



I'm 61 Today I complete sixty-one years outside the womb—thanks Mom! My mother named me Joseph because I was born in Advent, when Joseph was taking Mary to Bethlehem. Even as a little boy I dreamed of marrying a beautiful girl named Mary, and it turns out that marrying Mary is just what God had

in mind for me. Priests are espoused to the Church, of which Mary is the most perfect representation.

Tithing I've been writing and preaching a three-week series on the biblical precept of tithing. The annual Mass attendance and offertory analysis showed an increase in 13 people a Sunday but a \$1300 decrease in Sunday offertory (someone joked: "obviously the 13 new people are filching \$100 each from the Sunday collection!"). In the last two weeks, however, since I began speaking on tithing, our offertory has increased \$1500 a week. I thank you all for this most impressive response! Last week I reviewed my own parish tithes and decided it was time to step up a bit. Increasing my tithe was a little bold given the uncertain economy, but it felt good: it helped me believe more strongly in God's providence. Fear of the future nips at our heels, but faith in God overcomes fear. Giving a portion of our blessings helps us believe that we are, in fact, abundantly blessed. We should not worry too much about the 'global economy' because the Economy of Grace is guaranteed by God!

God's Work at our Parish *We don't give to a need, but we have a need to give.* Still, Our Lord expects us to increase the talents he entrusts to us. In Christ's parable, the owner of the vineyard blesses the two stewards who doubled what he lent them, but he curses the steward who buried his money. God has given us an extraordinary parish and school, fruits of His gift of faith. Tithing at Star of the Sea

means investing in God's good works. Consider these three. First, our **parish school**, San Francisco's only Catholic Classical Academy, which grants financial aid to 70% of our students. Last year our community supported the school with \$700,000 (\$400,000 through direct gifts and \$300,000 from the parish Sunday offertory). Second, **our beautiful shrine church** is the only Catholic church in San Francisco open all day and night. To heat and light church and chapel costs a pretty penny but provides a 24/7 sanctuary of prayer for the whole city. Third, our **outreach to the poor**. We feed and clothe several hundred children of God in the Tenderloin every month. Volunteers spend Sunday morning preparing the food, which they deliver to the poor every Sunday afternoon, along with clothing, blankets, rosaries, and prayer cards. I go with them once a month to hear the confessions, to pray, and to laugh with the poor. The parish spends \$300 every week feeding the needy. School, shrine, and food for the poor are just three of many good works out of tithe funds. God will always provide, but will I allow Him to provide through me? Will I return a portion of His gifts that others may know that they are loved? Thank you for a grateful response to God!



Wedding Invitation Two of our Young Adults, Kailash Duraiswami and Lily Sin, invite you to their wedding this Saturday at 12noon. The Archbishop will attend this sung Latin Nuptial, and I hope you will join me and our young adults in witnessing their decision to testify to love through the sacrament of holy matrimony. *Fr. Illo*



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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

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

Adoration 24/7

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Is 11 1-10; Rom 15 4:9; Mt 3: 1-12)

Good Fruit John the Baptist is tough. He emerges from the desert as a wild prophet, giving it to us with both barrels. Don't just talk, he cries out. "Produce good fruit, you brood of vipers!" Every tree that does not yield fruit will be cut down and burned. Can you identify real, measurable fruits you have produced with what God has given you? At least a few good things you've accomplished?

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



We celebrate St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, Turkey, on December 6th. Legend has it that a poor farmer needed a dowry for his daughters or they'd be sold into slavery. One night, St. Nicholas threw a bag of gold through the window and they landed in their shoes! Even today, children put their shoes out for goodies to be given by St. Nicholas during the night.

