

FIRST READING

It becomes like fire burning in my heart.
Jeremiah 20: 7-9

PSALM

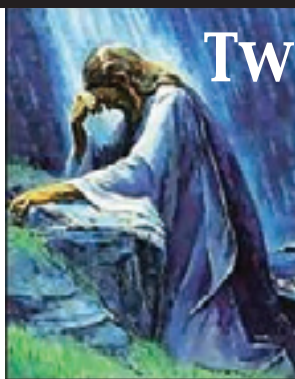
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied.
Psalms 63

SECOND READING

Do not conform yourselves to this age.
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



They Will Be Done (Richard Hook)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 AUGUST 2008

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

Matthew 16: 24

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 31 AUG - 06 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	09:00 AM	† Steve O'Connor
TUE	07:30 AM	† David Haskin
	05:30 PM	† Alice Manning
WED	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	† Aurora Salameh
THU	07:30 AM	† Jean and Marie Goyhenetche
	05:30 PM	Special intention
FRI	07:30 AM	Special intention
	05:30 PM	Benefactors of the parish
SAT	08:00 AM	† Lino Baiata

MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
31 AUG	(Sunday)	<i>Brown Bag Sunday</i>
	07:30 PM	Holy Hour
01 SEP	(Monday)	<i>Labor Day</i>
	09:00 AM	Holy Mass (one only)
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
02 SEP	(Tuesday)	
	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
03 SEP	(Wednesday)	
	09:00 AM	School Mass
04 SEP	(Thursday)	
	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
	06:30 PM	ICF Dinner and Meeting
05 SEP	(Friday)	
06 SEP	(Saturday)	
	10:00 AM -	Confessions
	12:00 PM	(Opus Dei priest)
	03:30 PM -	Confessions
	04:30 PM	(parish priest)



The parish office will be closed on Monday, 01 Sept 2008 for Labor Day.

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

"BROWN BAG" SUNDAY

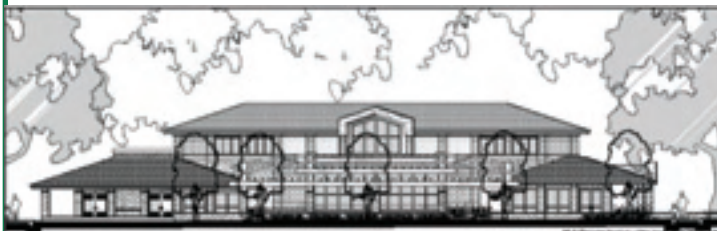


This week the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting donations after the Masses.



NATIVITY PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE I

MULTI-PURPOSE PAVILION AND KINDERGARTEN



FUNDING TO DATE: \$7.02M

TAG THE DATE!

A Benefit Sale will be held outside the **Sobrato Pavilion** on **Saturday, 06 September 2008**, from **08:00 AM-04:30 PM**. Proceeds will be split three ways as follows:

- **St. Francis Church** in East Palo Alto - to assist the needy in the area.
- **Bursa Akademicka** – a student dormitory run by the Diocese of Torun, Poland, where our beloved **Fr. Derek** works.
- A homeless shelter directed by **Sr. Sarah** in Pokrowka, Poland, which houses homeless children and adults and provides them with education in a field of work.

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

01 SEP (Monday):

LABOR DAY

On **05 September 1882**, the first **Labor Day** parade was held in New York City. Twenty thousand workers marched in a parade up Broadway. They carried banners that read *LABOR CREATES ALL WEALTH* and *EIGHT HOURS FOR WORK, EIGHT HOURS FOR REST, EIGHT HOURS FOR RECREATION!* After the parade there were picnics all around the city. At night, fireworks were set off. Within the next few years, the idea spread from coast to coast, and all states celebrated **Labor Day**. In **1894**, Congress voted it a federal holiday.

03 SEP (Wednesday):

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. Gregory was a Benedictine, the first monk to be elected pope (by unanimous acclamation). He wrote seminal works on the Mass and Divine Office, and collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are today referred to as *Gregorian Chants*.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

BIBLE STUDY: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Nativity Parish will sponsor a Bible Study course on the Acts of the Apostles. It begins on **16 September 2008** and continues every **Tuesday** for 20 weeks (with breaks for holidays). There will be two classes: the first from **09:30-11:30 AM**, and the second from **07:30-09:30 PM**. The evening class is a repeat of the morning class. We will be using the resources developed by Jeff Cavins, a great teacher and scholar. Please call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/322-3013**. The cost is **\$20.00** for materials.

FLIC²

High-school boys: join us this year for these fun and intriguing movie nights presented by **Fr. Chad Wahl, L.C.** Friends and Dads are more than welcome!

Date: **Sunday, 07 September 2008**

Location: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **05:00-08:00 PM**

Movie: **Vantage Point**

For more information contact: **Monica (650/324-0297)** or **Mary Ann Boland (650/363-0261)**.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

An understanding boss and great benefits! Nativity is in great need of additional **Eucharistic Ministers**, especially at the **05:00 PM** Masses. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be in the **O'Hare Center** after all masses on **06-07 September** discussing their ministries. Drop by and hear about the best job you'll ever have.

