



Candlemas I personally adhere to the older tradition of keeping Christmas decorations up until February 2, the Feast of "Candlemas" (the Presentation of the Lord). Jewish children were presented in the temple forty days after

birth, along with the ritual purification of their mothers. While a market-driven culture begins Christmas the day after Thanksgiving and ends it abruptly on December 26, the Church celebrates Christmas from Dec 24 at least through mid-January, if not until February 2. This year our newly-formed Guadalupana Group (which has been feeding street dwellers in the Tenderloin on Sunday afternoons) will celebrate February 2nd with the Latino version of Candlemas, known as *Candelaria*, filling the church with burning candles, for which we thank them.

Thanksgiving for 2020 We also want to thank God, and each other, for a grace-filled 2020: certainly an interesting year. The pandemic and social unrest, while causing terrible hardship for so many, ended up strengthening our parish community. Adversity has galvanized Star of the Sea as a sacred refuge for prayer, study of God's word, service to the poor, and mutual support when we needed it most.

2020 will be remembered as the year we began building a hospital in Kenya for several poor villages. It was the year we found ways to provide the Eucharist and Reconciliation for people starved of the sacraments. At times our priests offered twenty Masses a day in lightning and rain, in wind and cold and fog, as people gladly knelt on the asphalt. Eucharistic

adoration continued, and we added a third daily Mass. It was the year our beloved sacristan, **Ed Tobin**, died while setting up for those multiple liturgies, and in which **Juan Carlos** stepped into Ed's shoes without missing a beat. It was the year we spent \$500,000 painting our church, brightening it as a shrine to Our Lady of the Rosary. 2020 saw our offertory increase by 20% while others' dropped by 50%. It was the year 130 people began monthly preparation for consecration to their Guardian Angels, on whose protection and intercession we desperately rely at this time in Church history.



Fr. Mathias hears Ed Tobin's confession in our outdoor, Covid-safe confessional

2020 was the year we kept the faith, realized our utter dependence on God, and forged a more supportive community of prayer and charity. I thank you, and I thank God, for such a year.

This coming year, with God's help, we will reopen our school as Stella Maris Academy, an Integrated Classical School, serving the entire Bay Area with a uniquely effective method of Catholic education. Star of the Sea is a city legacy, having sanctified, educated, and provided a Catholic home for San Franciscans since 1888. Please remember the parish in your will, as many have done, ensuring that this Catholic and cultural legacy remains a living presence in San Francisco for many years to come.

Walk for Life West Coast Show your gratitude to God by walking for life this Saturday, at noon, from Civic Center. To celebrate Respect Life Month, the Archbishop will join other pro-life leaders at 1:30 this Friday in discussing the "future of the pro-life movement in America." Join this online forum via the archdiocesan homepage, www.sfarchdiocese.org.

Fr. Joseph Illo

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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, 15minutes 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.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 01/16	8:30am	Gabriel T. Nicolas
	12noon	Int. for Tyler and Tamara Knight
	4:30pm	+ Rene Ing
Sun 01/17	8:00am	Int. for Gilda kirk
	9:30am	+ John and David Sellai
	11:30am	Int. for Kevin Carter
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 01/18	7:30am	Int. for Sophia Pham Int. for Anjali Albuquerque In Thanksgiving of Valentine & Cynthia Nevis + Mrs. Ola Poulard + J.D. Murray
	12noon	Int. for Louis & Brenda Petropoulos (anniv) + Deacon Dominic Lynch + Michael Hyland + Claudio Hernandez + Jenny Chow
	6:00pm	+ Orazio Giambona + Salvador Flores + Jenny Chow
Tue 01/19	7:30am	Int. for Mr. Bobby Black
	12noon	+ Catalino S. Nicolas
	6:00pm	Int. for Anna Maria Mendieta for healing
Wed 01/20	7:30am	+ Charles E. Berry
	12noon	+ Fr. Vincent Musaby-Imana (1 yr anniv)
	6:00pm	+ Louis N. Petropoulos
Thu 01/21	7:30am	Int. for Irene Osborne
	12noon	Int. for Arianna Tillman
	6:00pm	+ Jerry Jean
Fri 01/22	7:30am	Int. for Pol Palencia and Family
	12noon	Int. for Mariella Zevallos
	6:00pm	Int. for Jeanne Moskal and Family
Sat 01/23	8:30am	+ Candelaria Clark
	12noon	Int. for Kimberly Wattson
	4:30pm	In Thanksgiving of James Ines and 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, Alexandra Lavino, Maggie Tom.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42). **They stayed with Him** How would you like to spend an entire day with the Messiah? That's what St. Andrew and a friend did, receiving Christ's invitation to "come and see." They "stayed with Him that day." You and I can do the same, in our church, where Jesus "stays" in the tabernacle, or on the altar in the monstrance. What joy to spend time with Him!



