

FIRST READING

I will raise up for them a prophet like you,
from among their kin.

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

PSALM

Let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Psalms 95

SECOND READING

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

GOSPEL

What is this? A new teaching with author-
ity.

Mark 1: 21-28



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

01 FEBRUARY 2009

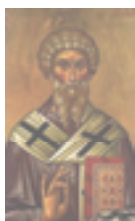
“I know Who You are -- the Holy One of God!”

Mark 1: 24

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 01-07 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Bishop Edoardo Ricci
	05:30 PM	† Marie Firenze
TUE	07:30 AM	Matt Hendricks
	05:30 PM	† Marie and Adolph Firenze
WED	07:30 AM	† Ildefonso Bernardo
	05:30 PM	† Elizabeth Gavin
THU	07:30 AM	The Ruder and Cahalan families
	12:00 PM	Wanda Withers
	05:30 PM	Elyse Barca
FRI	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Thomas Collins
SAT	08:00 AM	† Fr. Leo Huber



There will be a blessing of
the throats after all Masses
on Tuesday, 03 FEB 2009,
the feast day of
Saint Blaise

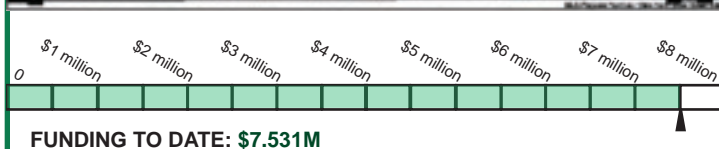
MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
01 FEB	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
02 FEB	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
03 FEB	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Acts
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Acts
04 FEB	(Wednesday)	
05 FEB	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
06 FEB	(Friday)	
	10:30 AM	Moms' Group
07 FEB	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
	01:00 PM	Carnival Meeting
	03:30 PM -	Confessions
	04:30 PM	(parish priest)

Ash Wednesday is
25 February 2009

NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



PARISH OFFERINGS

	CHRISTMAS MASSES	WEEK OF 27-28 DEC
TOTAL:	\$ 35,545	9,690
	WEEK OF 03-04 JAN	WEEK OF 10-11 JAN
TOTAL:	\$ 10,669	11,299
		WEEK OF 17-18 JAN
		11,287

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

02 FEB (Monday):

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

According to the Law of Moses, Jesus would have been brought to the temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth to be presented to God. It was then that **Simeon** and **Anna** made their prophecies concerning the lives of the child and His mother. At the beginning of the 8th century, **Pope Sergius** inaugurated a candlelight procession to commemorate this event, including the blessing and distribution of candles. This gave the feast its popular name: **Candlemas**.



05 FEB (Tuesday):

SAINT AGATHA, Virgin and Martyr (d. ~250)

We have little reliable information about this martyr, who has been honored since ancient times, and whose name is included in the canon of the Mass. Legend says that carrying her veil, taken from her tomb in Catania, in procession has averted eruptions of Mount Etna. Her intercession is reported to have saved Malta from Turkish invasion in 1551.



03 FEB (Tuesday):

SAINT BLAISE, Bishop and Martyr (d. ~316)

Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was arrested and persecuted under the governor Agricola. While in prison, he saved a child who was choking on a fish bone (leading to the blessing of throats on his feast day). Thrown into a lake to drown, Blaise stood on the surface and invited his persecutors to walk out and join him to prove the power of their gods: they all drowned. He was then martyred by being beaten, his flesh torn with wool combs, and beheaded.

SAINT ANSGAR, Archbishop (801-865)

Benedictine monk and Archbishop of Hamburg. He established the first Christian school in Denmark and was responsible for many conversions in Scandinavia, including Erik, the King of Jutland.

06 FEB (Friday):

SAINTS PAUL MIKI and COMPANIONS, Martyrs (d. 1597)

Paul, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuits in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. He was crucified with 25 other Japanese Catholics (the Martyrs of Nagasaki), mostly laymen, during the persecution of Christians under the Taiko, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, ruler of Japan in the name of the emperor. He delivered his final sermon from the cross.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Come join the **Nativity Carnival** team. There are several positions available: Bingo, entertainment, advertising. Our next meeting is **07 February 2009** at **01:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Call **John Conway** at **650/868-1837** if you are interested in these positions.

SAVE THE DATES

12-14 June 2009: Nativity's 29th Annual Carnival. Fun for the whole family. Visit our web site for upcoming details, at www.nativitycarnival.org.

