

FIRST READING

Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine.

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

PSALM

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Psalms 46

SECOND READING

Do you not know that you are the temple of God?

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17

GOSPEL

He was speaking about the temple of His body.

John 2: 13-22

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

09 NOVEMBER 2008

Like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it.

1 Corinthians 3: 10



CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 NOV

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	The Ruder and Cahalan families
	05:30 PM	† All souls
TUE	07:30 AM	† All souls
	05:30 PM	† Deceased members of the Fina, Gastaldi, Woods and Lastovic families
WED	07:30 AM	† All souls
	05:30 PM	ICF Branch #351 living and deceased members
THU	07:30 AM	† Larry Hallee
	12:00 PM	Susie Delagnes
	05:30 PM	† All souls
FRI	07:30 AM	† Leonard Collier
	05:30 PM	† All souls
SAT	08:00 AM	† All souls



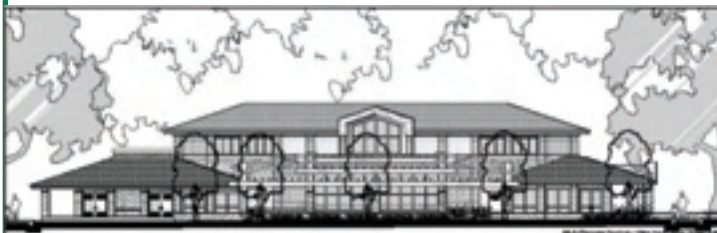
The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, 11 November 2008 for Veterans Day.

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
09 NOV	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
10 NOV	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
11 NOV	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	<i>Veterans' Day</i> Bible Study: Acts
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Acts
12 NOV	(Wednesday)	
13 NOV	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	07:00 PM	Parent Meeting for Confirmation
	07:30 PM	Altar Society
14 NOV	(Friday)	
	10:00 AM	Nativity Moms' Group
15 NOV	(Saturday)	
	08:00 AM	Legion of Mary Retreat
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions <i>(Opus Dei priest)</i>
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions <i>(parish priest)</i>

NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.499M



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
25-26 OCT

TOTAL:	\$	8,371
Nativity School:	\$	17,569
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	36,920
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	109,500

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

09 NOV (Sunday)

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Officially named the *Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior*, it is the oldest and ranks first (being the only cathedral in Rome) among the four major basilicas of Rome, and holds the title of **ecumenical mother church** (mother church of the whole inhabited world) among Roman Catholics.

10 NOV (Monday)

SAINT LEO THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (c. 400-461)

Pope from 440 to 461, during the time of the invasion of Attila the Hun. When Attila marched on Rome, Leo went out to meet him and pleaded for leave. As Leo spoke, Attila saw the vision of a man in priestly robes (believed to be **St. Peter**), carrying a bare sword, and threatening to kill the invader if he did not obey Pope Leo.

11 NOV (Tuesday)

VETERANS' DAY

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, Bishop (c. 316-397)

Martin was born to pagan parents; his father was a Roman military officer and tribune. Martin joined the Roman imperial army at age 15. He once gave a beggar half of his heavy officer's cloak, and later had a vision of Jesus wearing the cloak. Martin was persecuted by the Arians, who were openly hostile to Catholics, and later became first a hermit, then the bishop of Tours. Martin was the first non-martyr to receive the cultus of a saint.

12 NOV (Wednesday)

SAINT JOSAPHAT, Bishop and Martyr (1580-1623)

Monk of the Ukrainian Order of St. Basil, he was the first Eastern saint canonized by Rome.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Need some ideas? Visit a local VA hospital (Menlo Park or Palo Alto). Tell a veteran "thank you." *Pray* for everyone in the armed forces.

www.anysoldier.com

www.shieldsofstrength.com

www.uss-hornet.org

www.loc.gov/vets

13 NOV (Thursday)

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

One of thirteen children raised on a farm. She received a convent education, and training as a teacher. She and six Sisters arrived in New York in 1889. Mother Cabrini founded 67 institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages in the United States, Europe and South America. After her death she was the first US citizen to be canonized.

14 NOV (Friday)

SAINT NICHOLAS TAVELIC and COMPANIONS, Martyrs

A native of Dalmatia, Nicholas entered the Franciscans and subsequently worked in the region around Bosnia, especially among the Paterine heretics. He then went to the Holy Land to preach among the Muslims and was martyred at Jerusalem.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

PRE-ADVENT RETREAT

On **Saturday, 15 November 2008**, from **08:00 AM - 12:00 PM**, Nativity will host a one-half day pre-Advent retreat. **Fr. Joepel** of San Francisco will be giving three talks entitled "*The Way of the Saints: Growth in Spiritual Life.*" There will be prayers and periods of silence throughout. For more information, call **Deacon Dominick** and **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013** or **650/269-6279**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next **San Francisco Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is three weeks away. How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse before the holidays -- just the two of you? Away from everything: kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Call **Paul** and **Yvonne** at **650/366-7093** or visit sf.lovemoredeeply.org. The next SF-WWME weekend is **07-09 November 2008** in San Mateo.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 14 November 2008** from **10:30 AM** until **12:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Please bring your little ones with you! Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

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:

THU: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

FRI: 01:00 AM - 03:00 AM (1st Friday of each month)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest members of our Christian community:

- **Leigh Rose** daughter of **Michael** and **Jeanne Moeschler**



May this family grow in holiness daily in response to its baptismal calling.

