



**February Weddings** Many get married in the pleasant month of June, but I would say that it takes strength of character to get married in February. This month I have the privilege of solemnizing the Sacrament of Matrimony for three starry-eyed couples: Dan and Queencie (née Maranan) Pelin, Ken and Lydia (née Gandasubroto) Gibbons, and Thomas and Jacqueline (née Del Curto) Jacobi. The word “matrimony,” if you didn’t know, means “mother-hood,” [from *matri-monium* in Latin], which is why being open to children is essential to marriage (even if God never blesses the spouses with offspring). And being open to children is why matrimony can only be solemnized between a man and a woman.

The surest way to deconstruct marriage is to pretend that children are not essential to matrimony, but that matrimony is merely an agreement between adults to further their own self-interests. Certainly companionship, pleasure, financial security, and common interests are good things in marriage, but the one thing that makes marriage distinct from any other human relationship is the capacity to bear and raise children in a loving environment (which we call “the family”). Two male friends living together, or a brother and sister, or three college students, or a grandson living with his grandfather, are all human relationships with good aspects to them, but none of these relationships can conceive children, nor give them the security of “home” that only their mother and



*Altar Server camping trips: Angel Island and in the Sierras*

father can give them. Marriage is worth fighting for, because only within marriage can children be given the stability they need to flourish. When we defend marriage, we defend children. Every child needs his or her own mother and father, living together in a covenant of loving mutual support, providing a home. So, *thank you*, our dear three couples, for entering the sacrament of matrimony and witnessing to real love.

**Welcome Chesterton Academy** Where will you spend your Valentine’s Day evening? This Tuesday, six members of the new Chesterton Academy Executive Board will meet at Star of the Sea to plan a Classical High School here for next year. They attended a training seminar last week in Chicago by the Chesterton Academy Network of High Schools, and now 18 months of hard work lie

ahead of them to opening day in August 2024. Welcome, Chesterton Executive Board, and Godspeed! And if you missed our school Valentine’s Day in Food Festival in the gym yesterday (Saturday), you can still join me at a French **Mardi Gras** wine, cheese, and crepes reception in the auditorium on February 21, to learn how we can support needy children in Indochina through the

Children of the Mekong program. See page 2 for details.

**St. Joseph’s Day** is only 30 days from next Sunday: time for our annual Thirty Day St. Joseph Novena. St. Joseph got our perpetual adoration chapel open in 2016, and it was St. Joseph who got our school reopened in 2021. Let’s all ask him for what we need, just like Jesus and Mary did in the Holy Family. St. Joseph is father to us like he is to Jesus and Mary, so let’s all pray this novena for



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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 Adoration 24/7** | Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am | **Vespers**, Mon-Fri 5:45pm | **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 Light** (Sir 15: 16-21; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5: 17-37) **Divorce** "I hate divorce" the Lord God says in Malachi 2:16. So do we, but it happens sometimes (actually, a lot in our post-Christian society). How does divorce happen? "I say to you," Jesus says in the Gospel today, "whoever looks at a woman with lust..." The world tells men that we cannot *not* lust, but the Bible tells us "if you choose, you can keep the commandments" (today's first reading). I'm betting on the Bible.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7

St. Valentine was removed from General Roman Calendar, because of inconsistencies. However, he did exist, was martyred, and is still recognized a saint. The Traditional Latin Calendar still commemorates his feast day on February 14. Relics can be found all over the world. It is said that while imprisoned, he healed the jailer's blind daughter and on his execution day in about 270 AD, he left her a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Let Jesus be "Your Valentine" every week! Sign up at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star). Or Consider being a sub! To sign up to be a sub or to view sub requests that you can fill go to [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star) - password: subpass

## Children of the Mekong



is an international charity founded in France after the Indochinese wars to support needy children in Southeast Asia. In 2022 it sponsored 25,000 children and supported 60,000 children in

Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines. Gregoire and Marie-Cecile Vallancon, one of our French families, invites you to a

## Mardi Gras Reception

on February 21, 6:30pm (after the 6pm Mass) in the auditorium for wine, cheese, crepes, and a 45-minute film on the project. We will be invited to sponsor or support a child in one of these countries.

RSVP online: [www.starparish.com](http://www.starparish.com)



Join us as we celebrate the opening of Bella Health and Wellness Medical Center

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Star of the Sea

4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco  
Cocktails 6pm Dinner 7pm

Dinner - Auction - Music - Dancing  
tickets: [bellafoundersgala.com](http://bellafoundersgala.com)