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Friday, 12 September 2008**, we will hold our next monthly Fatima celebration. 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**.



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our beautiful and much beloved old stained glass windows are in need of restoration. The Parish Finance Council has approved this project, which will commence in September with the *Sacred Heart* window and take approximately five years to complete. The restoration cost of the *Sacred Heart, Blessed Mother* and rose windows is \$20,000 each. Other windows range from \$2000 to \$6,000 each. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$160,000. Appropriate acknowledgements will be made for those underwriting the full cost of a window. If you are interested in making a financial contribution to this effort please contact **Msgr. Otellini, 650/323-7914**.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All mothers are invited to join us for prayer and fellowship on **Friday, 12 September 2008** from **10:30 AM** until **12:00 PM** in the **O'Hare Center**. Please bring your little ones with you! Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Change of date! Religious Education classes will begin on **Sunday, 14 September 2008** at Nativity School, **08:20-09:20 AM**. Please call **Sister Merlynn Martin** for further information at **650/327-2318** or **650/289-0389**.

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: 12:00 AM (midnight) - 01:00 AM

TUE: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Please call **650/322-3013** for more information or to sign up.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please welcome the newest members of our Christian community:



- **Alex Jay** son of **Alejandro Ayala** and **Rosalina Calderon**
- **Bianca Maria** daughter of **Manuel** and **Lorraine Ramirez**
- **Tyler Jakob Toivo** son of **Gregory** and **Helen Ungerman**

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

We congratulate



- **Lucian Lam** and **Monica Leung**
- **Peter Roman** and **Virginia Coldiron**

on their recent marriages at Nativity. May these couples grow in grace, aided by the prayerful support of their parish family.

Nativity welcomes our newest parishioners:



- **Markus** and **Andrea Putze** (*Sophie-Marie*)
- **Nicholas** and **Catherine Noviello** (*Francesca, Carolina*)

CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

Our new directories have finally arrived from Olan Mills and they are very nice. If you had your picture taken for the directory please stop by the rectory and pick up your free copy. The office hours are **09:00 AM-04:00 PM Monday through Friday**. At a later date we may have some that we will be able to sell to those who did not have their picture taken. If you are planning to get rid of your old directories, please shred the names and addresses. If you have any questions please call **650/323-7914**.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Monday morning **Bible Study Group** will resume on **Monday, 08 September 2008**, at **09:00 AM** in the **O'Hare Center**. All are welcome. For more information contact **Tim Kennedy, 650/321-4818**.

SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

South Bay Blue Star Mom is a support and service group in the South Bay Area. We are moms and other family members joining together to share our worries, pride, and our devotion for our loved ones serving in all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. Our founding moms first came together soon after the tragic events of 11 September 2001. We are an official chapter of the **Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.**, a group formed during World War I, and officially chartered by Congress. We mail care packages and other to our troops and other activities. South Bay Blue Star Moms is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and non-profit group, with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

Check our website: www.southbaybluestarmoms.org.

Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact the **Juan Diego Society** at 408/258-2008 or the **Gabriel Project** at 800/910-0191.

RCIA FOR 2008-2009

Persons interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **2008-2009 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Mondays, 07:30-09:00 PM**, in the **O'Hare Center**, beginning **15 September 2008**. This rite of faith formation is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and now are considering becoming Catholic. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, 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, **11 April 2009**. 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**). We look forward to welcoming you.

NATIVITY RESPECT LIFE

Please join us in saying the Rosary outside a nearby abortion clinic, **First Saturday, 06 September 2008**. We meet between the O'Hare Center and the Church after the **08:00 AM Mass** on Saturday before heading over. Contact **Eileen** at **650/799-4722**.

THE THURSDAY GROUP

Welcome back and new members are always welcome! Beginning **11 September 2008** at **11:00 AM**, the **Thursday Group** will resume their regular meetings with a DVD, "*Spirituality and the Two Halves of Life*," with **Fr. Ron Rolheiser**. Mass will be at **12:00 PM**. Bring a bag lunch; cake and coffee will be provided. For more information call **Sr. Merlynn** at **650/327-2319** or **650/289-0389**.



LOST AND FOUND

Found: One clip-on pearl earring. Contact the parish office.

IN THE COMMUNITY

YOU ARE INVITED

The new school buildings and field will be dedicated on **Saturday, 13 September 2008** at **10:30 AM**. The blessing ceremony will be presided by **Archbishop Niederauer**. Afterwards, stay for a picnic hosted by the Nativity Men's Club. Thank you for your generosity and I hope to see you there!

Msgr. Otellini

ICA GALA DINNER

Immaculate Conception Academy is celebrating **125 years** of educating young women by hosting our **First Annual Gala Dinner** on **04 October 2008**. Graduates, alumnae and family, along with all friends of the Academy, are invited to celebrate our history and an exciting new direction ICA will be taking in the future. You won't want to miss this night. For more information, please contact **Patricia Cavagnaro** at **415/824-2052, x31** or email at pcavagnaro@icacademy.org.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



We are continuing to publish the text of the

ENCYCLICAL LETTER **SPE SALVI (SAVED BY HOPE)** OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF *BENEDICT XVI*

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness Benedict XVI** asks for general and missionary prayer intentions. For **September 2008**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

General: That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

Missionary: That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others.



