



My Mother's Death Last Sunday my mother, who had been suffering from chronic cardio-pulmonary distress for some years, took her last breath. She had come down with pneumonia, complicated by congestive heart failure. My greatest fear— which demonstrates

my lack of faith—was that Mom would die alone. Mercifully, the hospital did not restrict visitors, so on Friday our tribe was able to spend a whole day with Mom in her hospital room: Dad (at age 95) led the charge, followed by my siblings and their wives from near and far. With luminous energy, she sang happy birthday to my brother-in-law and welcomed all with shining eyes.

Dying Alone Still, I was worried that she would gasp her last breath on earth alone in a hospital room. I called my brother during the 9:30 Mass last Sunday (which was being celebrated by Fr. Michael). He answered the phone in a quiet voice and said that Mom had just died five minutes before. I gasped in awe: Five minutes ago she had passed through the thin veil separating time and eternity. All of my mother's human limitations had fallen from her. Her memory loss, her congestive heart disease, her natural human fears, her limited understanding of the dire cultural shifts and collapse of the Church taking place in our time, her inability to heal the wounds of her husband and her children—all these limitations fell from her at the moment of her death. Now she can see everything in the light of eternity and understand the full significance of every circumstance. She can intercede now for her husband and each of her children with a power born of her new state of

being. She entered into God, into eternity. **God saved my mother** She did not, after all, die alone. My brother and his wife had just entered her hospital room and were reading John 14 to her "I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come back to take you with me. Where I am you will be." They read Psalm 23 as well, "Yea, even though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me." They had just begun one of Mom's favorite songs, *In the Garden*, when my mother took a deep breath, paused, and then breathed out one last time. She expired during the morning Mass here at Star of the Sea, just after the lector was reading her name in the prayers of the faithful, at 10am. An hour later, I offered the next Mass for her soul and realized that it was for this service at the altar that she had prepared me.



Mom during a 2001 trip to Rome, and with Dad suffering the ravages of old age in 2020

Celebrating Yesterday a dear friend, whose mother also died during the 9:30am Sunday Mass just five weeks before my mother, invited me to her mother's house with some friends "to celebrate the successful completion of our mothers' earthly course." At the end of the meal I said grace and prayed the usual prayer for the "souls of the faithful departed." Like a flash of lightning it struck me that my mother was now one of those souls. There would be no more calling her on the phone on my day off. Dad is now alone, with no one in the world who really understands him any longer. Death is terrible and awesome, no doubt, but during my holy hour the following day my mother, I think, spoke to me. I sensed her motherly care, as if I were a child again, and she were a young mother again. She indicated, during my holy hour, that God has restored her to the joy of her youth. He has bestowed upon her a nobility and intelligence far beyond anything on earth. Death is awesome, but God is infinitely more awesome. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass, M-F, 7:00am 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, 7:00am 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 (Gn 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16)

Like a Child Today Our Lord gives his strongest and most contested teaching in the Bible: a man who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery. But then he turns to a child: "whoever does not accept the Kingdom like this child cannot enter it." To be happy and faithful in marriage, we must be trusting, and humble, like little children, knowing that God alone sustains us.



PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Do you realize that Jesus is there...expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love" St. Thérèse of Lisieux (of the Little Flower), Feast Day October 1.

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CONSECRATION TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Fr. Joseph will present the 11th talk on October 9, at 10:30am in the church

Please note: You need to submit your Application for admission to the Consecration to the Holy Guardian Angel in the Opus Sanctorum Angelorum. Look for hardcopies in the church. Fill the form and mail/email it. You will get an email from Fr. Wolfgang Seitz or one of their priests when accepted.