MOMS' GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 06 February 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.

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

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



SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Sign-ups for the Spring Session of the Small Faith Sharing Groups will take place after all Masses on the weekend of **31 January/01 February 2009**. The resource materials for this next season will include prayers, reflections on the Sunday readings, faith sharing questions, and ideas for action responses. This new session will begin the week of **22 February 2009** for six weekly sessions. Any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

NATIVITY BOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Nativity Illuminated, \$30.00

Fr. Lucky: Life Stories of Clement A. Davenport, \$5.00 donation
Church of the Nativity Directory, \$15.00

NATIVITY PARISH 2009 CRAB CIOPPINO FEAST

Tickets are now on sale for Nativity's Crab Cioppino Dinner on **14 March 2009**, at the **Sobrato Pavilion** at Nativity School. The tickets are **\$40.00** per person and include 2 drink tickets per adult. Reservation forms are available at the entrance to the church or you may see one of the men outside church today. If you have any questions please contact **Paul Hernandez** at **650/670-7513** or paulh@pro-bel.ca.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact First Resort (650/261-9115), the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We congratulate

• **Ted Gittings and Kari Goble**
on their recent marriage at Nativity. May this couple grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.



Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Colleen Collins**
- **Jill and Victor Buathier (Brice)**



AUCTION DINNER DANCE

Nativity School is hosting its **Seventh Annual Auction Dinner Dance** at the new Sobrato Pavilion on **21 February 2009, 05:30 PM**. The event will feature San Francisco landmarks, food from The City's districts, street artists and most importantly fun with friends. Tickets have been mailed, so keep an eye out for yours. Seating is limited to 240 guests. As the time nears, we are still looking for donations. Please help Nativity School by donating to a wonderful community-building event. There are three ways to donate: Call **650/888-2975** for item pick-up, drop items off at the School or Parish office, or sign onto **www.nativityschool.com** and click on the Golden Gate Bridge.

GOLF VIDEO AVAILABLE

If you would like to have a copy of the short golf video filmed by **Fr. Derek** and shown at **Fr. Davenport's** dinner in December, please contact **Gene Kates** at **kates@pachel.net** or **650/364-3644**. For a voluntary contribution to Fr. Derek, she will provide you with a DVD.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: Daily Roman Missal in a leather case. **650/323-7914**.

NATIVITY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Following are the dates for our **2009 Nativity Community Blood Drives: 15 February 2009, 26 April 2009, 20 September 2009 and 13 December 2009!** Once again, we would like to sincerely thank all the past and future donors for the continued support for The Stanford Blood Bank in helping to restock their shelves. Our new Stanford rep Clayton, assures us that the B+R pints will continue to be distributed, and reminder post cards will be sent to past donors to save the dates. As usual, please call **Maryclair Thomas** at **650/327-9452** or e-mail **maryclairthomas@sbcglobal.net** to schedule your appointment to donate, at Nativity Church in the Bloodmobile between **08:30 AM-01:30 PM**.

NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades **K-7**. Please call the school office, **650/325-7304**, to request an application or visit our website at **www.nativityschool.com**, "Admissions." Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

SERRA HIGH SCHOOL "TOP OF THE CLASS"

Junipero Serra High School Principal Barry Thornton announced the following former Nativity students earned all "A's" during the 2008 Fall Semester: **Patel Bhavenkumar** (9th grade); **Michael Boland** (10th grade). Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

IN THE COMMUNITY

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Join us for a special Mass in honor of **Our Lady of Lourdes**, including anointing of the sick, blessing of the caregivers' hands, and blessing with Lourdes water. Principal celebrant will be **Archbishop George Niederauer**. **Saturday, 07 February 2009, 12:00 PM** at the **Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption** in San Francisco. **415/788-4550** for information.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on **Saturday, 14 February 2008 at 10:00 AM** at **St. Anne of the Sunset** parish, 850 Judah Street, San Francisco, CA 94112. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 50th+ wedding anniversaries. Coffee and cake reception immediately following. Registration forms are available at the parish office or by downloading at **www.sffamilylife.com**. For more information, please call **707/552-3394**.

FIGHT FOCA!

Fight the *Freedom of Choice Act* (FOCA).

Go to **www.fightfoca.com** and sign the petition. Keep our Catholic hospitals open! Keep our freedom of religion! For more information, contact **Jessica** at **650/572-1468**.

