08 JUN 2021, 07:00-08:30 PM**, the *School of Pastoral Ministry* of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is excited to share that **Dr. Peter Kreeft** will be teaching a five-part online course on some of **C.S. Lewis's** lesser known works of fiction and non-fiction. C.S. Lewis is probably most famous in the United States for his series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Lesser known is the fact that C.S. Lewis was also one of the greatest Christian apologists to have ever lived. This course will explore six of his most powerful and life-changing books: *Surprised by Joy*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Problem of Pain*, *A Grief Observed*, *Till We Have Faces*, and *The Great Divorce*. Register now at [www.sfarch.org/cslewis](http://www.sfarch.org/cslewis). A \$25 donation is requested, but no one will be turned down for inability to pay. Contact **Deacon Fred Totah**, Director, Office of Pastoral Ministry, **415/614-5504**, or [totahf@sfarch.org](mailto:totahf@sfarch.org) for more information.

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

## 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))** designate "*for COVID emergency, City of Manaus, Brazil*"



## FROM THE HOLY SEE

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

**Intention:** *The World of Finance*

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### 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.*

#### 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.

#### 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)).

#### 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.



## CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

**25 APR (SUN)** SEVENTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort  
SIXTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena  
FOURTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**26 APR (MON)** EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort  
SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena  
FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**27 APR (TUE)** NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort  
EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena  
SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**28 APR (WED)** Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort  
NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena  
SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**29 APR (THU)** Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena  
EIGHTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**30 APR (FRI)** NINTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

**01 MAY (SAT)** Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

**02 MAY (SUN)**

**03 MAY (MON)**

**04 MAY (TUE)**

**05 MAY (WED)**

**06 MAY (THU)**

**07 MAY (FRI)**

**08 MAY (SAT)**

**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

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)

**Effacious 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

#### 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
<b>Every Tuesday</b> <b>10:00 - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Homilies by Zoom</b> A 30-minute homily or reflection, by various presenters
<b>One Saturday per month (online)</b>	<b>Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation</b> "Engaging the Heart"

# Young Believers

S D C O M M A N D T X W M O P J K Z  
Y S R N C Y D V Y H O L V T D D T D  
C Y C E D A V O A N T A F L O W C I  
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SHEPHERD  
FATHER  
RECEIVED  
SHEEP  
FLOCK  
BELOVED

CONCERN  
HEAR  
MINE  
WOLF  
POWER  
KINDNESS

SCATTERED  
VOICE  
KNOW  
LIFE  
COMMAND  
JESUS



## FACE MASKS REQUIRED

Face masks are required to be worn **at all times** when in the Church: during Mass; during the Rosary; during Eucharistic Adoration. The mask must cover both the mouth and the nose. This is very important for the health and safety of our Nativity community and the wider community during this pandemic. Many parishioners have voiced their concerns about feeling unsafe when they see people in the Church and O'Hare Center without masks. Please be considerate of others by wearing a face mask **at all times** when in the Church or O'Hare Center for whatever reason.

## 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.

