

September 03, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pg 554 red missal). 14th Sunday after Pentecost (Pg 764 Latin missal).



I wish all of you a blessed and happy **Labor Day!** The American labor movement celebrates this holiday as a day off from work in order to appreciate work. We ask St. Joseph the Workman (the name of our Knights of Columbus Council) to pray for us!

Letting AI Do the Work Machines, and now “artificial intelligence,” do a lot of the work we used to do ourselves. But as God Himself works, and as honest work sanctifies us, we should not be too quick to surrender the privilege of working.

Bruno Chaouat, professor of French and Jewish Studies at the University of Minnesota, has written an illuminating article on ChatGPT for the *First Things* website. His immediate concern is that his students will have ChatGPT “write” their assignments for them. How can he teach his students to think for themselves if they let



One of our party (just a speck on the left!) working through a mile of deep snow below Muir Pass

algorithms do the “thinking” for them? The “T” in ChatGPT stands for “transformer,” but it’s hard to see how using algorithms to write a paper “transforms” anything. Dr. Chaouat writes: “ChatGPT concerns the essence of learning, which, along with reading and writing, pertains to the realm of experience. Experience is transformative: If I climb a mountain, I will not be the same person after my experience as before. I will have gone through a physical and mental effort and have presumably taken some risks. (“Experience” shares the same root as “peril.”) ... To read (and to think and write) is to flirt with the abyss. When we read a monumental book, we are not guided by GPS. We are in uncharted territory....”

Climbing a Mountain Three weeks ago I climbed Mt. Whitney with two friends, and this experience was transformative. We struggled for 19 days on the John Muir Trail to reach Whitney, crossing

snowbound passes and swollen rivers, carrying packs up steep trails littered with shattered trees and rocks, asking ourselves each morning how we could keep going for two more weeks. The physical exertions have changed my body, and the mental strain has changed my thinking. The severe beauty of three weeks in the Sierra Nevada has made me more human, and closer to the divine.

The Freedom of a Human Experience Climbing a mountain is an experience. AI is not an experience. It’s one more removal from experience. *The foot, being shod, feels not the earth* as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins pointed out.

Climbing a mountain, or writing an original thought, on the other hand, is *transformative*. Working through things ourselves rather than having “the government” or “technology” do it for us develops intellect and will. The good news is that we are free. We can simply say “no thanks” to government agencies that want to act for us, and we can simply refuse

technologies that want to think for us. We can write our own papers.

No GPS Most backpackers bring GPS into the wilderness these days. We decided to use only a map and compass (also to save money). One of us, misreading the map, got lost for a day. Neither he nor the other two of us were the same persons when we found each other 24 hours later. We realized how powerful nature is, how stubborn and stupid we can be, and how much God provides for us. We are most grateful to the park rangers and other hikers who helped us find the lost hiker, and it was a truly human experience. A GPS would have pointed out the trail for us every three feet, then we would not have trained our intellects and our wills, nor accepted the help of other people. AI cannot get us to heaven; for that, we must find our own path, using our own brains and strength, with God’s help, and the help of our friends. *Fr. Joseph*



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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 (Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12: 1-2; Mt 16: 21-27)
Great Suffering In today's Gospel Jesus begins to reveal to his disciples that He must "suffer greatly" to accomplish His mission. Peter does not want anyone to suffer, so he tries to remonstrate with the Lord. It is then that Jesus calls his first Pope a "Satan" for seeing things from merely human expediency. Here below, to love is to suffer, and our Lord loved the most, so He suffered the most.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Peter Claver's Feast Day is September 9th. He was a Jesuit priest from Spain who served the slaves in Cartagena, Colombia, physically and spiritually, baptizing about 300,000. He is quoted, "To love God as He ought to be loved,

we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake."

Come detach from the world by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star or become a sub at www.adorationpro.org/star password: subpass

Needs: Tuesdays, 1-2 pm; Thursdays, 12-2 am; Fridays, 1-2 pm

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
gmoeck@gmail.com | (310) 694-6380

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

First After "I Do" Young Married Couples' Day Retreat

St Stephen Parish, 451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco
 All couples married 5 years or less are invited. Topics will include the Sacrament of Matrimony, success mindsets, and tactics for the first five years of marriage - also a unique invitation to form newly married couples' small groups.

