



# STAR of the SEA

a stewardship parish



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**December 10th, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent** (p14 in Red Missal)

*Extraordinary Form: Second Sunday of Advent (p143 in Black Missal)*



**Comfort** Today's readings echo the first lines of Handel's Messiah, or rather the great German composer echoed Isaiah 40 in his masterwork. "Comfort, speak comfort to my people," we hear on this Second Sunday of

Advent. "Speak tenderly to my daughter, that her guilt has been expiated, and her service is at an end." The Catholic Church did not invent guilt. We labor under its crushing burden from the time we can tell right from wrong. It doesn't help to pretend there is no difference between good and evil, for Mother Nature is not mocked. There is a right way to do things and there is a wrong way. Often have we mistakenly chosen the wrong way, and we feel very badly about it. What will bring comfort to our tortured hearts? **"A Voice Cries Out...** prepare a way for the Lord." Building this royal highway for God, that He may travel from heaven right into our hearts, comforts our hearts: Making straight that which is crooked, filling in the terrible valleys (dark holes) in our hearts, and leveling the mountains of our towering arrogance. St. John the Baptist emerges from the Dead Sea Wastes in today's Gospel, calling Jerusalem to repentance. They flocked to the River Jordan *as they acknowledged their sins*. **Penance** Advent is not just a shopping season. It is a season of penance, cleaning out our souls to make room for the child whose parents found no welcome in Bethlehem. I suggest three acts of penance. Choose one. **First**, canon law

stipulates that all Catholics do some form of penance every Friday. We would be a better people if we complied with this law. Give up a meal or part of a meal on Fridays. Give up TV or internet surfing. Sacrifice something every Friday, beginning now. **Second**, make a good confession before Christmas. **Third**, give some of your time to help someone. I recommend joining our Street Evangelization folks every other Sunday after the 9:30 Mass at the Clement Street Farmer's Market. The people on our streets need God, and they need us to witness to Him. Call the office for details.



*Our Street Evangelization crew singing Christmas carols last December on Clement Street*

Here's a story: Last Saturday I pulled my kayak out of the Bay near a nice man who asked me where I stored my boat. I told him in the garage at Star of the Sea, as I was the pastor. He smiled and said he met our people at the Clement Street Farmer's Market while they were evangelizing. A lapsed Catholic, he was inspired to "come home for Christmas." Let us pray for him and so many other Catholics in the city!

Fr. Joseph Illo [www.frilloblog.com](http://www.frilloblog.com)

Our mission statement:  
*to evangelize God's people  
beginning with the gift of the  
Holy Eucharist.*

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Office: M-F 8:30am-4:00pm.  
Office closed 12:00-1:00pm  
for Mass.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Vigil 4:30pm, Sun 8am,  
9:30am, 11:30 am (Latin),  
5pm (Latin), 7:30pm

## Adoration

Tues. 8:30am 'til Saturday  
4pm, Tuesday 7-8pm, Every  
2nd Sunday 3:15-4:15pm

## Daily Masses

Monday to Friday  
7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon  
Saturday 8:30am

## Social Events

Parish BBQ: First  
Sundays Young Adults  
Tuesdays 7pm

## Holy Day Masses

7:30am (Latin) 12 Noon,  
5:30pm, 6:30pm (Latin  
with choir)

## Devotions to Jesus

Sacred Heart First Friday  
after Noon Mass, Divine  
Mercy Saturday at 3pm

## Confessions

15 Minutes before every  
Mass, Saturday 3:15-4:15 or  
by appointment

## Devotions to Mary

Perpetual Help Wednesday  
after Noon Mass. Fatima First  
Saturday after 8:30am Mass

# NEWS

## The Sunday Scriptures

by Fr. Joseph Illo **Comfort** (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8)

St. John the Baptist stars in today's readings, appearing on the edge of the Judean desert crying out for our repentance. Advent is a season of penance, because we certainly don't do enough of it. How will we give birth the Son of God if our hearts are burdened with impurity? Begin your new year with real acts of penance (see my pastor's message on page one for some ideas) and you will see God so much more clearly in your world!

## Advent Magnificat

Magnificats are in! Come by the Parish Office to receive an Advent Magnificat Companion - a perfect way to help prepare for the birth of Christ!

## Star School Advent Concert

CORRECTION: This week! December 12 at 5pm in the Church the Star of the Sea School will have their Advent Concert. Please join us, for more information call the School.

