

December 25 and December 27, 2020 (The Holy Family) * Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (Latin Mass).



The Christmas Star

Since I won a brand-new telescope by selling Christmas cards door-to-door when I was nine years old, I've been fascinated by astronomy. With great excitement, therefore, I took a little group of daily Massgoers to the northeast edge of the parking lot before the 6pm Mass on Dec 22. Far to the southwest we saw a bright shining thing. Fr. Michael thought it was an airplane approaching from the west, with its landing lights on. It was, in fact, the "Great Conjunction" of Jupiter and Saturn, their closest alignment to earthbound viewers since 1226. Photography, apparently, doesn't catch this, but to our unaided eyes a ray of light seemed to reach out from Jupiter towards the smaller Saturn. The two were joined into one body of light, such that Fr. Michael thought it was the illuminated wing of a jetliner. It looked as if Jupiter were extending a helping arm over to Saturn. It made me think of the good God stretching his arm out to us, such as Michelangelo portrayed in his creation fresco on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. At Christmas, God's loving omnipotence reached into our world; eternity reached into time, and a child is given to us, who is Christ the Lord. God is with us! We are one with God, if only we grasp his arm extended over to us. Merry Christmas, everyone!

A Hospital for the Children If you are visiting our parish for Christmas liturgies, **welcome!** You may not know that our community is working to build a hospital in Kenya, under the leadership of our

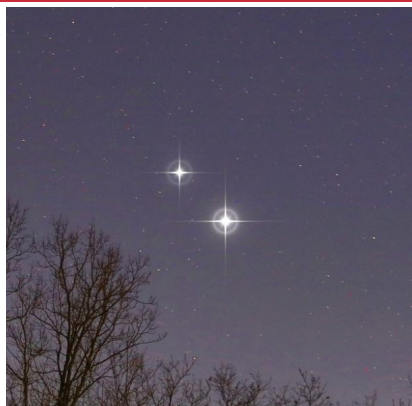


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wonderful Kenyan priest, Fr. Mathias. We've actually supported a small clinic outside of Nairobi for the last three years, but now, especially in our post-Covid world, the people need a larger facility. Do we have the means to help them? With God's help, we have decided that we do have the means. Our little parish has raised over \$100,000 since Covid began, and the project

committee of committed young adult professionals is looking to raise \$3.5 million from beyond our parish to build a four-story hospital with an initial three-year operating budget. After purchasing the land, we needed to find water. With our first \$15,000, we were able to hire engineers to bore a several-hundred foot well that will provide water for the hospital and surrounding villages. Last Friday the drilling rig hit an aquifer far below the dry Kenyan plain, and water rushed to the surface. In the picture below, a child plays with this Christmas gift of water to their village. Thank you, Star of the Sea, for giving of your own blessings to provide the gift of life for our African brethren! Fr. Joseph



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STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass, M-F, 7:30am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin.
Sunday Mass, Sat. Vigil 4:30pm; Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm.
Holy Day Mass, 7:30am Latin, 12noon, 6:00pm Sung Latin Mass.
Confessions, 15min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm; by appt. 415-751-0450.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7

Holy Hour & Confession Tuesday 7:00pm-8:00pm

Devotions, Sacred Heart of Jesus, First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin; Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm; Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon; Our Lady of Fatima, First Saturday, 8:30am.

The Sunday Scriptures

Mass Intentions

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Is. 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18).

Christmas has four Masses: Evening, Midnight, Dawn, and Day. We give you only the Christmas Day readings here, which give us the Prologue to St. John's Gospel: "In the Beginning was the Word." This Word spoken by the Father from all eternity stepped into time today, Christmas Day, and dwells among us. Visit Him often in the Blessed Sacrament, and bring him to all you meet!

Join us to pray for life

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021

8am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral

Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 at St. Mary's Cathedral and bless the pilgrims who will then walk with the Archbishop praying the rosary from St. Mary's Cathedral to the Bush Street Planned Parenthood clinic. The clinic is slated to open in January. This will be the kick off of a monthly St. Mary's Cathedral Mass @ 8 a.m., followed by a rosary to end abortion, focusing on the new clinic. Going forward the Mass will be the First Saturday of the month, but because the First Saturday is Jan. 2, the first Mass will be Jan. 9. Please join Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone to pray for the women and their babies and for an end to abortion.



Thank you to Claudia Anzures, Rosa de Lima, Gabriela Sebers, and all the volunteers who coordinated a "Posada" (traditional Mexican novena, which is a reenactment of the Census pilgrimage to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph in search of a room for Jesus' birth). They shared Christmas treats with our parishioners after the Sunday Masses.

