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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*

**FIRST READING**

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.

Isaiah 50: 4-7

**PSALM**

A pack of evildoers closes in around Me.

Psalms 22

**SECOND READING**

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to the point of death.

Philippians 2: 6-11

**GOSPEL**

"Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

# PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

## 28 MARCH 2010

He was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood.

Luke 23: 44



## CALENDAR

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 MAR - 03 APR

<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>	† Fokololo Mafileo
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Jim Valente; † William Dickey
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Roland Cannavo
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Patrick Healy
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Yamileth Lara
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>FRI</b>		(no Mass)
<b>SAT</b>		(no Mass until Easter Vigil)

On Good Friday, 02 April 2010, the collections will be donated to the Holy Land. Our Holy Father urges us to give generously.

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### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection** at all Masses this weekend for the **Altar Society**.


### THE ANGELUS FOR LENT

As the Nativity bells ring at noon, the Angelus is prayed. Come join fellow parishioners on **Tuesdays** at **12:00 PM**. Sanctify your day as you recall how the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Let us prepare to embrace His Passion and Cross, for without the Passion there would never have been a Resurrection.



The Angelus, Jean-Francois Millet

### 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>28 MAR</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>29 MAR</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>30 MAR</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>31 MAR</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
	07:30 PM	Lenten Penance Service
<b>01 APR</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	Holy Thursday
	07:30 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	07:30 PM	Holy Mass (one Mass only)
<b>02 APR</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	 <i>Good Friday</i>
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	12:30 PM	Good Friday Reflections
	02:00 PM	Our Lord's Passion
	07:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
<b>03 APR</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions
	02:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Confessions
	08:00 PM	Easter Vigil (one Mass only)



### PARISH OFFERINGS

		WEEK OF <b>13-14 MAR</b>
	TOTAL: \$	<b>11,285</b>
	Little Sisters of the Poor: \$	<b>5,872</b>
	Annual Appeal Progress: \$	<b>18,590</b>
	2010 Annual Appeal Goal: \$	<b>118,300</b>

# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Church has designated the first Sunday after Easter, **11 April 2010**, as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The faithful gather to both celebrate the great mercy of God for us, and to ask for His continual mercy upon us. A plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted to those who participate. This feast will be celebrated in a special way here at Nativity Church on that day. Confessions will be available from **01:00-02:30 PM**. During that time there will be talks and reflections on the *Diary of St. Faustina*. Confessions are followed by a Mass and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, then a potluck gathering in the **O'Hare Center**. Please join us for this great celebration, and bring your friends and family. If there are any questions, call the **Peloso's** at **650/269-6279**.



Jesus, I Trust in You

## ARE YOUR INTENTIONS "IN THE BOOK"?

Our legion of dedicated Eucharistic Adorers begin each hour by praying for (among others) all the intentions entered into our book of prayer requests. Tap into the unimaginable power of focused communal (and global) prayer and let your loving community lift your needs up before our Father.

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." -- **Psalm 55: 22**

"Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." -- **John 16: 24**

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. "*I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.*"

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima  
13 October 1917

# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## ARE YOUR CALLA LILIES IN BLOOM?

Once again the **Altar Society** is asking for your participation by providing your cut calla lilies and leaves to be used for the Holy Thursday Altar of Reposition. Water buckets will be provided for dropping off the callas and leaves, on **Wednesday, 31 March 2010**, outside the **O'Hare Center** entrance. *Please bring them by noontime*. If you would like to participate, but do not have callas, any flowering potted plants, such as white azaleas, hydrangeas, tulips, or any spring potted flowers are also appreciated. Please drop those off on the 31st as well, behind the O'Hare Center outside bar area. The Altar Society thanks you, and is grateful for your participation!



## 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.

## 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 SCHOOL REUNION: 1979

Are you a member of the **Class of 79**? Do you know anyone who was a member of that class? The Class of 79 is hosting a reunion on **Saturday, 17 April 2010**. For more information please contact **Susan (Gerkenmeyer) O'Hare** at [psckohare@yahoo.com](mailto:psckohare@yahoo.com).

