



**Welcome to Advent!** A new liturgical year begins today, and we enter the wondrous season of Advent to prepare for the Nativity of Our Savior. Some of you may have already put up fragrant pine trees in your living rooms, but please

remember that they are “Advent Trees” until December 24th! Between obligatory “Christmas parties” over these next four weeks, we must make a real effort to fast, pray, and give alms to prepare for Christ’s Second Coming. You might gorge yourself at a party (although you don’t have to!), but you should also skip a meal or two, give something to the poor, and commit to some regular prayer (daily Mass, daily rosary, Eucharistic adoration, devotional reading, etc.) during Advent. All of life is an Advent, after all, from cradle to grave, as we prepare to meet Christ when He returns as supreme judge and redeemer.

**Advent Mission** This Friday Sr. Donata and Sr. Gaudia arrive from Washington, where they staff the Shrine of John Paul II in our nation’s capital. They will give a full day of recollection this Saturday, beginning with Holy Mass at 8:30am, and ending with the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm. Setting aside this Saturday for the things of God by attending this mission would be a very nice gift to the baby Jesus this year! Many thanks to our parishioners who put me in touch with these Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, the religious order of St. Faustina Kowalska. These “daughters of St. Faustina” will focus their talks on Christ’s Divine Mercy and Our

Lady, Mother of Mercy. On Sunday Sister Donata will lead an “hour of mercy” in the auditorium from 3-4pm, and at 4pm the Archbishop will lead a Marian Prayer Service in the church with music by the Benedict XVI Institute.

**Simbang Gabi** Another Advent devotion is the traditional Filipino Advent Mass known as Simbang Gabi (“Night Mass”). Our Deanery (local cluster of parishes) will offer nine Masses leading up to Christmas Eve, each in a different church. You can see the full schedule on the back page of this bulletin, and Fr. Konopik will offer our Simbang Gabi Mass on December 14 at 6pm.



**Rorate Caeli** Another beloved Advent Mass is the *Rorate Caeli*, meaning “let the Savior descend like dew from heaven,” the prophecy of the Messiah from Isaiah 45:8. This Mass, held before dawn in a church lit only by candles,

honors Our Lady during Advent as she carries her divine pregnancy to birth at Christmas. I will offer our Rorate Caeli Mass at 7am on December 14, and Fr. Rocha will assist the Archbishop in the Cathedral’s Rorate Caeli Mass at 5am on December 19. Finally, this Friday is a holy day of obligation, the **Feast of the Immaculate**

**Conception.** Masses will be at 7am in Latin, noon in English, and 6pm a Solemn High Mass in Latin with Fr. Vincent Woo preaching. **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Masses will be on December 12 at 7am in English (followed by a Mexican breakfast with the school children in the auditorium), noon in English, and 6pm in Latin. *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 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37) **"Watch!"** Today's gospel begins the new liturgical year, and the Season of Advent, with one word: "Watch!" Our Lord promises that he will return, but no one (not even He!) knows the day nor hour of the Second Coming. So live today as if it were your first, your last, and your only day to glorify God!



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We celebrate St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church on December 4 (or March 27 in the Roman Calendar). He gave insightful teachings on the Eucharist. He is quoted, "The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us." And he is quoted "Let us draw near ... [and] pay homage...in all purity both of soul and body... Let us draw near to it with an ardent desire..."

Come, draw near to Christ by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star)

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## FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

### Advent Wreath: Be the Light | Drawing Closer to God

Ms. Kim explains the significance of the season of Advent and its symbolism by teaching students how to draw an Advent wreath. She challenges kids to be the light of the world, especially during this holy season of preparation.

### The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God Audio

**Book by Fulton Sheen** With eloquence and brilliance, Fulton J. Sheen presents a moving portrayal of the Blessed Virgin Mary, combining deep spirituality, history, philosophy, and theology. All the major aspects and events of Mary's life are lovingly depicted in this never-failing source of information, consolation, and inspiration.

