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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**

When there were no depths I was brought forth.

Proverb 8: 22-31

**PSALM**

What is man that You should be mindful of him?

Psalms 8

**SECOND READING**

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts.

Romans 5: 1-5

**GOSPEL**

When He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth.

John 16: 12-15



# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## 30 MAY 2010

“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

Romans 5: 5

## CALENDAR

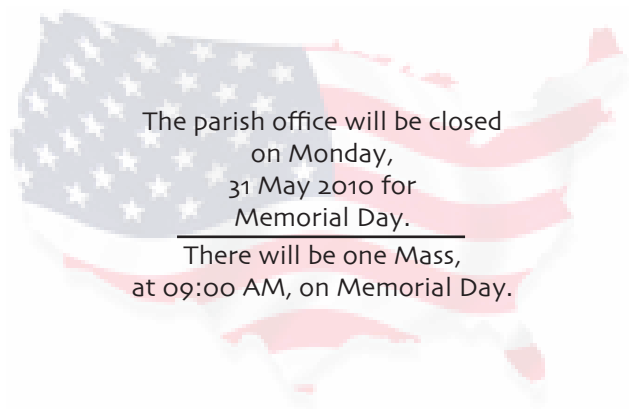
### MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 30 MAY - 05 JUN

<b>SAT</b>	<b>05:00 PM</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Masses</b>	Priest's intentions
<b>MON</b>	<b>09:00 AM</b>	Special intention
<b>TUE</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	The Neylan and Cardine families
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Frances Hipp
<b>WED</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Doris Kobza
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Claire Mynders
<b>THU</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	Margaret Flipp
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Delphine Pearl Duncan
<b>FRI</b>	<b>07:30 AM</b>	† Joseph Masuda
	<b>05:30 PM</b>	† Barbara Wynne
<b>SAT</b>	<b>08:00 AM</b>	Gabriella Chahrouri

<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>30 MAY</b>	<b>(Sunday)</b>	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
<b>31 MAY</b>	<b>(Monday)</b>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
<b>01 JUN</b>	<b>(Tuesday)</b>	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
<b>02 JUN</b>	<b>(Wednesday)</b>	
<b>03 JUN</b>	<b>(Thursday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
<b>04 JUN</b>	<b>(Friday)</b>	
	11:00 AM	School Graduation Mass and Luncheon
	06:00 PM	Nativity Graduation
<b>05 JUN</b>	<b>(Saturday)</b>	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions ( <i>Opus Dei priest</i> )
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions ( <i>parish priest</i> )



The parish office will be closed on Monday, 31 May 2010 for Memorial Day.

There will be one Mass, at 09:00 AM, on Memorial Day.

*We even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint.*

Romans 5



### PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 08-09 MAY	WEEK OF 15-16 MAY
TOTAL:	\$ 10,468	12,398
Catholic Charities/CYO:	\$ 3,253	
Catholic Communication:	\$	1,734
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$ 49,973	50,323
2010 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$ 118,300	118,300

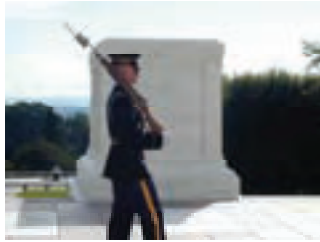
# SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

**31 MAY (Monday):**

## MEMORIAL DAY

**Memorial Day**, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on **05 May 1868** by **General John Logan**, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on **30 May 1868**, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at **Arlington National Cemetery**.



## THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.'"*

**Luke 1: 39-43**

**01 JUN (Tuesday):**

## SAINT JUSTIN, Martyr (c. 100-165)

A pagan philosopher who converted at the age of 30 by reading the Scriptures and witnessing the faith of martyrs. **Justin** used his oratorical and philosophical skills to dispute with pagans and explain the faith, becoming one of the first great Christian apologists.

**02 JUN (Wednesday):**

## SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER, Martyrs (d. 304)

**Marcellinus** was a priest, and **Peter** (not to be confused with **St. Peter the Apostle**) was an exorcist in Rome. They were persecuted by **Diocletian** and martyred together. Their names are mentioned in the first Eucharistic prayer.

**03 JUN (Thursday):**

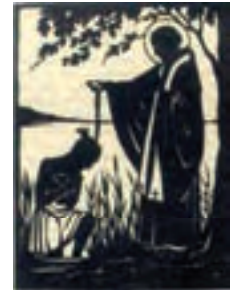
## SAINTS CHARLES LWANGA and COMPANIONS, Martyrs (19th century)

Many Christians were martyred in Uganda by King Mwanga during the years **1885-1887**. **Charles Lwanga**, a relative of the king, and his 21 companions, adhered steadfastly to the Catholic faith and were put to death for it.

