



**Thanksgiving** October used to be my favorite month, but now I think it might be November, even though this month is generally dark and cold and rainy. But November is the month of *Thanksgiving*, and the essence of a happy life is gratitude.

A thankful person is a happy person, and a man who gives thanks always is always happy. A woman who cultivates gratitude rather than complaining over life's difficulties, and a man who smiles rather than scowls when the going gets tough, is a light to all around them. Their joy is infectious, and it comes from *giving thanks in all circumstances*, as St. Paul urges of us. Certainly the circumstances for the 53 survivors of the Mayflower voyage in the fall of 1621 would have justified negativity and complaint. And yet they were *pilgrims*, that is, religious seekers who sought God's will with thankful hearts. God sent them 90 Native Americans of the Wampanoag tribe to befriend and support these early American Christians, and the two peoples gave thanks to God together.

**All Saints and All Souls**

This month is beautiful because, as a nation, we give thanks to God. It is beautiful also because we give thanks for All Saints, that shining crown of jewels encircling the brow of the King of Kings. November is the month to give thanks also for All Souls, our dear ones whom we remember in the 400 photographs under Our Lady's altar this month. I light a candle every day of November and kneel at Our Lady's altar, looking over the faces of my parents, grandparents, and all those precious lives whom God has given us over the years, and I am filled with gratitude. All together, we pilgrims are making our way to the greatest gift of all, which is eternity with the Holy Trinity, in perfect happiness. How could any adversity during our

brief pilgrimage compare with the glory awaiting each of us, and all of us together? So, let us do our best to give thanks with a grateful heart to the All Holy One who has given us every good thing.

**A Mass of Thanksgiving** The first Thanksgiving on our shores was not in 1621, by the way. There was an even more essential act of gratitude to God on September 8, 1565, when Spanish settlers offered a Mass of Thanksgiving at what is now the city of St. Augustine, Florida. After Mass they sat down to a meal with the Native Americans, just as their protestant brethren from England would do 56 years later in what is now Massachusetts. I invite you to our annual "Mass of Thanksgiving" this Thursday at 10am, to which you are invited also to bring some food from your Thanksgiving



Sister Donata speaking at a mission in Harrisburg, PA

table to be blessed after the Mass.

**Advent Mission** We are only three weeks away from our Advent Mission, entitled "Our Lady, Mother of Mercy." Sister Donata Farbaniec, from St. Faustina's religious order in Poland (Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy), will be giving talks and visiting our school.

Saturday, December 9, will be a Day of Recollection beginning with Mass at 8:30am and ending with the Hour of Mercy at 3pm. Sister Donata, who staffs the John Paul II Center in Washington, will speak for 7 minutes at all the Masses that weekend, and again lead an Hour of Mercy at 3pm Sunday afternoon. The final talk will be on Monday, December 11, at 7pm. "Sometimes in life," Sister Donata said last year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, "we think there is no hope. But Jesus has a plan and He is in control. Trust in Him. Surrender to Him. Know that He is acting in that very moment, and you will come to recognize His mercy and the marvels he works in your life." *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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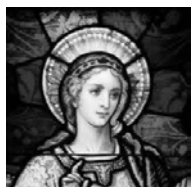
**LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE**

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 "Immediately" (Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5: 1-6; Mt 25:14-30). The man who was given five talents went "immediately" to trade with them, in order to make another five talents for his master. And yet that master didn't return "for a long time." What does that mean for us? It means we need to grow God's Kingdom as if he were returning tonight, but maintain high energy levels even if he doesn't return for a long time. Souls are being lost, or saved, each day.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Cecilia's feast day is November 22. She died a Virgin martyr. She was given to marriage, and on her wedding day, while the music played, she sang a song to Our Lord in her heart. On her wedding night she evangelized to her husband, who honored her promise of virginity to God, and he converted that very night. They both were eventually martyred for the Faith. She is the Patroness of music, and is known to say, "We lift our hearts in joyous song to honor Him..."

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# Mass Intentions

Sat 11/18	8:30am	+ Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Noemi Iraheta
	4:30pm	Int. of Rodney Yee (bday)
Sun 11/19	8:00am	+ Consuelo Francisco (anniv)
	9:30am	+ Maria Bruno
	11:30am	Int. of Daisy Young and Family
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 11/20	7:00am	Int. of Michael Koh (bday) Int. of the Carey Family Int. of the Kavanagh Family Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri and Family + Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
	12noon	Int. of Richard Donohue + George Lau + Rose R. Stanis + Kathleen Leydan + Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Dr. Gavin Colvert Int. of Maria Theresa Castillo Int. of Noemi Iraheta and Jordi Cortez In Thanksgiving of Elaine Marie Guevarra + David Sik Keung Fong
Tue 11/21	7:00am	Int. of Liam Carey and Family
	12noon	+ Proserfina Simon
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
Wed 11/22	7:00am	Int. of Liam Carey (bday)
	12noon	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	6:00pm	Int. of Dr. Gavin Colvert (bday)
Thu 11/23	7:00am	+ Maria Mariuzza
	10:00am	+ Crisostomo Cristino Nido (anniv)
	6:00pm	NO MASS
Fri 11/24	7:00am	+ Int. of Carmel Richard
	12noon	+ Maria Manas Policarpo
	6:00pm	Int. of Arianna Tillman (bday)
Sat 11/25	8:30am	+ Edgard Bond, Jr.
	12noon	Int. of Carmel Richard (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of the Siers-Marinsik Family (living+deceased)

## Prayer for the Sick



Esmeria 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 Fera, Leonard Lupinesky, Karen Alexander, Irma Martinez, Trina Flynn, Jeannine Donohue, Elena Tillman, John Kern, Bob Tobin, David Torkelson, Jeanne Bovigny, Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario and Susan Lewitt.

# Programs & Ministries

# Calendar of Events

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<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.  
**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)  
**Sundays, Latin Rosary:** You are invited to pray the rosary at 11am. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.



## FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS (Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

### Spirituality of Thanksgiving

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of thanksgiving and its centrality to the Christian life.

### Advent: Rethinking the Season by Dr. Tim Gray

Advent unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk audio presentation, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3**  
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# Star of the Sea

**ADVENT MISSION DECEMBER 9-11**

**Our Lady, Mother of Mercy**

Speaker: Sister Donata Farbaniec,  
of the "Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy"

the religious order to which St. Faustina Kowalska belonged.

**Dec 9, Saturday, 8:30-3pm**  
Day of recollection

**Dec 9-10, 7 min. reflections**  
on the message of the  
Divine Mercy at all Sunday  
Masses

**Dec 10, 3pm talk and**  
chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Dec 11, Visit with Stella**  
Maris schoolchildren and  
7pm Final talk "Sometimes  
in Life"



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**December 10, 4PM at Star of the Sea Church**

**Music by the Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music &  
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World premiere of two new Christmas hymns: Mark Nowakowski's Chesterton  
Carol and Mina Pariseau's Our Lady Expectant: An Advent Carol.

**Reception after concert provided by Stella Maris Academy**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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