

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 APRIL 2009

Repent ... and be converted, that your
sins may be wiped away.

Acts 3: 19



Alfred, With Mr. (Simon Dewey)

CALENDAR

FIRST READING

God has brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand.

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

PSALM

Know that the Lord does wonders for His faithful ones.

Psalms 4

SECOND READING

We have an Advocate with the Father.

1 John 2: 1-5

GOSPEL

Everything written about Me ... must be fulfilled.

Luke 24: 35-48

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 26 APR - 02 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Shirley Fennell
	05:30 PM	† Marilyn Gula
TUE	07:30 AM	† Michael Donofrio
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Joan Casey
	05:30 PM	Joseph Sciascia
THU	07:30 AM	† Bishop Edoardo Ricci
	12:00 PM	† Charles Gravelle
	05:30 PM	† Louis Novello
FRI	07:30 AM	† Alice Somers
	05:30 PM	† Joan Casey
SAT	08:00 AM	Judy Woods

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
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SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
26 APR	(Sunday)	
	08:30 AM	Blood Drive
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
27 APR	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
28 APR	(Tuesday)	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Theology of the Body
29 APR	(Wednesday)	
30 APR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
01 MAY	(Friday)	
	10:30 AM	Moms' Group
02 MAY	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
	02:00 PM -	Confessions
	04:00 PM	(parish priest)



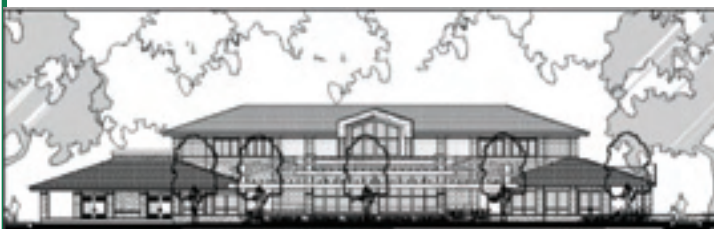
2nd SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this week for the **Catholic Home Missions**.



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.597M



PARISH OFFERINGS

HOLY WEEK
06-12 APR

(Easter Sunday) TOTAL:	\$	26,724
Holy Thursday:	\$	2,161
Good Friday (Holy Land):	\$	2,879
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	13,779
2009 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	123,300

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

28 APR (Tuesday):

SAINT PETER CHANEL, Priest and Martyr (1803-1841)

The first martyr in Oceania, where he was ministering in New Hebrides.

SAINT LOUIS MARY DE MONTFORT, Priest (1673-1716)

Devout from his youth, Louis entered a Paris seminary after walking 130 miles in the rain. While recuperating from a deliberate poisoning, he wrote *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

29 APR (Wednesday):

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, Doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

Deeply loving God from her youth, Catherine entered the Third Order of St. Dominic. She fought for the rights of the Roman Pontiff and promoted the renewal of religious life. Her spiritual writings are classics of Christian mysticism.

30 APR (Thursday):

SAINT POPE PIUS V (1504-1572)

01 MAY (Friday):

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Jesus honored the workaday life with His parables, lessons undoubtedly learned from Joseph the carpenter. The Second Vatican Council writes: *"Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefit on their fellowmen, and help to realize God's plan in history."*

02 MAY (Saturday):

SAINT ATHANASIUS, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (297-373)

Known as the "Doctor of the Incarnation" for his writings on this dogma, Athanasius was **Bishop of Alexandria** for 45 years.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

CRASH COURSE: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

How to teach your children about sex and sexuality. Starting **Tuesday, 21 April 2009**, **Deacon Dominick Peloso** will be giving four talks on Christ's teaching on sex, sexuality, and marriage. *The Theology of the Body*, written by Pope John Paul II, has become the most popular teaching for Catholics to explain the beauty of our sexuality to others. The four classes will be given on consecutive Tuesdays nights **21 April - 12 May 2009** in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning at **07:30 PM**. For more information, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 May 2009**, we will start our 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**.