Dear Star of the Sea Families,

In his Apostolic Constitution on Catholic education, St. John Paul II described the work of Catholic schools as coming from "the heart of the Church." With joy and hope, from *the heart* of our parish community, our parochial school will re-open as Stella Maris Academy in August 2021. The academy will feature an integrated classical curriculum forming the minds and hearts of our young people for the journey through life to Heaven. We need your prayers and your participation in this vital apostolic work.

Please find a copy of the school's Academic Overview in this week's bulletin. Applications for admission to early childhood and the primary grades are currently being accepted for the 2021-22 school year, as well as expressions of interest in other grades.

I ask you to share the good news about Stella Maris Academy widely with friends and family in the Bay Area. Please reach out to me in the parish office (415-751-0450), by email (gcolvert@starparish.com), or visit our website: www.stellamarisf.org for more information. If you are aware of a family with limited resources, please encourage them to contact me. Through the generosity of benefactors, our school is able to provide scholarships for a number of well-qualified students.

Star of the Sea will observe the opening of Catholic Schools Week, a nation-wide celebration of Catholic education, on Sunday, January 31st, 2021. Come join us to learn more about the school. I look forward to speaking with you further about Stella Maris Academy at Star of the Sea.

God bless,

Gavin T Colvert, Ph.D.
Head of School



Remember Star in your Will or Trust PLANNED GIVING

A small contribution from your overall estate could make all the difference to help the work of our Church.

For information please contact Mariella Zevallos (415) 751-0450
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Programs & Ministries

Upcoming Events

GENERAL INFORMATION 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, & ALL SACRAMENTS 415-751-0450
Parish School of Religion (PSR): Catechism Children's program, Clarisse Siu: clarisse.siu@gmail.com	Sacred Music Program Lynn Kraehling: 415-812-2462 or lynn@starparish.com
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Learn how to become Catholic. 415-751-0450.	Knights of Columbus Hebert Moran: ebs.m93@gmail.com 415-466-5952
Filipino American Association (FAASTAR) Estrelle Chan: 415-575-0828	Star Men's Fellowship Chris Conley: Christopher.Conley@protonmail.com

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. Wednesdays after the rosary we pray the Litany of San Joseph.

Sunday Masses, January 17, 8:00am, 9:30am (live stream), 11:30am (Latin), 7:30pm.

Sunday, January 17, 2:30pm, Rosary Walk at the Cathedral Plaza.

Tuesday, January 19, 3:00pm Bible study.

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour & Confessions.

January 22, 12 noon, St. Mary's Cathedral Mass with Archbishop Cordileone, and 1:30pm webinar with Archbishop Cordileone and national prolife leaders. Register: sfarch.org/legal-protection-unborn. For questions email prolife@sfarch.org.

Wednesday February 3, at 7pm "Into the Breach," a 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 1522 Bush Street. Contact: clarisse.siu@gmail.com

Apartment for rent in San Francisco

Available mid-January. One bedroom, one bath, living room and dining area, small kitchenette, fully furnished. All utilities included (including internet). \$2,000. Located on 15th Ave and Cabrillo. Please contact Marcus Quintanilla (949) 689-1081 or Mariana Quintanilla (415) 637-2308.

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*Check that email account for a link to begin.

Fr. Joseph invites you to register to Flocknote. Get the latest news and updates from our pastor! scan this QR or go to flocknote.com/star

Star of the Sea Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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

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. We needed to drill a well, and we hit God's gift of water at 200 meters! This week electricity was connected to our plots! *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.



Live stream Rosary prayer both on Facebook and Youtube. Monday to Friday at 5pm. Each Wednesday we will live stream the Rosary prayer in front of our St. Joseph's altar, and at the end of the rosary we will pray the Litany of St. Joseph. Please join us in prayer. Invite your family and friends!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and let us place ourselves in the midst of the heavenly perfumes, and we will undoubtedly regain our strength." -Saint Padre Pio

Adorers needed:

Monday: 9AM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM

Tuesday: 1PM, 8PM, 10PM, 10PM

Wednesday: 10AM, 2PM, 4PM, 10PM

Thursday: 6AM, 11AM, 2PM, 10PM

Friday: 11AM, 1PM

Saturday: 12AM, 2AM, 12PM, 5PM, 6PM

Visit www.adorationpro.org/star

Contact Thai Tran: 415-763-8569

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STEWARD STATS



Time: 41 people joined the St. Mary's Cathedral rosary walk.



Talent: 5 volunteers help weekly counting our offertories.



Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 10,774

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