

FIRST READING

The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every face.

Isaiah 25: 6-10

PSALM

He guides me in right paths for His Name's sake.

Psalms 23

SECOND READING

God will fully supply whatever you need.

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL

Many are invited, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22: 1-14



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 OCTOBER 2008

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life.

Psalms 23

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 12-18 OCT

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Maria and Richardo Aguinaldo; Evangeline Balmonte
	05:30 PM	† Bill Nicholson
	07:30 PM	Special intention
TUE	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	Jaime
WED	07:30 AM	† Tricia Schillaci
	05:30 PM	† Felipe Yu
THU	07:30 AM	Benefactors of the parish
	12:00 PM	† Dick Hart
	05:30 PM	† James Alloro
FRI	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	† Barbara and Joseph Wynne
SAT	08:00 AM	† Fr. Leo Huber

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
12 OCT	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
13 OCT	(Monday)	<i>Columbus Day: Office Closed</i>
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
14 OCT	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Acts
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Acts
15 OCT	(Wednesday)	
	07:30 PM	Opus Dei Men's Group
16 OCT	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
17 OCT	(Friday)	
	10:00 AM	Book Club
	06:15 PM	Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 OCT	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

The parish office will be closed on Monday,
13 October 2008 for Columbus Day.



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
27-28 SEP

TOTAL:	\$	9,918
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	36,020
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	109,500



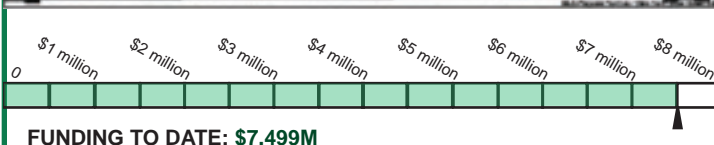
SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses
next week for the **World Missions**.



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

15 OCT (Wednesday)

**SAINT TERESA OF AVILA, Doctor of the Church
(1515-1582)**

Born to the Spanish nobility, Teresa was cured of a crippling childhood disease after prayer to St. Joseph. Teresa became a Carmelite nun at 17. Stricken with ill health shortly after taking her vows, she nevertheless founded several convents.

16 OCT (Thursday)

**SAINT MARGARET MARY
ALOCOQUE (1647-1690)**



She was healed of a crippling disorder by a vision of the Virgin Mary. After receiving a vision of Christ fresh from the Scourging, she was moved to join the Order of the Visitation. In 1675 she received a revelation from our Lord, which included 12 promises to her and to those who practiced a true devotion to His Sacred Heart. The saint died of natural causes in 1690, and her body is to this day incorrupt.

17 OCT (Friday)

**SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, Bishop and Martyr
(c. 50 - c. 107)**

Ignatius was a pagan convert to Christianity, who succeeded **Peter** as bishop of Antioch, Syria. He served during the persecution of Domitian, and during the persecution of Trajan, he was ordered taken to Rome to be killed by wild animals. On the way, a journey which took months, he wrote a series of encouraging letters to the churches under his care. He was the first writer to use the term *the catholic Church*. -- *"No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire."*

18 OCT (Saturday)

SAINT LUKE, Evangelist

Doctor and companion of **St. Paul**, Luke is a patron to both physicians and artists. In addition to his Gospel, Luke authored a history of the early Church in the *Acts of the Apostles*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY BOOK CLUB

The Nativity Book Club will meet on **Friday, 17 October 2008**, from **10:00-11:30 AM**, in the **O'Hare Center**. We will discuss two short books by author **Garry Wills**: *What Paul Meant* and *Saint Augustine*. Please join us. Any questions, please call **Bart Phelps** at **650/854-7526** or **Cathy Enciso** at **650/854-8915**.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE SOCIETY

REMEMBER WHEN...the Loma Prieta earthquake shook our Northern California on **17 October 1989**? This **17 October 2008**, the **Infant Jesus of Prague Society** will meet to pray for all people suffering on our earth by disasters of various forms such as natural, political, social, and spiritual crises.

