



Our Parish Feast Day This Wednesday is not only the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, and Saints Cosmas and Damien, but also of Our lady, Star of the Sea. Although this feast is not on the Roman Calendar, pious consensus has fixed September 27 as her feast day.

Titles of Our Lady are usually celebrated on the date of that particular apparition, such as Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, or Guadalupe on December 12, or Lourdes on February 11. But the title Star of the Sea was not an apparition, so let me tell you the story. In 382, St. Jerome began to translate the Old Testament from Hebrew into Latin. He noted that the Hebrew name Miriam ("Mary") can mean either "drop of the Sea" or "Star of the Sea." In Hebrew, *mar-yam* means "drop of the sea," but *ma'or* means "star." Jerome chose to translate *mar-yam* into Latin as *stilla maris* ("drop of the sea"), which is a good description of Mary: she is just a tiny drop in the ocean of God's mercy. But some years later a not-too-careful scribe wrote an "e" for an "i," and *stilla maris* ("drop of the sea") became *stella maris* ("star of the sea"). People liked "Star of the Sea" for Mary better than "Drop of the Sea," and the title stuck. That's why today, at 4420 Geary Boulevard, there is a large painting above the altar of a strong and beautiful woman striding the waves, with a silver star above her head, hands folded in prayer. She is the Star that points us, and she is the mother who leads us, to the Savior. She holds us tight as we go through the dark storms of this life, bringing us to the safe haven of Jesus her Son. Next year, on our parish's 130th anniversary, we will have a great

celebration, with food and games after the 6pm Mass. This year on September 27 (Wednesday), I will offer a sung Mass (in English) at 6pm, and I hope you can join me!

St. Michael We pray to this most powerful, and most humble, of angels after every Mass. Friday is his feast day, a First-Class celebration in the older calendar. Fr. Vincent Woo, a priest friend from Hong Kong teaching at our seminary, will offer a sung Mass in Latin at 6pm this Friday in honor of and supplication to St. Michael the Archangel.

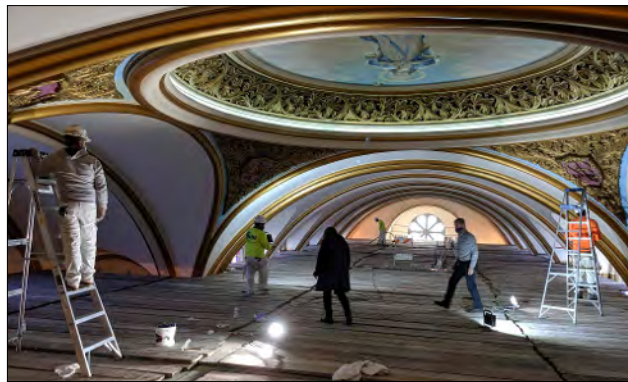
Fr. Sony on Faith and Reason on Saturday The next day, Fr. Sony Joseph, our "summer priest," will present a 30-minute talk on Faith and Reason at our wine-and-cheese soiree. After Fr. Sony, I will present slide shows on our parish pilgrimage last

April to the Holy Land, and repeat also my John Muir Journey last month.

The Carmelites Down a dirt road between Omaha and Lincoln, surrounded by cornfields, lies a monastery of 30

contemplative nuns. I gave them a retreat last week on the angels, and each morning I offered a Latin Mass in their exquisite chapel. For ten minutes before Mass the great bell would ring out over the cornfields, while smaller bells

harmonized with the sisters' voices as they finished singing morning prayer. The sisters' purity, joy, and prayerfulness was a foretaste of heaven. The world so needs contemplatives, monasteries where praise is quietly but unceasingly rendered to God's eternal majesty. Let us pray for them as they pray for us. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



Above: restoring our Stella Maris image during the church repainting in 2020 **Below:** our dear Carmelite sisters in Nebraska



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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 (Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a). **My Friend** In today's Gospel Jesus calls the grumpy and complaining worker "friend." *My friend, I am not cheating you.* This man had worked hard all day but was paid the same wage as those who had worked only one hour. We complain that life is not fair, and it isn't (according to our standards), but God is still our friend, even when we complain and throw His wages back in His face. Lucky for us!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast day of St. Wenceslaus is September 28th. His father and paternal grandmother were devout Catholics and taught him the Faith. His mother and brother were anti-Catholic in every way possible even to his death, murdered by his brother, plotted by his mother. St. Wenceslaus's last words were, "Brother, may God forgive you." His brother eventually repented, after witnessing the miracles at his grave, and moved it to Prague where it remains a pilgrimage site.

