



Church of the Nativity

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8th, 2019



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MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 7– SEPTEMBER 13

SATURDAY	
5:00 PM	Christopher Stewart, RIP
SUNDAY	
7:30 AM	For all Parishioners
9:00 AM	Giuseppe Butera, RIP
10:30 AM	Margaret Dohn, Special Intention
MONDAY	
8:00 AM	Albert Lucas, RIP
TUESDAY	
8:00 AM	Ronnie and Rogelio Rivera, RIP
WEDNESDAY	
8:00 AM	Adeline Cotter, RIP
THURSDAY	
8:00 AM	Mary Shean Maurer, Special Intention
FRIDAY	
8:00 AM	Bob and Emily Beard, RIP

Clergy Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm Fr. Minh Do
Sunday, 7:30 am Fr. Minh Do * Dcn. Jim preaches
Sunday, 9:00 am Fr. Minh Do
Sunday, 10:30 am Fr. Minh Do

You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight (Wisdom 9:13-18b).

Time, Talent and Treasure

Registered Households: 1225

Contributing Parishioners YTD: 622

Our Parishioners contributed \$14, 861 in the weekly collection to further the Mission & Ministry provided by the Church of the Nativity.

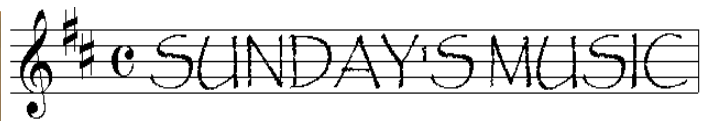
Thank you for giving what is meaningful to you to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Grandparents Day
 Monday: St. Peter Claver
 Wednesday: Patriot Day
 Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Friday: St. John Chrysostom
 Saturday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The text of the **Call to Worship** was written by German Jesuits in the 17th century, and first appeared in a collection of hymns in Leipzig in 1842: *Beautiful savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of man. Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.* The melody began life as a Silesian folk song, a historical region of Central Europe located mostly in Poland.

The Offertory is by Malcolm Archer: *God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing.* This text is from a medieval Book of Hours, an illuminated manuscript containing a collection of texts, prayers and psalms, along with appropriate illustrations, to form a reference for Catholic worship and devotion.

The Communion begins with an *Adoramus te* by the Italian composer Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743), born at Rieti. He came to Rome as a boy and sang in the choir of Santi Apostoli church. Francesco Foggia gave him instructions in counterpoint, and he became choir director, first at Terra di Rotondo and later at Assisi. In 1676 he went to Rieti and in 1677 to Rome, where he held various appointments, ending as choir director at St Marco, where he was buried. Pitoni appears to have devoted himself exclusively to church music, and although he did not disdain the modern style with instrumental accompaniment, he is best known by his Masses and other works. The text is: *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the World.*

The second piece at 7:30 and 9 is *O Domine Jesu Christe* by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599) who was appointed music director at Jaén Cathedral in Andalusia, the autonomous community in Southern Spain, at the age of 17. He later accepted a similar position in the capital, Seville. In 1589 he traveled to the Holy Land, but coming home his ship was twice attacked by pirates, who threatened his life, stole his money, and held him for ransom. Back in Spain, a series of misfortunes led him to debtor's prison; at last his old employer at Seville Cathedral extricated him, and he resumed working there. His book on his adventurous vacation was published in 1590; he intended to return but unfortunately died in the plague of 1599 in Seville. The text is: *Lord Jesus Christ, I worship you, who was wounded on the cross and given gall and vinegar to drink: I pray that your wounds may be a remedy for my soul.*

The second piece at 10:30 is a chorus by John Stainer (1840-1901), taken from his larger work, *The Crucifixion* from 1887: *God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

The third piece is *A New Blessing* by Mark T. Deen. The text is based on Numbers 6:24-26 where it is preceded by God's instructions to Moses telling Aaron and his sons how to bless the Israelites: *May the Lord our Father bless you and keep you, may his face shine on you; may the Lord our Father give you peace. May the Lord lift his countenance upon you and be gracious unto you.*



“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” Lk 14,27

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus reminds us that faithful discipleship in Him requires that we take up our cross each day and follow him in our words and deeds. This does not mean that we only follow Jesus when we are happy or have lots of money, success or time; we are just too busy. Following the One Who Loves us is never convenient. Convenience is often done out of pleasure: “I am happy to do this or that for you when it’s convenient for me.” Following Jesus requires us to be His disciples in the world among the people, every day of our lives. Remember, that through Baptism, we have become a new creation in Christ and thus, not of this world, although we are in the world. We are now children of the light. Through Divine Adoption in our baptism, we became God’s children and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Until the time comes when we see God face to face, we have work to do on our journey here on earth. I know we each have a cross to carry. Some seem to carry a bigger cross than others! That is obviously not a wooden cross like that of Calvary, but nevertheless, it is a burden on our life. These crosses come in various forms: family problems, financial challenges, illnesses, problems at work, etc. It can be a personal battle from within us, struggling with the vices of sin. It can be the cross of trying to raise and be a family in this culture of death. Every cross is unique, but **all have equal weight**. The cross we carry is as unique as our soul; no two are the same. We may have the same illnesses, but experience pain differently; it is individualized and personal.

