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The Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Saturdays 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Vigil)

Weekdays 7:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Holy Days 7:30 AM, 5:30 and 7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (parish priest)

(also by appointment)

BAPTISMS 1st. and 3rd. Sundays of the month

(contact rectory 2 months in advance)

WEDDINGS Saturdays 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM

(contact rectory at least 6 months in advance)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Roland De la Rosa

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Clement Davenport

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Kevin Gaffey

Rev. Michael Barber, SJ

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sr. Merlynn Martin, CSJ

(650) 327-2319 or (650) 289-0389

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 APRIL 2010



The Good Shepherd, Warner Sallman

“My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.”

John 10: 29

CALENDAR

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
25 APR	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
26 APR	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
27 APR	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Catechism
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Catechism
28 APR	(Wednesday)	
29 APR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
30 APR	(Friday)	
01 MAY	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM	Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers Meeting
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 25 APR - 01 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest’s intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest’s intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Marilyn Gula
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Cancellia
TUE	07:30 AM	† Bishop Edoardo Ricci
	05:30 PM	† Shirley Fennell
WED	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
THU	07:30 AM	† Jo Guilino
	05:30 PM	The Personeni and Pollano families
FRI	07:30 AM	† Austin Park
	05:30 PM	† Becky Titsworth
SAT	08:00 AM	The Gould and Cinibulk families

*The One who sits on the throne
will shelter them.
They will not hunger or thirst anymore,
nor will the sun or any heat strike them.
For the Lamb who is in the center
of the throne will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes.*

The Book of Revelations



SECOND COLLECTION

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



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
10-11 APR

TOTAL:	\$	9,170
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	41,233
2010 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	118,300

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

28 APR (Wednesday):

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 (Thursday):

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 (Friday):

SAINT POPE PIUS V (1504-1572)

01 MAY (Saturday):

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."*

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year the **National Day of Prayer** will be held on **06 May 2010**. 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, For Such a Time as This*.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The **Men's Club** will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** at Nativity School Pavilion patio on **Sunday, 25 April 2010**, after all the morning Masses. It is **\$3.00** per person.



SAVE THE DATE: RIBS!

On **Saturday, 01 May 2010** the **Nativity Men's Club** is sponsoring a **Rib Fest**. In addition to the best ribs around there will be hot dogs and salad. Beer and wine will be available along with punch for the kids. There will be an inflatable jumper. **\$10.00** for adults; **\$5.00** for kids under 12.

NATIVITY YESTERYEARS

Renew past friendships and make new ones. Join the **Nativity Moms and Dads of Yesteryear** at **Harry's Hofbrau**, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, on **04 May 2010** at **06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Thursday, 13 May 2010**, we will hold our first 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**.



STANFORD BLOOD DRIVE

NATIVITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our next **Nativity Community Blood Drive** will be held on **02 May 2010**, inside the Stanford Bloodmobile from **08:30AM-01:30PM** in the Nativity Church parking lot. As usual, appointments are available by calling parishioner **Maryclair Thomas** at **650/327-9452**. We would like to thank all past and future blood donors for their desire to help save a life!

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:

SAT: 06:00 PM

Please call **650/269-7794** for more information or to sign up.



Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008), the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191) or Community Pregnancy Center (650/ 964-8093).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest members of our Christian community:

- **Brice James** son of **Victor** and **Jill Buathier**



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

We congratulate



- **Miguel Leyva** and **Amber Costas** 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:

- **Nancy** and **Gary Morey** (*Mitchell, Maureen*)
- **Natalie** and **Fred Adam** (*Noah, Simone*)



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend there is a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Some dioceses in the United States are unable to provide fundamental pastoral care for their faithful. These "home mission" dioceses cannot support an adequate number of priests. They cannot afford funding for youth ministry programs or religious education. This collection will be used to help support these programs for these mission dioceses. Please be generous and help strengthen the Church at home. 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*.

We are very grateful for your recent church collection of \$4,776.63 to St. Anne's Home. We really enjoyed coming to your parish and sharing the mission of our home with your parishioners. Your generosity and continued support are so appreciated. Please be assured of our gratitude and prayers, as well as those of the aged we serve. Once a month, Mass is offered for our benefactors in every home worldwide. Little Sisters and residents pray for you daily. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Sister Agnes Lep
Sister Agnes, ISP
Little Sisters of the Poor

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Saturday, 24 April 2010** for his annual pilgrimage to **Lourdes, France**, with the **Order of Malta**. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **23 April 2010** or by **26 April 2010**, when other who are going on the pilgrimage will be leaving. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette.



THANK YOU, SISTER MERLYNN

On **Sunday, 02 May 2010** after the 09:30 AM Mass, we will be having a farewell reception for **Sr. Merlynn**, who has been the Director of Religious Education at Nativity since 2002. Sister will be moving to **Concord** in the Diocese of Oakland and will be working with senior citizens. All are welcome to join us in bidding Sr. Merlynn a fond farewell and Godspeed.

