

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 MARCH 2009

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat.
John 12: 24



CALENDAR

FIRST READING

All, from the least to the greatest, shall know Me.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

PSALM

In the greatness of Your compassion wipe out my offense.

Psalms 51

SECOND READING

He was heard because of His reverence.

Hebrews 5: 7-9

GOSPEL

It was for this purpose that I came to this hour.


John 12: 20-33

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 29 MAR - 04 APR

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | † Jack and Elinor Steinbrenner |
| | 05:30 PM | † Sheila Davies |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † David Prudell |
| | 05:30 PM | † Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Anita Rel |
| | 05:30 PM | † Bruno Mantelli |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Paul McMahon, Sr. |
| | 12:00 PM | † Frank Chandler |
| | 05:30 PM | † David Duimich |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Ted Shaker |
| | 05:30 PM | † Michael Ty |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | † Bernie Sylvestri |

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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| MON-FRI | 07:10 AM | Morning Prayer |
| MON-FRI | 05:10 PM | Evening Prayer |
| SAT | 07:40 AM | Morning Prayer |
| 29 MAR | (Sunday) | |
| | 07:30 PM | Holy Hour |
| 30 MAR | (Monday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | Bible Group |
| | 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| | 07:30 PM | RCIA |
| 31 MAR | (Tuesday) | |
| | 06:00 PM | Cenacles of Life Rosary |
| | 07:30 PM | Lenten Talk: St. Paul |
| 01 APR | (Wednesday) | |
| | 07:30 PM | Penance Service |
| 02 APR | (Thursday) | |
| | 11:00 AM | The Thursday Group |
| | 06:00 PM | Perpetual Help Novena |
| | 06:30 PM | ICF Dinner and Meeting |
| 03 APR | (Friday) | |
| | 09:00 AM | First Eucharist Practice  |
| | 06:00 PM | Stations of the Cross |
| 04 APR | (Saturday) | |
| | 10:00 AM | First Eucharist |
| | 10:00 AM - | Confessions |
| | 12:00 PM | (Opus Dei priest) |
| | 03:30 PM - | Confessions |
| | 04:30 PM | (parish priest) |
| | 07:30 PM | Shroud of Turin Lecture |

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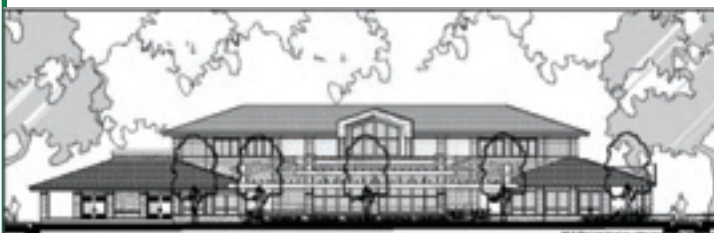
SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses next week for the **Altar Society**.



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.597M



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEKEND OF
14-15 MAR

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| TOTAL: | \$ | 12,149 |
| Annual Appeal Progress: | \$ | 7,030 |
| 2009 Annual Appeal Goal: | \$ | 123,300 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL · OPTIONAL MEMORIAL · OTHER

01 APR (Wednesday):

SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA (1416-1507)

Following a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Francis became a hermit in a cave near Paola. By the 1450's he had so many followers that he established a rule and founded the *Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi*, which were renamed in 1492 the *Franciscan Order of Minim Friars*. Francis was a prophet and miracle worker, and was reputed to read minds. Liszt wrote a piece of music inspired by a miraculous incident in Francis' life, where he used his cloak as a boat to cross the Straits of Messina with his companions after a boatman refused them passage.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have **Stations of the Cross** every **Friday** during **Lent**, following the **05:30 PM** Mass. Please join us.



03 APR (Friday):

FIRST FRIDAY

04 APR (Saturday):

FIRST SATURDAY

SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE, Bishop (560-636)

Isidore required seminaries in every diocese, and wrote a rule for religious orders. He was a prolific writer, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world beginning with creation.

GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

Father Jeffrey Hubbard from St. Patrick's Seminary will be giving the reflection on **Good Friday, 10 April 2009** from **12:00 -01:30 PM**. His topic will be *Good Friday: Entering into the Sorrowful Mysteries*.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

TALK ON THE SHROUD OF TURIN

On **Saturday, 04 April 2009** at **07:30 PM** (the evening before **Palm Sunday**), **Roland Deptuch, PhD.** will present a conference on the *Shroud of Turin*. Dr. Deptuch is a physicist and chemist in Silicon Valley. The conference will include the history of the shroud, summaries on the contents of the shroud especially focusing in on the wounds shown. The evening will conclude with a meditation on the passion of Christ (led by **Deacon Dominick Peloso**, and as written on the shroud). Posters and slides of the shroud will be examined. Everyone is invited to attend this talk as a great way to start Holy Week. The conference will be in the **O'Hare Center** in back of Church. For questions, please call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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: 10:00 PM

THU: 10:00 PM

FRI: 10:00 AM, 02:00 PM

SAT: 12:00 PM (noon)

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



ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join **Nativity Respect Life** in saying our monthly Rosary outside an abortion clinic in Redwood City, **First Saturday, 04 April 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.

LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

The sign-up sheet for Holy Week Masses will be in the flower sacristy on **Wednesday, 01 April 2009**. Please sign up for the Masses for which you wish to serve. The sign-up sheet is the **only** way to sign up for Masses.

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. They will have hot-off-the-grill, mouth-watering, finger-licking, country-style BBQ ribs! Add in sourdough bread, potato salad, green salad, dessert, soda/water, beer & wine and you have the makings of the best BBQ this side of Kansas City for 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 (650/261-9115), the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008) or the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Tiffany and Carlos Arroyo**
(*Destiny, Daniel, Caleb*)
- **Djiao and Francisco Tanudjaja**



LENTEN TALKS ON ST. PAUL

Please join **Dr. Ruth Ohm** for her final talk about St. Paul at Nativity in the **O'Hare Center** beginning at **07:30 PM (31 March 2009)**. Dr. Ohm teaches New Testament at St. Patrick's Seminary and University. Her special interests include Pauline material, Christian period archaeology in the Greek East with a focus on the ancient city of Ephesus, and ancient Byzantine Rite liturgy. For over 10 years she has collaborated with the Director of Christian period excavations in Ephesus, Dr. Renate Pillinger (University of Vienna). She speaks and publishes on Ephesus' ancient chapels and the so-called Cave of St. Paul.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Nativity's **Altar Society**. This collection will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Please be generous.

Checks for the special collection should be made out to the Church of the Nativity. In the memo line write what your donation should go to, for example: *Flowers or Altar Society*.

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. This course will be unique as it will emphasize practical ways on how to talk to all ages of children, grandchildren, students, etc. about sex. The four classes will be given on consecutive Tuesdays nights **21 April - 12 May 2009** in the **O'Hare Center**. Classes begin at **07:30 PM** and each will be one hour long with time for questions and discussions. For more information, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.

ILLEGAL PARKING ON REBECCA LANE

Please be advised that Atherton does not allow street parking at any time on Rebecca Lane (the dead-end street just across from the church exit). Until now the police have been placing warnings on cars. Since the reconstruction of that street, it is not possible to get emergency vehicles down the lane if cars are parked there. Also, our neighbors have been complaining of damage to their landscape. The police will soon be **ticketing** illegally parked vehicles. Thank you for cooperating in this matter.



