



**A Holy Land** I write this from a room overlooking the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem, listening to the Holy City awoken to birdsong and the shouts of bakers and butchers stocking their little grocery stores. My friend, roommate, and co-leader for this pilgrimage, Fr. Mark Wagner, has gone up to the

roof garden to offer the early Mass in Latin. The twenty or so who get up for this early Mass will see the sun rising behind him over the Mount of Olives, shining off the golden dome on the Temple Mount and lighting up the dull gray domes of the Holy Sepulcher, just a stone's throw from our hotel. I will offer the Mass in English this afternoon on the Mount of Olives, at an outdoor altar. As I write to all of you in San Francisco, listening to Jerusalem rise up from sleep, I stepped out onto our porch to feast my eyes on the Holy City by the morning light. Children are walking in twos and threes to the local school with bookbags in tow; shopkeepers—Muslim, Jewish, and Christian—are setting out their goods; taxi drivers are smoking cigarettes beside their cars; men old and young in broad-brimmed black hats and black leather satchels are walking serenely to begin the day's study of the Torah; Israeli soldiers, the flower of Israel's youth, walk with machine guns upright in their packs, chatting in groups; old men sit on chairs watching it all pass by; and old women in headscarves and dark dresses mouth their morning prayers. It's too early for tourists, but occasionally a pilgrim or two will walk past with a bible or rosary. Everybody is squeezed in with everyone else, in a city where people take religion seriously. While there is a modicum of peace in the city this morning, there is no deep peace. Our tour guide, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, slips into bitter comments about the suffering in his home

town. Bethlehem is essentially a ghetto now, he tells us, surrounded by a 20-foot wall. "The government cut off our water for 20 days last year," he told me, "and only 8% of Bethlehem is still Christian. All the rest have left the city to the Jews." Meanwhile, the Muslims send rockets from Gaza into Israel, while Israeli jets reply with air attacks. Jerusalem, the "City of Peace," will never have earthly peace because religion is drama. It is a thing of the heart. As a Muslim terrorist once said



*Fr. Joseph and Fr. Mark with Deacon Albert and his sister and brother-in-law at Nazareth, where they live.*



*Magdalena Aguirre and her sister Charo at Magdala, home of St. Mark Magdalene.*

to a CIA agent, "You people think money and weapons and politics is power. You are wrong. Belief is power." Belief in a cause greater than ourselves is more powerful than any self-interest, and belief in a personal god or gods is the most powerful force on earth. Here in Jerusalem, mutually-exclusive beliefs are in conflict, like tectonic plates moving past each other. The Islamic understanding of God can never be reconciled with the Jewish understanding of God, which can never be reconciled with the Christian understanding of Jesus Christ. **Prince of Peace** In this world, you will have trouble, but take courage: I have overcome the world," Jesus said. The "world," the secular culture that distances itself from right worship, will always be in conflict with itself, and in conflict with the Church. Even the most faithful of Christians will be at war within themselves, for "the flesh and the spirit are at war with each other,"

the apostle wrote. As you look out over your own lives—your marriages, your rectories, your work relationships, your parishes and social communities—you wonder if you will ever find real peace in this world. The answer is no. We will attain little oases of peace, like the city street below me—schoolchildren with the bookbags walking beside soldiers with their machine guns. But the fullness of peace is for the next world. In this world, however, we have the Way of Peace, the Lord Jesus. Holding tightly to His hand, thirsting for His Word and hungering for His Sacraments, we are on the Way to Peace. *Fr. Joseph 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 Adoration 24/7** | **Holy Hour & Confessions**, Tuesdays 7-8pm | **Lauds**, Mon-Fri 6:45am | **Vespers**, Mon-Fri 5:45pm | **First Fridays**, Sacred Heart Devotion, 12noon, 6pm Latin | **First Saturdays**, Our Lady of Fatima devotion 8:30am | **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, Saturdays 3pm

# Eucharistic Adoration 24/7



St. Catherine of Siena's feast day is April 29th. She was a Dominican Tertiary and mystic from an early age. She was known to give counsel and wrote over 400 letters to kings, priests, bishops, cardinals, popes, and lay men and women, giving insights that brought upon change. Most notably, she persuaded the Pope to return to Rome from Avignon.

