



The Holy Spirit The “Synod for Synodality,” a meeting of clergy and laity to discuss current issues facing Catholics, is underway in Rome. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide these discussions in accord with God’s perfect will. Pope Francis has often asked us to pray

to the Holy Spirit during this synod because the “spirit of the age,” what St. Paul calls the “spirit of this world” and St. John calls “the spirit of antichrist,” is also present in church meetings. Anyone who has participated in parish or diocesan meetings is painfully aware how an *obtuse spirit* seeks to frustrate our good intentions: our meetings are often marred by envy, annoyance, rivalry, arrogance, and personal ambition. It’s a good idea, therefore, to begin every meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful.*

The Obtuse Spirit This is especially true of the Synod in Rome. Wouldn’t the evil spirits just love to derail a decision-level meeting of bishops and cardinals? This has happened from the very first meetings of Church leaders, as you can read in Acts 15. Paul and Barnabas split up over their differences, and at Antioch St. Paul even had to correct St. Peter “to his face” (Galatians 2:11). Peter, in his great humility, accepted Paul’s correction, and we must all realize that only God is perfect. In our own time, just as in the early Church, that nasty “obtuse spirit,” opposing the Holy Spirit, is afflicting the Church. One painful example of how the spirit of this age is influencing the Church is in the question of blessing same sex unions, which some bishops in Germany and other countries are being permitted to do. A Catholic blessing on a human act—such as a marriage or a grape harvest or a beginning of the school year—proclaims the goodness of the act and asks God to make it prosper. Natural friendships must be managed with delicacy, because while mutual support and affection



are good, sexual acts between unmarried friends is bad. The spirit of this world has so desensitized us that many Catholics today think of sexual acts as a normal part of any friendship. We have lost a sense of reverence for the sacred gift of the marital act. But human nature does not change, nor does God’s law. Sexual acts between unmarried persons, and especially between members of the same sex, is gravely sinful. The Church cannot bless sin, and that is why Pope Francis published a prohibition on same-sex blessings two years ago (in an instruction from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, March 15, 2021: “Question: *Does the Church have the power to give the blessing to unions of persons of the same sex?* Response: *Negative*”).

A Sign of Contradiction What if a bishop encourages his priests to bless same sex unions, as some are doing in Germany? The priest, and the laity, must appeal to the Church’s sacred deposit of faith, which cannot follow the spirit of the age. This Faith will be a sign of contradiction to a disordered world. Our difficult moment is not a time to leave the Church. We must, rather, defend our Mother, even from some of her own bishops. In the 4th century, St. Athanasius was one of the few bishops who had not fallen into the Arian heresy. With firm courage, he insisted on right doctrine, and so must we. Like the Arian crisis then, our difficult moment will pass. The ship will right itself, and we must still be on that ship after the storm passes. We must not allow clergy who have fallen into error, even those at the highest levels, to drive us out of the Church. We, and our children, have a right and a need for the saving truths that only the Catholic Church can provide. We must stay with Holy Mother Church, and defend her. God grant us the wisdom and fortitude to do so. On October 24, at 7pm, I will address

these questions in an open meeting, which I will begin with a fervent prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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 (Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Mt 22:1-14) **A Wedding Feast** Heaven is a wedding reception, as the Lord describes it in today's gospel, but not like any wedding reception you've ever seen. Sr. Lucia, the eldest of the Fatima shepherds, said that the final battle will be over marriage and family. That is what is really at stake in the Synod for Synodality, now happening in Rome. We must be ready to die for God's truth about marriage, like John the Baptist.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's Feast day is October 16 (Roman calendar) or the 17th (Traditional calendar). Her visions of Jesus gave us the devotion of the Sacred Heart. Jesus revealed to her the wonders of His love, and once allowed her to rest

her head on His heart. Her revelations helped to promote the practice of Eucharistic Holy Hours. Jesus to St. Margaret Mary said, "I so ardently thirst to be loved ... in the Most Blessed Sacrament..."