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STAR SPEAKER SERIES PRESENT

FR. GARY THOMAS

Director of the Propaedeutic Year program at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California

Talk on "Doorways to the Demonic and How to Spiritually Protect Oneself"

Wednesday, October 25, 7PM, Star of the Sea Church

Mass Intentions

Sat. 09/23	8:30am	Int. of Mary Theresa Flynn
	12noon	Int. of Lauryn Martin (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Belen Maya Martinez (bday)
Sun 09/24	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Tina Chow
	11:30am	+ Roy Lippi
	7:30pm	+ John Peter Illo
Mon 09/25	7:00am	Int. of Rosa O. Int. of William Hays Int. of Michael Deuel Int. of James and Alma Schwab + George, Constance and George Jr. Kern
	12noon	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family + Maurice Revel + Yet Soo Yee (anniv) + Robert H. Hodge + Carmen Elizabeth Lee
	6:00pm	Int. of Marisela Miranda + Joyce Enyeart + Carmen Aguirre + Basyl Strazhnyk + All Souls
Tue 09/26	7:00am	+ Janice Illo (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Maria Linda McKenna (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Janice Illo (anniv)
Wed 09/27	7:00am	Int. of Fr. James Altman
	12noon	Int. of Aurora Mallari
	6:00pm	+ Maria Silmaro
Thu 09/28	7:00am	Int. of Carla Reategui
	12noon	+ John Francis Doherty
	6:00pm	Int. of Marisela Miranda (bday)
Fri 09/29	7:00am	Int. of Kevin Carter
	12noon	+ Jorge Viray, Jr. (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Joaquin Michael & Alexandra Carcache
Sat 09/30	8:30am	+ Catherine Chow
	12noon	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	4:30pm	Int. of Tessie So

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>

Who Are the Archangels? Feast 29-September
 Dr. Ben Akers & Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels (Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael) and what role they have in our lives.

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.



The Knights of Columbus thank all the Parishioners for their kind donations to support the Miracle League of San Francisco and Peninsula and to feed the athletes program of the Special Olympics. During the month of July they raised \$761.40.

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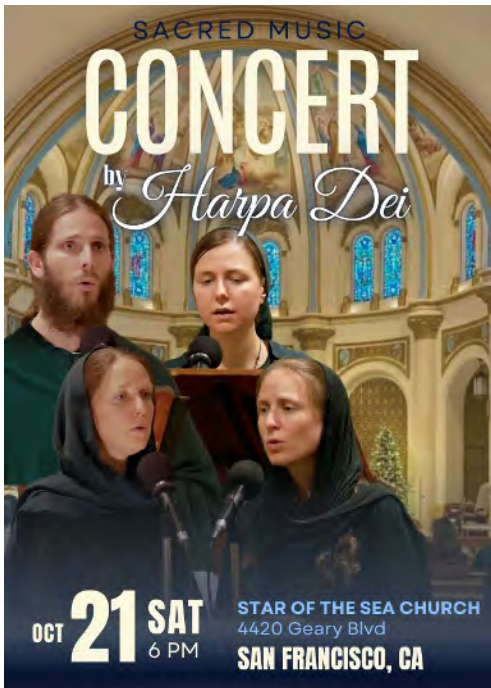


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The \$10 registration fee includes lunch.

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"

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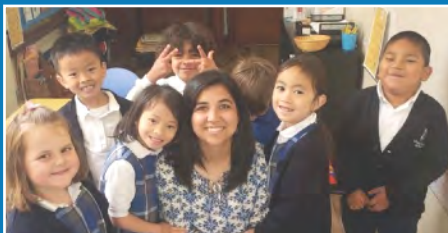
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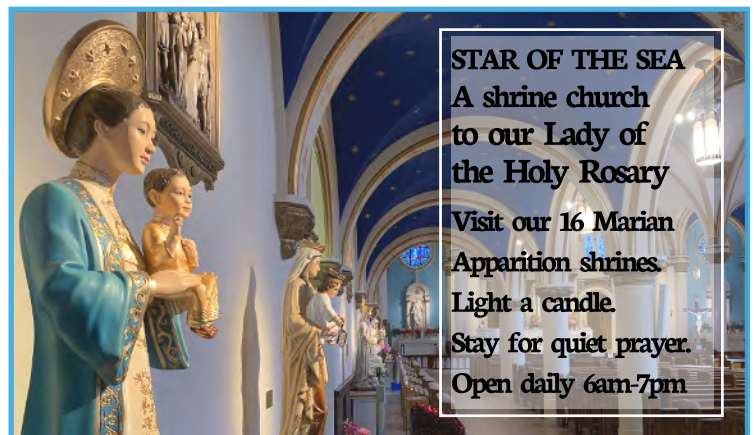


4th Annual Public Rosary Prayer in front of the Richmond Police Station

Saturday, October 14th | 10-11am | 461 6th Ave, San Francisco

Join us! The police need our public prayers and moral support.

Contact: Ron Merida: ronmerida@yahoo.com



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