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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

PERMANENT DEACON

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Kevin Gaffey

Rev. Jeffrey Hubbard

Rev. Paul Maillet

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 327-2319

YOUTH MINISTER

Mrs. Ingrid Pera • (650) 759-9993

24-hour Eucharistic Adoration

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

27 MARCH 2011

“The woman said to Him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty’ .”

John 4: 15



FIRST READING

I will be standing there in front of you.
Exodus 17: 3-7

PSALM

We are the people He shepherds, the flock
He guides.
Psalms 95

SECOND READING

Hope does not disappoint, because the love
of God has been poured out into our hearts.
Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL

“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will
never thirst.”
John 4: 5-42

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS

WEEK OF 27 MAR - 02 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Rita Gould
	05:30 PM	† Maria Kitano
TUE	07:30 AM	† Robert Jacobs
	05:30 PM	† Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto
WED	07:30 AM	Special intentions
	05:30 PM	† Barbara Keller
THU	07:30 AM	† Matthew Moloney
	05:30 PM	† Bob Connelly
FRI	07:30 AM	† Dorothy Claude
	05:30 PM	† Patrick Healy
SAT	08:00 AM	The Cinibulk and Gould families



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 MAR	(Sunday)	
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
28 MAR	(Monday)	
	09:00 AM	Bible Group
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
	07:30 PM	RCIA
	07:30 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society
29 MAR	(Tuesday)	
	09:30 AM	Bible Study: Church History
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
	07:00 PM	Bible Study: Church History
	07:30 PM	Lenten Talk: Fr. Hubbard
30 MAR	(Wednesday)	
	07:00 PM	CCD Confirmation Class
31 MAR	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
01 APR	(Friday)	
	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
02 APR	(Saturday)	
	09:00 AM	Baptism Class
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION

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



BULLETIN NEWS

EARLY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

During the holiday season our publishers have earlier-than-usual submission deadlines for specific bulletins.

- Items for the **17 April 2011 (Palm Sunday)** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 06 April 2011**.
- Items for the **24 April 2011 (Easter Sunday)** bulletin must be submitted by **Wednesday, 13 April 2011**.



PARISH OFFERINGS

WEEK OF
12-13 MAR

TOTAL:	\$	11,136
Annual Appeal Progress:	\$	5,885
Annual Appeal Goal:	\$	119,800

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

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

www.theholyrosary.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

www.savior.org/wwrc/

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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. Join Fr. Hubbard for the third of his five talks on **Tuesday, 29 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.

BASS AND/OR CELLO PLAYER NEEDED

The music group at **09:30 AM** Mass is always looking for new musicians, and have a real need for an electronic bass player and a cello player. If you play an instrument, especially bass or cello, or sing please join us. It is not necessary that you play/sing every Sunday. Even if you can only do it once a month, this would be a great addition to the group. If interested, contact **Barbara Nelson** at bnelson1015@gmail.com **650/464 2971.**

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.

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).

NATIVITY ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS HELP

Lent is a good time to discern our talents and how we might use them to help others. You may have some talents that fulfill the needs of Nativity's **Altar Society.** The following are areas where we could use your help:

Holy Water Fonts: Emptying, cleaning and replacing the water in the fonts, including the baptismal font every 7 to 10 days.

Silver Polishing: Large candle sticks every 3 months or so; smaller pieces more frequently.

Altar Linens: Small linens are cleaned weekly using a special process; priests' albs washed, dried and pressed; large altar clothes taken to and picked up from dry cleaners.

Floral Group: Maintains, waters, clears away, and arranges new flowers for weekend Masses. When needed, flowers are arranged on Fridays or Saturday mornings.

All of these chores are a labor of love. Call **Linda Potter** at **650/366-3737.** She will gladly give you more information and arrange for training.

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

MARRIAGES

NEW PARISHIONERS

Yadira and Saul Cardenas (*Diego, Mateo*)
Laura Rodrian

DEATHS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there is a special collection for **Catholic Home Missions**. There are many dioceses here in the United States whose parishes struggle to keep their doors open. These dioceses are classified as home missions and cannot maintain pastoral programs like catechesis, youth ministry, and seminary formation on their own. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including aid to vulnerable parishes. Please be generous in this appeal 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*.

JAPANESE TSUNAMI/EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Donations may be sent to Nativity for earthquake and tsunami relief for Japan. Be sure to mark *Japan Relief* in the memo line. You may also donate to **Catholic Relief Services**, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21203. Write *Japan Emergency* in the memo line. You may also go to their website to donate: www.crs.org.

NATIVITY SCHOOL CONSULTATIVE BOARD

The **Nativity School Consultative Board of Education** is having elections soon. This is a 3-year term for any parishioner or parent of the school. This board helps and advises the principal and pastor as to the budget and other school related topics. If you are interested in running for this office, please email your biography to info@nativityschool.com no later than **03:00 PM on 04 April 2011**.

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MENS' CLUB FISH FRY (IN MEMORY OF DICK MILLER)

Friday, 01 April 2011 (06:00-08:00 PM) in the Sobrato Pavilion at Nativity School. In addition to fish, the menu will include french-fries, coleslaw, and water; adults **\$10** and children under 12 years **\$5**. There will be a no-host bar. RSVP by **25 March 2011**. Reservations and money will be taken at the Nativity School and Church offices. See the fliers in the vestibule of the church. For more information contact Don Coy at nativitymc@gmail.com or **650/465-4466**.



