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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. and 3rd. 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. T. Noel Laput, C.M.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Clement Davenport

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Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

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Rev. Kevin Gaffey

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Rev. Paul Maillet

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST READING

I will never forget you.

Isaiah 49: 14-15

PSALM

Only in God is my soul at rest; from Him comes my salvation.

Psalms 62

SECOND READING

He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness.

1 Corinthians 4: 1-5

GOSPEL

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.

Matthew 6: 24-34



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 FEBRUARY 2011

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given you besides.”

Matthew 6: 34

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 27 FEB - 05 MAR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Luca Fiorentino
	05:30 PM	† Jack Daly
TUE	07:30 AM	Tim Cross
	05:30 PM	† Shirley Fennell
WED	07:30 AM	† Jose Reyes
	05:30 PM	† Joseph Wynne
THU	07:30 AM	† Mary Chiamparino
	05:30 PM	† Gertrude Sullivan
FRI	07:30 AM	† Richard Voll
	05:30 PM	The Marques family, living and deceased members
SAT	08:00 AM	† Maria Barito



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

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
27 FEB	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
28 FEB	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
01 MAR	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Church History
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:30 PM	Bible Study: Church History
02 MAR	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	CCD Confirmation Class
03 MAR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
1st 04 MAR	(Friday)	
1st 05 MAR	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Baptism Class
	10:00 AM	First Reconciliation
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

ASH WEDNESDAY IS 09 MAR 2011

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The observance of a **fast** is to take only a single full meal during the course of the day, typically after **03:00 PM**. To maintain strength, one or two smaller meals may also be taken, if together they do not equal another full meal. The fast binds on all those ages 18-60.

The observance of **abstinence** is to refrain from eating any meat. Abstinence binds on all those ages 14 and older.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of both **fast and abstinence**. It is recommended that **all Fridays in Lent** be observed as days of **abstinence**.



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
12-13 FEB

TOTAL:	\$	9,659
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	
2011 Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

03 MAR (Thursday):

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

Born in 1858 into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Indians, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country.

04 MAR (Friday):

SAINT CASIMIR OF POLAND (1458-1484)

Casimir was a 15th-century Polish prince, third in line for the throne. He lived a highly disciplined, often severe, life: sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of each night in prayer, and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy (even under pressure to marry the daughter of the emperor). He had a great devotion to Mary, supported the poor, and lived a virtuous life amid the dis-solute court.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY MOMS' GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms' Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 11 March 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! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4367** for more information.

PRAY THE ANGELUS

After the Nativity bells ring at noon, the Angelus is prayed. Come join fellow parishioners on **Tuesdays** at **12:00 PM** to honor the Incarnation of Christ through our prayer. (The Angelus is derived from the opening words of the prayer: *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae* ("...the Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary...") Prayer cards will be available.



CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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)**.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join **Nativity Respect Life** in saying our monthly Rosary outside an abortion clinic in Mountain View, First **Saturday, 05 March 2011**. 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.

NATIVITY MOMS AND DADS OF YESTERDAY

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, 15 March 2011**, at **06:00 PM**. For information only call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/322-8645**.

HALF-DAY LENTEN RETREAT

On **Saturday, 12 March 2011**, we will have our annual Lenten retreat. It begins with Mass at **08:00 AM** followed by the rosary and coffee/donuts. It will end with Benediction @ 12 noon. Please consider taking this time to withdraw for awhile and begin the Lenten season with spiritual talks, prayer, and quiet reflection. Look for the flyers at the entrance of the church for more details.

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:



SUN: 02:00 AM

THU: 10:00 AM

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

You are never too far gone 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

Jack Patrick,
son of **Robert Peters** and **Anne Hollywood**



MARRIAGES

NEW PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

Gordon Case, Jr.
Jan Wesolowski

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins next week, on **Wednesday, 09 March 2011**, with **Ash Wednesday**. It is a day of fast (ages 18 to 60) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 up). Masses that day will be at **07:30 AM, 05:30 PM** and **07:30 PM**. Ashes will be distributed after Mass.

LENTEN SERIES OF TALKS

This year's Lenten series at Nativity Parish is entitled "*The Lord's Prayer as a Model for All Prayer*" and will be led by **Fr. Jeffrey Hubbard, S.S.** These evening conferences will examine the nature of prayer, and what spiritual and theological themes are contained within the Lord's Prayer. These talks will be in the Church on the first five **Tuesdays** in Lent beginning **15 March 2011** at **07:30 PM**.

