



Star of the Sea School at 114 This week our parish school begins its 114th year, but its third year as *Stella Maris Academy*. We are the only integrated Catholic Classical Curriculum school in San Francisco. Many of us (myself included) do not fully comprehend what that means

for the City, the Archdiocese, and our parish. It means that we have been chosen by God to break new ground in Catholic education for San Francisco. The Classical Curriculum movement is sweeping the country, yielding far higher standardized test scores than public and even Catholic schools. Students at St. Monica's Classical Academy in Pasadena, for example, attain 23 to 46% higher scores than the national average on the Stanford Achievement Test. But test results are themselves only a result of the Catholic Classical Curriculum core. That core is Christ, the Word Incarnate, the very rational principle of the cosmos and the measure of all the humanities. *Catholic* Classical Academies provide the root and foundation of all human knowledge; they train children in wisdom and virtue, not just technological know-how or how to do well on a standardized test. As I say in our school video (found on our parish website by clicking the "schools" tab), "All schools teach your child the *what*, and some schools teach them the *how*, but only Stella Maris Academy teaches your child the *why*."

The Virtues So why, if Classical Catholic schools blow standardized test scores out of the water, don't more people enroll their children in them? We begin this third year with 55 students, but why isn't there a waiting list for Stella Maris Academy? Many thanks to our benefactors, we have a splendid academic plant with room for grades 9-12, which we hope to open next year. Its classrooms were built for 35 students, but some of



our classes will have only 6-10 students. I hope we will grow enrollment to 200 students in time, but why are families not breaking down the doors to get in right now? The answer, I think, is *virtue*. Catholic education, and especially *Classical* Catholic education, is firmly a *virtues-based* curriculum. We are convinced that there is a God, and that we are not He. Standing athwart the prevailing relativism, we unequivocally teach that there is a Truth from which all truths derive and to Whom they all point. We don't invent truth—we *discover* it, and we humbly submit ourselves to it. We clearly teach the virtues: that there is a right and that there is a wrong, and we can know the difference. We can know the difference between good and bad, and we can always choose the good. We teach these moral truths from the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as articulated over the centuries by the Catholic Church. Not only does the Catholic Church claim to know and teach the truth, but it holds that Truth makes demands upon us. Most folks in San Francisco today (how sadly the once-Catholic city has declined!) would find these truth-claims bizarre if not repellent. Most of us have been schooled in relativism from kindergarten, and we instinctively recoil from anyone who claims to know the truth about anything.

You Must Choose Because of this pervasive relativism, most families in San Francisco would not consider choosing a school like ours. But how much longer can anyone keep their children in public schools, or even most private schools? Almost all of them, to some degree, have been pressured into promoting destructive ideologies. I promise you, as long as the Archbishop is pleased to retain me as your pastor: Stella Maris Academy will teach children the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ. Every good thing, and all academic excellence, comes through Him. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat.Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. 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. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo Help Me (Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28) Jesus repulses the Canaanite woman in today's gospel: "it is not right to throw the children's food to the dogs." But she persists: "Lord help me!" That's all she says. She doesn't claim entitlement or any kind of right to His help; she doesn't demand it or try to flatter Jesus or negotiate. She just begs for help. "Lord, help me!" What a perfect prayer for all of us. Call out to Him, day and night, for help!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

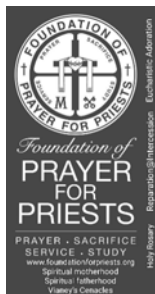
The feast day of St. Jane Frances de Chantal is August 21 (Traditional calendar) & August 12 (Roman calendar). She and her husband were devoted to each other and their children. Then her husband was killed, and she was devastated. St. Francis de Sales became her spiritual director and had her start an order for older women, called the Visitation Sisters, whose charism follows the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth. She is known to say, "Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him."

Come hold your eyes in God in a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at www.adorationpro.org/star. Or become a sub at www.adorationpro.org/star password: subpass -you accept only if you can and it really helps!

JOIN RCIA RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Program for adults interested in becoming Catholic, learning about Catholicism, or who wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.
Wednesdays 7pm to 8:30pm.

For information contact Greg Moeck
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The Foundation of Prayers for Priests invites you to join our Crusade of Prayers for Priests and Priestly Vocations
For information contact
Carmen Duran: (619) 606-8730, email: dumaryc@gmail.com or
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PLANNED GIVING

ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF BENEFITS

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.

