



STAR of the SEA

Our Mission is:
To evangelize God's people
beginning with the gift of the
Holy Eucharist

May 7, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter (Pg 270 red missal). 4th Sunday after Easter (Pg 638 Latin 1962 missal)



Mayday May is the month of Our Lady, the month of our mothers, and the month of St. Joseph. I began the month by celebrating the Mass of St. Joseph in my boyhood parish in Pennsylvania, where I had come to visit my venerable father. He is 97

years old, still mourning the death of my mother two years ago. He named me "Joseph" when he was a young man, just beginning his family and his teaching career in New York. Although his faith waned during the middle part of his life (he picked up Marxist ideology at Columbia University), he recovered his faith when he was 85 years old. My mother had been leading us children in prayer every night "for the resurrection of your father's faith" and her many rosaries finally paid off. She died holding his hand after 68 years of marriage, six children, and a life of joyful penance for the Lord her God. Now I'm praying rosaries, with my mother still, for a happy death for my father. The rosary is our "mayday" prayer, a distress signal sent up to God through Mary for a people in desperate straits. The ship is sinking, and we need someone to rescue us. I'm here to tell you that prayer works, and the rosary in particular, so pray the rosary daily, especially in this month of May.

First Holy Communion

Yesterday was the First Saturday of May, beloved to all who practice heartfelt devotion to the Mother of Jesus. I was delighted how many people came to our "Walk to Mary," a rosary walk through Golden Gate Park to

Cristo Rey Carmelite Monastery, where I offered a Mass of Our Lady at noon. Mariella Zevallos has been organizing this devotion for several years, inspired by the 22-mile Walk to Mary in Champion, Wisconsin, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help (now renamed "Our Lady of Champion"—you can read more about these



apparitions at her shrine in our church). Yesterday I heard the first confessions of several children, and today I will administer the greatest of all sacraments, their First Holy Communion. Some of these children, like my father, will probably fall away from the faith for a time, forgetting their childhood joy in

receiving God into their bodies and souls. But we, their parents and elders in the faith, will firmly hold to the faith in the hope that one day they will regain their innocence. We must never give up on anyone who has lost the faith, but we must commend them to God's mercy, especially by praying the rosary and offering our Holy Communion of Reparation for them.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Our 48 pilgrims who returned from the Holy Land last week received tremendous graces.

Try to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem before you die, dear people! Pictures, from top to bottom: Magdalena and Charo Aguirre in Mary Magdalena's village; Rosie, Katherine, and Antoinette on the Sea of Galilee; Donncha, Fr. Mark, and me praying vespers in the desert.

Fr. Joseph Illo



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M-TH 8:30am-5pm
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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 (Acts 6: 1-7; 1 Pt 2: 4-9; Jn 14: 1-12)

Troubled Hearts Our Lord foretells his Passion on this Fifth Sunday of Easter, but then reassures his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." If it seems like God is dead in our godless culture, and if it seems like the Catholic Church herself is collapsing, "do not let your heart be troubled." Have faith in God, and faith in His Son. Pray the rosary and all will be well.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7

We commemorate St. Gregory, The Theologian, of Nazianzen on May 9 (Traditional calendar). He was a good friend of St. Basil and later became the pope of Constantinople. He is known for his orations and poetry, and wrote, "Nothing seems to me greater than this: to silence one's

senses...to converse with oneself and with God...to bear in one's soul divine images, ever pure ... taking light from light...in the present hope, the future good, and to converse with angels...borne aloft by the spirit" (Orationes 2: 7; SC 247: 96).

All this can be accomplished with a weekly commitment to the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star (to be a sub use password: subpass). We need Adorers Sundays 10 pm-12 am; Thursdays, 12am-2am, and 1-2 pm and 6-7 pm. Fridays, 1-2 pm and Saturdays, 11 am-12 pm.

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

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, Claire, Vittorio Anastasio, Lorna Feria and Leonard Lupinesky.

Mass Intentions

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
Sun 05/07	8:00am	Int. of Eileen Ing (bday)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Int. of The Dumlao Family
	7:30pm	Int. of Rosa De Lima Mendoza
Mon 05/08	7:00am	Int. of Dan Scotti Int. of Laurel Boros Int. of Mario Miguel Gamez Int. of Piedad Dominguez and Family + George Carter
	12noon	Int. of Valerie Cook Int. of Baby Rose Mary Rahbar for healing + Rusty Lacap + Carlo Luisa + Maria Dreon (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int of Christina Thammassen In Thanksgiving for Graces received + Mateo and Celia Melgar + Parker H. Moriwaki + Helen Meissner
Tue 05/09	7:00am	Int. of Irene Osborne
	12noon	Int. for San Francisco Homeless
	6:00pm	+ Eulofia Rodrigues
Wed 05/10	7:00am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	+ Theresa Borum
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosario Casavilca
Thu 05/11	7:00am	Int. of Clarice Mandala
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	6:00pm	+ Priscilla Payne
Fri 05/12	7:00am	Int. for Star of the Sea Priests
	12noon	Int. of Marilyn Jackson (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Cardinal George Pell
Sat 05/13	8:30am	+ Duval Nicolas
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Susana So Tili

Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events

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Knights' Men's Ministry Sean Sullivan stsullivan12@gmail.com	Star Pro-Life Prayer Group Thursdays 6-7pm, 1522 Bush St. https://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life
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Bible Study Thursday 3PM Parish rectory 4420 Geary Blvd Mary Ann Eiler, 650-660-4546	Star Outreach to the Poor/Feed the homeless Rosa Mendoza, 510-978-2519

Rosary Prayer after all daily Masses: M-F 7am. 12noon, 6pm and Sundays at 1pm (Latin) in the church
May 5, 6 & 7 Marian Art Exhibition in the Auditorium.
Sunday May 7, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>
Sunday May 7, Crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:30 & 11:30am Mass. Bring flowers to our lady!
Sunday May 7 & 14 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Preschool Atrium. 10:30-11:30am (registered children)
Saturdays, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

The Woman In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman". This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman", and why is she so central in the history of Salvation? This film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. Combining gorgeous images from classic sacred art with a lovely soundtrack, the dogmas of the Mother of God: Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, and Assumption are explained, along with other traditional beliefs and devotions to Mary. Insightful commentary is provided by Fr. Marcus Holden, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Sister Mary of the Trinity, Fr. Jeff Steel, and Joanna Bogle, along with a number of young people speaking about their faith and love of Our Blessed Lady.

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 scan the QR codes to register online.

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to [Flocknote.com/star](https://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?
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Star of the Sea Church

Stella Maris Academy



This past Saturday, Stella Maris Academy held its inaugural gala. We are so grateful to the many parishioners who supported the event in a variety of ways - purchasing tickets, contributing items, donating sponsorships and praying for our success.

In addition to the silent and live auctions, fine food, fellowship and passionate guest speakers, the highlight of the evening was a musical tribute honoring Our Lady Star of the Sea and her son Our Lord. Under the direction of our music teacher Ms. Carmel Richard, the Stella Maris Academy singers beautifully performed "O God Beyond All Praising" by Gustav Holst and "Regina Caeli" by Melchiorre Mauro-Cottone. The musical performance preceded a tribute to the event's grand honoree Archbishop Cordileone who has been a visionary leader in promoting Catholic classical education in the Bay Area.



Keynote speaker Greg Billion, Headmaster at Chesterton Academy of St. James in Menlo Park



Musical Tribute by the Stella Maris Academy Singers



Alex Adamson shares the good news about the Nativity Catholic Classical High School



Archbishop Cordileone is presented with a gift from the SMA students. Photos courtesy of Karolina Zapolska

Realtor Daisy Young

NEW DAY! NEW SMILES!

I am a Holy Land Pilgrim.
When you refer a home seller or home buyer to me, I donate 25% of my **Stella Maris Academy Star of the Sea Parish** and offer you a Pilgrimage or Cruise Scholarship to the Holy Land or any religious Sites.
Please contact me for more information



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Fr. Joseph Illo, Dr. Gavin Colvert, and Stella Maris Academy parents, teachers, and friends from Star of the Sea joined the school inaugural gala. Photos courtesy of Karolina Zapolska



We thank our volunteers who helped us in many ways, like Dolores Mehan did, at the silent auction.



Estrelle & Peter Chan, heads of FAASTAR (Star of the Sea Filipino American Association ministry), faithful supporters of Stella Maris Academy.



Jacqueline & Thomas Jacobi, and Pawel Cetlinski delighted us with a nice selection of jazz music.


STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
 SAN FRANCISCO

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Vicki Currier

Stella Maris Academy/Star of the Sea Preschool parents and teachers are great teachers. Star of the Sea Parish priests and parishioners are also great teachers. No matter how amazing any one of these great teachers are, they are unable to, "out teach" the greatest teacher of all- Christ The Teacher! We are truly blessed at Stella Maris

Academy/Star of The Sea Preschool, to receive this beyond compare Divine teaching from Christ The Teacher, at our weekly School Mass! Thank You Jesus! Most Catholic schools celebrate School Mass just once a month on First Friday, in honor of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Not only do we celebrate weekly School Mass, but we are also blessed to learn from Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament, Who is worshiped in The Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Our preschoolers love visiting Jesus in The Adoration Chapel after each weekly School Mass. In The True Presence of Our Lord, Savior, and Greatest Teacher, Jesus, during School Mass and Adoration, our preschoolers have been taught by Our Lord Jesus, to be respectful, reverent, thankful, joyful, and loving, among other teachings. It is only when a teacher, in The True Presence of The Greatest Teacher, humbling himself/herself to become completely open, accepting, and loving, like our youngest school children, that he/she is truly able to learn the essential lessons Christ the Teacher continually imparts unto us!