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832-779-1070

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/14	8:30am	Int. of Mario Bruno
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life + Christopher Beltrame (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Tessie So
Sun 10/15	8:00am	+ Virginia T. Nicolas
	9:30am	In Thanksgiving: Maria Socorro Macalad & Fam. + Enrique and Conchita Ines
	11:30am	Int. of Jacqueline Jacobi (bday)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 10/16	7:00am	Int. of Fr. David Nix Int. of William Hays Int. of Jacqueline Jacobi Int. of Sister Maria Mathew Int. of Michael Kern (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Jeff for healing Int. of Albear and Abby Nimri Int. of the Gubbels Family (living and deceased) + Msgr. Bruno Peschiera + All Souls
	6:00pm	Int. of Michael and Nelly + Jeff Gallegos + Robert Hodge + Basyi Strazhnyk + Sergio and Victorina
Tue 10/17	7:00am	Int. of Mitchell Tu
	12noon	+ Martha Joanes, OCDS
	6:00pm	+ Vera Kovacic (bday)
Wed 10/18	7:00am	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	12noon	Int. of Dennis Stanton (bday) Int. of Brenda Petropoulos (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Elmy Casavilca (bday)
Thu 10/19	7:00am	Int. of Alenka Svobodova (bday)
	12noon	+ Nicolas L. Petropoulos
	6:00pm	+ Maria Bruno
Fri 10/20	7:00am	Int. of Kailash and Lily Duraiswami
	12noon	+ Danilo Sendin (anniv)
	6:00pm	+ Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv)
Sat 10/21	8:30am	Int. of Gisella Casavilca
	12noon	Int. of Kevin Aguirre
	4:30pm	+ Trinidad Seballos and Deceased Family Members

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 Kavanagh.

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)



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

The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

One of the most profound aspects of the Catholic Faith is that Christ sent his Spirit to dwell in the hearts of the baptized. But who is the Holy Spirit, and how do we actively invite him to do what he was placed inside of us to do?

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST ON NOVEMBER 4

6PM IN THE AUDITORIUM

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets in the school yard after the 9:30 and 11:30 Mass.

For more information please contact: Ron Merida, ronmerida@yahoo.com or Bud Feria, budzilla885@yahoo.com

2023 ARCHDIOCESAN RED MASS SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

October 26, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Please join Archbishop Cordileone and the Thomas More Society for the 2023 Archdiocesan Red Mass celebrated annually for all members of the legal profession. Bishop Kurt Burnette will be the homilist. For more information visit: <https://www.stthomasmore-sf.org>

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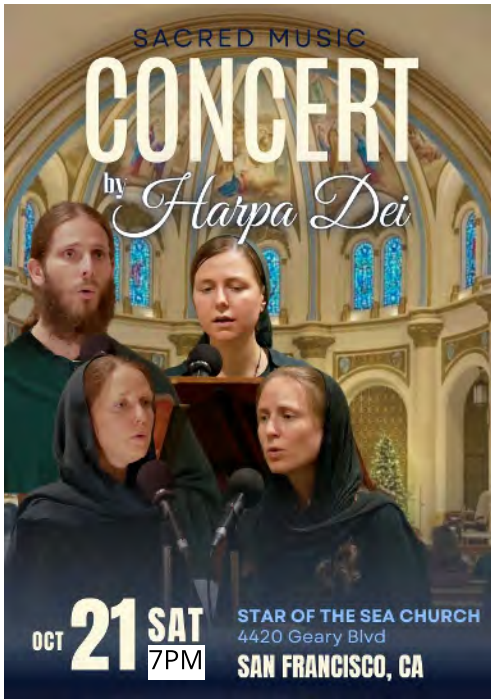


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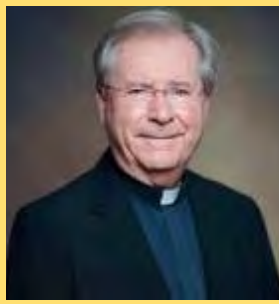
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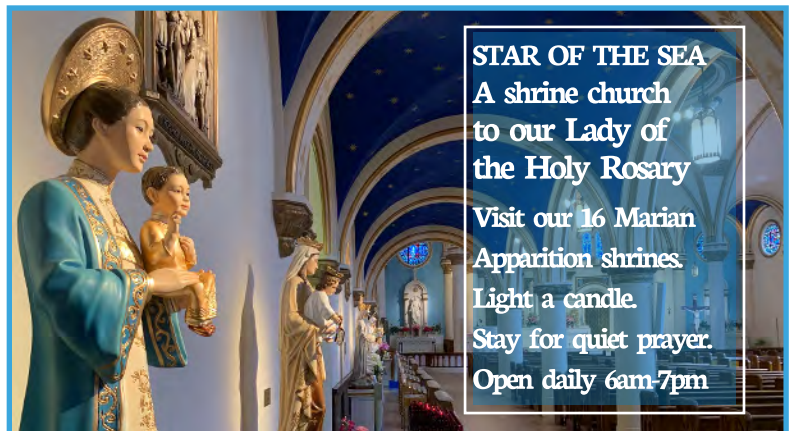


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