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:

**FRI: 10:00 AM, 02:00 PM,
01:00-03:00 AM (twice monthly),
03:00-05:00 AM (twice monthly)**

SAT: 12:00 PM (noon)

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



NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Nativity Community Blood Drive will be **26 April 2009**, from **08:30AM- 01:30PM**. As usual, the Stanford Bloodmobile will be parked outside Church with the staff on board that will gratefully accept our donations of blood! To make an appointment visit **bloodcenter.stanford.edu**. You can also call **Maryclair Thomas** at **650/327-9452** to make an appointment!

NATIVITY MOMS' GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 01 May 2009** from **10:30 AM - 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.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA

Nativity high school girls are hosting a **Mother-Daughter Tea**.
For: 2009 incoming high school Freshman girls
Date: **Sunday, 03 May 2009**
Time: **02:00-04:00 PM**
Place: O'Hare Center

Call **Monica** for further information: **650/324-0297**.

SPRING BBQ RIB FEAST

The Nativity Men's Club proudly presents their Spring BBQ Rib Feast on **16 May 2009** at **06:00 PM** at Nativity School. Only \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for kids 12 and under. There will be hot dogs for those little ones not wanting ribs and a nominal charge for beer and wine. Please RSVP by **08 May 2009**. Reservation forms and money may be turned into the church rectory or Nativity School. Forms are available in the vestibule of the church. For more information contact **Paul Hernandez** at **650/670-7513** or **paulh@pro-bel.ca**.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact First Resort (888/252-1822), the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest member of our Christian community:



- **Oktavius Vakatau** son of **Isaac** and **Brianne Filimona**

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

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:



- **James M. Precobb**
- **Ann** and **Michael O'Neill** (*Fiona*)
- **Sandra** and **Marc Micek** (*Max, Eliana*)

MISSION: GUATEMALA CRAFT SALE

Next **Sunday, 26 April 2009**, **Kay Sweeney** will be here after all the morning Masses with handcrafted items for sale. Kay is an Associate of the Sisters of the Presentation Community, who works in Guatemala with the Kateri Tekakwitha Mission Fund. **Mission: Guatemala** seeks markets for their hand woven fabric and other handicrafts of young indigenous women. There will also be information on how to support a scholarship for a young indigenous woman and information about Fair Trade Thanksgiving coffee. Check out their website at www.mission-guatemala.org. Kay is looking forward to seeing you again.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Black rosary in an olive green case with Pope John Paul II's coat of arms on it. **650/323-7914**.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join **Nativity Respect Life** in saying our monthly Rosary outside an abortion clinic in Redwood City, First **Saturday, 02 May 2009**. We meet between the **O'Hare Center** and the Church after the 08:00 AM Mass on Saturday before heading over. Please contact **Eileen** at **650/799-4722** for more information.

NATIVITY CARNIVAL

Get set for the best carnival in the Bay Area. Nativity's 29th Annual Carnival is **12-14 June 2009**. Check out our new and improved web-site for all the details and activities at www.nativitycarnival.org. Purchase your car raffle tickets after all the Masses on Saturdays and Sundays leading up to the drawing on **Sunday, 14 June 2009** at **05:00 PM**. You could drive home in a new 2009 Toyota Prius or receive \$15,000.00 in cash—your choice. Tickets are \$50.00 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$100.00, or 7 tickets for \$200.00. It is fun for the whole family, 13 thrilling carnival rides, musical entertainment, silent auction, Bingo (new this year), B-B-QUE dinners, and so much more. Plan now to attend this parish fund raising event. For carnival sponsorships please contact **John Conway** at **650/868-1837** or e-mail conwayj@pacbell.net.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend the second collection will be for the **Catholic Home Missions**. Of the twenty-nine counties in the geographically sprawling Diocese of Salt Lake City, only sixteen have a resident pastor. These mission dioceses need funding for ministerial training, seminaries, and religious education in order to nurture the faith and administer basic pastoral care in the rural areas of the state. Please give generously in today's Catholic Home Mission appeal.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Catholic Home Missions*.