## 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**.

## NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

Attention all Nativity Moms! The Moms' group will meet on **Friday, 09 April 2010** from **10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your little ones with you. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.



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:

- **Arden Kathleen** daughter of **Kyle** and **Alyese Enright**

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

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:

- **Elizabeth** and **August Pijma**
- **Maria del Rosario** and **Bryan Deister** (*Lauren*)
- **Marta Torres-Padilla** and **Rosendo Sanchez** (*Delilah, Izaak*)



## HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

Parishioners are invited to participate in the rite of foot-washing at the **07:30 PM** Mass on **Holy Thursday, 01 April 2010**. The ritual recalls Christ washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, and is a vivid depiction of our call to serve one another. As in the past few years, the ritual will begin with clergy washing the feet of the first two "disciples," who then in turn wash the feet of the next two, and so on. Also requested at the same Mass is a volunteer to present the Oil of the Sick in the Procession of the Oils. Ideally this would be someone who has received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick recently, or who is a member of the medical profession, but anyone is welcome. Interested participants please email **Charlotte Pace** at [cpace@stanford.edu](mailto:cpace@stanford.edu), or please call the rectory.

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for the Holy Land. The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Your financial contribution to this Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and other to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

## OPEN HOUSE: CYO SUMMER CAMP

**CYO Camp**, the premier Catholic Camp, will be hosting an open house on **10 April 2010** from **10:00 AM - 03:00 PM**. Come learn more about this awe-inspiring Catholic community that enables campers to experience a positive, meaningful and challenging summer adventure. The open house will include a barbecue lunch and tour opportunities, as well as swimming, canoeing, archery, hikes, and arts and crafts. CYO Camp and Retreat Center is located at 2136 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA 95465.

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

**SATURDAY, 27 MARCH 2010**

**07:00 PM** *Shroud of Turin* Talk with Deacon Peloso

**WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH 2010**

**07:30 PM** Penance Service

**THURSDAY, 01 APRIL 2010 (HOLY THURSDAY)**

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

**FRIDAY, 02 APRIL 2010 (GOOD FRIDAY)**

**12:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

**12:30 -02:00 PM** Reflections with Fr. Kevin Gaffey

**02:00 PM** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**07:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, 03 APRIL 2010 (HOLY SATURDAY)**

**10:00 AM -12:00 PM** Reconciliation

**02:00-04:00 PM** Reconciliation

**08:00 PM** Easter Vigil

(*no other Masses*)

**SUNDAY, 04 APRIL 2010 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**08:00 AM** Mass

**09:30 AM** Mass

**11:30 AM** Mass

(*no 05:00 PM Mass*)

**MONDAY, 05 APRIL 2010**

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

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

This weekend the second collection will be for the **Altar Society**. These funds will be used for Holy Week and Easter flowers and decorations. Thank you for your continued support of the Altar Society. 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: *Altar Society*.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### NATIVITY SCHOOL ALUMNA NEWS

**Jessica Withers**, Nativity School Graduating Class of **2006**, was awarded a *Community Service Scholarship* by the **Sequoia Awards** in Redwood City on **04 March 2010** for her many hours of volunteering at **St. Vincent de Paul** and with the **Special Olympics**. We congratulate Jessica for giving back to her community!

*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 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.