The cartoon above reminds me of a story about someone who was carrying a cross. Initially, it was taken up with zeal and passion to serve God. Then along the way, as the cross became a burden it was trimmed a little here and there. Eventually, like the figure in the yellow above, it was easy until it became time to overcome the canyon. Now, although the cross was smaller, it could not be used as a bridge. The moral of the story is simply that there are reasons for the crosses we carry. Crosses are given to us to make us stronger in faith, so that the glory of God may shine through us for others. We can demonstrate our faithfulness as disciples of Jesus by carrying our cross lovingly and offering it up for the good of the world. Sometimes the crosses we carry are a result of the world we live in, for example, war, terrorism, crime. We endure them together as a family, a community, as a Church, and most importantly, with Jesus, especially in this culture of materialism and hedonism. Since the beginning of our Church, the culture around us has never made it easy. If the world had its own way, it would get rid of God in order to do whatever it pleased. We all know this will ultimately lead to the destruction of humanity.

We can walk with Jesus, either as spectators or as committed disciples, it can only be one or the other. Spectators sit and watch what happens, whereas committed disciples make things happen. Only true disciples will know the power, peace and glory of the new life that comes from their cross with Christ, whatever that cross may be. The cross in our life offers us that unique path by which we follow Jesus. The cross is how we grow in spiritual maturity here and now, and to glory with Jesus Christ forever. It can change us from being a spectator into a disciple of Christ in a very personal way. Let us not be part of the wandering majority which aimlessly follows the ways of the world! Together, we can be at the core of those whose truth is rooted in Jesus Christ and whose aim is to bring the shining truth of the Gospel to the world through our words and deeds.

May the Lord continue to guide and bless us on our journey and all you do for the glory of God.

“Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Lk 14,33)

Rev. Minh Do



GRIEF: A Conversation for Healing

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 ~ 7:00-8:30 PM
Church of the Nativity Commons
6309 El Apajo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Participate in a conversation with a panel of experts in the fields of grief and bereavement. Learn about the resources and support available for those suffering from grief. All are welcome. "Our model of healing is always Jesus Christ—the divine physician—who, with great tenderness, compassion and solicitude, draws close to us and binds up our wounds. Like Christ, we are called to tend to the whole person—body, mind and spirit."

From Hope and Healing: A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of California

- **Jonathon Collopy, PhD, LMFT**
Church of the Nativity Mental Health Ministry Team Member
- **Sher DeWeese, Executive Director**
Trauma Intervention Programs of San Diego (TIPS)
- **Melissa Lunardini, MA, MBA**
Elizabeth Hospice Children's Bereavement Manager
- **Rachel Redhouse**
Director, Empty Cradle Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support
- **Jim Reiser, Jr., MA, LMFT**
Hospice of the North Coast Bereavement Coordinator

Above panel moderated by Deacon Jim Walsh

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Anyone of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

Please join us in singing the Psalm response

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord, you have been our re - fuge.



*All Parishioners are invited to the
 Formal Installation of
 Fr. Minh Q. Do
 As Pastor of
 Church of the Nativity
 5:00 PM MASS
 Saturday October 19, 2019*

*Presided by the Most Reverend Bishop Robert McElroy , Bishop of San Diego
 Reception to follow*



*September 11th, 8:30-10:00 am
 Nativity Commons*

*Learn about opportunities to become more
 involved in your church community.*

The Women of Nativity

*Come and join us,
 The Women of Nativity at our
 Opportunity Fair*

- Welcoming Father Minh our new pastor
- Participating in Church Community Services, or
- Participating in one of the outreach programs



The Fall campaign for **40 Days for Life** runs from September 25 to November 3 at five locations in San Diego County. Below is a list of the opening prayer vigils, as well as other upcoming pro-life events in San Diego for the next few weeks:

- Saturday Sept. 21 at 2:00 to 4:00 PM**, "Cast The Vision" event for the opening of 40 Days for Life in front of Planned Parenthood in Mira Mesa - (Mira Mesa Health Center, 10717 Camino Ruiz, Unit 258, San Diego, CA 92126). Note: We will pray on the public sidewalk along the east side of Camino Ruiz, north of Mira Mesa Blvd., and just south of the Carl's Jr.
- Sunday Sept. 22 at 2:00 to 4:00 PM**, "1,000 PRO-LIFERS PRAYER RALLY" on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood at 1295 Broadway in Chula Vista. This is the Chula Vista 40 Days for Life location.
- Tuesday Sept. 24 at 6:00 PM**, the opening prayer vigil for 40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood in El Cajon, which is located at 1685 East Main Street.
- Wednesday Sept. 25 at 6:00 PM**, the opening prayer vigil for 40 Days for Life at Planned Parenthood Downtown San Diego, which is located at 2017 First Avenue (First and Grape). This is the main surgical center for all of San Diego, and the first time 40 Days for Life will be in front of the largest abortion center in the county.
- Saturday Sept. 28 at 9:30 AM**, the opening prayer vigil for 40 Days for Life at Vista, located at 1964 Via Centre between Emerald & College, off Hacienda Drive.
- Sept. 25 through Nov. 3 - 40 Days for Life**, a continuous prayer vigil for 40 days in front of 5 abortion centers in San Diego County. This is a peaceful, legal event that is occurring at the same time in hundreds of cities throughout the world, including a record 49 locations in California this year. More than 16,000 babies have been saved during 40 Days for Life since it started in 2007.