"Parental notification and informed consent precautions would be outlawed [under FOCA], as would be laws banning procedures such as partial-birth abortion and protecting infants born alive after a failed abortion. Abortion clinics would be deregulated. The Hyde Amendment restricting the federal funding of abortions would be abrogated. FOCA would have lethal consequences for prenatal human life."

Statement by USCCB President
Cardinal Francis George on behalf of the USCCB
12 NOV 2008

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

FROM THE HOLY SEE



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For **February 2009**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Missionary: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Pauline Year Indulgences

On 29 June 2008 we began a Jubilee Year celebrating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul. The jubilee year gives the Church the opportunity to enjoy its spiritual bounty. Additionally, our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, has granted additional Holy Year opportunities to obtain indulgences for the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin.

By virtue of the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary given 10 May 2008, regarding Jubilee Year special indulgences conceded to the faithful within the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the *Plenary Indulgence* will be granted to "each and every truly repentant individual member of the Christian faithful" who devoutly takes part in a sacred liturgy or a pious devotion in honor of St. Paul.

- in **St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church** in San Francisco from **Saturday, 14 February 2009, 12:00 PM** through **Sunday, 15 February 2009**, to celebrate with that parish their titular Solemnity of St. Paul of the Shipwreck.
- in **all churches of the Archdiocese** from **Saturday, 27 June 2009, 04:00 PM** through **Monday, 29 June 2009** in observance of the solemn closing of the Pauline Year.

Persons seeking the *Plenary Indulgence* through a pilgrim visit to one of these designated churches must:

- receive absolution through the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion within a week of the visit
- offer prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI
- recite the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Creed* during the visit

The faithful who are prevented by illness or another legitimate and important cause may also obtain the *Plenary Indulgence* "as long as they spiritually join in the Jubilee celebration in honor of St. Paul, offering their prayers and sufferings to God for Christian unity" (Decree *Urbis et Orbis*, Apostolic Penitentiary, 10 May 2008). Additionally, they should offer their prayers "in a spirit of detachment from any inclination to sin, with the intention of fulfilling the usual conditions as soon as possible".

Additionally, a partial indulgence is also granted for the duration of the entire Pauline Year (through 29 June 2009) for the recitation of the "Pauline Year Prayer" in any of the following churches of the Archdiocese for the intention of the unity of Christians:

- Saint Paul Church in San Francisco
- Saint Paul of the Shipwreck Church in San Francisco
- Saints Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco
- the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco
- Saint Timothy Church in San Mateo
- Mission San Rafael Arcangel in San Rafael

The Pauline Year Prayer is
re-printed on the Young Believers
Page of the bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW?

On 23 January 2009 the Vatican launched its own channel on YouTube (youtube.com/vatican). The initial launch contained 12 videos, and the Vatican hopes to add as many as 3 videos per day.



THE PRIEST'S VESTMENTS

The liturgical vestments are those worn by the priest in the celebration of the Mass and the performance of the ceremonies of the services of the Church. The priest wears, in the following order, all of the following: amice, alb, cincture, maniple, stole, and chasuble.



The **AMICE** is a rectangular piece of cloth wrapped around the neck, shoulders, and breast. It is drawn back from the head and forms a cowl behind the neck.



The **ALB** is the floor-length white linen garment covering the entire body.



The **CINCTURE** is tied around the waist over the alb to hold it in place.



The **MANIPLE** is draped over the left forearm (similar to a waiter's napkin).



The **STOLE** is a long thin garment worn around the neck and hanging down on both sides in the front.



The **CHASUBLE** is the large outer over-garment. Long ago these were very large and heavy, and altar servers were required to help the priest support the chasuble during Mass.

FIND-A-WORD

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

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|-----------|----------|
| PROPHET | SPEAK |
| HARDEN | HEARTS |
| WORSHIP | FREE |
| ANXIETIES | TEACHING |
| AUTHORITY | COMMAND |
| UNCLEAN | SPIRIT |

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E U R T K A E P S I
H E A R T S U E W C
A N F X Z Q I K S O
G A D R K T Y U P M
N E C W E Q S G T M
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(Just like in our lives, JESUS is always there, too.)

PAULINE YEAR PRAYER

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement."

Lord, Who blessed Your Church through the zealous ministry of Saint Paul the Apostle, help us in our day to hear Your Word anew:

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

Beloved do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rather, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink..."

Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.