The Abuse Scandal and the Church in the Media

It has been impossible to miss recent stories in the media regarding sexual abuse of minors and the reaction to it by the Church. While some of the reporting has been factual, much is biased in the reporting by presenting adversarial sides, repeating old charges, or, in fact, misreporting events. While it is impossible to answer the many questions that can arise in specific circumstances, I believe the following articles will present a more balanced and comprehensive view of the situation as it has been addressed by the hierarchy. While it is deeply and sorrowfully regretful that children have been harmed within our Church, much has been done in recent years to implement programs that shelter children and help them in avoiding situations of abuse. Our society is only now learning to cope with this "unseen tragedy" which afflicts children in schools, at sports, in families and in other social environments. We must all pray for the victims of abuse, and work to rid our world of it.

Msgr. Steven Otellini

- John Allen, "Keeping the Record Straight on Benedict and the Crisis"

<http://www.occume.radiovaticana.org/col/Articolo.asp?c=367826>

- George Weigel, "Scoundrel Times(s)"

<http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2010/03/scoundrel-times>

- Fr. Thomas Brundage, "Setting The Record Straight...."

<http://www.catholicanchor.org/wordpress/?p=601>

- Cardinal William Levada, "... Decries N.Y. Times Attack"

<http://www.zenit.org/article-28830?l=english>

- <http://www.tinyurl.com/cathprwire001>

- <http://tinyurl.com/startrib001>

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 2010**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That every tendency to fundamentalism and extremism may be countered by constant respect, by tolerance and by dialogue among all believers.



Missionary: That Christians persecuted for the sake of the Gospel may persevere, sustained by the Holy Spirit, in faithfully witnessing to the love of God for the entire human race.

PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE	NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE
Nicene Creed	<p>We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.</p> <p>We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.</p> <p>We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.</p> <p>We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>	<p>I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>

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Blessed are those who can go to Mass every day!

There are many parts of the world — and even the United States — where Mass is a special treat that everyone, young and old, looks forward to.

That's because some places are so far from anything that a priest may only come for Mass once a month. That's true in parts of northern Alaska, where there are no paved roads, and on some islands of the Marshall Republic, scattered across 500,000 square miles of Pacific Ocean.

Many places may have only 10 or 20 families, which means there aren't enough people to have a priest stay with them full-time — and sometimes they may not even have a church.

There also aren't enough priests to go around! Churches in large cities like New York or Denver or Seattle may each have one or more priests. But those in America's rural countryside may have only one priest for four or five churches!

When no priest is available, a deacon, sister or layperson may have a special prayer time with the people, at which they can receive Holy Communion.

So next time you go to Mass and receive Communion, think about how lucky you are! Many other people wish they were as blessed as you!



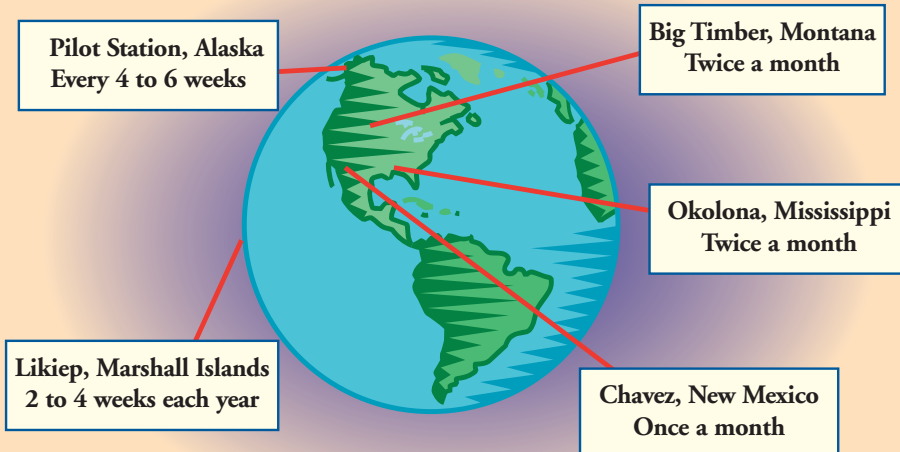
This fishing camp in Alaska is one of four small communities near the Arctic Circle that share one priest!

YOU CAN BE A MISSION HELPER!

Pray daily for places that do not have Mass — that the people living there do not lose their faith.

Pray, too, for more vocations — more priests, sisters, brothers and lay missionaries to serve these parts of our own country and the world.

Many places are lucky to have Mass once a month!



Learn more about the missions in our country at Catholic Extension's website:
www.catholic-extension.org



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