Catholic Doctors and Nurses For several years I was chaplain to a local chapter of the Catholic Medical Association in Modesto, and now I'm chaplain to the Bay Area Catholic Medical Association. The "CMA" consists of doctors, nurses, and allied healthcare professionals (and one priest) who meet quarterly for the 8:30 Saturday morning Mass at Star of the Sea, followed by a light breakfast with a speaker on some topic of interest. On July 15 we met at the rectory after Mass for a talk by Dr. Michel Accad on "Healthcare in the Early Church." He described the history of healthcare from the Hippocratic Oath (fourth century BC) to the Church's development of hospital systems in the third century AD to the orders of nursing sisters of our own time. Dr. Accad explained that while the pagan Greeks and Romans saw the human body as a kind of machine that needed fixing, Christians saw the human person as one body-soul composite. Christians understood that healing the body also healed the soul, and so healthcare began treating the whole person, not just the body's physical symptoms. We also learned that, in pagan societies, doctors would abandon people with incurable diseases, but with the advent of Christianity doctors would care for the sick until death, treating both body and soul. In our own time, healthcare is moving back toward a pre-Christian understanding of the human body as a kind of machine that must be serviced like a car, and can be insured like a car. So, while the healthcare industry has grown exponentially, and we are "healthier" than ever before, "deaths by despair" (suicide, drug addiction and overdose, obesity, etc.) have also exponentially increased.
Healthcare is Ground Zero Healthcare is

arguably the nation's most lucrative industry at this time (receiving virtually unlimited funding from the government), and also ground zero for the culture wars. How we treat our illnesses and how we try to prevent disease defines how we understand the human person and our communities. Catholic healthcare is under relentless opposition from the secular powers of our time, with government attempting to force doctors and nurses to perform abortions, genital mutilations, and other acts against their conscience and against true health care. Our area used to have more than six large Catholic hospitals, but with the sale of Seton in Daly City, not one Catholic hospital remains-all have been sold to secular corporations, even if they retain their Catholic names. Catholic doctors, nurses, and allied healthcare professionals striving to practice truly Christian healthcare need mutual support, and this is what the CMA provides. Apart from the presentations at every meeting, members engage in thoughtful discussions about how to navigate these stormy waters. Our next Mass and breakfast meeting will October 14, with Fr. Justin Gable, who teaches at the Dominican School in Berkeley, speaking on Just War theory. To inquire about becoming a member, please email Dr. Stephen A. McCurdy, our current president, at samccurdy@ucdavis.edu.
Sports Speaking of the body-soul composite, and recently had dinner with Coach Patrick Walsh and his wife, I can only marvel at how this football coach at Sierra High school in San Mateo for many years has helped hundreds of young men reach physical, academic, emotional, and spiritual excellence. The human person is healthy or unhealthy on a number of levels, and sports, done well, forms the whole person. Many thanks to our esteemed football, basketball, soccer, and volleyball coaches! Fr. Joseph Illo

LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SGHEDULE
Daily Mass, M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, fpm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin
 Holy Day Mass, lam Latin, 12noon, Gpm Sung Latin Mass

Eucharistic Adoration 24/I |Lauds, Mon-Fir b:45am | Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm Holy Hour \& Confessions, Tuesiday 7pm--pmi. Devotions: Sacred Heart, First friday 12noon, Gpmin Latin; Divine Mercy, Saturiay 3pm; Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon; Our Lady of Fatima , First Saturdiay, 8:30am

# The Sunday Scriptures 

Mass Intentions
By Fr. Joseph Illo (1 King s 3: 5, 7-12, Rom 8: 28-30, Mt
13: 44-52) Joy "Out of joy, he goes and buys that field." Have you ever felt the joy of pursuing and acquiring something you just needed to have? A car? A certain computer? A home? How about a wife or husband, and the children that marriage makes possible? All of these good things are only shadows of the one thing that brings perfect joy: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sell all that you have to get Him!


## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

July 20th is the feast day of St. Margaret of Antioch. She was sent in jail because she was a Christian. She firmly confirmed, "I adore Christ and serve Him."

In jail, she was swallowed by a dragon, who spit her out because her crucifix scratched its throat. She was scourged, then burned, and they attempted drowning her, but she was miraculously healed, which converted many. She was known to speak to St. Joan of Arc, and is often invoked for deliverance from demonic possession.
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Make a Will. Include your parish in your estate plans. Help 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.


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, Patrick Loughran, Antonio Oliva, Rebecca Patawaran, John Nittolo, Angelo Amadeo, Bill Flora, Dominic Colvert, Maria Teresa Avendano, Harper Killey, Marta and Stahly Brown, Mary Ann Eiler, Susan Yates, Lorna Feria, Leonard Lupinesky, Karen Alexander, Irma Martinez, Trina Flynn and Jeannine Donohue, Elena Tillman and John Kern.

## Programs $\mathcal{E}$ Ministries

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## Calendar of Events

Rosary Prayer after all daily Masses: M-F 7am. 12noon, 6pm; Sat. 8:30am, 12noon and Sundays 11:30am (Latin) Sunday July 30, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk Saturdays, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.


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 (7 years old/2nd grade or up)
## September - May

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"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4-10)

Time: 20 people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet last Saturday.
Talent: Three volunteers helped at the rectory office last week.
Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,258
To give online: www.starparish.com/give

## MARRIAGE AND

 FAMILY APOSTOLATE Our Marriage \& Family Apostolate's Monthly Family Lunch will be held at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Catering provided by Ike's Love \& Sandwiches.Text Christina 917-375-2158 for the



## KNIGHTS' MEN'S MINISTRY

KMM will NOT be meeting this Wednesday, Aug. 2. Instead, we will have a meeting on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 8AM, in the gym parking lot to build storage areas for the parish. This will be an all-day project with the church providing a light breakfast and a pizza lunch. Bring work gloves. For details and to sign up, please contact Sean Sullivan at stsullivan12@gmail.com.

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