Church of the Nativity

MASSES
Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:30 AM and 05:00 PM
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
PAROCHIAL VICAR
Rev. Patrick J. Driscoll
PERMANENT DEACONS
Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso
Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly
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Msgr. James Kelly
Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Mrs. Monica Hickam • mon.hickam@gmail.com

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

29 MARCH 2020

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live.

**John 11:25**

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS**  
WEEK OF 29 MAR - 04 APR

**Mass intentions will be remembered at the private Masses that Msgr. Otellini and Fr. Driscoll will be offering each day.**

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<td>In thanksgiving - the Verbo family; + Suzanne Marie Picton; + Eva Casey; + Gerald Mahoney</td>
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**Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing**

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**“Brown Bag” Sunday**

This week the St. Vincent de Paul Society would normally be collecting donations after the Masses. Please remember them and their good works with your generosity.

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**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN**

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

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**IMPORTANT!**

Please read about schedule changes on the back page of the bulletin.

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**Parish Offers**

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**Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:**

| 2020 ADA Goal:  | $145,044 |

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**These activities may be suspended based on COVID-19 restrictions.**
04 APR (Saturday):
SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, Bishop (560-636)
Isidore was literally born into a family of saints in sixth century Spain. Two of his brothers, Leander and Fulgentius, and one of his sisters, Florentina, are revered as saints in Spain. It was also a family of leaders and strong minds with Leander and Fulgentius serving as bishops and Florentina as abbess.

His love of learning made him promote the establishment of a seminary in every diocese of Spain. He didn’t limit his own studies and didn’t want others to as well. In a unique move, he made sure that all branches of knowledge including the arts and medicine were taught in the seminaries. He is considered by many to have been the most learned man of his age.

His encyclopedia of knowledge, the Etymologies, was a popular textbook for nine centuries. He also wrote books on grammar, astronomy, geography, history, and biography as well as theology. Isidore was canonized a saint by the Roman Catholic Church in 1598 by Pope Clement VIII and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722 by Pope Innocent XIII. Pope Saint John Paul II declared Saint Isidore of Seville the patron saint of the Internet and computer users in 1997.

A PRAYER BEFORE LOGGING ONTO THE INTERNET

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the Internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

NATIVITY SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION
Nativity School presents The Great Satisfy Auction Dinner on 25 APR 2020 at the Circus Club in Atherton. All are invited to attend this wonderful annual event which supports Nativity School. To purchase tickets or make a donation visit: www.auctria.com/auction/2020NativitySchoolAuction

Thank you for your continued support of Nativity School.

More information about this event will follow.

EUCARISTICADORATION
Nativity Church is open 24/7. 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: 04:00 AM
Saturday: 07:00 PM, 11:00 PM

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The God who is not outdone in generosity will certainly bless you and your intentions. Call Mary Ellen Peloso (650/269-7794) to sign up.

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.theholyrosary.org
- www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm
- www.savior.org/wwrc/

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.

You have never strayed too far for the Father’s forgiveness and grace.
OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.

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BAPTISMS

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

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

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COLD AND FLU SEASON

During this cold and flu season the distribution of Holy Communion under both species has been suspended until further notice. Only consecrated altar bread will be distributed at Mass. All parishioners are reminded to use good common sense. Those who are ill are not obligated to attend Mass and should stay home to recover. We also ask that you refrain from offering your hand to others at the Sign of Peace.

Please seriously consider receiving Holy Communion only in the hand. If you wish to receive only on the tongue, please present yourself last in the Communion line.

We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today.

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THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES

Probably the most famous and most memorable opening lines to any novel are those by Charles Dickens in his "A Tale of Two Cities". These words come to me as I think of our present situation in facing the Corona Virus. The ambiguity of the sentiments, I believe, speaks to the way we can react to the challenges facing us in this most unexpected, and serious global issue.

It is very easy to enunciate the “worst”:
- The virus itself and the havoc it has brought with illness and death
- The enforced isolation of quarantine and sheltering in place
- The interruption to our normal routines of work and school
- The social, financial and material consequences of behavioral modification
- The spiritual deprivations of the sacraments and regular prayer life

All these being said, and patently obvious to us all, I believe we need to turn our focus to those “best” things that emerge from the crisis. First and foremost, there is the generosity and heroism of people seeking to help other. We think of medical professionals in the frontline of the epidemic, and, also, first responders who are having great demands placed upon them. I think of the tremendous efforts quickly initiated by our faculty and staff at Nativity School. In a short period of time they were asked to develop and implement a remote learning environment. New demands were placed on them, as well as parents to “re-form” a pedagogical system we never had a chance to practice.

We all have radically adapted our lives to a new rhythm. Life is less hectic; commuting is practically gone; things are simply quieter! How much less of train horns and airplanes do we hear? We find ourselves sifting out non-essential and focusing on the real necessities. Families are brought together in an unhurried pace. I am struck by the constancy and number of people who, practicing social distancing, are coming to Nativity Church to sit in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

While we still face uncertainty as to what will happen with Holy Week and Easter, I encourage all of us to spend the self-imposed discipline of Lent, now over-laid with the imposed discipline of the epidemic, striving to advance ourselves spiritually by accepting the challenges of the present as opportunities to grow in virtue.