III. Judgement as a setting for learning and practising hope (cont'd.)

42. In the modern era, the idea of the Last Judgement has faded into the background: Christian faith has been individualized and primarily oriented towards the salvation of the believer's own soul, while reflection on world history is largely dominated by the idea of progress. The fundamental content of awaiting a final Judgement, however, has not disappeared: it has simply taken on a totally different form. The atheism of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries is—in its origins and aims—a type of moralism: a protest against the injustices of the world and of world history. A world marked by so much injustice, innocent suffering, and cynicism of power cannot be the work of a good God. A God with responsibility for such a world would not be a just God, much less a good God. It is for the sake of morality that this God has to be contested. Since there is no God to create justice, it seems man himself is now called to establish justice. If in the face of this world's suffering, protest against God is understandable, the claim that humanity can and must do what no God actually does or is able to do is both presumptuous and intrinsically false. It is no accident that this idea has led to the greatest forms of cruelty and violations of justice; rather, it is grounded in the intrinsic falsity of the claim. A world which has to create its own justice is a world without hope. No one and nothing can answer for centuries of suffering. No one and nothing can guarantee that the cynicism of power—whatever beguiling ideological mask it adopts—will cease to dominate the world. This is why the great thinkers of the Frankfurt School, Max Horkheimer and Theodor W. Adorno, were equally critical of atheism and theism. Horkheimer radically excluded the possibility of ever finding a this-worldly substitute for God, while at the same time he rejected the image of a good and just God. In an extreme radicalization of the Old Testament prohibition of images, he speaks of a “longing for the totally Other” that remains inaccessible—a cry of yearning directed at world history. Adorno also firmly upheld this total rejection of images, which naturally meant the exclusion of any “image” of a loving God. On the other hand, he also constantly emphasized this “negative” dialectic and asserted that justice—true justice—would require a world “where not only present suffering would be wiped out, but also that which is irrevocably past would be undone”[30]. This, would mean, however—to express it with positive and hence, for him, inadequate symbols—that there can be no justice without a resurrection of the dead. Yet this would have to involve “the resurrection of the flesh, something that is totally foreign to idealism and the realm of Absolute spirit”

43. Christians likewise can and must constantly learn from the strict rejection of images that is contained in God's first commandment (cf. Ex 20:4). The truth of negative theology was highlighted by the Fourth Lateran Council, which explicitly stated that however great the similarity that may be established between Creator and creature, the dissimilarity between them is always greater[32]. In any case, for the believer the rejection of images cannot be carried so far that one ends up, as Horkheimer and Adorno would like, by saying “no” to both theses—theism and atheism. God has given himself an “image”: in Christ who was made man. In him who was crucified, the denial of false images of God is taken to an extreme. God now reveals his true face in the figure of the sufferer who shares man's God-forsaken condition by taking it upon himself.

(continued next week)

DEFEND MARRIAGE!

Join with your neighbors in protecting marriage and support the **YES on Proposition 8** campaign. Our efforts are currently underway. Join us on **Saturday, 06 September 2008** in Palo Alto. For details contact **Kara Rieben** at krieben@gmail.com.

HOW SHOULD A CATHOLIC VOTE?

Catholic Answers Action has compiled a *Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics*. If interested, email the editors at nativity_bulletin@gmail.com for the PDF file.



PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PROPOSITION 8

In November, Californians will be going to the polls to decide a critical moral issue for the state - whether marriage is between one man and one woman, the way God designed us (and the way it has been for thousands of years), or otherwise. Recognizing that this is as much (if not more) of a spiritual struggle as a purely political one, Nativity would like everyone to participate in prayer and fasting. As to prayer, first we would ask that everyone say a **54 Day Rosary Novena** for its passage. This daily rosary would begin on **12 September** and end on **03 November**. The first 27 days are said in petition, and the second 27 in thanksgiving for hearing our request. Secondly, on **Sunday, 05 October**, we will be saying the **2,000 Hail Mary Prayer**: 2,000 *Hail Mary's* along with meditations and petitions will be said in church beginning at **01:30 PM** and ending about **07:00 PM** (with a break for 05:00 PM Mass). Please join us for all or even just part of the prayer. Finally, we should all give up something we enjoy (a certain food, TV, etc.) until **03 November** for this intention. "*Fasting adds wings to our prayer.*" Even a small sacrifice can make a big difference. Together, let us ask God for His assistance in preserving the integrity of our families and really saving society. For any questions about this, call **Deacon Dominick** or **Mary Ellen Peloso** at **650/322-3013**.

Young Believers



Take up your cross, and follow Me.

FIND-A-WORD

Can you locate all these words in the square full of letters?

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| FIRE | BURNING |
| THIRST | WATER |
| CONFORMED | TRANSFORM |
| DENY | CROSS |
| SAKE | GAIN |
| FORFEIT | LIFE |

T H I R S T G O O D
 C R O S S S N O T F L
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(Just like in our lives, JESUS is always there, too.)