



A Devotional Community Our church draws people from far and wide because of its beautiful liturgies and devotions. One man said he brings his family to our parish just for the Communion rail! Others are attracted by the Mass

prayed *ad orientem*, or perpetual Eucharistic adoration, or the Latin Mass, or Gregorian chant and traditional hymnody, or our shrines to the Blessed Virgin, or our novenas and rosaries (don't miss the triduum this week for **San**



Lorenzo Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines, and dinner in his honor this Saturday!) Most of us love Star of the Sea for all of the above! But permit me to remind you, dear fellow pilgrim, that discipleship in Christ is not only a thing of the heart; it is also a thing of the head.

Our faith is *logical*,

founded on the "Logos," the Word of God. Through Catholicism's "reasonable faith," the Church has endowed world culture with superb works of literature, theology, and philosophy, not to mention the rule of law, the university system, and the scientific method. Word *and* Sacrament are the twin engines of the Catholic faith, which is why we've put so much time and money into Stella Maris Academy (and Nativity High School for next year), our RCIA program, our speakers' series, and so many other pursuits of the mind.

The Lay Mission Project Most Catholics, sad to say, have only vague notions of the faith we profess. We know very little with precision about, for example, the Trinity, the Eucharist, or Church history. How many of us have read Augustine's *Confessions* or dipped into Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica*? How many have read even the whole Bible, or the Catechism, or any of the documents of Vatican II? Ignorance of the

Scriptures, said St. Jerome, is ignorance of Christ. We could add that ignorance of the catechism, the lives of the saints, and basic theology is also ignorance of God. To fix this problem, a Dominican priest and some layfolk have developed the Lay Mission Project, a three-year course that covers the Catholic faith in depth from A-Z. Through online and in-person classes, a participant dedicates three hours/week for three years, along with a local disciple circle meeting twice monthly and an annual retreat for the participants of the entire Archdiocese. Archbishop Cordileone is asking every Catholic to seriously consider taking this course, which a generous benefactor has underwritten for our parishes, although each participant is encouraged to give what he or she can to help with expenses. The deadline to enroll for the next cycle is October 2nd, and you can find more at laymission.net.

This Year's Seminarians Two seminary students will be doing their field education at our parish this year, assisting at Sunday Masses, serving with Young Adults, Knights of Columbus, Stella Maris



Academy, Mother Teresa's sisters and also at our Sunday outreach, etc. **Akbar Saul Perez** is two years from ordination for the Diocese of Stockton. Akbar was born in Mexico and raised in Modesto (where I served as pastor for 12 years).

Cameron Song Sellers is five years from ordination for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Cameron was born in South Korea and raised in the Arizona. Please give these men a warm Star of the Sea welcome! *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 (Sir 27:33-28:9, Rom 14:7-9, Mt 18:21-35). **From Your Heart** In today's Gospel Jesus requires us to "forgive our brother from our heart," or we go to hell. But how can I do that if my brother continues to harm me? Or even annoy me? Well, we have to ask for help from God. Only His grace can give us the capacity to love those who hurt us. And we must pray for this grace, *from the heart*. Heartfelt prayer obtains unbelievable graces!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 19th is the feast day of St. Januarius. He was a faithful bishop, performing many miracles. He is famous for the annual liquefaction of his blood, which still occurs today!

Prayer: O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint

Januarius, give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

And! Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star. Needs: Thursdays & Sundays, 12am -2am

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 October 2nd). 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

A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21, 2023 | 10:45 AM - 6:00 PM
 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY | BELMONT, CA
 Contact: rachel@forlifeandfamily.org
 832-779-1070

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Mass Intentions

Sat. 09/16	8:30am	+ Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Dennis Aguirre
	4:30pm	Int. of Camm and Anita Clapp
Sun 09/17	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ David Thomas Sellai (anniv)
	11:30am	+ Enrico Palencia
	7:30pm	Int. of Jiri Svoboda (bday)
Mon 09/18	7:00am	Int. of William Hays Int. of Fr. William Young Int. of Matthew Gariano Int. of Nidhi Sapra and Family + Colin Kramer
	12noon	+ Josefina Perez + Vicente Perez + Jose Maria Perez + Mariano Ordonez + Josefina Ordonez
	6:00pm	Int. of Maura Lacap + Parker H. Moriwaki + Carmen Aguirre + All Souls + Maria Benita Amante
Tue 09/19	7:00am	Int. of Ruila Puskas
	12noon	+ Maria Bruno
	6:00pm	+ Romelito Sendin (anniv)
Wed 09/20	7:00am	Int. of Clarice Mandala
	12noon	+ Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Joseph Illo
Thu 09/21	7:00am	Int. of Alyson Voltmer
	12noon	Int. of Fr. John Mary Chung
	6:00pm	Int. of Bud and Lorna Feria
Fri 09/22	7:00am	In Thanksgiving of Connie Arnaldo
	12noon	Int. of Jack and Joan Spaargaren
	6:00pm	+ Baltazar Aguirre, Jr. (anniv)
Sat 09/23	8:30am	Int. of Mary Theresa Flynn
	12noon	Int. of Lauryn Martin (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Belen Maya Martinez (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 Feria, Leonard Lupinesky, Karen Alexander, Irma Martinez, Trina Flynn, Jeannine Donohue, Elena Tillman, John Kern, Bob Tobin, David Torkelson, Jeanne Bovigny and Anne Kabanagh.