## Guadalupe Procession

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a Mass at 6:30pm, followed by a candlelight procession, Mariachi, and Rosary. Stay for food and a social after the procession.

## Eucharistic Adorer

**"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes."** - Pope Paul VI

Eucharistic Adoration is open from 8am on Tuesdays - 4pm on Saturdays. Adoration in the Church during the day from 8am - 5pm and reposed during Masses. Please visit our Adoration information table outside the Chapel in the West



Entrance of the Church and consider signing up for a weekly



hour. All are welcome!

### Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

PSR making Advent Wreaths

## Las Posadas

December 16th marks the beginning of Las Posadas: a 9 day celebration during which families and friends in Mexico and parts of Central America celebrate and re-enact the journey of Mary and Joseph in their search of shelter before the birth of Jesus. Please join us in the Star Gym on this special day for tamale making (yes you get to take the ones you make home!), a pinata, light but super yummy Mexican refreshments, and Christmas movie viewing for the kids! This event is free. Donations are encouraged!

Can't make it but want tamales? Tamales will be available for purchase! Place your pre-order now! Contact [scarlet@starparish.com](mailto:scarlet@starparish.com)

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve Masses:

4:30pm Children's Choir,

10pm Caroling followed by 10:30pm full choir Mass,

12 Midnight Latin Sung High

### Christmas Day Masses:

8am with Christmas Carols,

9:30am full Choir,

11:30am Latin

No 5pm or 7:30pm Masses

### New Years Eve:

11:30-12:30am Holy Hour with Benediction

**Solemnity of The Mother of God Masses (Jan. 1)**

# PRAYER

12/15	Time	Intention
Sat 12/9	8:30am 4:30pm	In thanksgiving of the Guadalupana Group Int. of Francis & Jenny Chow
Sun 12 /10	8am 9:30am 11:30am  5pm 7:30pm	In thanksgiving of the Guadalupana Group +Josephine Lo +Irene Swift +Roland H. Gandioco Int. of Richard Fraher for healing Int. of Sue Collins
Mon 12/11	7:30am 12Noon	In thanksgiving of the Guadalupana Group +Antonio Punsalan
Tue 12/12	7:30am 12Noon	Int. Bridget Geist +Hannah Gallan In thanksgiving of the Guadalupana Group In thanksgiving of Sonia Lee & Family
Wed 12/13	7:30am 12Noon	+Fr. Paul Bardett, O.P. +Carlos Luque
Thu 12/14	7:30am 12Noon	+Fr. Felix Cassidy, O.P. +John De Falco +Adele D. Grady
Fri 12/15	7:30am 12Noon	+George Maloof +Robert Glynn +Lorraine B. Mann
Sat 12/16	8:30am 4:30pm	In Thanksgiving of Sonia Lee & Family Int. of Ed Tobin

Please pray for ...  
Fr. John  
McDermott, Ron  
Howes, Leoni  
Pryor, Billy  
Kennedy, Jenny &  
Francis Chow,  
Blanca Barahona,  
Valerie Chicas,  
Valerie Abejuro  
Miller, Raquel  
Pasco, Sis. Theresa  
Grant, Peter  
Haramis, Leslie  
Weber, Christina  
G. Piazio, John  
Driscoll, Edna  
Herrera, Miles  
Sellai, David  
Schiessl, David  
Talpas, Matthew  
Nelson, Cecilia  
Conway, Sicily  
Guzman,  
Anastasia Olbash,  
Ben-Hur Palma,  
Michael Hughes,  
Mary Accdan,  
Charde Ford,  
James Houghton,  
Flora Atento,  
Tony Yoshida,  
Raymond Ellery,  
George Pulizzano,  
Maria Fernanda  
Marcal, Maryanne  
Thompson,

Christian Ourtague, Pat Hegarty, Johnny Colins, Sam  
Lahey, Joshua Cavalier, Manuel Sequeira, Evelyn Gan,  
Tessie So, Bruce Pritchard, Mary Guy, Beradi Wang,  
Suzane Wang, Rosa Lee, Tina Sanchez, Janice Alden Tom  
Schatz, Luz King, Connie Abordo, Jean Brock, David  
Glennon, Jennifer Bolla, Dave Vanskiver

## Advent Ideas

It's not too late to make a wreath and light candles for the next  
2 weeks. Put up your managers without the Child Jesus so that  
we can see his absence and anticipate his arrival even more.  
We are a physical people and the more signs of our faith you  
can put around your home, the better!

