



**The Assumption** As she prayed the rosary with us, my mother would announce the Fourth Glorious Mystery as "The Assumption of Mary, Body and Soul, into Heaven." What must it have looked like, this rising of a human body into the sky? At each of the Fatima apparitions, Lucia described Our Lady's leave-taking

as rising into the sky, towards the east, "into the immense distance of the firmament." She didn't die. She fell asleep.

**Magnifying God** Today's Gospel includes Our Lady's Magnificat. Mary's soul magnifies God. "The glory of God is man fully alive" wrote the holy bishop Irenaeus in 285AD. No person was more "fully alive" than the Mother of God, and because of her spotless vitality, at the end of her earthly pilgrimage she was immediately taken up,

body and soul, into heaven. We must pray with Our Lady to draw ever closer to the Life itself, the Holy Trinity. In our parish, do just that by praying the rosary after every Mass. In addition, every weekday at 5pm a priest prays the rosary in the church, live streamed, so you can join us wherever you are.

**A Holy Death** Mary's "Dormition" helps us believe that death is *falling asleep* in the Lord. Two weeks ago Mariella Zevallos, our parish Director of Communications, saw this with her own eyes when her mother, Maria Casavilca, died. Diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer, Maria was given only a few weeks to live. Mariella asked me to hear her mother's confession and administer the Last Rites, which Maria received with joy. Within a few days she entered her final agony, a struggle with death that no palliative drugs can eliminate. Three days before she died, Maria could no longer assimilate food and became non-responsive. I gave her the Last Rites again five hours before the end, and the war between life and death was terrible to behold. Her unseeing eyes had rolled

slightly up in her head with lids half closed. The skin of her face had sunken, her breathing had become the body's intense attempt to force a little air into her collapsing lungs. A violent death rattle was upon her. She labored through the darkness, but at midnight Life arrived. Mariella describes how her mother fell asleep in the Lord: "A few minutes before she died, my mother suddenly turned her face with energy and looked up (as when someone calls you and you turn your face to see who it is). She fixed her eyes on something above our heads with eyes wide open, as if in admiration. After three days of unconsciousness, she was wide awake! She kept her eyes fixed on that point above us for some moments and then began turning her face to look at us with direct eye contact. First she gazed at my dad, and she held his hand with a strong grasp. Then she gripped my hand too. Next we realized that her face was changing, beginning to regain the glow of health.

It seemed as if a hand was gently uncovering the face of her youth. My mom looked healthy and young; her skin was flawless. Her cheeks, which had been sunken in, filled out and she was breathing normally again, with no signs of pain. Her face looked peaceful as she turned younger right in front of our eyes. We thought that she had been completely healed and would get up and begin walking around the room. Then she closed her eyes and fell asleep...she had died." She had not, in fact, "died," but she had been taken back to God. Let us not fear death, but only separation from the good God. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



*Farewell to Fr. John Chung, who leaves for Thomas Aquinas College today*



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*The Casavilca Family, with Maria second from right and Mariella on the far left*



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**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, 15 minutes 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 (Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56. **The Assumption** The Gospel for today's feast includes both the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, and the great canticle of the New Testament, the Magnificat of Our Lady. But let me point you back to the first reading, from Revelation 12: "A great sign appeared..." and a voice in heaven declares: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom, and the Authority of the Christ." Our Lady heralds the Kingdom, and so we stay closer to her.



Parish staff and Stella Maris Academy teachers at Sweetwater retreat house last weekend



## Star of The Sea Men's Group

What does it mean to be a man today? Join us as we discuss Into the Breach and challenge ourselves to become the leaders God has called us to be in our family, parish and community. Small groups will be meeting on Wednesday September 1st at the Convent across the street from our church. Open to all men 18 and older.

