

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 09 MARCH 2008

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

John 11: 25-26

## CALENDAR

### FIRST READING

I will put My spirit in you that you may live.

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

### PSALM

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in His word.

Psalm 130

### SECOND READING

You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit.

Romans 8: 8-11

### GOSPEL

"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

John 11: 1-45



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 MAR

<b>SAT 05:00 P</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON 07:30 A</b>	† John Neylan
<b>05:30 P</b>	† Earl and Tom Kochenderfer
<b>TUE 07:30 A</b>	† Kikue Correa
<b>05:30 P</b>	† Armanda Varesio
<b>WED 07:30 A</b>	† Louis Monico
<b>05:30 P</b>	ICF Branch #351 living and deceased members
<b>THU 07:30 A</b>	Maria Rel and Jose Rel
<b>12:00 P</b>	† Philip Silvestri
<b>05:30 P</b>	† Amalia Quintanilla
<b>FRI 07:30 A</b>	† Higinio Benavidez
<b>05:30 P</b>	Benefactors of the parish
<b>SAT 08:00 A</b>	† Marie and Adolph Firenzi; Baby Garrett

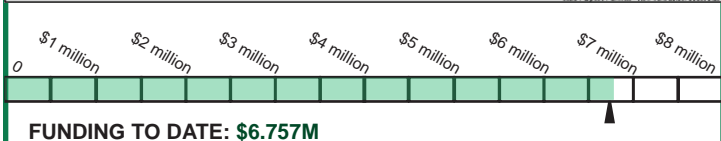
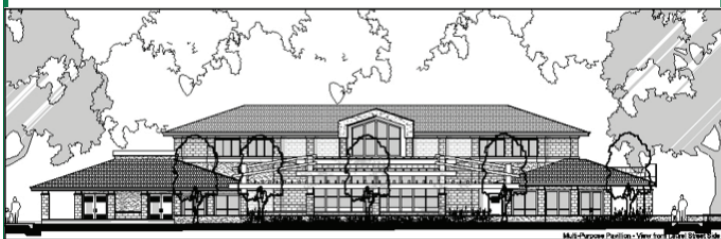
### MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>MON-FRI</b>	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>MON-FRI</b>	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
<b>SAT</b>	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
<b>09 MAR</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b> 08:30 AM	Holy Hour
<b>10 MAR</b>	<b>(Monday)</b> 09:00 AM 07:30 PM 07:30 PM	Bible Group RCIA Legion of Mary
<b>11 MAR</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b> 07:30 PM	Lenten Speaker
<b>12 MAR</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b> 07:30 PM	Opus Dei Mens Group
<b>13 MAR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b> 11:00 AM 06:00 PM 07:30 PM	The Thursday Group Perpetual Help Novena First Reconciliation
<b>14 MAR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b> 10:00 AM 06:00 PM	Book Club Stations of the Cross
<b>15 MAR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b> 09:00 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM 03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Carnival Meeting Confessions (Opus Dei priest) Confessions (parish priest)



### NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

#### MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



### PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF  
23-24 FEB

TOTAL:	\$	8,848
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	10,655
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	109,500

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

## TRANSFER OF SOLEMNITIES IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR LENT AND EASTER OF 2008

The following solemnities in the year 2008 have been transferred due to the timing of Holy Week and the Octave of Easter.

The Solemnity of **St. Patrick**, principal co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, normally observed on **17 March**, is transferred to **Friday, 14 March 2008**. The Archbishop of San Francisco notes that the law of abstinence does not bind Catholics in the Archdiocese on that day. He also urges that those who take advantage of this exception to the abstinence law will freely abstain on another weekday of Lent.

The Solemnity of **St. Joseph**, normally observed on **19 March**, is transferred to **Saturday, 15 March 2008**.

The Solemnity of the **Annunciation of the Lord**, normally observed on **25 March**, is transferred to **Monday, 31 March 2008**.