God bless!

Vicki Currier

Join FFASTAR 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 FFASTAR
For more information contact Estrelle,
415-336-9193 | Jennifer, 415-215-7046

Andrew Bloch



*Nathaniel, 8th grade and twins
Olive and Margaret, 7th grade*

With anxious excitement, my three youngest children were sent to Star of the Sea's newly-formed parish school two years ago. Stella Maris Academy (SMA) was newly developing as a reinvigorated elementary school inaugurated from scratch under the auspices of a reverent historical San Francisco church. Boasting a "classical education"

with firm guidance under the purview of The High One, SMA offered a refreshing faith-based educational opportunity in our fair city, a liberal city by any measure.

What is a "classical education" I wondered. And I asked too. A "classical education" I've come to believe is a faith-centric system which recognizes the strength of each student (all God's children, every last one of them) striving to develop his/her gift to the best of a teacher's ability. Goal: achieving the highest potential of each student, given their gift, whatever that blessing is. What could be a superior educational undertaking than that?

Stella Maris Academy's assessment: Mission accomplished! A+! 11 on a scale of 1 to 10! Only two years into it, the very fine direction and leadership and teaching staff make Stella Maris Academy a jewel in a "colorful" city.

Respectfully and
proudly submitted,

Andrew Bloch
father of 8th grade
Nathaniel and 7th
grade twins Olive and
Margaret - luv ya! :)



*Andrew Bloch (far right) checking
our guests in at the Stella Maris
Gala last Saturday.*

What is happening at Star of the Sea



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 (415) 751-0450

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 3:00pm

Contact Mary Ann Eiler
(650) 660-4546

Star of the Sea Catholic Church | 4420 Geary Blvd,
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Free Program | Bibles available in the parish office

For more information
(415) 751-0450



MOST HOLY FACE DEVOTION

This devotion (given by Jesus to a Carmelite nun) was specifically to combat Communism. Join us in this battle to save the soul of our country. Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm at Star of the Sea Adoration Chapel



STAR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Meet new Families at our parish!

Register in Flocknote.com/star. If you would like to join us and participate in our activities please

Contact Christina Sullivan
starmarriageandfamily@gmail.com



Children of the Mekong

Star of the Sea support Children of the Mekong, and especially the preschool of Inayawan in the Philippines. To find out more about this project visit www.starparish.com, click on "Donate now," you

will be redirected to the webpage Give2Asia. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

For more information please contact Gregoire Vallancon +1 (415) 781 9024



RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

A journey of faith



A Star of the Sea Program

for adults interested in becoming Catholic, learning about Catholicism, or who wish to deepen their faith better, leading to receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Meetings are on Wednesday once or twice a month. 7pm to 8:30pm.

Interested or need more information?

contact Greg Moeck (310) 694-6380

Slavyanka Chorus

Performing Liturgy by Konstantin Shvedov | Star of the Sea Church | **Sunday, May 21st, at 4PM**

An extraordinarily beautiful masterwork of sacred music by one of Sergei Rachmaninoff's highly praised contemporaries. It's a setting of the central service of the Russian Orthodox faith, and shares a number of the same texts with the Roman Catholic Mass. This concert series will be the first time this piece has ever been performed in America!

Visit: www.slavyankachorus.org. Not to be missed!

What is happening at Star of the Sea



The Knights' Men's Ministry sponsored its first one-day pilgrimage in April. The trek took the men from Star to the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi. After making their own pancake breakfast and packing lunches, a group of 7 men trekked 4 miles to get to the shrine. Along the way were stations for spiritual reflection. At the shrine, the men prayed a rosary and the plenary indulgence prayers, then toured the Porziuncola Nuova - a 2/3 replica of the one in Assisi.

Knights' Men's Ministry

If you would like to join this ministry or For more information Contact Sean Sullivan stsullivan12@gmail.com



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!

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



Steward Stats

Time: 50 people joined last Sunday's Holy Hour to pray for the increase of vocations.

Talent: Two altar servers helped at last Sunday's Holy Hour.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,774
Catholic Home Missions \$1,351

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



Remembering your Beloved Mother this whole month of May.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards and envelopes

are now available in all Church entrances. Fill up the envelope with your offering and drop the envelope in the box for Mother's Day near the Communion Rail.

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!