REMEMBER WHEN...the Berlin Wall fell? Let us pray for the collapse of all barriers, prejudices, and what divides. We must seek to build up souls through prayer and example of charity. Our **Infant Jesus of Prague Society** will meet **Friday evening, 17 October 2008**, at **06:15 PM** following the 05:30 PM Mass. We will include promised prayers for the homeless shelter directed by **Sr. Sarah** for children and adults and **Fr. Derek's** work with students at Bursa Akademicka, both in Poland.

REMEMBER WHEN...The Lord called us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked? Please bring any infant clothing and nonperishable food items for our local **St. Francis Center (RWC)**. All we sincerely give out of love for God is honored by Him. For any inquiries and prayer requests, please call **Anne Delaney, S.F.O.** or leave a message on our Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Line, **650/323-9333**.

REMEMBER WHEN...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son?

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**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 13 October 2008**, we will hold our final monthly Fatima celebration for this year. It begins with Holy Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the appearance, rosary procession, and Eucharistic healing service. Please join us. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.



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:

MON: 12:00 AM (midnight) - 01:00 AM

TUE: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WED: 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

SAT: 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest member of our Christian community:



- **John Paul Michael** son of **John and Nicole Osmer**

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

We congratulate



- **Edward Kaigh and Laya Sleiman** on their recent marriage at Nativity. May this couple grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.

CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

If you had your picture taken for the church directory please remember to stop by the office to pick up your free copy. We do have some extra copies of the directory. If you would like to purchase one they are available for **\$15.00**. The office is open **Monday through Friday 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM**.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Checks for all second collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write what the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

Next Sunday, the second collection will be for World Missions. The offerings that are collected on World Mission Sunday help to ensure that the poor of the Missions receive help and hope that comes from knowing of the love of Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and support offered to the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. Please be generous.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: a set of three keys (2 large and 1 small) found after the **12:30 PM Mass on 28 September 2008**. Call **650/323-7914**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

PRO-LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

Sunday, 19 October 2008. 05:00 - 08:30 PM.

Enjoy an evening of dining, dancing, wine, prizes and more hosted by the **Knights of Columbus, St. Mark's Church**, Belmont and catered by Nori to benefit **San Mateo ProLife**. Guest Speaker: **Bill May** of *Catholics for the Common Good*. Adults: **\$25**, Kids 5-12: **\$5**.

You may win *Fr. Al's Dinner at the Rectory for Six!*

RSVP by **15 October 2008** to **Mary** at **650/342-7161** or **Vicki** at **650/365-5718** or mail your check to San Mateo ProLife, P.O. Box 6273, San Mateo, CA 94403.

PAULINE BOOKSTORE NEWS

The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to mark your calendars and join them for the following events:

02 October 2008 (07:00 PM): Pauline Books and Media will host **Michael McDevitt**, well-known retreat leader, speaker and author, who will present his new book, *The Unseen Power of Prayer*.

16 October 2008 (07:00 PM): Join in the continuing celebration of the Year of St. Paul with **Fr. Ronald Witherup, S.S.**, who will help us examine the lasting testament St. Paul has given the Church. Paul's tireless preaching and writing, extensive travels, and love for Jesus Christ are a wonderful witness that conversion is not a one-time event, but a lifetime commitment. For more information, call **650/369-4230**. Pauline Books and Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063.