Fr. Hubbard is a Sulpician Priest who is an instructor in the Pre-Theology and Pastoral Theology Departments at St. Patrick's Seminary. He is also a spiritual director and formation advisor within the seminary formation program.

LOST AND FOUND

Found: wooden *Medugorje* rosary outside the rectory on **17 February 2011, 650/323-7914**.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIVITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades K-7. Please call the school office, **650/325-7304**, to request an application or visit our website at www.nativityschool.com, "Admissions." Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

"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

CATHOLIC WEBSITES

Virtue Media (www.virtuemedia.org) and **Catholics Come Home** (www.catholicscomehome.org). These websites contain information on the Catholic Church, scripture references, and videos. They have information for lapsed Catholics considering returning to the church or for non-Catholics looking into the faith.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA HAS MOVED

Pauline Books & Media, your source for Catholic books and media run by the Daughters of St. Paul, has moved from **2640 Broadway in Redwood City** to **935 Brewster Street Redwood City, CA 94063**. Our Grand Opening is **Tuesday, 22 February 2011**. Free parking now available behind the building! For any questions, please call us at **650/369-4230** or email redwood@paulinemediacom.com.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Franciscan **Fr. Mario DiCicco**, president and rector of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, will be leading two Holy Land pilgrimages this year: **28 May - 08 June 2011** and **17-29 September 2011**. Please write for a free brochure to mdicicco@fst.edu, or call **510/280-4327**.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Spiritual Care Service** at **Stanford Hospital** is seeking Catholic volunteers to visit, pray and offer the Eucharist to patients and families for the Advance Directive Preparation Program. Volunteers must be willing to commit two hours a week for a year and attend 5 evenings of training. A training program will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper St., Palo Alto, on five Monday evenings: **07, 14, 28 March** and **04 April 2011**, from **07:00-09:00 PM**. If you are interested in volunteering, please request an application by calling the Spiritual Care Service office at **650/723-5101** or email ghollingsworth@stanfordmed.org. Remember to leave your name, phone, number, church affiliation and email address. Interviews begin now through **18 February 2011**.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

For **March 2011**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That the nations of Latin America may walk in fidelity to the Gospel and be bountiful in social justice and peace.



Missionary: That the Holy Spirit may give light and strength to the Christian communities and the faithful who are persecuted or discriminated against because of the Gospel.

MESSAGE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE 01 JANUARY 2011

(conclusion)

Religion is defended by defending the rights and freedoms of religious communities. The leaders of the great world religions and the leaders of nations should therefore renew their commitment to promoting and protecting religious freedom, and in particular to defending religious minorities; these do not represent a threat to the identity of the majority but rather an opportunity for dialogue and mutual cultural enrichment. Defending them is the ideal way to consolidate the spirit of good will, openness and reciprocity which can ensure the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms in all areas and regions of the world.

Religious freedom in the world

14. Finally I wish to say a word to the Christian communities suffering from persecution, discrimination, violence and intolerance, particularly in Asia, in Africa, in the Middle East and especially in the Holy Land, a place chosen and blessed by God. I assure them once more of my paternal affection and prayers, and I ask all those in authority to act promptly to end every injustice against the Christians living in those lands. In the face of present difficulties, may Christ's followers not lose heart, for witnessing to the Gospel is, and always will be, a sign of contradiction.

Let us take to heart the words of the Lord Jesus: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted ... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied ... Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven" (Mt 5:4-12). Then let us renew "the pledge we give to be forgiving and to pardon when we invoke God's forgiveness in the Our Father. We ourselves lay down the condition and the extent of the mercy we ask for when we say: 'And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us' (Mt 6:12)". Violence is not overcome by violence. May our cries of pain always be accompanied by faith, by hope and by the witness of our love of God. I also express my hope that in the West, and especially in Europe, there will be an end to hostility and prejudice against Christians because they are resolved to orient their lives in a way consistent with the values and principles expressed in the Gospel. May Europe rather be reconciled to its own Christian roots, which are fundamental for understanding its past, present and future role in history; in this way it will come to experience justice, concord and peace by cultivating a sincere dialogue with all peoples.

Religious freedom, the path to peace

15. The world needs God. It needs universal, shared ethical and spiritual values, and religion can offer a precious contribution to their pursuit, for the building of a just and peaceful social order at the national and international levels.

