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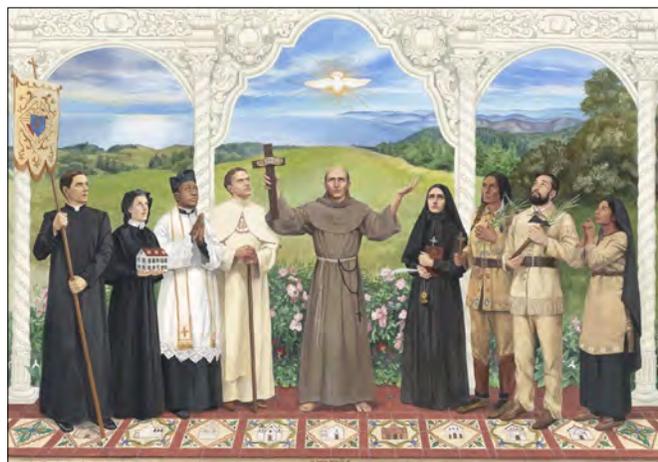
Receiving When I arrived at Star of the Sea in 2014, the average Sunday offertory was \$3000. Last year it was \$9,562, which is quite an impressive increase. Many factors have contributed to the increase, but chief among them is our adoration chapel, which was largely paid for by the last will and testament of one of our the parish's beloved and long-serving priests, Fr. Benedict Chang. He died in 2015, leaving \$145,000 to the parish, which was handily used for the chapel renovation. Since the chapel's renovation in 2016, thousands of laity and priests have put in hundreds of thousands of hours in praise and thanksgiving to God, present on that altar. That is why the parish and school are doing so well. We have received the supreme gift of God in the Holy Sacraments, and we thank Him by returning a portion of ourselves (time, energy, and money) to His sacred purposes. Never outdone in generosity, Our Lord always blesses the giver with even more than he or she could possibly offer Him. We receive, we give, and we receive more than we give. That is the principle of Christian stewardship that has proven itself in my personal life and in the lives of almost everyone in this community again and again.

Sunday Offering is Down In the last four months, while our Sunday Mass attendance is slightly up from last year (from 594 to 607), the Sunday offering has declined from \$9,562 to \$8,230. In other words, thirteen more people every week but \$1300 less in the collection! There are many reasons for this, not least of which is the recession and uncertainty about how deep and long it will go. Another reason is that some rather committed parishioners have moved out of

California (one was giving \$1000 a week!). Many have also moved into the parish, but as newbies they have not yet heard the Money Talk from their unworthy pastor. So over the next three weeks I will deliver my message about Christian tithing to all of you who have not yet heard it, and to those who have heard it but forgotten (including myself, who have to look at my own tithing afresh since we priests have been getting modest raises every year). Here's the Money Talk in twelve words: *we don't give to a need, but we have a need to give.* It's that simple. Yes, the parish and school have to pay bills and salaries and fund capital improvements. But that's not why we tithe. We tithe because we have an innate need to share, to be generous, to return a portion of God's blessings. If we do not practice grateful generosity, our hearts shrivel a bit. They remain somewhat closed to God's blessings. Selfishness makes us poor. I'm not worried about money, because as Mother Teresa often said, "God has lots of it." God will always provide what I need. But I am worried about the hearts and souls of my flock who do not share their blessings. Let's open our hearts by sharing from our abundance, and even from our substance. Let's thank God for His blessings in concrete ways. Tithing to your parish is one of those ways, and a benchmark of generosity.

Thanksgiving I was going to write a column about Thanksgiving, but what I've already said rather sums it up. The Native Americans shared with the Pilgrims, and the Pilgrims shared with the Native Americans. America became a beautiful and strong nation largely because of that good start. I hope to see many of you at our lovely 10am Thanksgiving Day Mass (bring your food to be blessed). Safe travels to all who will be out of town, and let us give thanks to the Holy One with grateful hearts!

Fr. Joseph Illo



The American Saints, by parishioner Bernadette Carstensen Cody



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Office Hours

M-TH 8:30am-5pm Friday 8:30am-5pm, Closed 12:00-1:00pm

CLERGY

Fr. Joseph Illo Pastor

Fr. Michael Konopik Parochial Vicar

Fr. Sebastine Bula Parochial Vicar

Fr. William Young Latin Mass Help

Deacon Albert Nimri Parish Manager

STAFF

Mariella Zevallos Communications and Parish Life Director

Lynn Kraehling Director of Music

Thelma Queri Bookkeeper

Sean Sebers Office Assistant

Juan Carlos Lopez Sacristan

Dennis Ow Maintenance



Dr. Gavin Colvert Head of School 415-745-2474

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass, M-F, 7am 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, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass Confessions, 20 minutes before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7

Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm - 8pm Devotions: Sacred Heart, 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 (2 Sam 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35:43)

Today Christ the King can do anything. He has full and supreme authority over heaven and earth. If he says “Today you will be with me in paradise,” it happens. So let’s ask him! Let’s steal heaven like the good thief by throwing ourselves upon His Divine Mercy!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We celebrate the feast day of St. Catherine of Alexandria on November 25. She was raised in a wealthy family and converted to Christianity at the cost of her life. Her dying prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, my God, I thank Thee for having directed my steps on the pathway of salvation. Open now Thy arms wounded on the cross to receive my soul, which I offer in sacrifice to the glory of Thy Name. Forgive the faults I committed in ignorance and wash my soul in the blood I will shed for Thee. Do not leave my body, slaughtered by love for Thee, in the power of those who hate me. Kindly regard this people and give them the knowledge of the truth. Finally, O Lord, in Thy infinite mercy exalt those who will invoke Thee through me so that Thy name be always glorified.”

Please sign up for a weekly commitment. We need Adorers Thursdays at 6 pm and Sundays 10 pm-12 am. Go to www.adorationpro.org/star.

JACKETS, SCARVES, BEANIES AND SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS

The winter season is fast approaching, and with that comes the harsh colder temperatures. We would like to help out the homeless in the streets of San Francisco. We feed them every Sunday, and now we are looking for donations of jackets, scarves, beanies, and socks for men. Please bring your new or slightly used item to our church. Look for the blue barrel located near the chapel entrance. Contact the parish office for questions at 415-751-0450.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 11/19	8:30am	+ Joseph and Virginia Solak Int. of Kevin Carter
	12noon	
	4:30pm	+ Consuelo Francisco (anniv)
Sun 11/20	8:00am	+ Louis N. Pteropoulos
	9:30am	In Thanksgiving of Thelma Queri and Family + Juliet Tan
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	7:30pm	+ Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
Mon 11/21	7:00am	Int. of The Carey Family Int. of Donncha O’Cochlain Int. of Kayvon and Clarisse Rahbar + Yuliana Indra + Barbara Lathrop
	12noon	Int. of Jordi Cortez and Family Int. of Mariella Zevallos and Family Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family In Thanksgiving of Sandy and Theresa Pon (57yrs wedding anniv) + Julia Bernard
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Al Restun Int. of Sarah Tobin Int. of Bernadette Cody and Family + Murphy Lee Thomas + Deceased Family members of Epifania Lardizabal
Tue 11/22	7:00am	Int. of Liam Carey (bday)
	12noon	+ Lola Luz Tabobo
	6:00pm	+ Orazio Giambona
Wed 11/23	7:00am	+ Policarpio and Maria Manas
	12noon	Int. of Dr. Gavin Colvert (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Ru-Feng Joseph Wang
Thu 11/24	7:00am	+ Luisa and Angelo Luisa
	12noon	Int. of Arianna Tillman (bday)
	6:00pm	NO MASS
Fri 11/25	7:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	+ John Petty
	6:00pm	Int. of Carmel Richard (bday)
Sat 11/26	8:30am	+ Kathleen Kowk (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Christen Aguirre
	4:30pm	+ Gabriel and Duval Nicolas

Let us Pray for the Sick

Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Juliet Tan, Miriam Valle, James Estrada, Vicki Kruschin, John Johnson, Delora Roanhorse, Howard Morita, Yemame Ambaye, Carol Calabro, Fr. Allan Wilson, Diana Munoz, Marissa Piol, Carmen Smith, Rosemary Wood, William Molina, Leigh Radcliffe, Patrick Loughran, Mario & Maria Bruno, Antonio Oliva, Rebecca Patawaran, John Nittolo, Angelo Amadeo, Bill Flora, Dominic Colvert, Maria Teresa Avendano, Rose A. Llewellyn, Harper Killey, Marta Brown and Mary Ann Eiler.



Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events

GENERAL INFORMATION 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ALL SACRAMENTS 415-751-0450
Hospitality Volunteer Opportunities Mariella Zevallos 415-751-0450	Sacred Music Program Lynn Kraehling 415-812-2462
Ushers Kevin Carter kcart911@gmail.com	Lectors Deacon Albert Nimri 415-683-4295
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Filipino American Association (FAASTAR) Estrelle Chan 415-336-9193	Adoration Committee Laurie Murdock 415-244-8186
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Knights' Men's Ministry Sean Sullivan stsullivan12@gmail.com	Marriage & Family Apostolate Christina Sullivan and Maggie Takita starmarriageandfamily@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7 in the church or chapel
Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am | **Vespers**, Mon-Fri 5:45pm
Rosary Prayer after all daily Masses: M-F 7am, 12noon, 6pm and Sundays at 1pm (Latin) in the church
Latin Mass, M-F 7am, Sat. 12, Sunday 11:30am, Holy Days 6pm
Sunday November 20, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>
Sunday, November 20, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Preschool Atrium. 10:30-11:30am (registered children)
Tuesday November 22, Bible Study 3pm in the Parish rectory. Contact Mary Ann Eiler (650) 660-4546.
Tuesday November 22, 7-8:00pm Holy Hour / Confessions
November 24 & 25, the office will be closed. Thanksgiving Day Masses: 7am (Latin) and 10am English.
Star Pro-Life Prayer Group, Thursdays 6-7pm, 1522 Bush St. <https://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life>
Saturdays, 3pm Divine Mercy Devotion in the church
Star Outreach, serves the homeless every third Saturday of the month, and weekly on Sundays

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
 (Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)
 Look for the titles below at:
<http://watch.formed.org>

Spirituality of Thanksgiving
 Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of thanksgiving and its centrality to the Christian life.

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Sacred Art
 Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

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New in the parish? Please register!

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Thanksgiving Mass 10:00AM
Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day
 You are welcome to bring food to be blessed at Mass. There will be a thanksgiving table for the food items on the right side of the sanctuary near the crucified Lord.

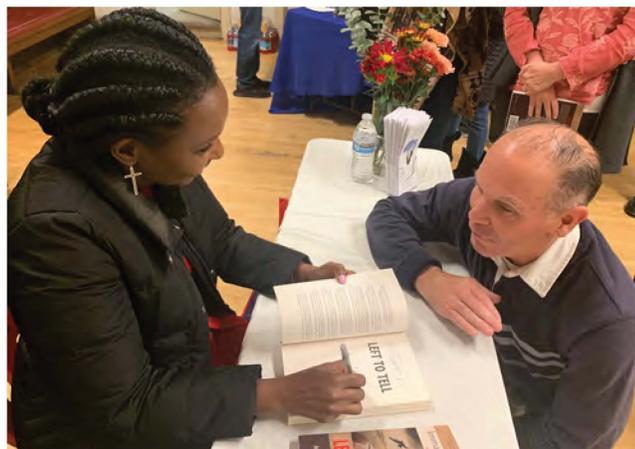
LOOKING FOR A HOUSE NEAR STAR OF THE SEA

"Our bookkeeper, Thelma Queri, had a house fire, and is now looking for a temporary place to rent near Star of the Sea Church. Looking for 2 or 3 bedrooms with 2 bathrooms, not a lot of stairs to climb up. Please call (415) 987-4533. Thank you!"

Happy Thanksgiving



Immaculee Ilibagiza's presentation at Star of the Sea last Friday was moving and inspiring. About 200 guests attended. Immaculee signed books and shared brief conversations with people after the talk. (We have copies of her book "Left to Tell" available in the kiosk for \$15). Immaculee said: "I feel at home at this beautiful church, and having the Blessed Sacrament so close and 24/7!" She was impressed by the image of Our Lady of Kibeho. With emotion she said: "She looks the way the viewers have described our Lady... young, but a mother, humble but regal..."





Advent Wreath Making
First Sunday of Advent
November 27, in the school yard

Get a free Advent kit after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Kit includes wreath frame, beeswax candles,, greenery, and a giant Advent calendar for the young.

Star of the Sea Parish & Stella Maris Academy

Holiday Bazaar & Rummage Sale

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping!



Arts & Crafts
Food
Shopping!

Booth space available for participating vendors
Contact: Mariella
415-751-0450

FALL INTO Christmas

Saturday, December 3, 9am-3pm
Sunday, December 4, 9am-3pm

Star of the Sea Auditorium
Entrance is free! Free Parking!



DEVOTIONAL GREGORIAN CHANTS

A retreat of prayers of Advent and Christmas



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:30AM - 4:00PM
At Gymnasium
Refreshments provided

Taught by Mary Ann Carr-Wilson
 Director of Canticle Choirs

Tuition \$25 per person. Children 17 and under free.
Pay online: www.starparish.com/give (chant workshop)
Or at the parish office.

Star of the Sea Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Name of Family Members living in the same household: _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

New Full Parishioner Associate parishioner Update contact information

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



Steward Stats

Time: 20 people joined the mother of Perpetual Help devotion last Wednesday.

Talent: Four volunteers help in the parish office weekly.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,819

To give online: www.starparish.com/give