



STAR of the SEA

a stewardship parish



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February 18th, 2018 First Sunday of Lent (p99 in Red Missal)
Extraordinary Form: First Sunday of Lent (p298 in Black Missal)



Welcome to **Lent 2018**. The Good God has given us another year of grace, another Lent to clean the gunk out of our lives. It's never too late to make our peace with God. "Even now," we hear in Lent's first scripture reading, "return to me with your whole

heart." Lent is essentially a matter of the heart. Although the externals of Lent are quite obvious—for example the deep purple frontals that cover our tabernacle and altar; the black ashen smear on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday; our gleeful announcements of "what I'm giving up for Lent." But for all its externals, Lent is essentially interior. It is the soul's lethargy, not mere body fat, that we hope to shed. We want to run like a deer and fly like an eagle to the heights, to escape the downward drag of this world. Lent is a springtime of the heart.

Jesus advises us to *hide* our penances so that they can reach deep down into our souls. "When you fast, when you pray, when you give alms, do it in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will repay you." It's not easy for Catholics to keep our penances secret. The black mark on our foreheads gives us away. We explain sheepishly that desserts or drinks at social engagements are not for us until Easter. But for all the visible practices of Lent, they point to the Invisible God, leading us into His Sacred Heart.

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving work to-

gether and in fact cannot fully function without the others. They are Lent's three-legged stool. We begin with the most obvious, **fasting**: it cleans out body and soul so that God will find a home within us. Having fasted we are ready for **prayer**, in which we dwell in silence with God, allowing Him to fill us. And having received God in prayer, we are capable of **almsgiving**, sharing some of that love to those near us. Fasting *empties* us of self-love, prayer *fills* us with God's love, and almsgiving *extends* that love.

We began Lent on St. Valentine's Day. If you want to get love, give love. But what love do we have that we have not first received from God? Celebrate this Valentine's Day by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—preparing for love, receiving love, and giving love. And you will have love.



Lynn Kraehling (music director), Ellen Torkelson (parish secretary) and Georgianna Askoff (music assistant) just after the School Mass on Ash Wednesday

Fr. Joseph Illo more at www.frilloblog.com

Our mission statement:

*to evangelize God's people
beginning with the gift of the
Holy Eucharist.*

Fr. Joseph Illo
Administrator

Fr. John Mary Chung
Parochial Vicar

Martin Ford
Operations Manager

Ellen Torkelson
Secretary / HR

Thelma Queri
Secretary / Bookkeeper

Theresa Poon
School Principal

Jacqueline Paras
Director of Pre-school

Lynn Kraehling
Director of Music

Georgianna Askoff
Music Assistant

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Coordinator

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Stewardship Coordinator

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Sacristan

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President Pastoral Council

John Sellai
President Finance Council

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
Mon. 8:00am '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 **The Desert** (Genesis 9:8-15, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15)

In the first Gospel of Lent, Jesus is driven by the *Holy Spirit*, into the desert. So the next time you are in a "desert," a difficult time in your life without visible support, when it seems God is silent and you are hungry and thirsty, maybe it is the Holy Spirit who have led you, or "driven you," into this desert. Make it a time of prayer and self-emptying, so that you will can be filled with a greater portion of God's grace!

Eucharistic Adorer

"We cannot live, we cannot look at the truth about ourselves without letting ourselves be looked at and generated by Christ in daily Eucharistic Adoration."

-Pope Benedict XVI

Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 7:30am Mass every Monday morning and goes till 4pm on Saturday. Adoration is in the Church during the day from 8am - 5pm and reposed during Masses. All other hours Jesus is exposed in the side Chapel. Please visit our Adoration information table outside the Chapel in the West Entrance of the Church and consider signing up for a weekly hour.

