

**FIRST READING**

When you hear Me say anything, you shall warn them for Me.

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

**PSALM**

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalms 95

**SECOND READING**

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another.

Romans 13: 8-10

**GOSPEL**

There I am in the midst of them.

Matthew 18: 15-20



# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 07 SEPTEMBER 2008

If two of you agree on earth about anything...  
it shall be granted to them by My heavenly Father.

Matthew 18: 19

## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 07-13 SEP

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Mary Giovanzana; the Berrone and Giovanzana families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Maria Yu
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Edward Tuite
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Harold Kennedy
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Ruder and Cahalan families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	ICF Branch #351 living and deceased members
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Dorothy Fourné
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	† Stanley Rozynski
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Stephen Gravelle
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† John and Virginia Conway
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Adolph Firenze
	<b>07:30 PM</b>	The Eisman family
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	† Wanda Bernard

### 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>07 SEP</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	<i>Grandparents Day</i> Holy Hour
<b>08 SEP</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	09:00 AM Bible Group 07:30 PM Legion of Mary
<b>09 SEP</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	06:00 PM Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>10 SEP</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>11 SEP</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	<i>Patriot Day</i> 11:00 AM The Thursday Group 06:00 PM Perpetual Help Novena 06:30 PM ICF Dinner and Meeting
<b>12 SEP</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	10:30 AM Nativity Moms Group 07:30 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration
<b>13 SEP</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confessions (Opus Dei priest) 03:30 PM - 04:30 PM Confessions (parish priest)



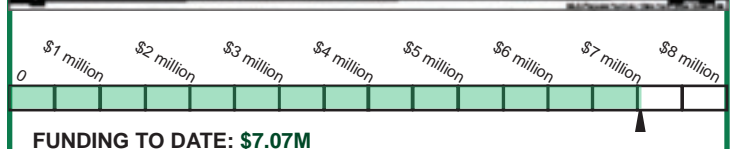
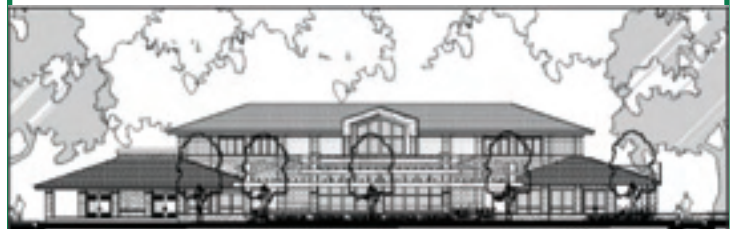
### PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF
		<b>09-10 AUG</b>
TOTAL:	\$	<b>10,098</b>
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	<b>33,570</b>
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	<b>109,500</b>
		WEEK OF
		<b>16-17 AUG</b>
TOTAL:	\$	<b>11,579</b>
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	<b>34,870</b>
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	<b>109,500</b>
		WEEK OF
		<b>23-24 AUG</b>
TOTAL:	\$	<b>9,611</b>
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	<b>34,870</b>
2008 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	<b>109,500</b>



### NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

#### MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

**08 SEP (Monday):  
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**



**09 SEP (Tuesday):  
SAINT PETER CLAVER, Priest  
(1581-1654)**

A Jesuit missionary to America, Peter ministered physically and spiritually to the slaves when they arrived in Cartagena. He reported converted 300,000, and worked for humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. He organized charitable societies among the Spanish in America similar to those in Europe by St. Vincent de Paul.

**12 SEP (Friday):  
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

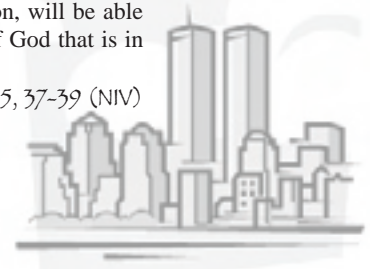
The feast of the **Most Holy Name of Mary** began in Spain in **1513**, and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies loyal to Mohammed IV in Constantinople. After Sobieski entrusted himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims. **Pope Innocent XI** extended this feast to the entire Church.