### 14 MAR (Friday):

#### SAINT PATRICK, Bishop (385-461)

**Patrick** was probably the son of a Roman-British official. He was consecrated a bishop around **432** and was sent (back) to Ireland. He converted most of the island to the faith, and of course is now revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

### 15 MAR (Saturday):

#### SAINT JOSEPH, Husband of the Virgin Mary

*"In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine good had offered as a promise to them, Joseph held in his arms."*

St. Bernadine of Siena

## ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society invites all who wish to help decorate the church for Easter to come **Holy Saturday, 22 March 2008**, at **11:00 AM**, until we finish, which is usually around **03:00 PM**. Bless you for sharing your time and talents.

**Holy Thursday** will soon be here, and the Altar Society once again would be grateful to accept any white calla lilies, and their green leaves, for decoration of the altar of reposition in the **O'Hare Center**. Those who wish to participate, but do not have a green thumb, may drop off white floral potted plants, such as hydrangeas, callas, azaleas, or cyclamen. Please drop off your cutting or potted flowers, outside the O'Hare Center in the Altar Society water buckets on **Thursday** morning, **20 March 2008**. Bless you for your green thumbs and offerings.

## NATIVITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Interested in good conversation about religion-related topics? The Book Club will meet on **Friday, 14 March 2008** at **10:00 AM**. For further information please call **Bart Phelps** at **650/854-7526** or **Cathy Enciso** at **650/854-8915**.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

**MONDAY, 17 MARCH 2008**

**07:30 PM** Lenten Penance Service

**THURSDAY, 20 MARCH 2008 (HOLY THURSDAY)**

**07:30 PM** Mass (*one Mass only*)

**FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2008 (GOOD FRIDAY)**

**12:00 -01:30 PM** Reflections with Msgr. Otellini

**01:30 PM** Stations of the Cross

**02:00 PM** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**07:00 PM** Taizé (sung Stations of the Cross)

followed by *The Passion of the Christ* movie in the **O'Hare Center**

**SATURDAY, 22 MARCH 2008 (HOLY SATURDAY)**

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM** Reconciliation (Opus Dei priest)

**02:00-04:00 PM** Reconciliation (parish priest)

**08:00 PM** Easter Vigil

(*no other Masses*)

**SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 2008 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**08:00 AM** Mass

**09:30 AM** Mass

**11:00 AM** Mass

**12:30 PM** Mass

(*no 05:00 PM Mass*)

**MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2008**

**09:00 AM** Mass (*one Mass only*)

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## THE MENLO PARK TRADITION CONTINUES

**13-15 June 2008:** Be a part of the tradition here at Nativity! Carnival rides and great food in our Food Court area. Tri-tip and Chicken Dinners, Silent Auction, Games, Musical Entertainment, Sunday Brunch, and so much more. This year's raffle features a 1st Prize of a **2008 Toyota Prius**, 2nd Prize a **Flat Screen Television**, and 3rd Prize an **iPod**. Tickets go on sale beginning **29 March 2008** after all Masses. Watch future bulletins for more details. Save the date!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please come to visit our Lord during the week, as the church is open 24x7 and He awaits you. Also, everyone is encouraged to sign up for one hour. This will ensure your weekly meeting with Jesus. You may sign up for any hour. Please consider the following hours which currently have no one assigned:

**SAT: 01:00 PM**

Please call **650/322-3013** for more information or to sign up.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The tents are down and the pews are back in the Church! There is adequate parking in the church lot. Please continue to be respectful of our neighbors and do not park on **Rebecca Lane**. There are *No Parking at Any Time* signs posted on that street.



## LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The sign up sheet for **Holy Week** and **Easter Masses** is posted in the working sacristy on the Minister Bulletin Board.

## THANK YOU

Dear Reverend Monsignor Steven D. Otellini,

*We would like to thank you very much for allowing us to come to your church to sell our cakes and religious articles. Thank you also for all the advertisement. Your help is deeply and truly appreciated to continue our charitable works. We pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary for all your intentions. May God Bless you and all of your parishioners!*

*The Sisters of Fraternite Notre Dame*

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## SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week (Palm Sunday) for the **Altar Society**. This donation will be used to beautify our church with flowers, plants, and new altar linens, enhancing our liturgy during the Easter season and beyond. Bless you for your generosity.

## LOST AND FOUND

A cordless phone (home type) fell off the top of a car leaving Nativity after the **05:30 PM** Mass on **Thursday, 28 February 2008**. Please call the office if this is your phone **650/323-7914**.