He's known to say, "The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving, by grace,

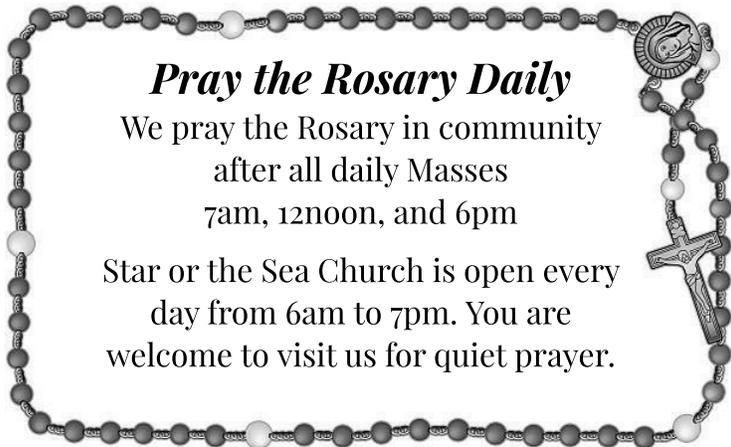
through faith..." And also, "Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God."

Give of yourself to God by signing up for weekly commitment. Go to www.adorationpro.org/star or contact Laurie Murdock (415) 244-8186

Pray the Rosary Daily

We pray the Rosary in community after all daily Masses 7am, 12noon, and 6pm

Star or the Sea Church is open every day from 6am to 7pm. You are welcome to visit us for quiet prayer.



Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/03	8:30am	Int. of Ivonne Setiawan
	12noon	+ Brian J. Kavanagh
	4:30pm	+ Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
Sun 12/04	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ John Elisarraraz
	11:30am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo (bday)
	7:30pm	Int. of Rosa De Lima Mendoza
Mon 12/05	7:00am	Int. of Sr. Lucita-Mary Francis + Clarence Mandala + Ginger Donohue + Kelly Indra + Elmer and Mildred Lintner
	12noon	Int. of Louisa Siu for healing Int. of Rosa De Lima Mendosa + Sandy Pon + Virginia Dellepiane + Eulogio and Asuncion Guce
	6:00pm	Int. of Noemi Iraeta Int. of The Cody Family + Ann Kenny + Cesar Oliva + Murphy Lee Thomas
Tue 12/06	7:00am	+ Harriet Konopaski (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	6:00pm	Int. Sarah and Anthony Zeitz
Wed 12/07	7:00am	Int. of Marian Gregoire
	12noon	+ Gabriel and Duval Nicolas
	6:00pm	Int. of Celia Tabobo and Family
Thu 12/08	7:00am	+ Msgr. Cornelius Burns
	12noon	Int. of Betty Tillman
	6:00pm	+ Ramon Navarro Koh
Fri 12/09	7:00am	Int. Mark Trahan and Family
	12noon	+ Generosa Tabobo
	6:00pm	In Thanksgiving of Sandy Pon's Catholic Baptism
Sat 12/10	8:30am	Int. of Lynn Kraehling (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Angelina Minci

Let us Pray for the Sick



Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, 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, Harper Killey, Marta Brown and Mary Ann Eiler, Joshua Rea.

Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events

GENERAL INFORMATION 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ALL SACRAMENTS 415-751-0450
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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 December 4, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>
Sunday, December 4 and 11, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Preschool Atrium. 10:30-11:30am (registered children)
Sunday, December 4, Marriage & Family Apostolate picnic
Sunday December 4 - 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Tuesday December 6, Bible Study 3pm in the Parish rectory. Contact Mary Ann Eiler (650) 660-4546.
Tuesday December 6, 7:00-8:00pm Holy Hour / Confessions
Thursday December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: 7am (Latin), 12 noon sung English Mass, 6pm Sung English Mass.
Monday December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass, 7am (English) followed by traditional Mexican breakfast
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

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of movies, documentaries, and educational materials that will help your family grow closer to God and His Church. Sign up for formed.org (information below) or use your cellphone camera to scan QR codes.



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New in the parish? Please register!