Check for updates on the website as the campaign start-date approaches.



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Safe Environment Coordinator: John Marin**PASTORAL CARE****Nativity Samaritans:** stephaniekourie@cox.net**Childcare:** Attended care is provided in the play room off the Commons during 9 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses.**Holy Communion for the sick:** For the homebound upon request, **858-756-1911****Small Christian Communities - Faith Sharing Groups**See Deacon Jim Walsh or contact Kathy Alameda at 858-756-9755 or kathyalameda1@gmail.com**Altar Servers:** Bill Hearne at bhearne@weoneil.com**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Mimi Johnson at mimijohns78@gmail.com**Mental Health Ministry:** Lisa James at **858-367-0049**.**Lectors:** Catherine Mowbray-Lorenz cmowbraylorenz@gmail.com or telephone **760-964-9296** for more information.**Ushers:** Corbitt Kerr at ckerr@davlyninvestments.com**Life Ministry Coordinator:** L. Victoria Pashaian, **760-807-0595****LVictoriaPashaian@nativitycatholic.org****Tribunal Advocate:** Jane Boler at bolerj14@gmail.com**SACRAMENTS****Baptism:** Celebrated on the 4th Sunday, after 10:30 am Mass
Please contact the Parish Office 858-756-1911 or
lbarton@nativitycatholic.org.**Marriage:** Saturdays, 11:00 am or 2:00 pm
Contact the parish office at 858-756-1911.**Anointing of the Sick:** Encouraged for anyone critically ill,
for the elderly, or prior to major surgery**Reconciliation:** Saturday, 4:00-4:30 pm in the Chapel**Eucharist:**Weekday Mass: Monday - Friday, 8 am in the Main ChurchEucharistic Adoration: Every Friday after 8 am MassPerpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays, after 8 am MassRosary: Weekdays, after 8 am Mass in the Chapel**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Classes meet September through June

PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE**Preschool - 6th: Sundays, 8:50-10:05am at The Nativity School****Junior High 7th /8th: Sundays, 5:00-6:15pm Parish Library****2019-20 Nativity Family Faith Formation Classes
Pre-K to 8th Grade**Register now for Sunday classes to begin on 9/8 from 8:50-10:05am. For current families, the registration link was emailed to you from School Speak. For new families, please email faithformation@nativitymail.org to request a registration link.**Email Amanda Telles at faithformation@nativitymail.org for more information.****HIGH SCHOOL: 9TH - 12TH GRADE**

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

Youth Group: Sundays, 5pm to 6:15pm

Registration Forms for the 2019-2020 Youth Ministry Year have been mailed home. If you didn't get one please call (858)756-1911 ext. 5 with your current mailing address. Please return them to the Parish Office by September 22 or by your teen's first attendance.

Our Kickoff Meeting will be on Sunday September 22 from 5-6:15pm in the Commons. All freshmen, new teens, and their parents are invited to come meet each other, hear about the Youth Ministry Program and Confirmation Program requirements, and share pizza and refreshments. This is the only meeting I ask new parents to attend during their teen's 4 years in the program so they know how the Youth Ministry Program works, especially for Confirmation in sophomore, junior, or senior year. Returning teens and families are not required to attend as it will be information they heard in previous years.

Our second gathering on Sunday September 29 is for all freshmen-seniors from 5-6:15pm in the Commons. It will be a "Get To Know You Night" where freshmen and new teens are paired up with other students from their school to do sharing and icebreaker activities to help ease their transition into High School.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Contact: Mike James, 858-756-1911, ext. 5

RCIA Class starts on September 22 from 11:30am-12:30pm in the Parish Office Classroom and continues each Sunday afterwards.

R.C.I.A. stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you are an adult looking to learn more about or be initiated into the Catholic faith, need to pick up a missed sacrament, or are a lifelong Catholic looking for a refresher course then the R.C.I.A. class can help answer your questions.

At each class we spend time answering your questions about the Catholic faith, reviewing the bible readings from mass, and discussing the current chapter in our book. The most important thing is getting your questions answered. Spouses, children, sponsors, and friends are also welcome to attend class with you. If you are interested in joining please contact Mike James at (858)756-1911 ext. 5.