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<p>360 9th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94118</p> <p>Theresa Poon, Principal tpoon@staroftheseasf.com</p>	

Crab Feast

Don't miss the 10th Annual Star of the Sea School Crab feed! Come enjoy a feast and support our community Feb. 24th 6-10pm in the School Gym. Contact Marilyn Bridon in the office at 415-221-8558 or marilynbridon@staroftheseasf.com

Spiritual Warfare Conf.

"Drawing the Battle Lines" - This year's slogan. Save the date Feb 24th 8am - 4pm at Sobrato Pavillion in Menlo Park to hear Fr. Robert Spitzer and Fr. Gary Thomas. Conference is \$45 which includes breakfast and lunch. Register by Feb. 9th. at www.HeartsofLove.biz



Hospitality at Star

It just takes some time and dedication to make sure a warm, welcoming atmosphere is fostered and nurtured in our parish. With the help of Beth Lyons, Leslie Low, Christin Creighton, Connie Arnaldo, and Mariella Zevallos, our stewardship hospitality program, coordinated the First Hight Tea at Star to honor our treasured golden parishioners. Ten girls, from our brand new Star Girls ministry, lead by Mariana Quintanilla made flower arrangements, shared their time talking to our guests and served tea and pastries. Music by Vita Quintanilla and her school group completed this lovely Saturday afternoon tea. Please visit www.starparish.com/stewardship to see more pictures of this event.

Young Adults on Retreat

Please pray for our Young Adults as they go on Retreat this Weekend and for all those participating in the Chastity Challenge. That this time may be fruitful for the whole community.



40 Days for Life Kick-off Mass

40 Days for Life

Need ideas for Lent? Come spend an hour outside Planned Parenthood with 40 Days for Life. It is a time of prayer and fasting to save lives. To sign-up, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco If you have questions please contact the office at 415-571-0450.

PRAYER

12/15	Time	Intention
Sat 2/17	8:30am 4:30pm	+Manuela & Regina Aguirre +Toby Goold +Stephen Wai Kwan Siu
Sun 2/18	8am 9:30am 11:30am 5:00pm 7:30pm	+Consortia O. Ceniza Int. of Ellen Abundo & Family +Carmel Perrone People of the Parish +Emma Roxas Palma
Mon 2/19	7:30am 12Noon	Int. of Mary Jenkins +Carmel Perrone +Antonio Alon
Tue 2/20	7:30am 12Noon	Int. of Mary Jenkins +Carmel Perrone Int. of Gian Carlo Macalalad
Wed 2/21	7:30am 12Noon	Int. for Unborn Children +Carmel Perrone Int. of Raul Queri
Thu 2/22	7:30am 12Noon	Int. of Mary Jenkins +Carmel Perrone +Steve Ladwiniec Msgr. Bruno Peschiera
Fri 2/23	7:30am 12Noon	+Carmel Perrone +Seok Ku John Lee
Sat 2/24	8:30am 4:30pm	Int. of Lucy Tai & Family Int. of Jeanne Bovigny +Jeannot Zago +Melita Ribeiro

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, Mary

Guy, Beradi Wang, Suzane Wang, Rosa Lee, Tina Sanchez,

Janice Alden Tom Schatz, Luz King, Connie Abordo, Jean

Brock, Jennifer Bolla, Dave Van Sciver

FAASTAR Brunch

Date: February 25, 2018(Sunday)

Time:10:00AM to 12:00 PM

Place: School Cafeteria

Ticket: Adults \$10, kids 5 and under free

Brunch consists of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruits, coffee, tea or juice. Proceeds go to church maintenance.

For more information, contact Estrella 415.575.0828 or

Jennifer 415.215.7046

Communion and Liberation

Meetings have changed back to their beginning schedule - 7pm on Thursdays in the St. Francis Room. Please join in. For more information contact Maria Elena at monzani@gmail.com.

Latin Mass Conference

Feb 24-25 in Monterey. Come hear our very own Pastor, Fr. Illo and Bishop Athanasius Schneider. Registration forms available in the Parish office.