## SAVE THE DATE: 17 MAY 2008

BBQ on the parish grounds following the **05:00 PM** Mass to commemorate **Msr. Otellini's 30th ordination anniversary**. Details to follow soon.

## EASTER BULLETIN: EARLY DEADLINE

Content must be submitted by **12:00 PM (noon)** on **Wednesday, 12 March 2008** for inclusion in the Easter bulletin (**23 March 2008**) to accommodate the Holy Week schedule of our printers.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." Come hear more about God's plan for your marriage. Go to [www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org) or call **Paul and Yvonne** at **650/366-7093**. The next SF-WWME weekend is **18-20 April 2008** in **San Mateo**.

## VOCATION RETREAT

"*Choices of the Heart*" **Vocation Retreat** – All single Catholic women 18-45 years of age are invited to participate in a Vocation Reflective Discernment Retreat with the **Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul** on **25-27 April 2008**, at Seton Provincialate, 26000 Altamont Road, Los Altos Hills, California. For registration or more information about the prayer, community, and ministry of the Daughters of Charity, please contact **Sr. Trang Truong, D.C.**, at **650/949-8890** or [SrTrangTruong@dochs.org](mailto:SrTrangTruong@dochs.org).

## AWARD NOMINATIONS

The **St. Thomas More Society** is presently seeking nominations for the **2008 St. Thomas More Award**. Nominees should be members of the legal profession who exemplify Catholic ideals and Christian principles through public service and community involvement. All nominations must be in writing and must be received by **30 June 2008**.

The St. Thomas More Society, P.O. Box 1304  
Santa Clara, CA 95952-1304  
Voicemail: 408/450-3333

## THIRD ANNUAL NAPA VALLEY CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Come join fellow Catholic men for the **Third Annual Napa Valley Catholic Men's Conference**. We all know the challenges of being a Catholic man in the modern world -- you need support from your brothers in faith. Fathers, consider bringing your teenage (and older) sons. **Saturday, 19 April 2008** at **St. Apollinaris Church** in Napa. Call **415/387-2324** for more information.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES ON TELEVISION

There will be a number of excellent broadcasts on EWTN, the 24/7 Catholic television station:

From the Vatican, EWTN will telecast Pope Benedict XVI conducting the following Holy Week liturgies: Palm Sunday, **16 March 2008** at **05:00 PM**; Holy Thursday, **20 March 2008** at **09:00 PM**; The Way of the Cross, **21 March 2008** at **05:00 PM**; Easter Vigil Mass, **22 March 2008** at **09:00 PM**; Easter Sunday Mass, **23 March 2008** at **09:00 AM**; Easter Message and Blessing, **23 March 2008** at **10:30 AM**.

The broadcasts from the National Shrine in Washington D.C. will include Holy Thursday, **20 March 2008** at **02:30 PM** and Easter Vigil Mass, **22 March 2008** at **05:00 PM**.

EWTN television is available on Comcast channel 229, DISH channel 261, and Direct TV channel 370.



*You are never too far gone for the Father's forgiveness and grace.*

## ALMOST THREE MILLION PEOPLE IN PAPAL MEETINGS IN 2007

During the year 2007, almost **three million** faithful participated in public meetings with the Pope, either in the Vatican or at his summer residence of Castelgandolfo. According to statistics released by the Prefecture of the Pontifical Household, a total of **2,830,100** people attended the Wednesday general audiences, special audiences, liturgical celebrations and Sunday Angelus prayers during the course of the year. The Wednesday general audiences, held in St. Peter's Square and the Paul VI Hall, attracted **729,100** people. The Angelus prayers of 2007 drew **1,450,000** people to St. Peter's Square, while **442,000** attended the various liturgical ceremonies presided by the Holy Father.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **March 2008**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**General:** That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

**Missionary:** That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world and in various manners may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.