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FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Look for the titles below at:
<http://watch.formed.org>

Second Sunday of Advent | FORMED in the Word

Enter more deeply into the readings of the Mass by joining Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew as they reflect upon the upcoming Sunday readings. Abide in the Word of God this Advent by immersing yourself in it, thus preparing your heart for Christ's coming. Follow along with your Bible:
 First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72, Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13, Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

Stella Maris Academy



Dear Parish Family,

In George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation, he states "it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor." November was a month full of opportunities to impart this wisdom to our students at Stella Maris Academy. In honor of Veterans Day, students celebrated our veterans with an assembly for the community. Each class prepared songs and reflections honoring our veterans and recalling the various branches of the armed services. We welcomed several guests, including Mr. Andruess (father of Gr. 1/2 teacher Mrs. Michaela Semling), Mr. Carey (brother of Gr. 7/8 teacher Mr. Liam Carey) and Sgt. First Class Brendan Damon, who spoke to our students about their service to our country. On the Friday before Thanksgiving vacation, our Parent Club brought families together for a wonderful traditional luncheon with all the fixings. What a blessing to have a community that feels more like a family than a school! And the final week of November provided an opportunity for our pastor, Fr. Joseph, to bring our students to the San Francisco National Cemetery in the Presidio. In what has become an annual tradition, students gathered to pray for the souls in purgatory and obtain a plenary indulgence for this spiritual work of mercy.

"We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who lives and reigns, world without end. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Dr. Gavin Colvert, Head of School



Forming young hearts and minds for the journey of life

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2022-2023

Schedule a visit to see our school in action!

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The Arriola Family

As is customary this time of year, I took a moment to reflect on what I'm thankful for. Friends and family? Of course. Relatively good health? Definitely. But looking at pictures from the Stella Maris Academy Thanksgiving celebration a couple of weeks ago, I realized that one of the things I'm most thankful for is that God gave my wife and me the courage to move our four children to Stella Maris Academy last year. It was disruptive, no doubt. And given that it was Stella Maris' first year, it required a great leap of faith. A little over a year later though, I'm happy to say that our children are thriving! I'm amazed at their advanced vocabulary (likely from the classical literature) and their proficiency in math and science. Most important however is how they've grown in their knowledge of and love for our Catholic faith. Most kids idolize LeBron James, Taylor Swift, or some other popular icon that may or may not be a good role model. But after last month's All Hallows' Eve festival, my kids were already talking about which saint they were going to be next year. So what am I thankful for? I'm thankful for the opportunity to be part of a school filled with truth, goodness, and beauty, with excellent, joyfully Catholic teachers that prepare our children to be in the world without being of the world.

Thank you and God Bless,
George and Maureen Arriola



The Arriola children (from left to right): Sera 6, Eli 11, George 14, Natalie 10



Jacqueline with one of her paintings of Padre Pio--one of her favorite saints to paint!

Meet **Jacqueline Del Curto** our Stella Maris Academy Art Teacher. Jacqueline has been working as a professional artist and art teacher for the past seven years. Her post-secondary education took her from the Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, New Hampshire, to the Classical Arts Academy in Florence, Italy. After receiving a bachelor's degree in theology from the Catholic Distance University and apprenticing with English artist James Gillick in Louth, England, she returned to California to develop her love of portraiture and genre painting. She enjoys guiding artists of any age--from toddler to adult. Jacqueline works diligently with the school children, to provide beautiful artwork usually displayed at most of the school and parish events.



Jacqueline Del Curto works with Dominic Souza to create military seals for Stella Maris Academy's Veteran's Day program.



Students Eva Padilla and Scarlett Carey working on painting a still-life.



Kindergarteners bringing sunflowers to life on paper.

What is happening at Star of the Sea



STAR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Register in Flocknote.com/star. If you would like more information about our activities please let us know!

Contact Mary Gordon, Christina Sullivan & Maggie Takita
starmarriageandfamily@gmail.com



Knights' Men's Ministry

All men of the parish are welcome to our monthly meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 7pm

St. Francis room (above the Gym).

Meet for fellowship and to gather ideas to shape planning the new year's schedule. Rosary at 6:40pm. Pizza.

Beverages. Activities.

Contact Sean Sullivan:

stsullivan12@gmail.com



MOST HOLY FACE DEVOTION

This devotion (given by Jesus to a Carmelite nun) was specifically to combat Communism.