"GOD'S PLAN FOR GROWING UP"

Sunday, 10 April 2011, from 01:00-04:00 PM: Mothers, bring your 11- and 12-year-old daughters to a wonderful talk and Afternoon Tea. Come learn about "*God's Plan for Growing Up*" which will explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up. This Mother/Daughter program is presented by Natural Family Planning Teachers who will emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gifts. This event will be at the San Carlos Public Library. Reservations can be made by downloading a form at www.allingodsplan.com or by calling **Sandra Dillon** at **650/678-8423**.

ST. FRANCIS CENTER BRIDGE PARTY

On **Friday, 29 April 2011**, join other bridge players from all parishes on the peninsula for a fun bridge tournament ("*Queen of Hearts*") and luncheon at **St. Charles** Parish Hall in San Carlos. Check-in at **09:30 AM** and **10:00 AM** game time. **\$50.00/person** includes lunch. All the proceeds will benefit **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City. Sign up before **22 April 2011**. Send your reservation to Lynda Connolly, 2005 Arbor Ave, Belmont, Ca 94002. Include your name, bridge partner's name, contact information (phone#, email address), and a check made payable to St. Francis Center. For more information contact **Lynda** at **650/592-7714** or lyndaconnolly@c2usa.net. St. Charles is located at 880 Tamarack Ave., San Carlos.



EVENTS AT VALLOMBROSA CENTER

10 April 2011 at 02:00 PM: *Lenten Prayer Service*. Join the Vallombrosa Choir under the direction of Patrick Feehan for an afternoon of music, prayer and reflection in celebration of the great gift of God's love. The Lenten Prayer Service is in the Chapel at Vallombrosa and is open to the public.

To help Vallombrosa plan for the events you would like to attend please confirm your attendance by visiting www.vallombrosa.org/calendar.htm to sign up, or call **Jaynie Fedele** at **650/325-5614**. Vallombrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Sunday, Third Week of Lent

"Zeal for your house consumes me." (John 2:17)

Reflection

"O Divine Truth, You give so much strength to the soul which clothes itself with You, that it never falters under the weight of adversity beneath the burden of troubles and temptations, but in every struggle it gains a great victory. I am wretched because I have not followed You, O Eternal Truth; hence I am so weak that in every least tribulation I fall" -- St. Catherine of Siena

Lenten Question

Q: Is there a biblical basis for abstaining from meat as a sign of repentance?

A: Yes. The Book of Daniel states: *"In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia . . . 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.'"*

(Daniel 10:1-3)

Lenten Action

Say *"I will pray for you"* to someone who has shared a difficulty.

Prayer

Renew my eagerness to work with you in building a better world, so that my friends may hear your gospel of peace and justice.

See Reflections for the entire 2011 Lenten Season at www.ewtn.com/faith/lent/

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

General: That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever-new reasons of life and hope.



Missionary: That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all those who do not yet know Him.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

TUESDAYS, 15, 22, 29 MARCH + 05, 12 APRIL 2011
07:30 PM Lenten Talks with Fr. Jeffrey Hubbard, S.S.

MONDAY, 18 APRIL 2011

07:30 PM Penance Service

THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 2011 (HOLY THURSDAY)

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

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL 2011 (GOOD FRIDAY)

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross

12:30 -02:00 PM Reflections with Fr. Reginald Martin

02:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

07:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, 23 APRIL 2011 (HOLY SATURDAY)

10:00 AM -12:00 PM Reconciliation

02:00-04:00 PM Reconciliation

08:00 PM Easter Vigil

(*no other Masses*)

SUNDAY, 24 APRIL 2011 (EASTER SUNDAY)

08:00 AM Mass

09:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

(*no 05:00 PM Mass*)

MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2011

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



LIVES OF THE SAINTS

SAINT BRIGID

Born: 453

Died: 01 February 523

Feast Day: 01 February



What she said:

“Christ dwells in every creature.”

What the world was like:

When Brigid was young, Saint Patrick had just converted Ireland to Christianity. Wealthy people and those in positions of power owned slaves. People traveled by foot or on horses. During Brigid’s lifetime, metal horseshoes began being used. The bubonic plague broke out in Europe and Asia. Buddhism spread throughout Asia and into Japan.

Who she was:

Brigid’s father Dubtach was the Irish Leinster King. Her mother was a Christian slave who had been baptized by Saint Patrick. When Brigid was old enough, she went to serve her father as one of his slaves.

Brigid was very beautiful. She loved all of God’s creatures and enjoyed taking walks in the forests and spending time with animals. She was very generous and kind. To help the poor and hungry, she often gave away her father’s possessions. This did not please Dubtach. He finally gave Brigid her freedom. He tried to arrange a marriage for Brigid, but she wanted to become a nun. Legend has it that she prayed that God would take her beauty away so that no one would ever want to marry her. Her prayer was answered. After she became a nun, as legend has it, her beauty came back.

Brigid built a convent. Other women wanted to join her way of life and soon her first convent had seven nuns. This was Ireland’s first Christian religious community of women. Young girls came to the convent to be taught. Sick people traveled to Brigid’s convent for care. Bishops asked her to start convents all over Ireland. She traveled throughout Ireland building convent schools and hospitals.

Brigid made a small cross made from tall grasses to teach others about Jesus. These crosses became identified with Saint Brigid.