CROSS INTERNATIONAL

Cross International Catholic Outreach is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas—with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor. Next weekend **Fr. Bryan O'Rourke** will be here on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help. Fr. O'Rourke will tell us how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

MOTHERS' DAY CARDS

What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend than to be remembered in Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mothers. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in Masses that will be said in their honor.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **National Day of Prayer** will be held on **07 May 2009**. You are encouraged to plan your participation now. From George Washington's first declaration of a national day of prayer and fast to President Lincoln's call for prayer and fasting during the Civil War, this day has a rich history. President Reagan signed the law in **1988** declaring the **first Thursday in May** as the National Day of Prayer. Need some ideas? Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org. This year's theme is *Prayer, America's Hope*.



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



Message of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI
“Urbi et Orbi” for EASTER 2009

THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness Benedict XVI asks for general and missionary prayer intentions.

For May 2009, the Holy Father’s prayer intentions are:

General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

Missionary: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Rome and throughout the world.

From the depths of my heart, I wish all of you a blessed Easter. To quote Saint Augustine, “*Resurrectio Domini, spes nostra* – the resurrection of the Lord is our hope” (*Sermon 261:1*). With these words, the great Bishop explained to the faithful that Jesus rose again so that we, though destined to die, should not despair, worrying that with death life is completely finished; Christ is risen to give us hope (cf. *ibid.*).

Indeed, one of the questions that most preoccupies men and women is this: what is there after death? To this mystery today’s solemnity allows us to respond that death does not have the last word, because Life will be victorious at the end. This certainty of ours is based not on simple human reasoning, but on a historical fact of faith: Jesus Christ, crucified and buried, is risen with his glorified body. Jesus is risen so that we too, believing in him, may have eternal life. This proclamation is at the heart of the Gospel message. As Saint Paul vigorously declares: “If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.” He goes on to say: “If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied” (*1 Cor 15:14,19*). Ever since the dawn of Easter a new Spring of hope has filled the world; from that day forward our resurrection has begun, because Easter does not simply signal a moment in history, but the beginning of a new condition: Jesus is risen not because his memory remains alive in the hearts of his disciples, but because he himself lives in us, and in him we can already savour the joy of eternal life.

The resurrection, then, is not a theory, but a historical reality revealed by the man Jesus Christ by means of his “Passover”, his “passage”, that has opened a “new way” between heaven and earth (cf. *Heb 10:20*). It is neither a myth nor a dream, it is not a vision or a utopia, it is not a fairy tale, but it is a singular and unrepeatable event: Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, who at dusk on Friday was taken down from the Cross and buried, has victoriously left the tomb. In fact, at dawn on the first day after the Sabbath, Peter and John found the tomb empty. Mary Magdalene and the other women encountered the risen Jesus. On the way to Emmaus the two disciples recognized him at the breaking of the bread. The Risen One appeared to the Apostles that evening in the Upper Room and then to many other disciples in Galilee.

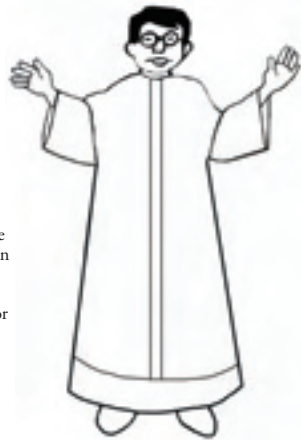
The proclamation of the Lord’s Resurrection lightens up the dark regions of the world in which we live. I am referring particularly to materialism and nihilism, to a vision of the world that is unable to move beyond what is scientifically verifiable, and retreats cheerlessly into a sense of emptiness which is thought to be the definitive destiny of human life. It is a fact that if Christ had not risen, the “emptiness” would be set to prevail. If we take away Christ and his resurrection, there is no escape for man, and every one of his hopes remains an illusion. Yet today is the day when the proclamation of the Lord’s resurrection vigorously bursts forth, and it is the answer to the recurring question of the sceptics, that we also find in the book of Ecclesiastes: “Is there a thing of which it is said, ‘See, this is new?’” (*Ec 1:10*). We answer, yes: on Easter morning, everything was renewed. “Death and life have come face to face in a tremendous duel: the Lord of life was dead, but now he lives triumphant” (*Easter Sequence*). This is what is new! A newness that changes the lives of those who accept it, as in the case of the saints. This, for example, is what happened to Saint Paul.

