STAR of the SEA

Our Mission Statement:
To evangelize God's people beginning with the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

December, 20 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT * Fourth Sunday of Advent (Latin Mass).

Best Christmas wishes to all of you, especially those who will be away from the parish for the holidays. Most of us will not be sorry to say good-bye to 2020, but it wasn't so bad after all. I remember riding my scooter back from a midnight convent Mass at 1:30am on January 1st of this year. As I crested the hill above Dolores Park I saw our beautiful city spread out, sparkling with fireworks and festive lights. It was the dawn of a new decade, "the Twenties," and who knew what beautiful graces it would bring? Well, it brought the worst pandemic in a century, the worst election since the civil war, along with curfews, riots, lockdowns, and social isolation. But with affliction comes deeper friendships and stronger characters. In 2020 we learned to pray more deeply, to trust God more perfectly, and to see our parish grow stronger. All of us are tempted to grumble, but let us rather thank God *in all circumstances.* "We cannot choose the times in which we live." Gandalf said to Frodo in the depths of Moria. "We can only choose what we do with the times that are given us." So it will be with 2021, the year we reopen our school as a Classical Academy, the year we reopen our church as a Shrine to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, and the year we become saints, God willing.

Our own deacon Cameron Pollette, on Christmas break from the seminary, assists at Mass in the parking lot

Simple Joy When I was a boy, Christmas was the best day of the year. I dearly hope children today treasure Christmas the way kids did in my day. Digital media blinds children today, and toxic ideologies strip them of simple human joys, but I hope we can all regain a childlike innocence this Season. May the baby Jesus give us the joy of knowing where we have come from and where we are going! If we make prayer and love of God our first priority, all the rest will be well. Christmas points us to heaven by sanctifying the things of earth. Each brightly-wrapped gift helps us believe in the ultimate gift of *eternal happiness.*

Gratitude I want to thank all those who have made this pandemic year beautiful for me. I thank those who spend hours before the Blessed Sacrament. I thank those who kneel in the dark on cold asphalt as the priest lifts the Holy Eucharist. I thank Deacon Cameron Pollette, and our priests, for persevering in their vocations despite the chaos in and around Holy Mother Church. I thank our paid staff whose dedication to the parish goes far beyond their professional capacities. I thank the dozens of "unpaid staff" who put hands and backs and minds together to build a beautiful parish. God bless our families, and those who have entered into matrimony and baptized newborns in the year 2020. God reward the elderly who have dedicated themselves to prayer and the Holy Mass in the midst of a pandemic. God bless us all, as we entrust ourselves to His holy will in the Year of the Lord 2021. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

Donncha O'Cochlain, after his daily visit to the adoration chapel, repairs a broken pipe outside the rectory (at no charge)

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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.*
Live Stream Mass: Sunday, 9:30am, 11:30am *Latin.*
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

By Fr. Joseph Illo (11:2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38). Today's Gospel is the first mystery of the entire rosary, **the Annunciation**. Bishop Barron points out in his homily this week (wordonfire.org) that God keeps His promise to King David (from the first reading) by raising up a Davidic King through the maiden Mary of Nazareth. This King will not only be David's Son but also God's Son, the Messiah and Savior of the whole world. God keeps His promises, but in the time and manner of His own perfect wisdom. So let's be patient, and not lose faith in Him, even in very dark times.

In the left picture Fr. Joseph adjusting the lights in our Lady newly-painted altar. In the bottom picture Nathalie and Pavel Tikhomorov (our commisisoned artist) painting stars on the blue church ceilings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIVE STREAMING

If you are interested in helping live streaming our Sunday Masses (9:30am- 11:30am), please contact Mariella at (415) 751-0450 or e-mail: mariella@starparish.com

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.