## Mass Intentions

Sat. 02/11	8:30am	Int. of Bryson Soncuya for healing
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	Int. of Nancy Marinsik and Alexandra Carcache
Sun 02/12	8:00am	+ Maria Dayoan
	9:30am	+ Leandro Nunez (anniv)
	11:30am	Int. of Kevin Carter
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 02/13	7:00am	Int. of Karen Lyons Int. of Jean Abella (bday) Int. of Kevin and Rebecca Abella (1st anniv) + Dominik Josefik + Holy Souls
	12noon	Int. of Michael Soncuya Int. of Thelma Queri and Family + Maria Bruno + Mary McGrath Hamrick (anniv) + Graciano and Candida Aguirre
	6:00pm	Int. of Dana Nunez Int. of Charlie Brown Int. of Corazon Legaspi Int. of Elizabeth Ing and Family Int. of Meghan and John Lyons
Tue 02/14	7:00am	+ Maria Fe Piol
	12noon	Int. of The Tulkoff Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Mary Rose Sorenson
Wed 02/15	7:00am	+ Maria Bruno
	12noon	+ Delfin Go
	6:00pm	Int. of Michaela Rae Semling
Thu 02/16	7:00am	Int. of Epifania Lardizabal
	12noon	Int. of Gregory and Anne Martin (anniv)
	6:00pm	+ Rene Ing
Fri 02/17	7:00am	+ Manuela and Regina Aguirre
	12noon	+ Maria Bruno + Toby Goold
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Cameron Pollete
Sat 02/18	8:30am	+ Consorcia O. Ceniza
	12noon	Int. of Nicki Trahan (bday)
	4:30pm	+ Fr. Donald Donnell

## Prayer 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 Bruno, Antonio Oliva, Rebecca Patawaran, John Nittolo, Angelo Amadeo, Bill Flora, Dominic Colvert, Maria Teresa Avendano, Harper Killey, Marta and Stahly Brown, Mary Ann Eiler, Joshua Rea, Susan Yates, and Vittorio Anastasio.

# Programs & Ministries

# Calendar of Events

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**Rosary Prayer after all daily Masses: M-F** 7am, 12noon, 6pm and Sundays at 1pm (Latin) in the church

**Sunday February 12, 2:30pm** Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>

**Sunday, February 12,** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Preschool Atrium. 10:30-11:30am (registered children)

**Tuesday February 14,** Bible Study 3pm in the Parish rectory. Contact Mary Ann Eiler (650) 660-4546.

**Sunday February 19,** 30 day St. Joseph's Novena begins. Feb.19-March 20.

**Tuesday February 21,** Children of the Mekong Mardi Gras Reception.6:30pm in the auditorium for wine, cheese, crepes, and a 45-minute film on the project.

**Star Pro-Life Prayer Group,** Thursdays 6-7pm, 1522 Bush St. <https://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life>

**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>

### Lukas Storyteller: Saint Valentine

SAINT VALENTINE AND FRIENDSHIP (Family video)  
 Ana feels frustrated. She wants to be everyone's best friend. Lukas tells her the story of St. Valentine to help her understand the meaning and value of friendship.

### In the Footsteps of Saint Patrick - Episode 1

The Footsteps of St. Patrick is an inspiring docu-drama and spiritual adventure that recreates Patrick's pilgrim journey through Ireland, using letters written by him, as well as Monastic records from the 10th Century. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape, he discerned the call of God to return to them as a priest and evangelize the Irish with the Catholic faith. Follow that amazing journey to the many places of Patrick's adventure through Ireland.

### Celebrate Saint Patrick - Episode 2

Celebrate St Patrick, is a beautiful, moving concert in the glorious and ancient St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. Talented choirs and musicians from all over Ireland perform sacred and Irish music in honor of St. Patrick, with passages recited from his famous "Confessions" throughout the event.

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New in the parish? Please register!  
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**Join the Marriage & Family Apostolate for its monthly Park Day this Sunday Feb 12 from 2-4pm at Presidio Wall Playground. Dress in layers, and bring a blanket, snacks, and Rosary.**



Special thanks to all the Stella Maris Academy families who work once a month baking and selling homemade desserts to raise funds for our school.



God is present in everyone and everything. Our volunteer teacher Alyson Voltmer presenting the Parable of the Mustard Seed to the children attending the Sunday Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.



Our Sunday Masses altar servers are both from our parish and school families. What a joy!

## Steward Stats

**Time:** 20 people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet last Saturday.

**Talent:** 4 volunteers helped in the parish office last week.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,908

**To give online:** [www.starparish.com/give](http://www.starparish.com/give)

### Star of the Sea Parishioner Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

New Full Parishioner  Associate parishioner  Update contact information

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



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## The Beauty of the Sung Mass

A lecture by Dr. William Mahrt,  
Professor of Music at Stanford University

**February 24, 4pm**

St. Patrick's Seminary  
320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park

## Theology on Tap

an evening to prepare for Lent with the  
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

St. Boniface Church,  
131 Golden Gate Ave.

**February 15, 6-8:30pm**

### STAR OF THE SEA

A shrine church  
to our Lady of  
the Holy Rosary

16 Marian Apparitions.

Visit all the shrines!

Light a candle.

Stay for quiet prayer.

Open daily 6am to 7pm.

All are welcome!