**05 JUN (Saturday):**

## SAINT BONIFACE, Bishop and Martyr (680-754)

An Anglo-Saxon, **Boniface** had a strong desire to minister to "those who are of one blood and bone" with him and convert pagan Saxons to Christianity. A remarkable "contest" occurred in 723 when Boniface demonstrated his opposition to the worship of trees and other traditions associated with the old Norse gods. He cut down an oak tree dedicated to the god Thor, in full public view. The crowd held its collective breath, waiting for fire to come down from heaven, but all that happened was that Boniface used the wood to construct a chapel on the same spot, with many conversions to Christianity resulting.



# MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

## FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 14 June 2010**, we will hold our 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**.



## THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!

Nativity's **30th Annual Carnival** is coming **11-13 June 2010!** Save the dates and don't miss all the fun for children and adults. There will be carnival rides and games and lots of food, with a special tri-tip BBQ dinner Friday and Saturday evenings. Don't miss the silent auction. This year the Grand Prize for the raffle is a Mini Cooper car or \$15,000.00. The second prize is \$1,500.00 and the third prize is \$500.00. Purchase your raffle tickets after all Masses on Saturdays and Sundays leading up to the drawing on **Sunday, 13 June 2010**. All proceeds benefit Nativity's capital campaign fund.



## 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:

**THU: 04:00 PM**

**FRI: 03:00 AM**

**SAT: 06:00 PM**

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



**ONLY TWO MORE WEEKS!**

*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:

- **Diego Aiden** son of **Antonio** and **Luz Arreola**
- **Luca Christopher** son of **Christopher Chung** and **Denise DaGragnano**
- **Lauren Ofelia Arlyce** daughter of **Bryan** and **Rosie Deister**
- **Jack Sullivan** son of **Greg Durando** and **Hannah Brearley**
- **Sienna Marta** daughter of **Christian** and **Christine Loreda**
- **Angel Gabriel** son of **Michael Marroquin** and **Gabriela Atayde**



May these children and their families grow in holiness daily in response to their baptismal calling.

We congratulate

- **Martin Contreras** and **Danielle Rotondo** 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 parishioner:

- **Jason Magers**



## FATHERS' DAY CARDS

What could be a better gift to your father, husband, father-in-law, grandfather, godfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, son, or friend than to be remembered in Masses in observance of Father's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Father's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are fathers, 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 fathers. These names will be placed on the altar during June so that they will be remembered in Masses that will be said in their honor.

## SAVE THE DATE: 26 JUNE 2010

On **Saturday, 26 June 2010** there will be a farewell party for **Fr. Roland** at Nativity School after the **05:00 PM** Mass. As Msgr. Otellini announced, Fr. Roland is leaving Nativity to become pastor at **Mater Dolorosa Church** in **South San Francisco**, beginning on **01 July 2010**. RSVP no later than **15 June 2010**. Call **650/323-7914 x.211**.



## HELP WANTED: CARNIVAL!

We are looking for some volunteers for the Nativity Game Booths at this year's Carnival: Cherry Bells, Pan Game, Ice Cream Booth, Basketball, Baseball, Prize Booth, etc. If you are interested in helping, please pick up a flier on the tables in the back of the Church or after the Sunday morning Mass at the car raffle table outside of Church.



Email **Debra Ramos** ([gdmrrams4@aol.com](mailto:gdmrrams4@aol.com)) with any questions. Thank you.

## CARNIVAL SILENT AUCTION

It is *not too late* to donate to Nativity Carnival's **Silent Auction**, which will be held in Sobrato Pavilion during the 30th Annual Nativity Carnival. Don't forget to pick up a voucher and instructions in the back of the church and take it with you next time you go shopping. We are looking for gift certificates to restaurants or stores, sporting event tickets or sports items, hotel stays, opera and symphony tickets, just to name a few. Do you have a vacation home you would like to open up for a weekend? Do you know of someone who could give baking or music or cooking lessons? Any questions, contact **Lisa Simmonds** at [lsimmonds6@gmail.com](mailto:lsimmonds6@gmail.com) or **650/599-9679**.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## MARRIED COUPLES

Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. For more information, call **Paul** and **Yvonne** at **650/366-7093** or go to [sf.lovemoredeeply.org](http://sf.lovemoredeeply.org).

2010 SF-WWME Weekends:

- **16-18 July 2010**
- **05-07 November 2010**



## ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join **Nativity Respect Life** in saying our monthly Rosary outside an abortion clinic in Redwood City, First **Saturday, 06 June 2010**. 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.

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." -- *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

[www.presidentialprayerteam.org](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org)

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

# FROM THE HOLY SEE



PICTURES FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S TRIP TO PORTUGAL (FATIMA):



## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

**General:** That every national and transnational institution may strive to guarantee respect for human life from conception to natural death.



**Missionary:** That the Churches in Asia, which constitute a "little flock" among non-Christian populations, may know how to communicate the Gospel and give joyful witness to their adherence to Christ.