RED ENVELOPES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN (TIME SENSITIVE)

Nativity Respect Life is participating in the *Red Envelopes* campaign to raise awareness to President Obama of the loss of innocent life due to abortion. Each envelope represents one of the 50+ million children killed by legalized abortion in the U.S. The envelope is empty and has a printed statement on the backside: *"This envelope represents one child who died because of abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be part of our world."*

If you would like to send a red envelope, please fill out your return address on an envelope and place it in the "mailbox." A donor is providing the postage. The envelopes and mailbox are located at the Adoration cabinet near the west side entrance. We wish to mail by **31 March 2009**.

EASTER BULLETIN: EARLY DEADLINE

Content must be submitted by **12:00 PM (noon)** on **Wednesday, 01 April 2009** for inclusion in the Easter bulletin (**12 April 2009**) to accommodate the Holy Week schedule of our printers.

IN THE COMMUNITY

EASTER ON EWTN

The 24/7 Catholic Cable Television Network, **EWTN**, will air specials for the Easter Season. This will include the following live (and encore) broadcasts from the Vatican: **05 April 2009 (01:30 AM live and 05:00 PM encore) the Mass of Palm Sunday**; the **Mass of the Lord's Supper, 09 April 2009 (live 09:30 AM and encore 09:00 PM)**; The **Way of the Cross** with Pope Benedict on **10 April 2009 (tape delay 09:00 AM)**, **Easter Vigil Mass** on **11 April 2009 (live at 01:00 PM, encore at 09:00 PM)**, and the **Urbi Et Orbi Message and Easter Blessing** on **12 April 2009 (04:00 AM live and encore at 10:30 AM)**. Other specials include the lives of St. Francis of Assisi and Sr. Faustina.

AT VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

Finding Your Calling: Your Personal Renaissance

04 April 2009 09:30 AM - 04:00 PM

Every season of your life, from early childhood through retirement, offers new opportunities to discover your calling, to ask yourself: "What brings me joy?" "What is my purpose now?" This retreat offers insights from Renaissance lives, developmental psychology and Ignatian spirituality to help you discover your gifts and discern new possibilities in this season of your life.

Diane Dreher, PhD, will facilitate this retreat day.

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

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitize the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world.

Missionary: That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.



LENT AND EASTER

LENTEN REFLECTION

Prayer to be Freed of the Seven Deadly Sins

O meek Savior and Prince of Peace, implant in me the virtues of gentleness and patience. Let me curb the fury of anger and restrain all resentment and impatience so as to overcome evil with good, attain your peace, and rejoice in your love.

O Model of humility, divest me of all pride and arrogance. Let me acknowledge my weakness and sinfulness, so that I may bear mockery and contempt for your sake and esteem myself as lowly in your sight.

O Teacher of abstinence, help me to serve you rather than our appetites. Keep me from gluttony - the inordinate love of food and drink and let me hunger and thirst for your justice.

O Lover of purity, remove all lust from my heart, so that I may serve you with a pure mind and a chaste body.

O Father of the poor, help me to avoid all covetousness for earthly goods and give me a love for heavenly things. Inspire me to give to the needy, just as you gave your life that I might inherit eternal treasures.

O Exemplar of love, keep me from all envy and ill-will. Let the grace of your love dwell in me that I may rejoice in the happiness of others and bewail their adversities.

O zealous Lover of souls, keep me from all sloth of mind or body. Inspire me with zeal for your glory, so that I may do all things for you and in you.

PRAYER

Father, help us keep in mind that Christ our Savior lives with you in glory and promised to remain with us until the end of time. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

More Lenten reflections: www.ewtn.com/faith/lent

DID YOU KNOW?