# Mass Intentions

Sat 12/02	8:30am	Int. of Leslie Low and Family
	12noon	+ Anil and Frank Dias
	4:30pm	+ Deceased Members of the Tabobo Family
Sun 12/03	8:00am	Int. of Brian James Kavanagh (bday)
	9:30am	In Thanksgiving of Thereza & Anthony D'Costa
	11:30am	Int. of the Benson Family
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 12/04	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo (bday) Int. of Maggie Adams Int. of Gerardo A. Gamez Int. of Dora Jaime Berrelleza + Holy Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo (bday) Int. of Joe Clancy Int. of Carmen Duran + Generosa Tabobo (anniv) + Parker H. Moriwaki
	6:00pm	+ Francisco Sousa Rocha
Tue 12/05	7:00am	+ Clarence Mandala
	12noon	+ Lydia Quintana-Diaz
	6:00pm	Int. of Elaine and Allen Chiou
Wed 12/06	7:00am	+ Harriett Konopaski
	12noon	Int. of Peter Tan and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Elaine and Allen Chiou
Thu 12/07	7:00am	Int. of Jeanne Moskal
	12noon	+ Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
	6:00pm	+ All Souls
Fri 12/08	7:00am	Int. of Jacob Gamez Mendoza
	12noon	Int. of the Casavilca Family
	6:00pm	+ Msgr. Cornelius Burns
Sat 12/09	8:30am	Int. of Fr. Michael Rocha
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	+ Charles Brantigan

## Prayer for the Sick



Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Fiona Papa, Paula Click and all sick parishioners.

Dear Friends,

Please note that beginning this week, we will keep the intentions for the prayer for the sick in the bulletin for one month only. *Keep the sick in your prayers.*

## Communal prayers

**Saturdays**, Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.

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

**Sundays**, Rosary Walk, 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk>

# Programs & Ministries

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# Stella Maris Academy

November has flown by with so many great traditions at Stella Maris Academy. Once again, our students did a stellar job honoring our country and our Veterans during the annual Veterans Day assembly. We were pleased to host a number of veterans from within our school and parish family, as well as from the broader community.



Before heading out for Thanksgiving break, Fr. Illo and several of our teachers lead a walking pilgrimage to the National Cemetery in the Presidio. Praying a decade of the rosary along the way, students were reminded of the importance of the spiritual works of mercy, particularly praying for those who have died.

Finally, our school family gathered for a veritable Thanksgiving feast and spent time reflecting on the gift that is Stella Maris Academy to our students and their families. From turkey with all the trimmings to delicious sweets to end the meal, the evening was a great success.

Dr. Gavin Colvert,  
 Stella Maris  
 Head of School



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## ADVENT MARIAN PRAYER SERVICE

With Archbishop Cordileone

December 10, 4PM at Star of the Sea

Music by the Benedict XVI Institute for  
Sacred Music & Divine Worship

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  
in the school auditorium.

## CATHEDRAL DEANERY 2023 SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Friday 12/15, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7:30am

Saturday 12/16, St. Ignatius, 5:00pm

Sunday 12/17, St. Benedict, 10:30am

Monday 12/18, St. Vincent de Paul, 8:15am

Tuesday 12/19, St. Agnes, 12 noon Mass

Wednesday 12/20, Star of the Sea, 6:00pm

Thursday 12/21, St. Monica 6:00pm

Friday 12/22, Most Holy Redeemer, 8:00am

Saturday 12/23, St. Dominic's, 5:30pm

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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, 8:30-4pm 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 at the  
Gymnasium

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

Eucharistic Adoration and

For more information visit [www.starparish.com](http://www.starparish.com)  
Free event. Refreshments. Free Parking.



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7AM Mass (English), followed by Mexican  
breakfast in the school Auditorium.

Novena to Our Lady starting December 4-12

## A PILGRIMAGE TO NORMANDY

JUNE 2 -13, 2024

"June 2024, marks 80 years since the D-Day Landings"  
Paris, Lisieux, Mont-Saint-Michel, Rouen, Bayeaux,  
Landing beaches in Normandy.

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### STEWARDS STATS

Through work, we serve, minister, and become God's  
stewards on the earth.

**Time:** 26+ people joined the Rosary prayer Walk at the  
Cathedral last Sunday.

**Talent:** 3 volunteers helped in the parish office last week.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,407

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