Mass Intentions

	Time	Intention
Sat. 12/19	8:30am	Deceased family members of Ena and Flor Bermudez
	12noon	+ Kit Lee
	4:30pm	Int. for Lita Guinto (bday) Int. for Gabriel Gamez Mendoza (bday) + John Flynn (anniv)
Sun 12/20	8:00am	+ Catherine Chow
	9:30am	+ Enore Beltrame (bday) + Angel Pina
	11:30am	In Thanksgiving of Jade Worcester for her conversion into Catholicism Int. of Kevin Carter + Louis N. Petropoulos
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 12/21	7:30am	Int. Anh Dinh Int. for John Rey Hassan Int. for Shanti Francis Int for Sophia Pham and Family Int. for Gilberto A. Gamez, Jr.
	12noon	Int. for Elizabeth Ing (bday) Int. for Fr. Francis Aguipar Int. for Taniguchi Family Int. for Kelly Family Int for Simon Ramos for healing + Raymond Bidondo
	6:00pm	Int. for Elmer, Mildred and The Lintner Family + Concepcion Peralta Mejia + Rosario Jaime Felix + Daryl Wozniak + Freddie Mabilangart
Tue 12/22	7:30am	Int. for Jessie Huihui and Family
	12noon	+ Gabriel Nicolas
	6:00pm	+ Naty Lazo
Wed 12/23	7:30am	Int. for Gerard Young and Family
	12noon	+ David Sellai
	6:00pm	Int. for Daniel Wozniak
Thu 12/24	7:30am	NO MASS
	12noon	NO MASS
	6:00pm	Int. for Milagros Francisco and Family + Marion Walsh Carozzi + Basilisa Halog + Luis and Purita Ibaseta
Fri 12/25	8:00am	+ Victoria S. Viana (anniv)
	9:30am	Int. for Gerard Christian Ines (bday)
	11:30am	+ William A. Tarbox
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)

Programs & Ministries

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Upcoming Events

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 20, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Latin), 7:30pm. Live stream: 9:30am and 11:30am (Latin), on YouTube and Facebook.

Sunday, December 20, 2:30pm, Rosary Walk at the Cathedral Plaza.

Tuesday, December 22, 3:00pm Bible study.

Tuesday, December 22, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour & Confessions.

Monday, Dec. 21, 6:00pm Simbang Gabi Mass (A Filipino tradition Advent Novena).

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 6:00pm Solemn Mass in English. Confessions 15 min. before Mass.

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day, 8:00am English quiet Mass; 9:30am English Mass with organ music; 11:30am Latin Mass with organ music. No 7:30pm Mass. Confessions 15 min. 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@gmailcom

Apartment for rent in San Francisco

Available mid January. One bedroom, one bath, living room and dining area, small kitchenette, fully furnished in mid century modern. All utilities included (including internet). $2,000. Located on 15th Ave and Cabrillo. A 10 minute walk to Star of the Sea church and 5 minute walk to the Golden Gate Park! If interested, please contact Marcus Quintanilla (949) 689-1081 or Mariana Quintanilla (415) 637-2308.

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Call (415)751-0450, Register online: www.starparish.com

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CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

December 24, Christmas Eve, 6:00pm Lessons and Carols followed by Solemn Choral Mass in English.

December 25, Christmas Day, 8:00am English quiet Mass; 9:30am English Mass with organ music; 11:30am Latin Mass with organ music. No 7:30pm Mass.

Simbang Gabi Novena/Mass Schedule

12/20/20 10:30 am, St. Benedict; 12/21/20 6:00pm Star of the Sea Church; 12/22/20 8:00am, St. Vincent de Paul Church; 12/23/20 7:30am; St. Mary's Cathedral. Simbang Gabi (Night Mass in Tagalog). This Novena of Masses is marked by bright and colorful star lumens (parols) and the tradition of hospitality. Please join us as a Deanery to celebrate this festive Filipino devotion.

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Call Thai Tran: 415-763-8569 | thaitran9909@gmail.com

Star of the Sea Hospital Project in Kenya

We have successfully started the drilling for a well to have a reliable water supply! Help us raise funds to build a hospital in Kenya, for families that can't afford essential medical care. A generous donor will match your donations up to $13,000! Donate by check: Star of the Sea (memo: Kenya Hospital Project); by cash: deliver to the office; by credit card: www.starparish.com/give.

Let us do it together! All it takes is a small donation to make a big difference!

Please donate poinsettias to decorate our church altars on Christmas! Please drop them off in office between December 16-20. Thank you!

STEWARD STATS

Time: 47 people joined the rosary walk last Sunday.

Talent: Three volunteers helped stuffing Christmas envelopes last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering $ 7,433
Immaculate Conception $ 1,836

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