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The Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:30 AM and 05:00 PM

Saturdays 08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)

Weekdays 07:30 AM and 05:30 PM

Holy Days 07:30 AM, 05:30 and 07:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM (parish priest)

(also by appointment)

BAPTISMS 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

(contact rectory 2 months in advance)

WEDDINGS Saturdays 11:00 AM and 02:00 PM

(contact rectory at least 6 months in advance)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. John Mary Chung

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Clement Davenport

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

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Rev. Kevin Gaffey

Rev. Paul Maillet

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 327-2319

YOUTH MINISTER

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24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST READING

Whenever I speak, I must cry out ... it becomes like fire burning in my heart.

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

PSALM

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

Psalms 63

SECOND READING

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Romans 12: 1-2

GOSPEL

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Matthew 16: 21-27



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 AUGUST 2011

“Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Matthew 16: 25

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 28 AUG - 03 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Brian Tremaine
	05:30 PM	† Doris Farrell
TUE	07:30 AM	† Betty Nawojski
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	† Rita Paonessa
	05:30 PM	† Teresa Montrucchio
THU	07:30 AM	† Matthew Herriman
	05:30 PM	† Bob Connelly
FRI	07:30 AM	† Mario and Ernestine Mondin
	05:30 PM	† Mekkay and Soni Haunga
SAT	08:00 AM	† Swede Lenz

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
28 AUG	(Sunday)	Altar Society Vase Sale Holy Hour for Priests
29 AUG	(Monday)	07:30 PM Legion of Mary
30 AUG	(Tuesday)	06:00 PM Cenacles of Life Rosary
31 AUG	(Wednesday)	
01 SEP	(Thursday)	06:00 PM Perpetual Help Novena
1st 02 SEP	(Friday)	
1st 03 SEP	(Saturday)	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
		03:30 PM - 04:30 PM Confessions (parish priest)

COMING IN SEPTEMBER . . .

We are pleased to announce the introduction of an *electronic* option for making regular offerings. You will be able to debit your offertory automatically from your checking or savings account, or to process it using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic program will offer convenience for you and the much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. A less-frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks and envelopes.

Authorization forms and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flier will be included in the bulletin after Labor Day.



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday



PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 13-14 AUG
TOTAL:	\$10,271
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$35,133
2011 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$119,800

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

29 AUG (Monday): THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. Scripture tells us that many people followed John, looking to him for hope. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. The Church specially honors John by celebrating the feasts of both his martyrdom and birth.

03 SEP (Saturday): SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope and Doctor of the Church (540-590)

Prefect of Rome who then sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily, plus one in Rome. He collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are today referred to as *Gregorian Chants*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

THURSDAY GROUP

After a summer break, the **Nativity Thursday Group** resumes meeting on **Thursday, 08 September 2011 at 11:00 AM** in the **O'Hare Center**. This is a group for seniors who meet weekly. The first hour is devoted to Scripture Study. We have Mass on many Thursdays at noon. If there is no Mass we will say the rosary at noon. We have dessert and coffee and tea afterwards. Many members bring their own lunch. About once a month children from the school and their parents visit us and provide lunch. We are a very friendly group and we always extend a warm welcome to new members. Please join us. For more information call **Peg Chandler** at **650/322-7678**.



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Monday morning Bible Study Group will resume on **Monday, 12 September 2011 at 09:00 AM** in the O'Hare Center. All are welcome to join this group. If you would like to join or have any questions, please call **Tim Kennedy** at **650/321-4818**.

NATIVITY MOMS AND DADS OF YESTERYEAR

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 **Tuesday, 13 September 2011, at 06:00 PM**. They will be in the bar area to listen to the banjo music. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Tuesday, 13 September 2011**, we will hold our next monthly Fatima celebration. It begins with Holy Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the appearance, candle-light rosary procession, and Benediction. Please join us. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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)**.

ALTAR SOCIETY VASE SALE

Sunday 28 August 2011 - After the morning Masses only!

Come Support the **Altar Society** by buying up some vases. Vases are good to display sea shells, make hurricane lamps--fill with candles for outdoor lighting, or of course to use for flowers to bring to a friend, a hostess gift, or convalescent home or hospital visit. Use your imagination! All proceeds will go to buy flowers for the altar. Bless you for supporting the Altar Society!



RCIA BEGINS 12 SEP 2011

Persons interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2011-2012 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the O'Hare Center, beginning **12 September 2011**. This rite of faith formation is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic. We will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, **07 April 2012**. We will accept new participants throughout September and October. Contact **Charlotte Pace (650/325-6978)**, **Tim Kennedy (650/321-4818)**, or **Msgr. Otellini** at the rectory (**650/323-7914**).

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the Nativity Moms' Group on **Friday, 09 September 2011 from 10:30 AM until 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! If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4367** 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:



MON: 06:00 AM, 08:00 PM

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

You have never strayed too far for the Father's forgiveness and grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.