Some parishioners have joined regularly in reciting the Rosary at 1pm; some are watching daily Mass as it is available on TV, or our website. We were able to offer successfully the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday to many people in a safe way. To the extent possible, we will continue these things and expand them. I bring your attention to a serious fact that we face as a parish community with a significant loss of revenue because of no Sunday Mass. About a third of our parishioners have switched to online giving. For those of you who have not, I would prayerfully ask that you consider continuing your donations to the parish. As we all know, bills and financial obligations do not stop in a quarantine.

Please know that you are all in my prayers. It was truly heartbreaking not to be able to celebrate Mass for you this past Sunday, and the days during the week. Such a vacuum in our lives should only highlight for us the great benefit and gift we have in the Eucharist.

Msgr. Steven Otellini
Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For April 2020, the Holy Father’s intention is:

**Intention:** Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

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, it is being granted – it increases.

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

**LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES**

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**FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS**


**BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD**

The Prayer 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.
**ONLINE MASS RESOURCES**

**EWTN (DAILY)**
During this time, especially during the Lenten season, we wanted to remind you that EWTN broadcasts the **daily Mass** live at 08:00 AM Eastern from Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on the EWTN campus in Irondale, Alabama. You can watch live on TV or online via streaming at [www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live](http://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live).

You can also listen to the Mass live on the radio, SIRIUS/XM, or listen online at [www.ewtn.com/radio/listen-live](http://www.ewtn.com/radio/listen-live).

**KTSF AND KOFY (SUNDAY MASS)**
Each **Sunday** a Catholic TV Mass is aired on a number of TV channels throughout the Bay Area, offered by Msgr. Harry Schlitt and Fr. Dave Ghiorso. The Catholic TV Mass focuses on our Catholic community for those who are homebound, residing in assisted living, hospitalized or imprisoned and unable to attend Mass in their parish church.

You may find these Masses in the Archdiocese of San Francisco area each Sunday on KTSF at 06:00 AM or KOFY at 06:00 AM, or online any time at [www.fatherharry.org](http://www.fatherharry.org).

**RELEVANT RADIO (DAILY)**
Beginning **Sunday, 15 MAR 2020**, I will celebrate special Masses for you each day at 01:00 PM ET / 10:00 AM PT. These Masses will be broadcast live on your local station, on the Relevant Radio® app, at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), and on my Father Rocky Facebook page so you can tune in from wherever you are. The Mass will be rebroadcast each evening at 08:30 PM ET / 05:30 PM PT on your local station.

**OTHER VENUES**
Many individual parishes are now recording or live-streaming the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, either the Sunday liturgy or even the daily Mass. For example:

- The **Vatican** has recorded the daily **Masses** celebrated by Pope Francis at the Casa Santa Marta ([w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html))
- The **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington, D.C. has a recorded stream of **Sunday Mass** ([www.nationalshrine.org/mass](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass))
- The **Carmel Mission Basilica** has a recorded stream of **Sunday Mass** ([www.carmelmission.org](http://www.carmelmission.org))

**SCHEDULE CHANGES: PLEASE READ**
Pursuant to the latest orders from the **California Department of Public Health** (effective from **17 MAR 2020**), the following schedule changes are in effect until further notice:
- No daily Masses
- No Saturday Vigil Masses
- No Sunday Masses
- No funerals
- **Saturday confessions** (As scheduled - 10am to noon, confessions will be heard in the Church and at the O’Hare Center. From 3:30-4:30pm only in the Church. Please continue to practice social distancing while waiting in line).

**Eucharistic Adoration** will continue, and the church will remain open.

**Weddings** and **Baptisms** will continue as currently scheduled. You are encouraged to call the parish office with your questions (650/323-7914) and continue to check the parish website for updates ([www.nativitymenlo.org](http://www.nativitymenlo.org)).

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**Be Steadfast in Faith**

Devotion to the **Fourteen Holy Helpers** began in the Rhineland as early as the 14th century. These 14 saints were invoked for protection against illness and sudden death, particularly during the epidemic we know as the **Black Death**. Each “helper” has his/her own feast day, but they are collectively celebrated on **08 AUG**. The Fourteen Holy Helpers are **Achatius** (headache), **Barbara** (fever and sudden death), **Blaise** (throat), **Catherine of Alexandria** (sudden death), **Christopher** (bubonic plague), **Cyriacus** (temptation upon the deathbed), **Denis** (headache), **Erasmus** (intestinal ailments), **Eustachius** (family discord), **George** (health of animals), **Giles** (plague), **Margaret of Antioch** (childbirth), **Pantaleon** (physicians), and **Vitus** (epilepsy).

**The rector of the National Shrine is specifically invoking the 14 Holy Helpers against the pandemic.**

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**PRAYER VS PANDEMIC**

Join Relevant Radio in a movement to have the world daily pray against the pandemic.

[https://praytogether.relevantradio.com](http://https://praytogether.relevantradio.com)

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**“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Romans 8:35, 37-39