For information contact: mariella@starparish.com

Mass Intentions

Sat. 08/19	8:30am	+ Maria Bruno
	12noon	+ Maria Guillermina-Jovel
	4:30pm	+ Simeon Eduardo So
Sun 08/20	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Giancarlo Zevallos (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of The Bernard Family, living and deceased
	7:30pm	Int. of Jakeline Novoa (bday)
Mon 08/21	7:00am	Int. of Patricia Tom Int. of Miranda Tarbox Int. of Magdalena Aguirre Int. of Diego Lopez and Family + Louisa Siu
	12noon	Int. of Celia Tabobo (bday) Int. of Fides Bernard Int. of Jakeline Novoa + Venny Lim + Frank X. Bonney
	6:00pm	Int. of Edmund Ing (bday) + Richard Kwan + Valerie Meehan + Margie Beltrame + Joanne Zazarone
Tue 08/22	7:00am	+ Phillip Norcia + Valerie Meehan (2nd anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Jane Chew Int. of Yen Vu's safe travel
	6:00pm	Int. of Mariella Zevallos (bday)
Wed 08/23	7:00am	+ Nick and Mary Donohue
	12noon	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	6:00pm	+ Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
Thu 08/24	7:00am	Int. of Peter and Louisa Siu
	12noon	Int. of Rev. Michael Konopik
	6:00pm	Int. of Carla Reategui
Fri 08/25	7:00am	Int. of Sarah Austin
	12noon	+ John Peter Illo
	6:00pm	+ Purita Arroyo
Sat 08/26	8:30am	+ Romelito Sendin (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Paulo Rodriguez
	4:30pm	+ Betsy Black (bday)

Prayer for the Sick



Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Miriam Valle, James Estrada, Vicki Kruschin, John Johnson, Delora Roanhorse, Yemame Ambaye, Carol Calabro, Fr. Allan Wilson, Diana Munoz, 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 Fera, Leonard Lupinesky, Karen Alexander, Irma Martinez, Trina Flynn, Jeannine Donohue, Elena Tillman, John Kern, Bob Tobin, David Torkelson and Jeanne Bovigny.

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Saturdays, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.
Sunday August 20, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. [https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk](https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk)
Saturday September 20, 21, 22 St. Lorenzo Triduum, 6:30pm at Star of the Sea church.
Saturday September 23, 6:30pm St. Lorenzo Ruiz dinner in the school auditorium.



OUR LADY STAR of the SEA HANDCRAFTED ROSARIES

Available for purchase in the parish office.

For information visit:
www.starparish.com



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS (Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

Pope Saint Pius X 21-Aug

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ, particularly through catechesis of youth.

How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families by Kimberly Hahn Marriage and Family Life Audio

Well-known speaker and author Kimberly Hahn is the wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six children. With simplicity, grace, and wit, she shares her personal experiences and practical insights on how to apply the truths of our Faith to everyday life. In this stimulating talk, she offers rich food for thought and concrete ways to let the Lord be the top priority in the daily life of the family.

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Star of the Sea Church



CHILDREN'S CATECHISM



**Preparation for
First Holy
Communion**
(7 years old and up)
September - May
Sundays after the 9:30am
Mass.
For information contact
Mariella at the parish office
(415) 751-0450.
Register:
www.starparish.com



Park Day

Join our Marriage & Family Apostolate today, Aug 20 for some fresh air and fellowship from 2-4pm at Presidio Wall playground. Bring water, snacks, a blanket, and a Rosary. Easy parking and gated play area.

Monthly Family Lunch

Engaged & married couples, and parents are invited to partake in our Monthly Family Lunch catered by The Green Enchilada, on Aug 27 at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) after both the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Text Christina 917-375-2158 for the gate code.

After enjoying our meal, we'll watch and discuss Season 1 Episode 1 of "The Chosen."

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SEMINARIAN VOCATION TALKS

We welcome two of our San Francisco Seminarians from St. Patrick's Seminary, who will be giving vocation talks at Star of the Sea

August 26, 4:30pm Vigil Mass

**August 27, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am
Masses**

Bella Primary Care

COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 9AM - 1PM

STAR OF THE SEA AUDITORIUM

Free blood pressure checks! We are here to answer your medical questions and point you in the right direction for healthy living.



STEWARDS STATS

"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: 50 people attended the Lady of Perpetual Help devotion last Wednesday.

Talent: 8 ushers served at the Masses last Tuesday on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 7,318

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



STAR OF THE SEA

**A shrine church
to our Lady of
the Holy Rosary**

Visit our 16 Marian Apparition shrines.

Light a candle.

Stay for quiet prayer.

Open daily 6am to 7pm.

All are welcome!