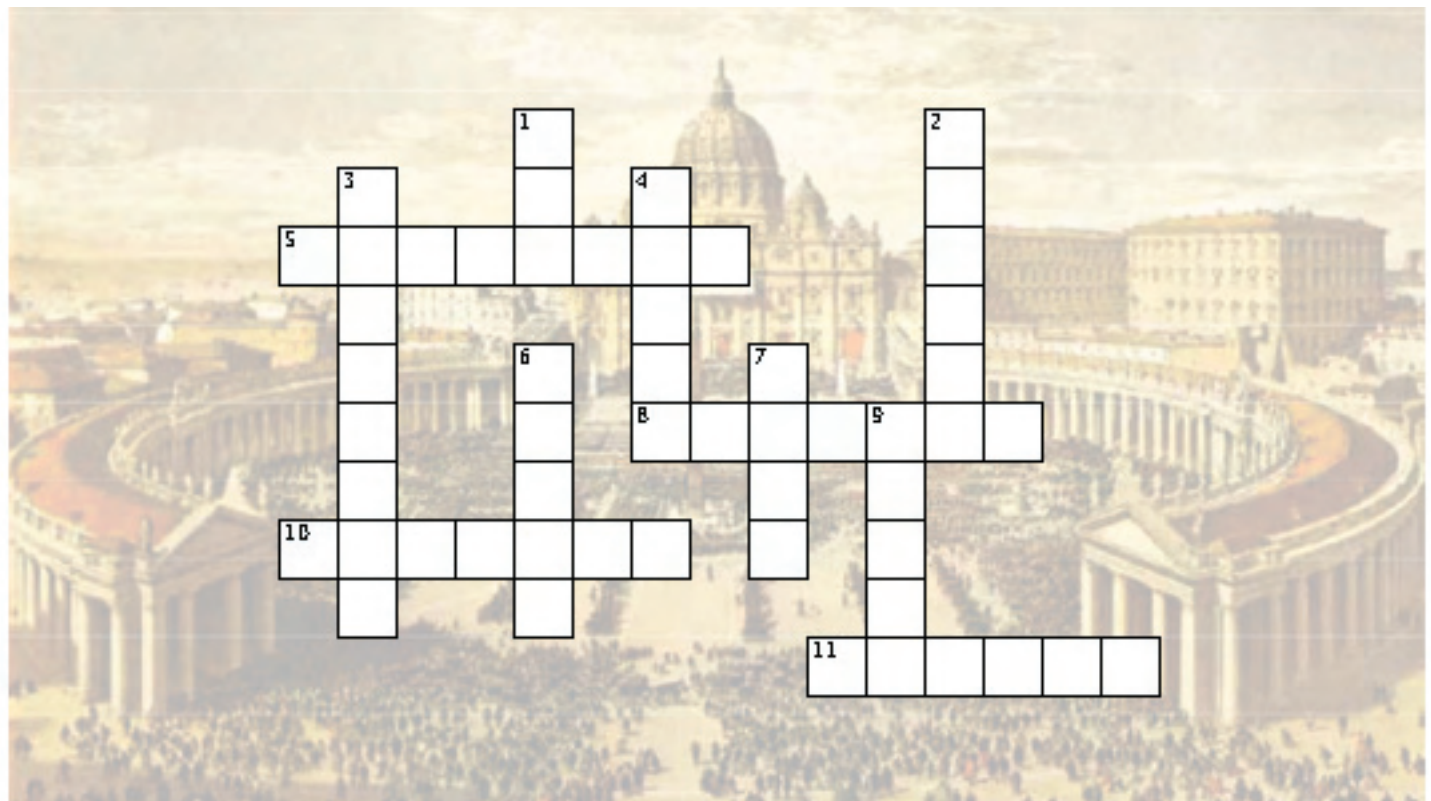
# LENT AND EASTER



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Ordo states "In dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Friday. Images in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." These dates correspond to the time of *Passiontide* (see last week's bulletin), and explain why the crosses and statues in church are now covered with violet cloth. During this same period, which is an even more penitential time within Lent, the *Gloria* is also omitted from the Mass and Office.

The rubric in the Sacramentary (Roman Missal) states "The practice of covering crosses and images in the church may be observed, if the episcopal conference decides"; the U.S. Conference of Bishops has voted that, if desired, this custom may be followed by individual parishes.



## Across

5. The feast Jesus and His disciples were celebrating at the Last Supper.
8. The type of bird that crowed three times, just as Jesus had said.
10. Jesus carried His cross to this place.
11. The place where the curtain was torn in half at the moment Jesus died.

## Down

1. The number of criminals who were crucified along with Jesus.
2. This man questioned Jesus in the Praetorium.
3. The prisoner released to the crowd instead of Jesus.
4. The disciple who denied Jesus three times.
6. The disciple of Jesus who betrayed Him.
7. After being taken down from the cross, Jesus was placed here.
9. The number of times Jesus fell under the weight of the cross.