She was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and in the last seven years, she lived on the Eucharistic host alone, after counsel and approval from her confessor. He found that she was truly nourished, happy, and filled with energy. Her body lays miraculously preserved in Siena, even today.

Come, and in the counsel of St. Catherine of Siena, "Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God..." by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star), (to be a sub use password: subpass). We need Adorers Sunday 10 pm-12 am; Thursdays, 12am-2am, and Thursdays, 6-7 pm.

## RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

A Star of the Sea Program for adults interested in becoming Catholic, gaining deeper understanding of the faith and of receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Meetings are on Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm

**For more information contact Greg Moeck (310) 694-6380**

## PLANNED GIVING

### One charitable gift, a legacy of benefits

A contribution designated during a donor's life that will take effect at or after his or her passing. By including your parish in your estate plans, you are helping preserve the mission and values of the church and its commitment to ministry. A legacy gift may be the ultimate way to impact lives for generations.

**For information please contact: [mariella@starparish.com](mailto:mariella@starparish.com)**

Join FAASTAR in celebrating

## FLORES DE MAYO

Dinner and Entertainment

May 20 | 6pm | School Auditorium

Ticket \$25 (6years up), children under 5 years Free

Cash or check payable to FAASTAR

For more information contact Estrella, 415-336-9193

Jennifer, 415-215-7046

# Mass Intentions

Sat. 04/29	8:30am	+ Dr. Donald and Mary Theresa Lintner
	12noon	+ Oliver O'Donovan
	4:30pm	Int. of Jim Gross
Sun 04/30	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Suzanne Liu (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of Andy Stone and Family
	7:30pm	+ Parker Moriwaki + Cesar Henao
Mon 05/01	7:00am	Int. of Saori Okawa Int. of Rosa Mendoza Int. of Piedad Dominguez Int. of Anjali Albuquerque + Salvatore Mandala
	12noon	Int. of Kevin Carter Int. of Danny Wozniak Int. of Sis. Michelle, OCD Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez + Aurora Manas
	6:00pm	+ Delia Miron + Luigi Dreon + Carlo Luisa + Alfredo Palad + Anna Maria Mela
Tue 05/02	7:00am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	Int. of Lili Kumala and Ed Katz
	6:00pm	Int. of Juliana Lam
Wed 05/03	7:00am	Int. of Nicole Arena
	12noon	+ Delfin Go
	6:00pm	+ Anna Maria Mela
Thu 05/04	7:00am	Int. for The Quintana Torres Family
	12noon	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Lorna Feria and Family
Fri 05/05	7:00am	+ For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	12noon	Int. of Challiss Mosher (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Francisco Matturano Gomez
Sat 05/06	8:30am	+ Maria Leonor Najarro
	12noon	Int. of Ruila Puskas and Family
	4:30pm	Int. of Rosa O. Au Yeung and Family

### Prayer for the Sick



Esmeria 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

Pirol, 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, Claire, Vittorio Anastasio, Lorna Feria, Leonard Lupineski, Vanessa Godinez, Ray Salvatierra and Mary Ann Eiler.

# Programs & Ministries

# Calendar of Events

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b> 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	<b>BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &amp; ALL SACRAMENTS</b> 415-751-0450
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<b>Marriage &amp; Family Apostolate</b> Christina Sullivan starmarriageandfamily@gmail.com	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Mariella Zevallos 415-751-0450 mariella@starparish.com
<b>Bible Study   Thursday 3PM</b> Parish rectory 4420 Geary Blvd Mary Ann Eiler, 650-660-4546	<b>Star Outreach to the Poor/Feed the homeless</b> Rosa Mendoza, 510-978-2519