Mass Intentions

Sat. 10/02	8:30am	In Thanksgiving to our Guardian Angels
	12noon	Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez (bday)
	4:30pm	+ Judy Sim (1st anniv)
Sun 10/03	8:00am	+ Randy Bobila
	9:30am	Int. of Thomas and Barbara Anderson + Jenny Chow
	11:30am	Int. of Clarice Mandala
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 10/04	7:00am	Int. August Llaguno Int. of Estrelle Beltran Int. of Aileen Choi and Family + Rebecca Robertson + Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	Int. for the Catholics in LinkedIn Int. of Carmen & Gregor Mendieta + Jose Ceja Ramos + Souls in Purgatory + Marcello and Rosaria Gabriele
	6:00pm	Int. of Juan Quintana-Diaz and Family + Maria Casavilca + Elvira Dee + Betty Novak + Souls in Purgatory
Tue 10/05	7:00am	Int. of Christopher Hernandez-Mendoza
	12noon	+ Catherine Chow (anniv) + Gigi Tapia (40 days)
	6:00pm	+ Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza (bday)
Wed 10/06	7:00am	Int. of Jane Good (bday)
	12noon	Int. of James Meister
	6:00pm	Int. of Maria and Family
Thu 10/07	7:00am	+ Honorio and Brigida Estioto
	12noon	+ Bryan Andrew (YongManKim) Fairchild (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Dana Nunez
Fri 10/08	7:00am	+ Jackson and Jesus Estioto
	12noon	Int. of Dana Nunez
	6:00pm	Int. of Lourdes Feria (bday)
Sat 10/09	8:30am	+ Gabriel and Duval Nicolas
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Henry So + Janice Illo

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 Brautigam, Thomas Bolla, Lucy Tai, Carol Calabro, Fr. Allan Wilson, Diana Munoz, Marissa Piol, Carmen Smith, Rosemary Wood, Patrick Loughran., Rachele Sullivan.

Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events

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Lauds, (morning prayer) Monday-Friday 6:45am
Vespers, (evening prayer) Monday-Friday 5:45pm-6pm
Rosary prayer, live stream Monday to Friday at 5pm
[Facebook.com/starparishsf](https://www.facebook.com/starparishsf) & [Youtube.com/starparish](https://www.youtube.com/starparish)
Rosary Prayer in Latin, Sundays at 11.00am in the church
Latin Mass, Monday - Friday 7:00am, Sat. 12noon, Sunday 11:30am, Holy Days 6pm
Sunday October 3, Mass:8, 9:30, 11:30am (Latin), 7:30pm
Sunday October 3, 2:30pm Rosary prayer walk at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>
Monday October 4, St. Francis of Assisi Feast, 8:00am
 Blessing of the animals in the school yard, 9:00am school Mass and 6pm Latin Sung Mass
Tuesday October 5, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour with confessions and communal Rosary prayer
Tuesday October 5, 3pm Bible study with Mary Ann Eiler 650-660-4546
Sunday October 9, Knights of Columbus breakfast and lunch after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Free for All!
Divine Mercy Devotion, Saturdays at 3pm in the church
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>
Star Men's Group, Meets first Wednesday of the month.

STAR OF THE SEA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ROSARY PRAYER

Join us for a rosary rally for our police and America in front of the police station in San Francisco's Richmond district.

Saturday, October 9th, 11am-12pm
 461 6th Ave, San Francisco, Outside of the Richmond Police Station

Star of The Sea Men's Group
Wednesday October 6

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 October 6th at the Convent across the street. Open to all men 18 and older.

40 Days for Life September 22 - October 31
 Join us in praying for the end to abortion
 Sign up for vigil hours at
www.40daysforlife.com/sanfrancisco

KEEP IN TOUCH

Fr. Joseph invites you to register for Flocknote to get the latest news and updates from our pastor and Formed.org to get free educational programs, inspirational talks and videos. Follow us in Facebook & Youtube.

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Last Monday we celebrated two well attended Masses for the Feast of Our Lady Star of the Sea. We thank Miss Carmel Richard for leading the Stella Maris children choir and Lynn Kraehling for providing beautiful organ music. Dominic, one of the students, received his first Holy Communion on this special day!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Breakfast & BBQ After Mass

All are invited!

Sunday, October 10 from 10am to 3:00pm in the School yard

The KOC Council would like to thank our Parish family for helping raise the funds to provide Bella Clinic with a Sonogram machine. All are invited for breakfast and/or BBQ. Pancakes and pastries will be provided after the 9:30am Mass and BBQ of Hamburgers and Hotdogs (pulled pork Sandwiches) for lunch.

Share time with people in our community!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 4**

8:00am
Blessing of the
Animals in the
school yard
9:00am School
Mass with choir
6:00pm Sung
Latin Mass



Star of the Sea RCIA Program

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to learn about the Catholic faith, join our RCIA program. Contact: Gregory Moeck 310-694-6380 gmoeck@gmail.com

Star of the Sea Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Name of Family Members living in the same household: _____

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Please drop this form in the offertory basket or at the office.
Or register online www.starparish.com | www.flocknote.com

STEWARDSHIP STATS



TIME: 29+ people join the daily live stream Rosary prayer weekly.



TALENT: 2 volunteers help in the office weekly.



TREASURE: Sunday Offering \$8,391

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