Please join us in this battle to save the soul of our country.
Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm, at Star of the Sea Adoration Chapel



DIVINE MERCY AND HOLY NAME OF JESUS DEVOTION

Join the Holy Name Society to pray a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, a Holy Rosary, and the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Saturdays, 3pm in the Church

contact Thelma Queri

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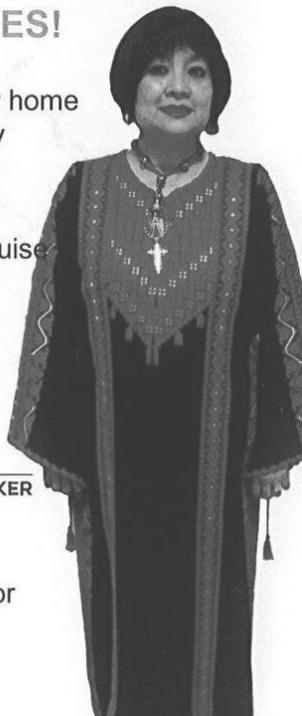
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RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

For adults interested in becoming Catholic, learning about Catholicism, understand your faith better, or receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Meetings are every other Wednesday of the month. 7pm to 8:30pm

Star of the Sea Parish Program

Interested or need more information?

contact Greg Moeck 310-694-6380



DEVOTIONAL GREGORIAN CHANTS

**A retreat of prayers of
Advent and Christmas**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
Gymnasium, 9:30AM - 4:00PM**

Refreshments provided.

**Taught by Mary Ann Carr-Wilson
Director of Canticle Choirs**

**Workshop Fee \$25 per person. Children 17
and under free.**

**TUESDAY
BIBLE
STUDY**

3:00pm

**Contact Mary Ann Eiler
650-660-4546**

**Star of the Sea Free
Program**

You are cordially invited to
Opera Together Community Performances

La Boheme

Featuring San Francisco Opera Guild Artists and
Student Artists (three students from Stella Maris!)
from Bay Area Schools

December 7 & 8, 7pm

Gateway Theater, 215 Jackson Street, San Francisco.
Reservations are required

Tickets/Info -
<https://SFOperaguildLaBoheme.eventbrite.com>



This Advent Season, please give Christmas gifts to children and youth from the El Canal neighborhood in San Rafael. Many of these children experienced trauma, and some live in cars waiting for shelter space to open up. Most of them are in this country escaping poverty and insecurity. Many as young as 14 must work to pay for immigration expenses, living expenses in addition to learning a new language and way of life. Please donate **new** items. We will gratefully receive educational toys, warm clothing, and shoes for kids of all ages. For older kids, please donate gift cards from Target, TJ Maxx, Ross, Kohl's, or Visa (they can buy what they need). Please **do not** send grocery/food gift cards, as the families are getting food from other donors.

How to donate:

**Look at the cards placed at the giving tree in
the church front right side, and choose what
you want to donate. Bring your donation to
the rectory before Friday, 12/16/22.**

If you have questions or want to volunteer to teach English, please contact Mariana Quintanilla at mlopez@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your generous contribution!

**The Filipino Ministry of the
Archdiocese of San Francisco
15th Annual Simbang Gabi
Commisioning Mass**

**Friday, December 9, 2022, 7:30pm
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA 94109**

*Parishioner across the archdiocese are invited to bring
their own parol and creche (nativity scene) for special
blessings.*

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Mass, Monday December 12, 7:00AM

Followed by

TRADITIONAL MEXICAN BREAKFAST

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

(Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 4-12)

We invite you to bring red or white roses the day of her feast.



A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Feast of the Immaculate Conception



DECEMBER 8TH

Masses: 7am (Latin),
12noon English sung Mass,
6pm English sung Mass



Special thanks to the members of our Family and Marriage Apostolate for her service and generosity. Last Sunday many of our families got free Advent wreaths kits, a beautiful coloring Advent artwork for the children, and a Sunday missal to help the children understand and follow the Mass.

Please join our members next **Sunday, December 11 for a Park Day** 2-4pm @ Presidio Wall Playground.

Weather-permitting, bring a blanket, snacks, water, and a Rosary. We'll pray the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3pm. Organizer: Christina Sullivan

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: 60 people joined Our Lady of Perpetual help devotion last Wednesday.

Talent: 8 altar servers helped at the 12noon Mass last Wednesday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$9,035
Thanksgiving \$3,542

To give online: www.starparish.com/give