(continued next week)

At the Altar

Only a priest (or bishop or the Pope) has the power to change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. When the priest is at the altar, he uses certain items for the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Next time you attend Mass, look closely for these items and how they are used. Then cut out the altar at right and paste it on a large piece of paper. Color the objects below, cut them out, and place them in the same places that you saw them at Mass.



Crucifix & Candles — Items that must be at or near the altar at every Mass



Roman Missal (Sacramentary) — Book of prayers the priest uses during Mass.



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Celebrant's Host — The priest (who's called the *celebrant*) often has a larger host that he holds up during Mass and breaks into pieces just as Jesus broke bread at the Last Supper.



Paten — Special plate that holds the host.



Chalice — A special kind of cup, usually made of precious metal like gold or silver, that the priest pours the wine and a little water into before it becomes the Precious Blood of Jesus.



Purificator — A linen cloth that the priest uses to wipe the chalice after Communion.

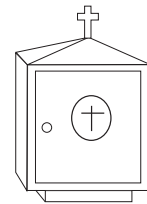


Ciborium — Another cup, like the chalice, or sometimes a plate. It is used to hold the Body of Christ.

Corporal — Cloth that the priest places under the chalice and ciborium during Mass.



Cruets — Small vases that hold the water and wine before they are poured into the chalice.



Tabernacle — A case, which could be made of wood, stone or metal, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in a covered ciborium after Mass.

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The Newly-Initiated

Please welcome and pray for all our newly initiated parishioners, whom we welcomed on 11 April 2009 at the Easter Vigil:

Resa Jones, Icie Legrand, Brianna Rotondo, Danielle Rotondo, Seksom Suriyapa, and Christopher Wall – who were **baptized, confirmed,** and received **first Communion.**

Diane Farrar, Reva Laham, Katherine Moore, Marshella Hamill, Thomas Sachson, Courtney Suppes, Suzanne Suppes, and Kyle Suppes – who were **received** into the Catholic Church, **confirmed,** and received **first Communion.**

Vy Tran Kamrar and Jennifer Manganaro – who were **confirmed** and received **first Communion.**

Martin Contreras and Julian Hamill – who were **confirmed.**

Quinten Suppes and Nathan Suppes – who were **received** into the Catholic Church and received **first Communion.**

May God richly bless them.

Letters



Dear Monsignor Steven Otellini,
Thank you for your letter of February 12, 2009. I am delighted that the celebration of Father Davenport's 60th anniversary of priestly ordination went so well. Thank you for ensuring that this momentous anniversary was a time for joy for him, surrounded by so many friends. Allow me to take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers for you, the clergy, staff, and the faithful of Nativity Parish. May the Easter season be a time of joy and spiritual renewal for all of you.

Wishing you a blessed Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

William Cardinal Leveda, Prefect

Israel, March 29, 2009

Rev. Msgr. Steven Otellini: Our trip to the Holy Land is wonderful. It's so a pity that we must go home on Monday. We visited many amazing places where Jesus lived. For us the culture of Israel is really fascinating. We hope that it can be for us the best lesson of religion. We pray for you to our God and think about you. Thank you very much for your good heart.

Greetings, all students from
Bursa Akademicka in Praejsiek, Poland