We congratulate

- **Gregory Durando** and **Hannah Brearley**
- **Ritchie Cordero** and **Margaret Santiago**

on their recent marriage at Nativity. May these couples grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.



Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Christine Broesamle**
- **Joann** and **Brian Casey** (*Gavin*)
- **Ge Dedeoglou**
- **Katherine** and **John Houston** (*Lucy*)
- **Caroline Murugan**



CONCERN AMERICA

The annual craft sale by **Concern America** will be held this year on the weekend of **08-09 November 2008**, after the Saturday evening Mass and all the Sunday *morning* Masses. There will be many new selections this year, all handmade by women's cooperatives in materially-poor communities in rural El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Bangladesh and Ecuador. The sponsoring organization, Concern America, is an international development and refugee aid organization based in Santa Ana, CA. The sale will take place in the **O'Hare Center**.



BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC MISSION

Next weekend the members of the **Bethlehem Catholic Mission** will be here once again to sell their hand-carved olivewood goods and religious items. Sale of these items helps support Christians in Bethlehem.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Armitron digital watch. **650/323-7914.**

EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

As is the case every year at this time, to accommodate the year-end schedule of our bulletin printers, we will have early content submission deadlines for the following bulletins:

For the **30 November 2008** bulletin, submissions must be received by **12:00 PM (noon)** on **Thursday, 20 November 2008**.

For the **28 December 2008** bulletin, submissions must be received by **12:00 PM (noon)** on **Thursday, 17 December 2008**.

For the **04 January 2009** bulletin, submissions must be received by **12:00 PM (noon)** on **Monday, 22 December 2008**.

Submissions are accepted electronically at the email address **nativity.bulletin@gmail.com**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PAULINE BOOKS EVENT

13 November 2008 (Thursday at 07:00 PM) **Pauline Books & Media** continues to celebrate the *Year of St. Paul* by hosting **Fr. Kevin Kennedy** who will reflect with us on the Damascus experience; what that meant for St. Paul and how the relationship with Christ which ensued shaped Paul's understanding of Christian discipleship. (2640 Broadway, Redwood City) For more information call **650/369-4230**.

WEST COAST WALK FOR LIFE 2009: 24 JAN 2009

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, 24 January 2009**. Join upwards of 25,000 pro-lifer's for the **5th Annual Walk for Life** in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit our website at **www.walkforlifewc.com**. To volunteer or to arrange busses contact us at **415/586-1576** or email questions to **info@walkforlifewc.com**.



OPEN HOUSE: MERCY BURLINGAME

All 6th-7th and 8th-grade families are invited to the Mercy High School, Burlingame, Parent-Student Open House, on **Sunday, 09 November 2008** from **12:00-04:00 PM**. Mercy is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. For more information, contact **Mrs. Ellen Williamson**, Director of Admissions, at **650/762-1114**.

OPEN HOUSE: WOODSIDE PRIORY

Prospective students and parents are invited to attend an Open House at Woodside Priory School, on **Saturday, 06 December 2008**. Please make reservations by calling **650/851-8223**. The planned program starts at 10:00 AM. The Priory is a Catholic, Benedictine school serving Middle School grades 6-8 and High School grades 9-12, located at 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028. Applications are now being accepted for both the Sixth Grade and the Freshman year of high school. The application deadline is **15 January 2009**.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society at 408/258-2008 or the Gabriel Project at 800/910-0191.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

General: That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

Missionary: That Christian communities in Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may find the most suitable way to announce Him in full fidelity to the Gospel to the peoples of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality.



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

III. Judgement as a setting for learning and practising hope (cont'd.)

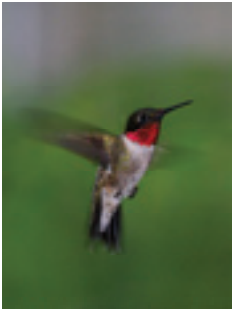
46.(cont'd.) Paul begins by saying that Christian life is built upon a common foundation: Jesus Christ. This foundation endures. If we have stood firm on this foundation and built our life upon it, we know that it cannot be taken away from us even in death. Then Paul continues: "Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:12-15). In this text, it is in any case evident that our salvation can take different forms, that some of what is built may be burned down, that in order to be saved we personally have to pass through "fire" so as to become fully open to receiving God and able to take our place at the table of the eternal marriage-feast.

47. Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire". But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God. In this way the inter-relation between justice and grace also becomes clear: the way we live our lives is not immaterial, but our defilement does not stain us for ever if we have at least continued to reach out towards Christ, towards truth and towards love. Indeed, it has already been burned away through Christ's Passion. At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy. It is clear that we cannot calculate the "duration" of this transforming burning in terms of the chronological measurements of this world. The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ[39]. The judgement of God is hope, both because it is justice and because it is grace. If it were merely grace, making all earthly things cease to matter, God would still owe us an answer to the question about justice—the crucial question that we ask of history and of God. If it were merely justice, in the end it could bring only fear to us all. The incarnation of God in Christ has so closely linked the two together—judgement and grace—that justice is firmly established: we all work out our salvation "with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12). Nevertheless grace allows us all to hope, and to go trustfully to meet the Judge whom we know as our "advocate", or *parakletos* (cf. 1 Jn 2:1).

(continued next week)

Miracles of God's Creation

Think about all the amazing things God has created. Take a few minutes to learn about some of the incredible things that have come from the imagination of our Creator!



The Hummingbird

A hummingbird is the only bird that can hover and fly backwards, straight up, and straight down. They cannot walk, but they can beat their wings up to 80 times per second! To flap that fast, a hummingbird's heart rate is incredibly high: some

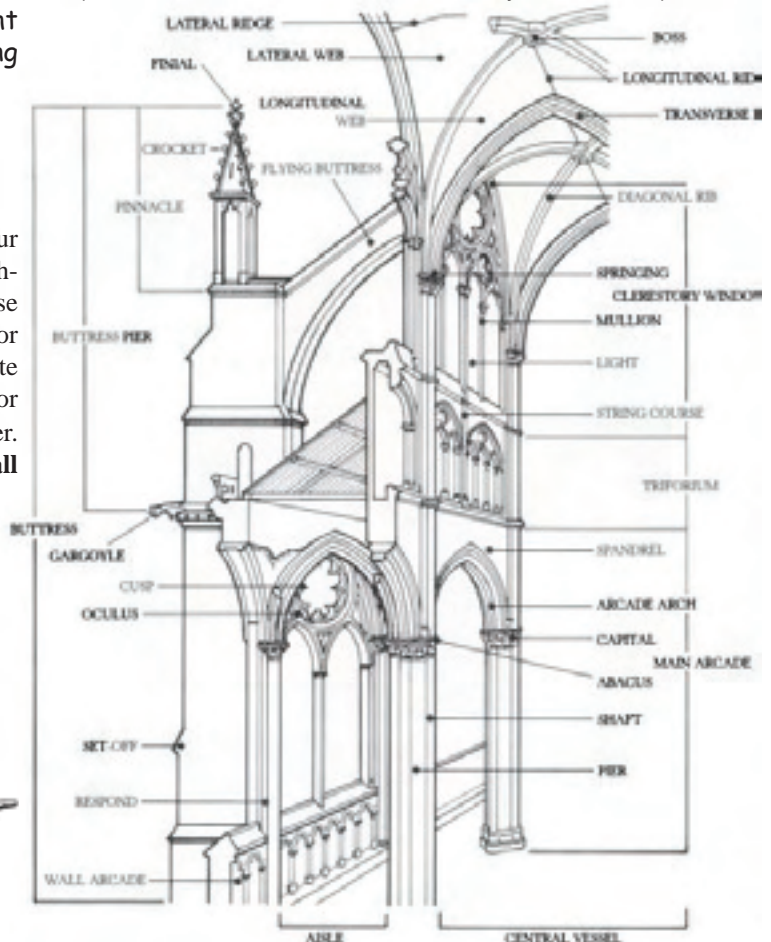
have hearts that beat 1360 times every minute. To keep up this intense activity, a hummingbird has to eat almost constantly, taking in up to 15 meals every hour of high-energy nectar. The food they eat every day equals eight times their own body weight (though the amount of solid nectar, without the water, in that food equals only one time their body weight). God has designed their beak to fit perfectly into the flowers from which they get the nectar. They are so small that their natural enemy is an insect, the Praying Mantis. A Ruby-Throated hummingbird (like the one in the picture) doesn't really have green feathers: the feathers reflect and refract light such that our eyes see the color changing slightly among greens when we watch one. Amazing!

CRAFT IDEAS

Decorate a foam door hanger for a door in your house (like your bedroom door, maybe?). You can buy foam door hangers and other foam shapes (letters, stars, objects) at *Michaels*. You might use foam letters to write a simple word on the hanger, like "Peace" or "Love", or maybe the name "Mary" or one of the saints. Decorate the hanger with cut-out pictures, sequins, stickers, or paint. For older children, select a Bible verse for the door hanger. One of our favorites is *Philippians 4:13* -- **I can do all things in Christ Who strengthens me.**



To celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, color this diagram of the nave of a Gothic cathedral:



FIND-A-WORD

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

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| CONCEAL | REVEAL |
| DARKNESS | LIGHT |
| WHISPER | PROCLAIM |
| GIFT | TRANSGRESS |
| GRACIOUS | TRIUMPH |

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

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