BAPTISMS • Zacharie Luis,
son of Benjamin Pracht and Anne Aaron

MARRIAGES • Gordon Chan and Kathryn Ochiano

NEW PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Raimonda Bartolini

RIDES TO MASS

Nativity Church is looking for a coordinator and volunteers to give rides to parishioners so they may attend Mass. Please contact **Wendy** or **Yvete** at the office **650/323-7914**.



REGISTER WITH THE PARISH

We welcome all visitors and invite those who are considering coming home to the Catholic Church to register. Church attendance alone does not make you or your family registered members. To register online, please go to www.nativitymenlo.org and fill out the Parish Registration Form. To obtain one in the mail, please call the rectory office **650/323-7914** during regular business hours.

MASS INTENTIONS: 2012

All the Mass intentions for the **2011** have been filled. We will not be taking Mass intentions for **2012** until **October**.

People often ask us why we don't have multiple names for each Mass offered as other churches do. According to Canon Law: "*Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been accepted*" (**Canon 948**). In 1991 the Congregation for Clergy at the Vatican decreed that: "*1. In cases in which the people making the offering have been previously explicitly informed and have freely consented to combining their offering in a single offering, their intentions can be satisfied with a single Mass celebrated according to a 'collective' intention. 2. In this case it is necessary that the place and the time for the celebration of this Mass, which is not to be said more than twice a week, be made public.*" Because the merits of each Mass are infinite, the grace received by each person intended in a "collective" Mass is the same as if that person was the sole intention.

Considering this, Msgr. Otellini has given permission for one **collective Mass** a week beginning in 2012. This Mass will be at **08:00 AM** on **Saturdays**. You will begin seeing more than one name listed for that Mass beginning in 2012. This may help to relieve some of the demand on the Mass intentions calendar and give people more opportunities to have Masses said for their loved ones in a more timely manner.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SUMMER OF SAINTS FILM FESTIVAL

The **Catholic Trek** film festival concludes with the musical "*Jesus Christ Superstar*" on **Monday, 29 August 2011**. The movie starts at **07:30 PM** in the St. Nicholas Parish Hall (473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos). Movie snacks will be provided. For more details, including a list of the remaining features, see adultcircle.shutterfly.com or call **408/554-5823**. Catholic Trek is a group for Catholics, single and married, 30's to 40's.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is sponsoring the **4th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk** on **24 September 2011**. Since its inception in 2008, the Walk has raised more than \$3 million to help those living in poverty. The San Francisco Walk will take place a Lake Merced and begin with a morning Mass at **08:00 AM**, celebrated outdoors under the trees. Then we will join together on a 4.5 mile journey around the lake to benefit San Francisco's poor and homeless. The day will conclude with much-needed refreshment and a reception. Pledges made on behalf of walkers go directly to local parishes and neighborhood conferences, working for those who need it most in the community where you work, live and pray. The St. Vincent de Paul Society encourages everyone to join our members from San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin to participate. To register as a walker or a team, contact **Marc Bruno**, Vincentian Life Director at **415/977-1270 x3003**.

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY LUNCHEON

On **21 October 2011** the Archdiocese of San Francisco will host the **1st Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon**, honoring the retired priests of the Archdiocese. It will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. If you are interested in attending this luncheon please contact the Development Office, **415/614-5580**. Proceeds from this luncheon are to benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund in support of our Retired Priests, today and in the future. If you would like to contribute to the Priest's Retirement Fund, please send your gift to: Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109.

SAN CARLOS ADULT DAY SERVICES

San Carlos Adult Day Services, a program of Catholic Charities CYO, has been serving seniors and supporting caregivers throughout San Mateo county since 1975. They provide a reliable and affordable alternative for seniors who want to remain in their own home; they are a licensed Adult Day Program providing a safe, therapeutic and friendly environment during the day for older adults (and a respite for caregivers). The program is designed to enhance the quality of life and increase independence. Also offered are educational seminars and support groups to assist family caregivers in navigating the complex array of available community resources. **650/592-9325** for more information.

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **September 2011**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: (World Youth Day) That World Youth Day in Madrid may encourage young people throughout the world to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ.



Missionary: (Western Christians) That Western Christians may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.



IN THE COMMUNITY (CONT'D.)

PRAYER AT ABORTION CLINIC (ROSARY FOR LIFE)

Every **First Saturday** morning, a group from Nativity Parish goes to the Planned Parenthood Clinic on San Antonio Road in Mountain View to pray for an end to abortion. We merely stand outside the clinic and pray the rosary for approximately one hour. As 08 September is the Blessed Mother's birthday, we invite all parishioners to come and join us as a special spiritual gift for her on **Saturday, 03 September 2011**. We leave the church after the 08:00 AM Mass and meet at the clinic at **09:00 AM**. For questions, call **650/269-7794** or **Eileen** at **650/799-4722**.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The **Catholic Men's Fellowship of California** is having their annual conference at **Sacred Heart Church**, 13716 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga, CA. on **Saturday, 10 September 2011, 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM** (Holy Mass and treats starting at **07:30 AM**) Last year's conference on Spiritual Warfare was very well received and gave birth to the first-ever Nativity Conference on the same topic. This year the subject is: **Truth, Does It Matter?** There will be four speakers looking at the concept of truth, the difficulties people have in finding and following the real truth, and what to do with it when you do find it. It is a topic most appropriate for today's Christians.