**11 SEP (Thursday):  
PATRIOT DAY: SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY  
of the WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING**

“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 (NIV)

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**13 SEP (Saturday):  
SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church (349-407)**

It was for his sermons that John earned the title “Chrysostom” (golden-mouthed). They were always on point, they explained the Scriptures with clarity, and they sometimes went on for hours. He criticized the rich for not sharing their wealth, fought to reform the clergy, prevented the sale of ecclesiastical offices, called for fidelity in marriage, and encouraged practices of justice and charity.

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## BAKE SALE

On **13-14 September 2008** the **Sisters Fraternalite Notre Dame** will once again be here to sell their delicious cakes and cookies.

## NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 12 September 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.

## BIBLE STUDY: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Nativity Parish will sponsor a Bible Study course on the Acts of the Apostles. It begins on **16 September 2008** and continues every **Tuesday** for 20 weeks (with breaks for holidays). There will be two classes: the first from **09:30-11:30 AM**, and the second from **07:30-09:30 PM**. The evening class is a repeat of the morning class. We will be using the resources developed by Jeff Cavins, a great teacher and scholar. Please call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso**, **650/322-3013**. The cost is **\$20.00** for materials.

## FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 12 September 2008**, we will hold our next monthly Fatima celebration. 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**.



## NATIVITY BOOK CLUB

The **Nativity Book Club** will meet on **Friday, 19 September 2008** in the **O’Hare Center**, from **10:00-11:30 AM**. The book we will be discussing is *When Bad Things Happen To Good People* by Harold S. Kushner. Any questions, please call **Bart Phelps** at **650/854-7526** or **Cathy Enciso** at **650/854-8915**.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Change of date!** Religious Education classes will begin on **Sunday, 14 September 2008** at Nativity School, **08:20-09:20 AM**. Please call **Sister Merlynn Martin** for further information at **650/327-2319** or **650/289-0389**.

## 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**

**FRI: 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM**

**SAT: 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

We congratulate

- **Michael Sherman and Ann Caldwell**
- **Michael Chou and Mara Nguyen**

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

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Thomas and Laura Sachson** (*William, Heath*)



## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our beautiful and much beloved old stained glass windows are in need of restoration. The Parish Finance Council has approved this project, which will commence in September with the *Sacred Heart* window and take approximately five years to complete. The restoration cost of the *Sacred Heart*, *Blessed Mother* and rose windows is \$20,000 each. Donors have already come forward with the funds for the rose window and the *Sacred Heart* window. Other windows range from \$2000 to \$6,000 each. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$160,000. Appropriate acknowledgements will be made for those underwriting the full cost of a window. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this effort please contact **Msgr. Otellini, 650/323-7914**.

## MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Monday morning **Bible Study Group** will resume on **Monday, 08 September 2008**, at **09:00 AM** in the **O'Hare Center**. All are welcome. For more information contact **Tim Kennedy, 650/321-4818**.

## HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

Experience a fresh anointing at the **Holy Spirit Conference, 19-21 September 2008** at **Archbishop Riordan High School**, 175 Phelan Ave. San Francisco. There will be a Mass and healing service on **Friday at 07:00 PM** (no charge). On **Saturday** and **Sunday** the doors open at **08:00 AM**. Speakers include Bishop Mylo Vergara, Fr. Lou Cerulli, Fr. James Tarantino, and Carolyn Suty. Conference fee schedule: **\$25** (Friday), **\$35/day** (Sat/Sun), **\$10** (youth), **\$6** (hot lunch). For further information contact **Ernie** at **415/664-7729**, (information in Spanish: **415/297-1709**; youth information: **415/350-8677**).