TELEVISION SPECIALS

The EWTN television network, a 24/7 Catholic station, is broadcasting a new series and a long awaited movie. *"Into Great Silence"* is a movie on the everyday life of Carthusian monks. This movie took years to get permission, and it had to be filmed in a way that did not disturb the monks' silence. We suggest watching it and appreciating those religious who live a hidden life, praying for us at every moment. It will air on **26 October 2008 at 06:00 PM** and **01 November 2008 at 12:00 AM**. It is three hours long. Also, a new series, *"The Friar"* with Father John teaching children about parables and the saints using songs, drawings, and animated stories, begins in November. It will broadcast on Fridays at 01:30 PM. Reminder: EWTN has great religious programs for children of all ages on the weekday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Use your DVR and have your children watch something that will encourage sainthood! EWTN is found on cable television: Comcast channels 74 or 229; DISH Network 261; Direct TV 370.



IMMACULATE HEART RADIO

Come join **Immaculate Heart Radio** for the *"Light on the Hill"* **Benefit Dinner!** The evening of wine, music and celebration of faith will feature "Catholic Answers" apologist **Tim Staples**. Invite your fellow parishioners to join in this evening of food, faith and fellowship to help keep Catholic Radio in the Bay Area. The Benefit Dinner will be held on **22 October 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center** (1111 Gough St, San Francisco). Reception starts at **06:00 PM**; dinner starts at **07:00 PM**. Tickets are **\$55** per person and **\$500** per table of 10. Please call **Stephanie Allen** at **916/535-0500 x235** to reserve your spot today.

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.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE REVISITED

What Does Our Faith Tell Us About Marriage?

Marriage comes from the loving hand of God, who fashioned both male and female in the divine image. Marriage is both a natural institution and a sacred union because it is rooted in the divine plan for creation. The Church teaches that the valid marriage of baptized Christians is a sacrament, a saving reality. Jesus Christ made marriage a symbol of His love for His Church. This means that a sacramental marriage lets the world see in human terms, something of the faithful, creative, abundant and self-emptying love of Christ. A true marriage in the Lord with His grace will bring the spouses to holiness. Their love, manifested in fidelity, fertility, generosity, sacrifice, forgiveness and healing, makes known God's love in their family, community and society. This Christian meaning confirms and strengthens the human value of a marital union.

Bishop Gerald Barnes, San Bernardino



Vote 2008



The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** (USCCB) invites U.S. Catholics to pray before the November election a novena for life, justice, and peace called **Novena for Faithful Citizenship**. It is a podcast and available for download: (www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts)

DISCUSSING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has posted on www.faithfulcitizenship.org a series of articles by USCCB experts on issues pertinent to the November elections. Articles are in both English and Spanish. Topics include Immigration, Voting by Conscience, the Environment, Poverty, Iraq, Stem Cells, Gay Marriage, Abortion, Health Care and Economic Policy.

OTHER RESOURCES

www.ewtn.com/vote
www.cacatholic.org

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PROPOSITIONS 4 AND 8

In November, Californians will be going to the polls to decide critical moral issues for the state: **Prop. 4** establishes a waiting period and parental notification for a minor seeking to obtain an abortion and **Prop. 8** would solidify in the California Constitution the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman. **Nativity** invites you to participate in prayer and fasting. As to prayer, first we would ask that everyone say a **54-Day Rosary Novena** for their passage. This daily rosary would begin on **12 September** and end on **03 November**. The first 27 days are said in petition, and the second 27 in thanksgiving for hearing our request. Also, we should all give up something we enjoy (a certain food, TV, etc.) until 03 November for this intention. "*Fasting adds wings to our prayer.*" Even a small sacrifice can make a big difference. Let us join with our bishops to work for passage of these two important propositions. For any questions about this, call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.



FIND-A-WORD

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

MOUNTAIN	SHEPHERD
PASTURES	COURAGE
GOODNESS	KINDNESS
HUMBLE	ABUNDANT
MANY	INVITED
FEW	CHOSEN

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

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

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will give peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in My Heart, and it shall never be effaced.
12. I promise thee in the excess of the mercy of My Heart, that its all-powerful Love will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of Nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under My displeasure, nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



This is a good shepherd.
 A good shepherd loves his sheep.
 He gives them food, water and shelter.
 He cares for them and keeps them safe.