Passiontide is the last two weeks of Lent, when the readings and prayers of the liturgy focus on the Passion of Our Lord. As a penitential season of the Church, Passiontide is even more ancient than Lent.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, 01 APRIL 2009

07:30 PM Lenten Penance Service

SATURDAY, 04 APRIL 2009

07:30 PM Shroud of Turin Talk with Deacon Peloso

THURSDAY, 09 APRIL (HOLY THURSDAY)

07:30 PM Mass (*one Mass only*)

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL 2009 (GOOD FRIDAY)

12:00 -01:30 PM Reflections with Fr. Jeffrey Hubbard

01:30 PM Stations of the Cross

02:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

07:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, 11 APRIL 2009 (HOLY SATURDAY)

10:00 AM -12:00 PM Reconciliation (Opus Dei priest)

02:00-04:00 PM Reconciliation (parish priest)

08:00 PM Easter Vigil

(*no other Masses*)

SUNDAY, 12 APRIL 2009 (EASTER SUNDAY)

08:00 AM Mass

09:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM Mass

(*no 05:00 PM Mass*)

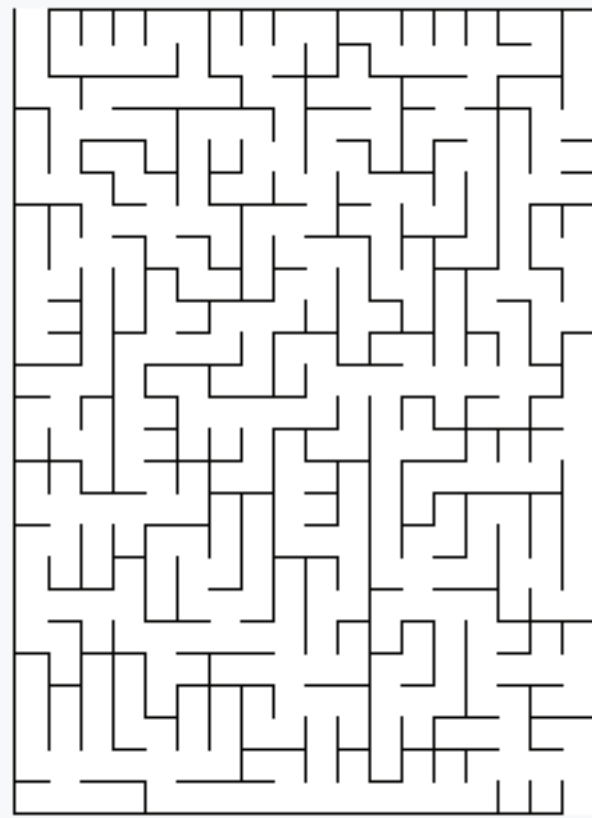
MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2009

09:00 AM Mass (*one Mass only*)

FIRST RECONCILIATION

On 14 March 2009 the following students made their First Reconciliation. They will be making their First Communion on 04 April 2009. Please pray for them.

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| Virgina Aldridge | Jazmine Martinez |
| Alex Anaya | Sara Martinez |
| James Beckwith | Devin McNerney |
| Zoe Bell | Arianna Montalvo |
| Luis Giovanni Carrillo | Simon Nguyen |
| Graeme Cherry | Rodrigo Ochoa-Villagomez |
| Matthew Collins | Anna Paczuski |
| Caroline Cronin | Paul Paneitz |
| Alina De la Rea | Natali Petani |
| Samantha Farias | Andrew Pineda |
| Dylan Fallon | Alexandra Polverari |
| Kayla Farrey | Logan Poncia |
| Chelsea Gomez | Katia Renault |
| Kiely Guy | Kimberly Salcedo |
| Alondra Hernandez | Elsy Sandoval |
| John Hickam | Ruby Sandoval |
| Emma Higgins | Meghan Spence |
| Magen Keleta | Thomas Umhofer II |
| Garrett Kelly | Isabela Villa |
| Jack Loftus | Peter Vitale |
| Daniel Lyle | Ethan Wang |
| Soana Mahoni | Annabelle Younkman |
| | Adrian Ziemba |



FIND-A-WORD

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

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| HOUR | GRAIN |
| WHEAT | PRODUCE |
| HARVEST | VOICE |
| HEAVEN | GLORIFIED |
| THUNDER | JUDGMENT |
| WORLD | PURPOSE |

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



The good shepherd is even willing to die for his sheep.