**April 30**, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Archdiocesan Holy Hour 3-4pm, lead by Fr. Cameron Faller (pg 4)  
**May 5**, First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, 12noon, 6pm Latin  
**May 6**, First Saturday Fatima Devotion, 8:30am Mass  
**May 6**, Walk to Mary, 11am (information pg 4)  
**May 5, 6 & 7**; Second Marian Art Exhibition (pg 4)  
**Daily**: Rosary Prayer after Mass: M-F, 7am, 12noon, 6pm; Sat. 8:30am, 12noon; and Sundays at 1pm (Latin).  
**Saturdays**: Divine Mercy Chaplet, at 3pm in the church.  
**Sundays**: Rosary Prayer Walk, Sundays 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>



## FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

### Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate Catherine of Siena: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a saint and doctor of the Church.

### St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father *May 1, St. Joseph the Worker*

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. Joseph of Nazareth stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue, a brilliant example of obedience to God and trust in Divine Providence. His role as protector of families in the difficulties of life and Patron of the universal Church has never been more clearly needed. Now, the Church is seeking to deepen its understanding of the Guardian of Jesus and of the Holy Family. — *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* provides viewers with a glimpse into one of the most incredible lives in all of human history — a figure whose spiritual fatherhood remains open to all of us.

### Knights' Men's Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, May 3 at 7pm in the St. Clare Room above the gym.  
Rosary at 6:40PM.

We will finish our breakdown of *October Sky* followed by demonstrations on various scrap metals for cash and how to polish shoes. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of catholic educational materials, sign up for formed.org (information below). Use Venmo to pay for candles, kiosk items, offertory, etc. Use your cellphone camera to scan the QR codes.



Formed.org/Signup/sign up as a parishioner/Create a new account: find your parish (zip code 94118)/ Select Star of the Sea/next/Create a new account:Your name and email/sign up!



New in the parish? Please register!  
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## STAR OF THE SEA SECOND ANNUAL MARIAN ART EXHIBITION

### A CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY IN ART

Featuring Artwork by Stella Maris Students & Local Artists

Opening Reception, May 5, 3pm-7pm

May 6, 9am-7pm | May 7, 10:30am-3pm

Star of the Sea Auditorium | 360 9th Ave,  
San Francisco, CA 94118

Local Artists are invited to submit Marian Artwork  
To register or for information: [www.starparish.com](http://www.starparish.com)



*Special thanks to our school and parish Altar Servers for their weekly commitment to serve at our masses.*

## WALK TO MARY | May 6 | 11:00AM

### A 1.5-mile Rosary Prayer Walking Pilgrimage

Starting at Star of the Sea Parish

4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco to

The Carmelite Chapel & Monastery of Cristo Rey

721 Parker Ave, San Francisco

Traditional Latin Mass at the Monastery at 12 noon,  
celebrated by Fr. Joseph Illo, Star of the Sea pastor

Pilgrims meet at 11:00am in the parish school yard to  
start the walk! Wear the Star of the Sea T-shirt  
available in the parish office.

# WALK TO MARY



### Steward Stats

**Time:** 15 people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet  
last Saturday.

**Talent:** 3 volunteers helped at our office this past  
week.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$28,356

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: [www.starparish.com](http://www.starparish.com), or [Flocknote.com/star](http://Flocknote.com/star)

### Baby Supply Drive for Prolife Clinic

We are collecting clothing, toiletries, diapers, baby toys, pacifiers, towels, wash clothes, bibs, baby bottles, children's books & baby bouncers for babies ages 0-2 years. Please drop your gifts in the blue barrel at the side door between church and school yard. We give these items to the Bay Area Real Option Obria Clinics, with much gratitude.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

We have met our goal!  
Thank you all for  
supporting the Annual  
Appeal. Every gift is  
greatly appreciated.  
We hope for 100%  
participation from our  
parish family this year!



**Our Goal**  
**\$125,000**  
**Join the 1% Club by giving \$1,250**

Donate online: [SFArch.org/AAA](http://SFArch.org/AAA) (choose Star of the Sea Parish San Francisco), or make a check payable to AAA2023. Thank you for your support!

### 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!