The cost is \$50 per couple. Limited childcare available. For more information contact Joe

415-999-5071. Register:

<https://marriageforlifefsf.com/register/>

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. 09/02	8:30am	+ John Peter Illo
	12noon	Int. of Daniel
	4:30pm	Int. of Richard Donohue (bday) + Gabriel and Duval Nicolas
Sun 09/03	8:00am	Int. of Lheng McCormack and Family
	9:30am	Int. of Daisy Young and Family
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	7:30pm	Int. of Alexandra Carcache
Mon 09/04	7:00am	Int. of Luis Koh (bday) Int. of Ron Konopaski Int. of Matthew Kojder + Chris Wagner + Aloysius Pestun
	12noon	Int. of Joan Spaargaren Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri + Rinaldo Bernard + Parker H. Moriwaki + Salvador D. Marzan
	6:00pm	Int. of Olivia Koeneke Int. of The Coblentz Family + Thereza Noronha + William Van Dyke + Col. Peter Sera Munoz
Tue 09/05	7:00am	Int. of MaryAnn Eiler (bday)
	12noon	+ Dominik Josefik (bday)
	6:00pm	+ George and Carol Murdock (anniv.)
Wed 09/06	7:00am	+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	+ Francis and Jenny Chow
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Michael Rocha
Thu 09/07	7:00am	+ Melecio and Maxima Palencia
	12noon	+ All Souls
	6:00pm	+ Peter Noronha
Fri 09/08	7:00am	Int. of Ronald Palencia
	12noon	Int. of Mario Bruno (bday) Int. of Daphne Therese Macalalad (bday)
	6:00pm	In Thanksgiving of Camille Karaan and Family
Sat 09/09	8:30am	+ Eulofia Rodrigues
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Fr. Benedict Chang (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 Killely, 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.

Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events


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Bible Study Thursday 3PM Parish rectory 4420 Geary Blvd Mary Ann Eiler, 650-660-4546 Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	Star Outreach to the Poor/Feed the homeless Rosa Mendoza, 510-978-2519

Thursdays, 3-4:30pm Bible Study in the rectory office.
Saturdays, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.
Sundays, Rosary Walk, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: [https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk](https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary%20Walk)
First Friday devotion, September 1, 6pm Latin Mass
Saturday September 20, 21, 22; 6:30pm St. Lorenzo Triduum at Star of the Sea church.
Saturday September 23, 6:30pm St. Lorenzo Ruiz dinner in the school auditorium.

KNIGHTS' MEN'S MINISTRY

KMM will be meeting Wednesday, Sept 6, 7PM, in the St. Clare Room (above the gym) for an orientation for the upcoming pilgrimage to the Marin Headlands. Rosary at 6:40PM. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Men's pilgrimage from Star of the Sea to the Marin Headlands | Saturday, September 23 | Contact Sean Sullivan at stsullivan12@gmail.com.


FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS
 (Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta
 The focus is on the example and words of a third great teacher of Marian consecration: St. Teresa of Calcutta. She's notable for the way she puts Marian consecration into context. In other words, while de Montfort and Kolbe give us the main details of Marian consecration, Mother Teresa helps us to see it more fully within the big picture of a most intimate relationship with Christ.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love
 This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

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.



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The preschoolers enjoying a sunny day playing in the sandbox. In the classroom the children are daily exposed to a variety of art mediums (in the picture a child is painting with tempera).



We welcome the Stella Maris Academy and Star of the Sea Preschool children who are back to school for the school year 2023-2024. Please keep our parochial school families and teachers in your prayers.



FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT
STAR OF THE SEA (FAASTAR)
All are Invited
ANNUAL ST. LORENZO RUIZ DINNER
September 23, 6:30pm
Tickets \$25

(children under 5 years old free)

For information contact: Estrelle 415-336-9193

ST LORENZO RUIZ TRIDUUM
SEPTEMBER 20, 21 & 22 | 6:30pm in the church



STEWART 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: 20 people joined the Divine chaplet devotion last Saturday.

Talent: Three volunteers are teaching our parish catechism classes on Sundays.

Treasure: Sunday Offeringing \$8,029

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



We thank seminarians Kyle Laluces and Cameron Sellers for sharing their testimonies about their call to the sacred priesthood at our Masses last Sunday.

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!