## YOU ARE INVITED

The new school buildings and field will be dedicated on **Saturday, 13 September 2008** at **10:30 AM**. The blessing ceremony will be presided by **Archbishop Niederauer**. Afterwards, stay for a picnic hosted by the Nativity Men's Club. Thank you for your generosity and I hope to see you there!

*Msgr. Otellini*

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

## RCIA FOR 2008-2009

Persons interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2008-2009 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning **15 September 2008**. This rite of faith formation is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and now are considering becoming Catholic. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **11 April 2009**. We will accept new participants throughout September and October. Contact **Charlotte Pace (650/325-6978)**, **Tim Kennedy (650/321-4818)**, or **Msgr. Otellini** at the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On **Saturday, 13 December 2008** we will commemorate **Father Davenport's 60th anniversary of Ordination**. Details will be posted this Fall.



## THE THURSDAY GROUP

Welcome back and new members are always welcome! Beginning **11 September 2008** at **11:00 AM**, the **Thursday Group** will resume their regular meetings with a DVD, "*Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life*," with **Fr. Ron Rolheiser**. Mass will be at **12:00 PM**. Bring a bag lunch; cake and coffee will be provided. For more information call **Sr. Merlynn** at **650/327-2319** or **650/289-0389**.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## WOMENS CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Come join women from parishes around the Bay Area for our upcoming study based on the text *Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study* by Scott Hahn. The format includes individual home study and small group discussions. We meet at **St. Marks** parish in Belmont on **Thursdays, 10:00-11:45 AM**, beginning **11 September 2008** through **28 May 2009** (with holiday breaks). For more information, visit **www.cssbelmont.com** or contact **Christine Fenwick** at **650/573-7942** (**cssbelmont@gmail.com**).

## ICA GALA DINNER

**Immaculate Conception Academy** is celebrating **125 years** of educating young women by hosting our **First Annual Gala Dinner** on **04 October 2008**. Graduates, alumnae and family, along with all friends of the Academy, are invited to celebrate our history and an exciting new direction ICA will be taking in the future. You won't want to miss this night. For more information, please contact **Patricia Cavagnaro** at **415/824-2052, x31** or email at **pcavagnaro@icacademy.org**.

*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 **September 2008**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

**General:** That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

**Missionary:** That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others.



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.)

43. (cont'd.) This innocent sufferer has attained the certitude of hope: there is a God, and God can create justice in a way that we cannot conceive, yet we can begin to grasp it through faith. Yes, there is a resurrection of the flesh[33]. There is justice[34]. There is an “undoing” of past suffering, a reparation that sets things aright. For this reason, faith in the Last Judgement is first and foremost hope—the need for which was made abundantly clear in the upheavals of recent centuries. I am convinced that the question of justice constitutes the essential argument, or in any case the strongest argument, in favour of faith in eternal life. The purely individual need for a fulfilment that is denied to us in this life, for an everlasting love that we await, is certainly an important motive for believing that man was made for eternity; but only in connection with the impossibility that the injustice of history should be the final word does the necessity for Christ's return and for new life become fully convincing.

44. To protest against God in the name of justice is not helpful. A world without God is a world without hope (cf. Eph 2:12). Only God can create justice. And faith gives us the certainty that he does so. The image of the Last Judgement is not primarily an image of terror, but an image of hope; for us it may even be the decisive image of hope. Is it not also a frightening image? I would say: it is an image that evokes responsibility, an image, therefore, of that fear of which Saint Hilary spoke when he said that all our fear has its place in love[35]. God is justice and creates justice. This is our consolation and our hope. And in his justice there is also grace. This we know by turning our gaze to the crucified and risen Christ. Both these things—justice and grace—must be seen in their correct inner relationship. Grace does not cancel out justice. It does not make wrong into right. It is not a sponge which wipes everything away, so that whatever someone has done on earth ends up being of equal value. Dostoevsky, for example, was right to protest against this kind of Heaven and this kind of grace in his novel *The Brothers Karamazov*. Evildoers, in the end, do not sit at table at the eternal banquet beside their victims without distinction, as though nothing had happened. Here I would like to quote a passage from Plato which expresses a premonition of just judgement that in many respects remains true and salutary for Christians too. Albeit using mythological images, he expresses the truth with an unambiguous clarity, saying that in the end souls will stand naked before the judge. It no longer matters what they once were in history, but only what they are in truth: “Often, when it is the king or some other monarch or potentate that he (the judge) has to deal with, he finds that there is no soundness in the soul whatever; he finds it scourged and scarred by the various acts of perjury and wrong-doing ...; it is twisted and warped by lies and vanity, and nothing is straight because truth has had no part in its development. Power, luxury, pride, and debauchery have left it so full of disproportion and ugliness that when he has inspected it (he) sends it straight to prison, where on its arrival it will undergo the appropriate punishment ... Sometimes, though, the eye of the judge lights on a different soul which has lived in purity and truth ... then he is struck with admiration and sends him to the isles of the blessed”.