# Mass Intentions

Sat. 08/14	8:30am	+ Renee Ing
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Basilisa Halog + Catalino T. Nicolas
Sun 08/15	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ Francis and Jenny Chow + Maria Leonor and Elofia Najarro
	11:30am	Int. of Kevin Carter
	7:30pm	Int. of Katherine Brooks and Family
Mon 08/16	7:30am	Int. of Anjali Albuquerque Int. of Carla Reategui Int. of Trinity Duran Int. of Kevin Carter Int. of Paul and Beth Kelly
	12noon	+ Florentino Breiz + Crispin Assistido + Robert Singley + Raymond Bidondo + Rosario Jaimez
	6:00pm	Int. of Aileen Choi Int. of Maria and Family Int. of Alexandra Carcache Int. of Nancy and Patrick Quickert + Benedict Rozario
Tue 08/17	7:30am	Int. of Christian Martin and Family
	12noon	+ Anatasia Polintan
	6:00pm	Int. of Kailash Duraiswami
Wed 08/18	7:30am	Int. of Sean Worthingto William for healing
	12noon	Int. of Joan Spaargaren
	6:00pm	Int. of Justin and Brea Rosario
Thu 08/19	7:30am	Int. of Sumiko Nakajima and Family
	12noon	Int. of Mickey Tuttle and Olivia Bartley
	6:00pm	+ Melissa Wong
Fri 08/20	7:30am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	12noon	+ Louis Petropoulos
	6:00pm	+ Ereneo Copada (anniv)
Sat 08/21	8:30am	Int. of Edmund Ing (bday)
	12noon	+ Albert Ysrael
	4:30pm	+ Simeon E. So + Amalia Blanco Peai

## Please pray for the sick in the parish

Sally Tu, Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Rosie Santos, Valentine Nevis, Juliet Tan, Miriam Valle, James Estrada, Vicki Kruschin, Tom Schatz, John Johnson, Delora Roanhorse, Howard Morita, Alexandra Lavino, Yemame Ambaye, Mary Ann Brautigan, Thomas Bolla, Lucy Tai, Carol Calabro, Fr. Allan Wilson, Diana Munoz, Marissa Piol.

# Programs & Ministries

# Upcoming

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## Volunteer Opportunities at the Parish

Please contact Mariella Zevallos 415-751-0450  
[mariella@starparish.com](mailto:mariella@starparish.com)

**Lauds**, (morning prayer) Monday-Friday 7am-7:10am  
**Vespers**, (evening prayer) Monday-Friday 5:45pm-6pm  
**Rosary prayer**, live stream M-F 5pm | Facebook & YouTube  
**Divine Mercy Devotion**, 3pm on Saturdays in the church  
**Latin Mass**, Monday through Friday 7:30am, Sat. 12noon, Sunday 11:30am, Holy Days 6pm  
**Sunday August 15** Mass: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Latin), 7:30pm  
**Sunday August 15**, Rosary prayer walk and Procession around the church block after the 11:30am Latin Mass  
<https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>  
**Tuesday August 17**, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour with confessions and communal Rosary prayer  
**Tuesday August 17**, 3pm Bible study with Mary Ann Eiler 650-660-4546  
**Star Outreach Ministry**, serves the homeless every third Saturday of the month, and weekly on Sundays  
**Star Pro-Life Prayer Group**, Thursdays 6-7pm, 1522 Bush St.  
<https://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life>

## Together in Holiness Marriage Conference

Saturday, September 18, 2021 | 8:45am-4:00pm

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## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Star of the Sea RCIA Program

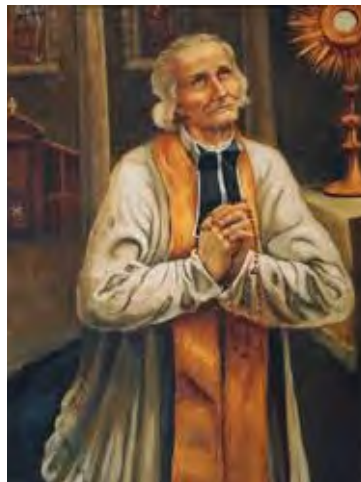
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## 24/7 PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, instead of looking about us, let us shut our eyes and open our hearts; and the good God will open his. We will go to him, and he will come to us, the one to give, and the other to receive. It will be like a breath passing from one to the other. What delight we find in forgetting ourselves that we may seek God!” - St. John Vianney

## Star of the Sea Family Catechism Program

### Enrollment Open

Open to children ages 3 and up. We offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, sacramental prep and ongoing catechism classes. Class begins on September 8th. For information and to register please visit [www.starparish.com/psr](http://www.starparish.com/psr). Contact Clarisse Siu at [clarisse.siu@gmail.com](mailto:clarisse.siu@gmail.com) for details.

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Offering flowers to Virgin Mary has become a beautiful tradition at our parish. On Sundays after the 9:30am Mass the children attending are looking forward to learn the various stories about Virgin Mary apparitions and to get a flower to place at one of the 14 displayed altars of Our Lady.

### Star of the Sea Parishioner Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Members living in the same household: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please drop this form in the offertory basket or at the office.  
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### STEWARDSHIP STATS



**TIME:** 20+ people joined the Divine Mercy devotion last Saturday.



**TALENT:** 2 volunteers help weekly at the parish rectory office.



**TREASURE:** Sunday Offering \$12,961

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