Programs & Ministries

Calendar of Events

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Bible Study Thursday 3PM 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 (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](https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk)

Wednesday September 27, 6pm English Mass. Our Lady Star of the Sea Feast.



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

Saint Matthew (September 21)

"Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss the Gospel writer and Apostle, St. Matthew.

HELP SAVE LIVES

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Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at St. Mary's Cathedral

Vatican's International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles and presentations highlighting 1,800 years of Miracles.

Sunday Sept. 17 | St. Francis Hall | 8:30am to 4:00pm | Live presentations after Sunday Masses: 8:30, 10:00, Noon and 2:00

NATIVITY HIGH SCHOOL

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For information contact: mariella@starparish.com

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Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

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

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com, 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. Scan QR codes with your cellphone camera.



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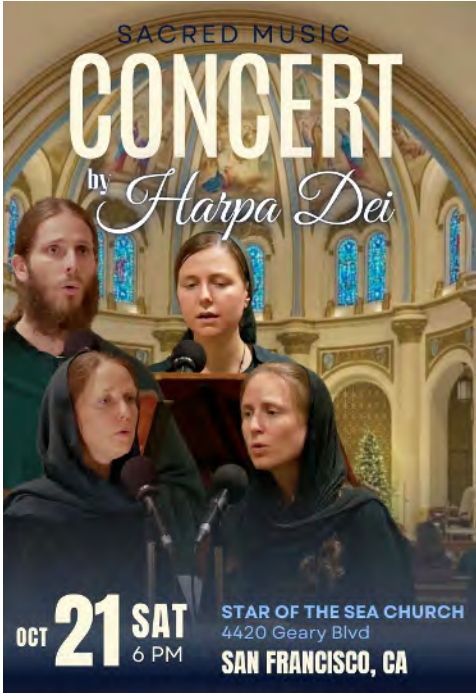
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Star of the Sea Church

SACRED MUSIC
CONCERT
by *Harpa Dei*



OCT **21** SAT 6 PM
STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
4420 Geary Blvd
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

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.

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 and the United States.

No reservations needed.
Free-will offering.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
sung by *Harpa Dei*



SUN OCT **22** 11:30 AM
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PRIESTS' RETIREMENT SECOND OFFERING

On September 24th the second offertory will be for the Priests' Retirement. We thank you for your generosity.

ATTENTION HEALTH PROFESSIONALS—The San Francisco Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites all parish health professionals to attend two upcoming activities: (1) Fall Quarterly meeting on October 14, 8:30am Mass, followed by breakfast meeting at Star of the Sea (2) the **WHITE MASS** for healthcare professionals on October 20, 6:00pm at Mater Dolorosa Church, South San Francisco (Archbishop Cordileone presiding). **Contact:** Stephen McCurdy, MD: 530-564-2410 or samccurdy01@gmail.com.

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OCT. 21, 10AM - 4PM AUDITORIUM

Join us for a day-long retreat, learning to sing Gregorian chant and to understand how the music shapes our worship of God. The event is open to choir members, music directors, and clergy. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.STARPARISH.COM

Wine-and-cheese Soiree on Faith and Science

SEPT. 30 | 6PM | SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Speaker: Fr. Sony Joseph, PhD

"Faith and Science in the area of Nanotechnology"

Plus: Fr. Joseph's slide shows on

- Our Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land last April
- Three Weeks on the John Muir Trail last month

And: as much wine & cheese as you want!



STEWARDS STATS

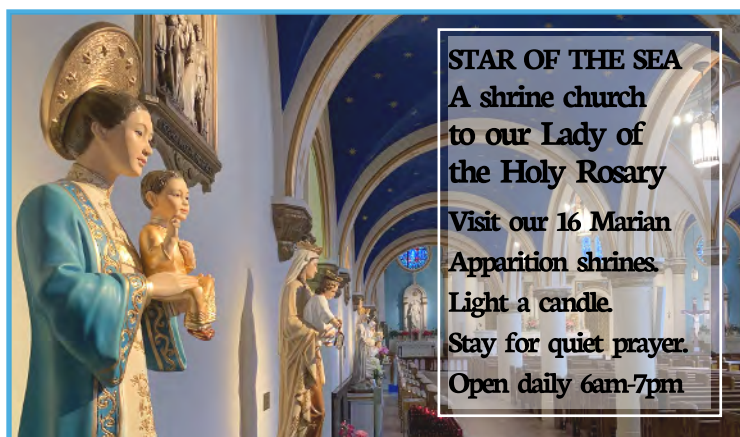
Time: 30+ people joined the Rosary prayer at the 6pm Mass on the feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Talent: 12 volunteers sung in the 11:30 Mass choir last Sunday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 8,400

Church in Latin America \$ 1,186

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