(continued next week)



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](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts))

### DISCUSSING FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** has posted on [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://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](http://www.ewtn.com/vote)



### PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PROPOSITION 8

In November, Californians will be going to the polls to decide a critical moral issue for the state - whether marriage is between one man and one woman, the way God designed us (and the way it has been for thousands of years), or otherwise. Recognizing that this is as much (if not more) of a spiritual struggle as a purely political one, Nativity would like everyone to participate in prayer and fasting. As to prayer, first we would ask that everyone say a **54 Day Rosary Novena** for its 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. Secondly, on **Sunday, 05 October**, we will be saying the **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer**: 2,000 *Hail Mary's* along with meditations and petitions will be said in church beginning at **01:30 PM** and ending about **07:00 PM** (with a break for 05:00 PM Mass). Please join us for all or even just part of the prayer. Finally, 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. Together, let us ask God for His assistance in preserving the integrity of our families and really saving society. For any questions about this, call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.

## Young Believers

### FIND-A-WORD

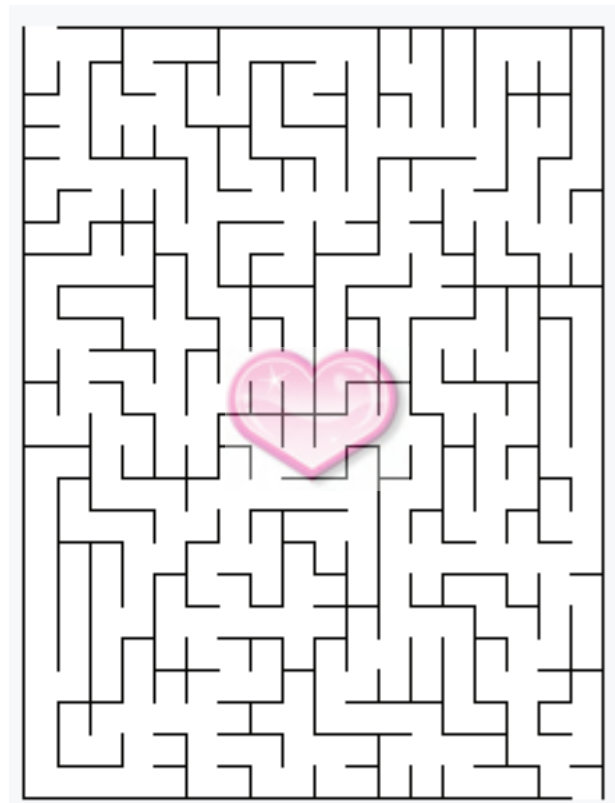
Can you locate all these words in the square full of letters?

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| WARN     | WICKED  |
| GATHERED | HEAR    |
| VOICE    | HARDEN  |
| HEART    | LOVE    |
| TWO      | AGREE   |
| ANYTHING | GRANTED |

Y O R N E I G H B R  
 W L I T E H S D I T  
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 J E S U S R N K I G

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

yourself



your neighbor