



**John Muir Trail Show Rerun** A week after I returned from the wilds of Whitney and three weeks of the John Muir Trail, I gave a slide show on my adventures. A good number of people have told me to give the show again, since they hadn't heard about it and want to

see the beauties of the snowy Sierra Nevada from a three week's backpacking trip. Many said they never saw the show announced in the bulletin, so I'm announcing this in the bulletin for three weeks: I will do my John Muir Trail and Mount Whitney slide show again on **Saturday, Sept 30, at 6pm**, in the auditorium. I'll even provide wine, crackers, and cheese to assuage your hunger. But here's an add-on: following the 30-minute Sierra Nevada show, I will do a 20-minute slide show on our April pilgrimage to the Holy Land: our journey through the Jordanian deserts of the Old Testament and our visits to Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem (not to mention the Dead Sea). Again, not a few have read my article on the Holy Land in this month's *Catholic San Francisco*, and want to hear more.

**Church Sound System** Since we replaced our old church carpet with hard flooring two years ago, it's been hard to hear the priests and lectors at Mass. The organ and choir sound better, but the spoken word bounces off walls and floor. To reduce this echo I've had three sound engineers adjust the system over the last two years, but none have significantly improved our audio. When Fr. Sony arrived in the parish a few weeks ago, I asked him to have a go at fixing the system. He got his PhD in mechanical engineering and worked in Oakridge National Lab before becoming a priest, so he knows

about these things. Tomorrow (Monday) he has a specialist evaluating our sound system, and the next few weeks will be adjustments and new equipment trials. Let us hope that this time it works, and thank you for your patience!

**Stella Maris' Third Year** Our school's third year as a Classical Academy is off to a brilliant start. We have slightly more students than last year, and a vice-principal (Marisela Miranda) to help our overworked principal, a revamped preschool program and staff, and some aides to help with our larger classes. Morning assemblies with parents, faculty, and students have a new energy this year, and we are looking forward to a scintillating academic year.

**Nativity High School** One of our new math teachers is Diana Adamson, who with her husband

Alex, have enrolled their three children into Stella Maris this year. The Adamsons are working with others to spearhead a very exciting project: to open a Classical High School here in San Francisco next year, known as "Nativity." You can see their ad in this month's *Catholic San Francisco*, and their website is [www.nativityhs.org](http://www.nativityhs.org). Nativity, like the new Chesterton Academy in Menlo Park, is recognized by the Archdiocese as an independent Catholic high school, and will continue the

classical curriculum of Stella Maris into the high school grades at an affordable price point.

Nativity will be using classrooms on the third floor of our school building and will have an open house on October 1. I am so grateful to God that we will be able to offer a Catholic Classical Education from K-12 in the coming years!

*Fr. Joseph Illo*



*Deacon Albert "baptizing" me in the River Jordan, and our Stella Maris students visiting the National Shrine of St. Francis*



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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 (Ezek 33: 7-9, Rom 13: 8-10, Mt 18: 15-20). **There Am I** In today's Gospel Jesus tells us how we can "win over our brother" with whom we have a disagreement. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be at peace with everyone on the planet? Think of that former friend or sibling with whom we cannot speak any longer—to be able to give and receive love again with them! How do we do it? By knowing the "where two or three pray, there am I" with them. We can reconcile, if we pray with each other.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian are martyrs of the church and celebrated on September 16. They were close friends who greatly supported each other. St. Cyprian wrote on the Unity of the Catholic Church, You cannot have God for your Father if you do not have the Church for your mother.... God is one... and his Church is one..."*

Grow in unity with the Church with a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star).

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

## ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

### Sept 16 After "I DO" Marriage Workshop --- For couples married under five years.

Saturday September 16th, 1:00pm to 5:30pm (includes Reconciliation and Mass) at Saint Stephen Church, 451 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco. Call Joe: 415-999-5071

### Sept 17 Lay Mission Project

The Lay Mission Project is an apostolate devoted to igniting the faith of lay Catholics and helping them discern and live out their unique vocations. They're currently taking applications for their next cohort, which will be starting the program this fall (Sign up by September 17). Register <https://laymission.net>

### Sept 20 REBOOT With Chris Stefanick

7:00-9:00pm, at St Dominics parish, 2390 Bush Street, San Francisco. Reboot is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more. Information: [reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org](http://reallifecatholics.givevirtuous.org)

## KNIGHTS' MEN'S MINISTRY

**KMM will be leading a men's pilgrimage from Star of the Sea to the Marin Headlands on Saturday, September 23. For details and to sign up, please contact Sean Sullivan at [stsullivan12@gmail.com](mailto:stsullivan12@gmail.com).**

# Mass Intentions

Sat. 09/09	8:30am	+ Eulofia Rodrigues
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Fr. Benedict Chang (bday)
Sun 09/10	8:00am	+ Clemente Alcibar
	9:30am	+ Remigio Mendoza Reyes (anniv)
	11:30am	+ Mary E. Whelan
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 09/11	7:00am	Int. of Mark Trahan Int. of Maggie Adams + Louisa Siu + Ida Spadarella + Sister Marian Rose Power
	12noon	Int. of Peter Chan (bday) Int. of Anita Setiawan Int. of Joan Spaargaren Int. of Nidhi Sapra and Family + All Souls
	6:00pm	Int. of Dana Nunez + Basyl Strazhnyk + Reynaldo Bie + James Stevens + Carina Amante Tapia
Tue 09/12	7:00am	Int. of Baby Rose Rahbar for healing
	12noon	Int. of Gabriella Maturano-Quintana
	6:00pm	+ Cruz Sanchez
Wed 09/13	7:00am	+ Edward Konopaski
	12noon	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family Int. of Sherman Tillman (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Bud and Lorna Feria
Thu 09/14	7:00am	+ Francisco Maturano-Gomez
	12noon	Int. of Amanda Jae Viola (bday) Int. of Elena Tillman (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Maria Dela Torre
Fri 09/15	7:00am	+ Kenny
	12noon	+ Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	+ Francisco Maturano-Gomez
Sat 09/16	8:30am	+ Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Dennis Aguirre
	4:30pm	Int. of Camm and Anita Clapp