Peace is a gift of God and at the same time a task which is never fully completed. A society reconciled with God is closer to peace, which is not the mere absence of war or the result of military or economic supremacy, much less deceptive ploys or clever manipulation. Rather, peace is the result of a process of purification and of cultural, moral and spiritual elevation involving each individual and people, a process in which human dignity is fully respected. I invite all those who wish to be peacemakers, especially the young, to heed the voice speaking within their hearts and thus to find in God the stable point of reference for attaining authentic freedom, the inexhaustible force which can give the world a new direction and spirit, and overcome the mistakes of the past. In the words of Pope Paul VI, to whose wisdom and farsightedness we owe the institution of the World Day of Peace: "It is necessary before all else to provide peace with other weapons – different from those destined to kill and exterminate mankind. What are needed above all are moral weapons, those which give strength and prestige to international law – the weapon, in the first place, of the observance of pacts". Religious freedom is an authentic weapon of peace, with an historical and prophetic mission. Peace brings to full fruition the deepest qualities and potentials of the human person, the qualities which can change the world and make it better. It gives hope for a future of justice and peace, even in the face of grave injustice and material and moral poverty. May all men and women, and societies at every level and in every part of the earth, soon be able to experience religious freedom, the path to peace!

From the Vatican, 08 December 2010

BENEDICTUS PP XVI



Sunday, 27 February 2011 (06:30-08:00 PM)

- *Where:* St. Denis Church
- *What:* Monthly Life Night

The Menlo Intersection High School Youth Ministry will be attending **World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain** this coming August. For more information see the fliers in church or please contact **Ingrid Pera** at ymingrid@sbcglobal.net or 650/759-9993.

REFLECTIONS

ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49

In today's reading from Isaiah, God reassures His people that even if a mother could forget her own child, He will never forget us. One of the greatest hurts a person can suffer is to be forgotten. There are so many ways we can assure people that they are not forgotten: a visit, a card, an e-mail, even a smile. We remember the homeless when we work at the food pantry or soup kitchen. We remember the elderly when we offer a ride to church or the doctor's office. Watch for the faces of those who feel forgotten; find a way to remind them that God never forgets them.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 4

Paul writes to the Corinthians about being stewards. As Catholics, we have begun to reclaim the notion of stewardship. All of us have been asked to consider the ways we use our time, talents and treasure to further the mission of Jesus carried on by the Church today. But Paul speaks of another kind of stewardship--he says are "stewards of the mysteries of God." In other words, our Catholic faith, all that God has revealed and that the Church has taught, is in our hands. We have the responsibility to care for those mysteries, to share them, to hand them on intact.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6

In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus exhorts his disciples, "do not worry." They must have shown worry for Jesus to address this. Did they worry about their food, or clothes, or all of these? Jesus, who knew humanity better than anyone ever has, must have realized that simply telling someone not to worry does not end the worrying. So, Jesus goes on to give a perspective to ally their worries, a sense of priorities. Then he goes on to ask what good their worrying does. Don't worry; keep your priorities straight; remember worrying doesn't do any good; trust God.

MATCH the individuals with the supernatural events with which they are associated.



Sister Faustina
Kowalska



Jacinta and
Francisco Marto
and Lucia dos Santos



Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatotzin



Sister Margaret
Mary Alacoque



Bernadette
Soubirous

1. The Blessed Mother appeared six times in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. During the final appearance, a great celestial miracle occurred that was witnessed by hundreds of people. Later, in a separate vision, the Blessed Mother revealed the devotion of five First Saturdays.

2. The Blessed Mother appeared 16 times in 1858 in Lourdes, France. The spring of water that she caused to emerge during these appearances continues to provide miraculous cures.

3. Jesus revealed His Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart and asked that devotions to His Most Sacred Heart be spread. In a series of visions He also revealed requests for the devotion of Nine Fridays, the Holy Hour, and receiving Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month.

4. The Blessed Mother appeared twice in 1531 in Guadalupe, Mexico. As a sign to the skeptical bishop, she caused non-native roses to bloom in the dead of winter and left an image of herself on the cloth used to carry the flowers.

5. Jesus revealed Himself as the Divine Mercy. His instruction included that a diary be kept of all that He revealed, and through it to "make known to souls the great mercy I have for them." Jesus repeated more than seven times that this message would prepare the world for His final coming.