## REFLECTIONS

### ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8

In this reading from Proverbs, *God's Wisdom* is pictured as a separate being who was with God at the creation. Wisdom works with God as a "craftsman" and "plays" with God's people on earth. For the Israelites, Wisdom was first a quality of God. Then they came to see wisdom as God's companion. Centuries later, Christians, looking back at the Old Testament for signs of Jesus, saw him as the Wisdom of God. This is part of the gradual and sometimes mysterious way that God is revealed to us.

#### SECOND READING: ROMANS 5

How does our faith in Jesus change us? Our letter today lists several ways. Through Jesus, we grow in harmony with God and receive the grace to live for God's reign. We have the virtue of hope, which is like a candle that is not blown out by the cold wind of hard times. And we have the Spirit living in our hearts, keeping God's love alive in us.

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 16

Today's gospel continues with Jesus' advice and instructions to the disciples at the Last Supper. He promises that the Spirit will be there to guide his followers to the truth. The Spirit will speak in Jesus' name, just as Jesus speaks in the Father's name. Each of these three Persons in one God belongs to the other. We call this mystery of God's identity the Blessed Trinity.

# Young Believers

## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE DEVOTION TO THE SANTO NIÑO DE ATOCHA?

Portrayed as a small Spanish pilgrim boy, the image of the child Jesus known as Santo Niño de Atocha is dressed in a long gown with a cape that has a wide lace collar and frilled cuffs. The traditional symbol of a pilgrim, a cockleshell, is on his cape, and he holds a little basket in his left hand and a water gourd suspended from a staff in his right hand. The little holy boy wears buckled sandals -huaraches- of silver, and a large, floppy hat with a feather. Although he is known as a wanderer, he is usually shown seated in a little chair.

The pious tradition of Santo Niño de Atocha is a story rich in both history and devotion. Although the Holy Child is the miracle worker, the devotion was originally a Marian one. As is proper, before a child is asked to do something, first the petitioner must ask permission from his mother. Thus, the prayers and novenas to the Infant of Atocha begin with a prayer to Mary, Our Lady of Atocha. The pious legend of the wonder working little Santo Niño is set in Spain.

In Atocha, a suburb of Madrid, many men were imprisoned because of their faith during the time the Moors controlled portions of Spain. The prisoners were not fed by their jailors, so food was taken to them by their families. At one time the caliph issued an order that no one except children twelve years old and younger would be permitted to bring food to the prisoners. Those with young children would manage to keep their relatives alive, but what of the others? The women of the town appealed to Our Lady, begging her to help them find a way to feed their husbands, sons, and brothers. Soon the children came home from the prison with a strange story. Those prisoners who had no young children to feed them were being visited and fed by a young boy. None of the children knew who he was, but the little water gourd he carried was never empty, and there was always plenty of bread in his basket to feed all the hapless prisoners without children of their own to bring them



their food. He came at night, slipping past the sleeping guards or smiling politely at those who were alert. Those who had asked the Virgin of Atocha for a miracle began to suspect the identity of the little boy. As if in confirmation, the shoes on the statue of the child Jesus were worn down. When they replaced the shoes with new ones, those too were worn out. After Ferdinand and Isabella drove the Moors from Spain in 1492, the people continued to invoke the aid of Our Lady of the Atocha and her Holy Child.

When the Spaniards came to the New World, they brought along the devotions of their native regions. Those from Madrid naturally brought their devotion to Our Lady of the Atocha. In 1540, silver mines were found in Mexico, and Spanish mineworkers migrated here. In Plateros, a tiny village near the mines of Fresnillo, a church was built in honor of Santo Cristo de los Plateros, a miraculous crucifix, beginning in the late 1690s. A beautiful Spanish image of Our Lady and her Divine child was placed on a side altar. Within a few weeks of the opening of the mine of Fresnillo, there was an explosion and many miners were trapped. The wives of the miners went to the church of St. Augustine to pray for their husbands and noticed that the child on the image of Our Lady of Atocha was missing. At the same time, it was said that a child came to the trapped miners, gave them water and showed them the way out of the mine. Whenever there was a problem at the mine the child helped the miners in need. Each time this happened, the image of the child on the Virgin's arms was found to be dirty and his clothes had little holes in them.



Through the years, as Santo Niño's reputation as a miracle worker increased, the shrine in the sparsely populated and rugged mountainous area became a major place of pilgrimage. Santo Niño has received so many votive offerings that in 1883 a special building, the salon de retablos, was built to house them and serves as a museum at the shrine. The miracles described are in favor of prisoners and those caught in an unfair legal system, miners, immigrants, victims of poor labor and economic conditions and crime, and the seriously ill. He has been called the Patron of the Desamparados, or "the abandoned." He is believed to travel throughout the countryside at night performing miracles. He loves to visit sick children to heal them as they sleep. Often the figure of the Santo Niño is seen to be missing from His chair in the Fresnillo shrine at the same time that someone reports a miraculous rescue by a small boy.

The Santo Niño de Cebú (in the Philippines) is the oldest Catholic relic in that country, given by Ferdinand Magellan to the chieftain of the Cebú and his queen.