## Walk for Life - Speaker Series

Get ready for January BIG events!

This year's 14th Annual West Coast Walk for Life will be held  
on Saturday January 27 at 12:30pm, beginning downtown at  
the Civic Center. Do not miss this opportunity to see  
community in the streets of San Francisco. It is a peaceful and  
inspiring walk to see so many come out every year to support  
women. Afterwards we will have a **Free BBQ** at 5:00pm in  
Auditorium, followed by this quarters: **Star Speaker Series**  
given by the **Sisters of Life**. Their talk will be held at 6pm, i  
the Church, with a **Holy Hour** at 7pm.

# EVENTS

Saturday December 9, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish Office.

Saturday December 9, **Consecration of California to the Immaculate Heart** 12 noon Mass followed by rosary

Sunday December 10, **Second Sunday in Advent**

Tuesday December 12, **Bible Study** at 3:00pm at the Parish Office. Call (650) 660-4546 to RSVP

Tuesday December 12, **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass** 6:30pm followed by procession and feast

Thursday December 14, **Pro-Life Group** at 7pm prays outside Planned Parenthood on Valencia St.

Saturday December 16, **Mothers Group** at 8:30am Mass or after Mass at 9:15am in the Parish Office

Sunday December 17, **Third Sunday in Advent**

Sunday December 17, **Guadalupe Luncheon** after the 11:30am Mass in the courtyard

Monday December 18, **Knights of Columbus** meeting at 7pm in the St. Francis room

Tuesday December 19, **Holy Hour** at 7pm in the Church to pray for the intentions of everyone at the parish and school

Tuesday December 19, **Young Adults Fellowship** after 7pm Holy Hour in the West Entrance of the Church and then to a local pub to be determined.

Sunday December 24, **PSR Children's Christmas Eve Mass** 4:30pm, 10:30pm Choral Mass, 12 Midnight High Latin Mass

Monday December 25, **Christmas Day** Masses 8am, 9:30am Choral and 11:30 Latin

Sunday December 31, **New Years Eve Holy Hour** 11:30pm - 12:30am followed by a party in the Auditorium

Monday January 1, **Solemnity of the Mother of God** 6:30pm Solemn High Latin Mass

Saturday January 27, **West Coast Walk for Life** 12:30pm, downtown Civic Center

Saturday January 27, **Free BBQ**, 5:00pm in Auditorium

Saturday January 27, **Star Speaker Series - Sisters of Life**, 6pm, Holy Hour at 7pm in the Church



# STEWARDSHIP

**Stewardship** is a way of life, a life of accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Giver of all. **Stewardship** involves responsible management of our God-given resources of **Time** (that is, time spent in prayer before God), **Talent** (our God-given abilities), and **Treasure** (our God-given wealth). Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts.

## Christmas Drive for the Homeless

For our Christmas drive for the homeless, let's help keep them warm this winter. Our goal is for 100 sets of hats and gloves, mostly for men (75 for men, 25 for women). We need them by Friday, December 15.

## Guadalupana Luncheon

The Guadalupanas are celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with FREE International Food on December 17th right after the 11:30am Mass in the courtyard. Bring your raffle tickets for drawing on that day.

## Steward Stats



**Time:** 2 families preparing to baptize their Children. Welcome new families!



**Talent:** 52 Advent wreaths were made by the PSR families



**Treasure:** \$7,308 given in Offertory.

**Estate Planning:** Help our work live on. Please remember us in your will. For information on estate planning, please contact Martin Ford at the parish office.



Estrelle Chan receiving the Stella Maris Award at this years Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

## Giving Tree

Each year, we help Catholic Charities provide gifts for at least 3 of their programs. Please visit our Giving Tree and choose a gift tag or two to help "brighten" up Christmas for a struggling family from St. Joseph's Family Center. Please also consider purchasing a gift or two for adults from the Derek Silva or Peter Claver community who are suffering from a chronic illness and threatened by homelessness. They tend to be forgotten. Please bring your gift offering to the Rectory by Monday, December 18.

## Donate Poinsettias

Please donate poinsettias to adorn our Altars for the coming of our Savior! Donations to receive on or before December 20th. Please put at the altar rail in the Church. Thank you!



Fr. Chung's first time on the scoot

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### Parishioner Registration

Please place this in the offertory basket

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Information

Name

Phone

Email

☐ FULL ☐ ASSOCIATE