EVENTS

Saturday February 17, **Mother's Group** meet after the 8:30am Mass in the Parish office

Saturday February 17, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish Office.

Saturday February 17, **Serving the Homeless**, 3:30-4:30pm under the Cesar Chavez and Potrero Hill exit of Hwy 101.

Sunday February 18, **Book Club** meets at 2pm in the St. Francis Room

Tuesday February 20, **Bible Study** at 3:00pm at the Parish Office. Call (650) 660-4546 to RSVP

Tuesday February 20, **Holy Hour** at 7pm in the Church to pray for the intentions of everyone at the parish and school

Tuesday February 20, **Young Adults Fellowship** after 7pm Holy Hour in the West Entrance of the Church and then to a local pub, Steins

Thursday February 22, **Pro-Life Group** at 7pm prays outside Planned Parenthood on Valencia St.

Thursday February 22, **Communion and Liberation** at 7:00pm in the St. Francis Room

Friday February 23, **Soup Supper**, 6:00pm in the Auditorium, **Stations of the Cross**, 7:15pm in the Church

Saturday February 24, **Legion of Mary** 9:30am in the Parish Office.

Saturday February 24, **Star of the Sea School Crab Feed**, 6-10pm in the Gym

Sunday February 25, **FASTAAR Brunch** 10am - 12 noon in the School Cafeteria \$10.

Monday February 26, **RCIA Class** 6:30pm in the St. Francis Room

Friday March 2, **Soup Supper**, 6:00pm in the Auditorium, **Stations of the Cross**, 7:15pm in the Church

Saturday March 3, **First Saturday Devotions** 8:30am Mass followed by the Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday March 3, **Stewardship Retreat #1** 1-4pm in the Auditorium

Friday March 9, **Soup Supper**, 6:00pm in the Auditorium, **Lenten Speaker Fr. Kennedy**, 6:30pm in the Auditorium, **Stations of the Cross**, 7:15pm in the Church

Saturday March 10, **Stewardship Retreat #2** 1-4pm in the Auditorium

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.

Stewardship Retreat

Formation Classes by Fr. John Piderit, S.J. moderator of the Curia & Vicar for Administration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Florian Romero Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese. Held at Star of the Sea in the Auditorium March 3, 10, and 17, 1pm - 4pm (must attend 3 sessions)

All Star parishioners are invited. Please RSVP or for more information contact Mariella Zevallos, at (415) 378-2360 or Mariella@starparish.com

Star Outreach

We serve with the Missionaries of Charity every 3rd Saturday of the month. from 3:30 to 4:30pm under the Cesar Chavez and Potrero Hill exit of Hwy 101.



Steward Stats

Time: 36 hours of prayer outside Planned Parenthood this past week



Talent: 10 young girls served high tea to Women of our Parish



Treasure: \$10,981 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.



Altar Server Outing, hiking around Sutro Hills

Soup Suppers and Stations

Get ready! This year we have our ministry line-up for cooking Soup Suppers. Dinner starts at 6pm in the Auditorium. Stations of the Cross are at 7:15pm in the Church. Make Friday's at Star part of your Lent!

Lenten Talks

Fr. Kevin Kennedy will be joining us during our Soup Suppers on March 9th, 16th and 23rd. He will be giving us a Lenten Reflection at 6:30pm during the Meal in the Auditorium. Please join us as we strive for holiness together.

Stewardship Conference

Also, Feb 24th! In Belmont, CA at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 10am - 3pm. Dave Baranowski, the Director of Stewardship from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be presenting. To register, contact Florian at 415-614-5537.

Our parish is subscribed to FORMED.ORG. It's like a Catholic Netflix Secret code: **DGG4E2**

Beautifying our sacred space	Thelma Queri (415) 751-0450
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Parishioner Registration

Please place this in the offertory basket

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Information

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ FULL ☐ ASSOCIATE