We are continuing to publish the text of the  
ENCYCLICAL LETTER **SPE SALVI (SAVED BY HOPE)** OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF **BENEDICT XVI**

### **Faith is Hope (cont'd.)**

#### *The concept of faith-based hope in the New Testament and the early Church*

4. We have raised the question: can our encounter with the God who in Christ has shown us his face and opened his heart be for us too not just “informative” but “performative”—that is to say, can it change our lives, so that we know we are redeemed through the hope that it expresses? Before attempting to answer the question, let us return once more to the early Church. It is not difficult to realize that the experience of the African slave-girl Bakhita was also the experience of many in the period of nascent Christianity who were beaten and condemned to slavery. Christianity did not bring a message of social revolution like that of the ill-fated Spartacus, whose struggle led to so much bloodshed. Jesus was not Spartacus, he was not engaged in a fight for political liberation like Barabbas or Bar-Kochba. Jesus, who himself died on the Cross, brought something totally different: an encounter with the Lord of all lords, an encounter with the living God and thus an encounter with a hope stronger than the sufferings of slavery, a hope which therefore transformed life and the world from within. What was new here can be seen with the utmost clarity in Saint Paul's Letter to Philemon. This is a very personal letter, which Paul wrote from prison and entrusted to the runaway slave Onesimus for his master, Philemon. Yes, Paul is sending the slave back to the master from whom he had fled, not ordering but asking: “I appeal to you for my child ... whose father I have become in my imprisonment ... I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart ... perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother ...” (Philem 10-16). Those who, as far as their civil status is concerned, stand in relation to one another as masters and slaves, inasmuch as they are members of the one Church have become brothers and sisters—this is how Christians addressed one another. By virtue of their Baptism they had been reborn, they had been given to drink of the same Spirit and they received the Body of the Lord together, alongside one another. Even if external structures remained unaltered, this changed society from within. When the Letter to the Hebrews says that Christians here on earth do not have a permanent homeland, but seek one which lies in the future (cf. Heb 11:13-16; Phil 3:20), this does not mean for one moment that they live only for the future: present society is recognized by Christians as an exile; they belong to a new society which is the goal of their common pilgrimage and which is anticipated in the course of that pilgrimage.

5. We must add a further point of view. The First Letter to the Corinthians (1:18-31) tells us that many of the early Christians belonged to the lower social strata, and precisely for this reason were open to the experience of new hope, as we saw in the example of Bakhita. Yet from the beginning there were also conversions in the aristocratic and cultured circles, since they too were living “without hope and without God in the world”. Myth had lost its credibility; the Roman State religion had become fossilized into simple ceremony which was scrupulously carried out, but by then it was merely “political religion”.

*(continued next week)*

# Young Believers Page

## FIND-A-WORD

Can you locate all these words in the square full of letters?

ELIJAH	ISAIAH
EZEKIEL	DANIEL
SAMUEL	JEREMIAH
MALACHI	ZECHARIAH

M	U	S	A	M	U	E	L	Q	J
A	N	E	I	L	H	Z	W	D	E
L	J	O	L	D	A	S	A	T	R
A	E	R	O	P	J	N	J	R	E
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I	S	B	L	E	E	M	I	C	A
S	O	M	A	T	Z	A	I	U	H
X	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	A	H
Q	Z	E	C	H	A	R	I	A	H

(Just like in our lives, JESUS is always there, too.)

## CAN YOU FIND SIX (6) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES?



## WHAT CAN I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

- Give up complaining . . . . . focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism . . . . . become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments . . . think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry . . . . . trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement . . . be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness . . . . . turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred . . . . . return good for evil.
- Give up being negative . . . . be positive.
- Give up anger . . . . . be more patient.
- Give up pettiness . . . . . become mature.
- Give up gloom . . . . . enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy . . . . . pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping . . . . . control your tongue.
- Give up sin . . . . . turn to virtue.
- Give up on giving up . . . . . hang in there!

Lent is a time to look at our lives. Are we pleasing God by the way we live and act? It is a chance to make radical changes in our lives, so we can enjoy everything God has promised -- everything for which Jesus died for us.

In nature, one of the most radical changes happens between a caterpillar and a butterfly. Learn more about this process, called "metamorphosis", at websites like:

- [www.amnh.org/exhibitions/butterflies/metamorphosis.html](http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/butterflies/metamorphosis.html)
- [www.butterflyschool.org/new/meta.html](http://www.butterflyschool.org/new/meta.html)
- [www.milkweedcafe.com/photos.html](http://www.milkweedcafe.com/photos.html)