	Time	Intention
Sat. 12/26	8:30am	Int. for Felix & Lucy and The Tai Family
	12noon	Int. for Anjali Albuquerque
	4:30pm	Int. for Jean Low (bday)
Sun 12/27	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ Imelda Mary Walsh Gallagher + Jenny Chow
	11:30am	Int. for Marianne San Millan and Family Int. for Jin Song and Family
	7:30pm	+ Justina Tzeng
Mon 12/28	7:30am	Int. for Elanor Athelas Int. for Anh Dinh Int. for Fr. Joseph Fernandez In Thanksgiving of Connie Arnaldo + Anastacia Berrelleza
	12noon	In Thanksgiving of Ramel Macalalad and Family + Fernando Manzon (bday) + Danilo Sendin + Rudolph Paras + Lorenzo Rommel Carino + Ignacia Mendivil
	6:00pm	Int. for Mathias Wambua Int. for Anna Maria Mendieta and Family + Basilisa Halog + Maria Cecilia Angel + Ramon Jason Gambol
Tue 12/29	7:30am	Int. for Mrs. Anne Speitel and Family
	12noon	+ Patricia Keiter (1st anniv) + Mary Patricia Rossignol
	6:00pm	Int. for Anne Lintner and Family
Wed 12/30	7:30am	+ Dr. Donald Raymond and Mary Theresa Lintner
	12noon	Int. for Thelma Queri and Family
	6:00pm	Int. for Fr. Cameron Faller
Thu 12/31	7:30am	Frank and Agnes Josefik
	12noon	+ Carmela Luque
	6:00pm	+ Elmer and Mildred Lintner
Fri 01/01	8:00am	+ Remy Martinez
	9:30am	Int. for Mitchell Tu and Lily Sin
	11:30am	+ For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
Sat 01/02	8:30am	+ Basilisa Halog
	12noon	+ Nick Johnson
	4:30pm	Int. for The Mogannam Family

Please pray for the sick in the parish: Spencer Christensen, Edna Herrera, Dave Van Sciver, Rosa Lee, Sally Tu, Maggie Tom, Chuck La Mere, Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Rosie Santos, Valentine Nevis, Juliet Tan, Miriam Valle, Carmen Smith, Maria Bruno, Katrinka Perry, Margo Kingsbury, Vicki Kruschin, Tom Schatz, John Johnson, Delora Roanhorse, Howard Morita.

Programs & Ministries

Upcoming Events

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<p>Chinese American Association Gertrude Lee: 415-752-3611</p>	<p>Young Adults Maggie Tuttle: maggietuttle5@gmail.com</p>

Lauds (morning prayer) & Vespers (evening prayer): Monday to Friday 7am to 7:10am & 5:45pm to 6pm.

Rosary prayer, live streamed at 5:00pm Monday to Friday, both on Facebook and YouTube.

Sunday Masses, December 27, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Latin), 7:30pm.

Sunday, December 27, 2:30pm, Rosary Walk at the Cathedral Plaza.

Tuesday, December 29, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour & Confessions.

Thursday, December 31, 7:30am (Latin), 12noon, 6:00pm

Friday, January 1, Holy Day of Obligation 8:00am English quiet Mass; 9:30am English Mass; 11:30am Latin High Mass. No 7:30pm Mass. Confessions 15 minutes before Mass.

Wednesday Jan 6th, at 7pm "Into the Breach" men's study and support group hosted by The Knights of Columbus. Open to men 18 yrs. and older. Contact Christopher Conley 916-223-4852, christopher.conley@protonmail.com

Star Pro-Life Prayer Group, Saturday 9-2pm at Planned Parenthood, 1650 Valencia St. Contact: clarisse.siu@gmail.com

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Address _____

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- New Parishioner Full parishioner Associate parishioner
- Update Information

Please drop this form in the offertory basket or at the office.
Call (415)751-0450, Register online: www.starparish.com

STAR *of the* SEA NEWS & UPDATES

Our Hospital in Kenya

We have broken ground on our mission in Kenya, to build a hospital for the villagers in the Kittengela region, near Nairobi. First we needed to drill a well, and on Friday we hit God's gift of water at 200 meters! *Let's pull together and build this!* (matching gifts up to \$13,000). Donate by check to Star of the Sea (memo: Kenya Hospital Project), by cash delivered to the office, or by credit card: www.starparish.com/give.



Jenny Lee Chow

Dec. 22, 1928 - Dec. 14, 2020

Jenny Lee Chow passed away peacefully on Monday, December 14, 2020 after a long battle with illness. The family of Jenny Chow would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness at this time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

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NEW YEAR'S LITURGIES

December 31, New Year's Eve

7:30am Latin, 12noon (English), 6pm English

Friday, January 1, 2021, Solemnity of the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) 8:00am English quiet Mass; 9:30am English Mass; 11:30am Latin High Mass. No 7:30pm Mass. Confessions 15 minutes before Mass.

STEWARD STATS



Time: 20 people joined the Divine Mercy prayer last Saturday.



Talent: 20+ volunteers help both at the rectory office and serving at the Masses weekly.



Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 7,242

Please consider giving online: www.starparish.com/give