## 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 Feria, 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

<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>Filipino American Association (FAASTAR)</b> Estrelle Chan, 415-336-9193	<b>Star of the Sea Preschool Stella Maris Academy</b> Dr. Gavin Colvert gcolvert@stellamarissf.org
<b>Knights' Men's Ministry</b> Sean Sullivan stsullivan12@gmail.com	<b>Star Pro-Life Prayer Group</b> Thursdays 6-7pm, 1522 Bush St. https://star.flocknote.com/ Star-Pro-life
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> Ron Merida ronmerida@yahoo.com	<b>Sacred Music Program</b> Lynn Kraehling, 415-812-2462 lynn@starparish.com
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<b>Marriage &amp; Family Apostolate</b> Christina Sullivan starmarriageandfamily@gmail.com	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Mariella Zevallos mariella@starparish.com
<b>Bible Study   Thursday 3PM</b> Mary Ann Eiler, 650-660-4546 Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Star Outreach to the Poor/Feed the homeless</b> Rosa Mendoza, 510-978-2519

**Thursdays**, 3-4:30pm Bible Study in the rectory office (4420 Geary Blvd).  
**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>  
**Saturday September 20, 21, 22; 6:30pm** St. Lorenzo Ruiz Triduum at Star of the Sea church.  
**Saturday September 23**, 6:30pm St. Lorenzo Ruiz dinner in the school auditorium.  
**Wednesday September 27**, 6pm English Mass. Our Lady Star of the Sea Feast.  
**Saturday September 30**, 6pm, Auditorium. Fr. Illo's John Muir Trail slide show Rerun and a slide show of the parish April 2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage..

**FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS**  
 (Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)  
 Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14**  
 Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the history of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

**Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15**  
 Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Edward Sri discuss Our Lady of Sorrows.

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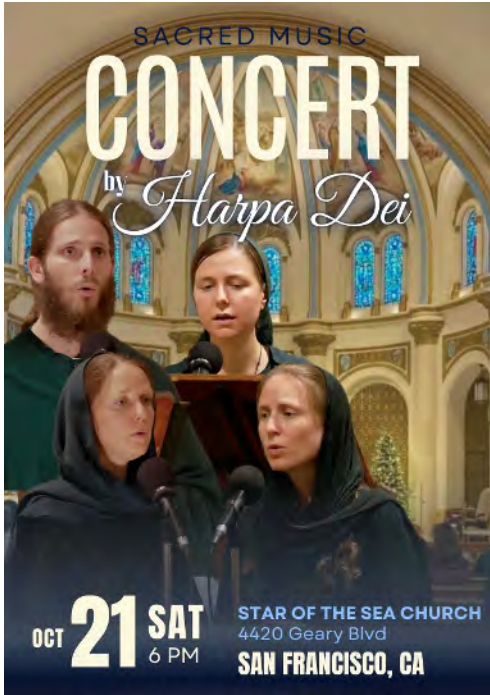
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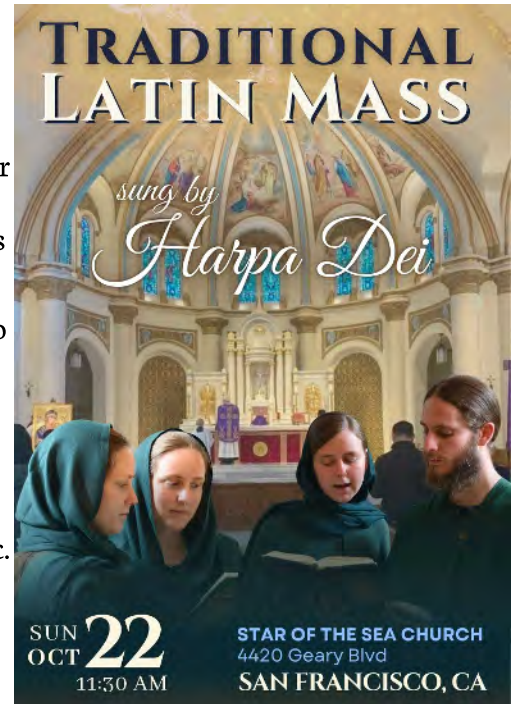


OCT **21** SAT 6 PM  
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The Harpa Dei Choir is made up of four siblings: Nikolai, Lucia, Marie-Elisée and Mirjana Gerstner. Born in Germany, they grew up in Ecuador, in South America and at present they reside in Jerusalem. All four have as their spiritual foundation the long formation they have received in a religious community of Catholics.

Since 2011, the siblings have been called to evangelization through Sacred Music. In this sense, Harpa Dei tries to collect the most beautiful songs from different traditions, in order to glorify God, and to transmit to people the beauty of the Lord, which shines so eminently in Sacred Music. Their mission has taken them to many countries around the world, including Mexico, Israel, Germany, Russia, Ecuador, Lithuania, and the United States.

**TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**  
sung by *Harpa Dei*



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Contact: Estelle 415-336-9193



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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:** 10 people joined the Holy Face devotion last Tuesday.  
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