Registrations are available in the vestule of the church (mail-in only), or you can register on-line at www.heartsoflove.cc. (click on *The Truth Conference*).

For questions, call **650/269-6279**.



FAMILY MARCH FOR VOTER REFERENDUM

March for a voter referendum on **SB 48** on Labor Day, **05 September 2011** at **10:00 AM**. We will start at **St. Anthony Catholic Church** (Middlefield Road in Menlo Park) and march to Redwood City Hall (about 2 miles north). Signs will be provided, and petitions are available. Call **650/572-1468** for more information.

Take a stand -- march to protect our children!

All are welcome.

CLASS ON THE MASS

Starting on **20 September 2011**, Nativity will have an eight-week class on the Holy Mass. This class will cover the liturgical, historical, devotional, theological, and scriptural aspects of the Mass. The goal is to not only give information; the primary goal is to increase our active participation and appreciation of the Mass. It will include practical ways to enhance our attendance. In each Mass we participate in the greatest prayer in the history of the world. The liturgy and everything surrounding it brings us closest to heaven on earth. The King of heaven is here for us! And wherever the King is, so is the kingdom! Everyone is encouraged to attend this exposition of the central act of our faith. Our hope is that those who attend will also bring this good news to those who have left the church, non-practicing Catholics, and even those outside the church. The class will be led by **Deacon Dominick Peloso**, and held in the **O'Hare Center** in back of church. There is no cost and signups will be taken at the first class. The 90-minute classes will be held on **Tuesdays** at **07:00 PM** and repeated each **Wednesday** at **09:30 AM**. Call **650/269-6279** for any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT VALLOMBROSA

• **17 September 2011: Photography and Prayer** with **Carol Fowler, 09:00 AM – 01:00 PM**

In this workshop we will use prayer and photography as the lens to awaken to God's Presence in the seasons of our lives. The cost of the workshop is **\$40**, includes lunch.

• **24 September 2011: Widows and Widowers: Navigating the World Alone** with **Carol Kaplan, 09:00 AM – 03:30 PM**

This one-day retreat will look at the transition a person makes after the death of a spouse. The cost of the one-day retreat is **\$50**, includes lunch.

• **25 September 2011: The Catholic Church in the World: "Faith in the Arts" Speaker Series** with **Archbishop George Neiderauer, 02:00 – 04:00 PM**

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Young Believers

The Doctors of the Church

This is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints. This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians

“in any age of the Church.” Such men and women are also particularly known for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings.

Certain ecclesiastical writers have received this title on account of the great advantage the whole Church has derived from their doctrine. In the Western church four eminent Fathers of the Church attained this honor in the early Middle Ages: **St. Gregory the Great, St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, and St. Jerome.** In the Eastern Church three Doctors were pre-eminent: **St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil, and St. Gregory Nazianzen.**

The requisite conditions for being declared a Doctor are enumerated as three: eminens doctrina, insignis vitae sanctitas, and Ecclesiae declaratio (i.e., eminent learning, a high degree of sanctity, and proclamation by the Church). Benedict XIV explains the third as a declaration by the supreme pontiff or by a general council. But though general councils have acclaimed the writings of certain Doctors, no council has actually conferred the title of Doctor of the Church.

There are currently 33 Doctors of the Church:

St. Albert	St. Catherine of Siena	St. John Damascene
St. Alphonsus Liguori	St. Cyril of Alexandria	St. John of the Cross
St. Ambrose	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
St. Anselm	St. Ephraem of Syria	St. Leo the Great
St. Anthony of Padua	St. Francis de Sales	St. Peter Canisius
St. Athanasius	St. Gregory Nazianzus	St. Peter Chrysologus
St. Augustine	St. Gregory the Great	St. Peter Damian
St. Basil	St. Hilary of Poitiers	St. Robert Bellarmine
St. Bede, the Venerable	St. Isidore	St. Teresa of Avila
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	St. Jerome	St. Therese of Lisieux
St. Bonaventure	St. John Chrysostom	St. Thomas Aquinas

Pope Benedict XVI announced at World Youth Day, during the Mass for Seminarians, that he will be declaring Saint John of Avila the 34th Doctor of the Universal Church.

St. John of Avila



WORLD YOUTH DAY HOLY HOUR THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in Nativity's World Youth Day Holy Hour, including the youth who led the rosary, led the prayers of the faithful, and served at Benediction; Deacon Dominick for an inspiring reflection and Benediction, and Fr. John for hearing confessions.

It was a beautiful service, and the reception was a blast! Please continue to pray for numerous fruits from World Youth Day! We are planning more holy hours to pray for the youth. We hope you will join us!