



Praying for Priests Last Sunday those of you at the 11:30 Mass heard Fr. Rocha's heartfelt sermon asking for prayers for priests. I was ordained with three other priests in 1991, but two of these priests left the priesthood within five years. The national average, apparently, is that

26% of priests leave the priesthood within the first five years. I was ordained at age 29 and assigned to a parish with five priests. Two were alcoholic, and one had other problems. I was fresh out of the seminary and quite vulnerable, so the old ladies of the parish adopted me spiritually. Every morning at Mass they would pray for all of us priests, but for the "baby priest" in particular. One of them, named Louise St. Marie, prayed day and night for me, and told me so. I am convinced that I

overcame the terrors and temptations of that first assignment mostly because of Louise, and I pray for her soul every day now. Without Louise's prayers, I would not be your pastor today. I would have left the priesthood, I'm fairly certain, and I would be a miserable old man who had been unfaithful to his vocation. And there are many Louise's in our parishes, thanks be to God! If any man is faithful to his calling, it is because of them.

Holy Hour for Priests Carmen Duran and Dennis Aguirre have started a prayer group for priests in our own parish. It meets every Tuesday night in the church for holy hour and rosary. This is also the holy hour which the Young Adults come to before their weekly gathering, so they too are praying for priests every week. The hour begins with a rosary and prayers from the movement "Foundation of Prayer for Priests" (website: foundationforpriests.org). A half hour of silence follows the rosary, and then benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament. A priest is in the confessional throughout the holy hour. We do this every Tuesday in the church, from 7-8pm, and I encourage you to make this your weekly holy hour.

Seven Sisters Apostolate Another group that prays for priests are the "Seven Sisters," a group of seven women, led by an " anchoress," who each make a Eucharistic holy hour once a week for one priest or bishop. In this way an hour of prayer is offered for that priest each day. I want to thank the seven sisters at Star of the Sea who have been making a holy hour every day for me since 2016. No doubt I have been a little less grumpy, and a little more joyful, because of these holy women. We have three sets of Seven Sisters at Star of the Sea, while a fourth set pray for the Archbishop. If you would like to start a new set of sisters, see their website, sevensistersapostolate.org.

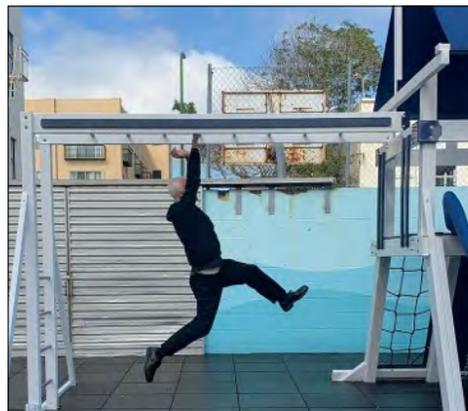


Staff reconnecting with their inner child on our new school play equipment

AAA All of these apostolates get a AAA rating! But AAA also stands for "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal," meaning the annual financial gift we make to the Archbishop each year. In a week you will receive your AAA mailing, with letters from the Archbishop and from me, and a brochure with pretty pictures. Our goal this year is \$120,500, so all you "one percenters" can write checks for \$1205 (don't forget that last five dollars!). I will be doing

that myself, and I will be making the final Sunday appeal on February 25 (when we will have the Cathedral Children's Choir singing at our 9:30 School Family Mass for the first time). Now that the Cathedral Choir is moving to our school, we will hear them once a month at the 9:30 Mass—one of the good things which our AAA supports.

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 (Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10: 31 - 11: 1; Mk 1: 40-45) **Be Made Clean** In today's Gospel an unclean man accosts our Lord. He is a leper, and he brazenly assets to Jesus' face: " If you wish, you can make me clean." God is put off neither by the stench of his disease nor by the boldness of the man's claim on Him. "I do will it. Be made clean." That purity and healing await each of us, in every confessional.



JOIN RCIA

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

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Lent and the Blessed Sacrament

Ash Wednesday is February 14- a day to remember the greatest love of all, Jesus, our Savior who died for us. On Ash Wednesday, we remember we are but dust- and it is solely "In Him we live and move and have our being..." Acts 17:28.

One of the three pillars of Lent is prayer! I encourage you sign up for a weekly Holy Hour commitment at www.adorationpro.org/star or simply come to pray. Make it a Lenten promise.



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS (Sign up to Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

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

Ash Wednesday | Drawing Closer to God: Lent Episode 1 (children's video)

Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

PLANNED GIVING
ONE CHARITABLE GIFT,
A LEGACY OF BENEFITS

Make a WILL. Include Star of the Sea in your estate plans. Help preserve the mission and values of the church and its commitment to ministry.

Contact: mariella@starparish.com

Mass Intentions

Sat 02/10	8:30am	Int. of Dana Nunez
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	In Thanksgiving of Eduardo Papa & Family
Sun 02/11	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Delano Nursery Owner and Staff
	11:30am	Int. of Kenneth & Lidia Gibbons (wedding anniv)
	7:30pm	+ Brendan Gerard Spiers
Mon 02/12	7am	Int. of Rosa O AuYeung (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Joseph Fernandez + Mary Dayoan + Phil Bedel + Jim Massey + Daniel Killips + Charlie Schirmer + Ruperta Villanueva + Adrienne Humphrey
	6pm	+ Rita Severino + Howard Meehan (anniv)
		+ Jean Marie Tarbox + Derek Steven Rocha + Mary McGrath Hamrick (anniv)
Tue 02/13	7:00am	+ Jean Marie Tarbox
	12noon	+ Derek Steven Rocha
	6:00pm	+ Mary McGrath Hamrick (anniv)
Wed 02/14	7:00am	Int. of Daisy Young
	12noon	Int. of Dana Nunez
	6:00pm	Int. of Declan Fernandez (bday)
Thu 02/15	7:00am	+ Kalani Agas
	12noon	+ Brigida Fernandez (1st death anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Mr. John & Mrs. Meghan Lyons
Fri 02/16	7:00am	+ Charles Michael Verity, Sr.
	12noon	+ Francis and Jenny Chow
	6:00pm	+ Maria Candida Garcia
Sat 02/17	8:30am	Int. of Elizabeth Ing and Family
	12noon	+ Fil Silverio
	4:30pm	Int. of Peter Tan and Family



Prayer for the Sick Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Paula Click, Brian Walsh, Oonough, Kim Edwards and all sick parishioners.

Communal prayers

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet 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/Rosary Walk>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FEBRUARY 14 TO MARCH 24, 2024
Sign up for two hours a week:
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STELLA MARIS ACADEMY Catholic Schools Week



Congratulations to the top three spellers who will advance to the next level of the Scripps Spelling Bee competition ~ Stefan, Alise and Olivia.

*To the teachers & students:
 I was in the church on Tuesday January 30th. I had some extra time so I went in to say a Rosary. I was surprised that the students and teachers were there for the Adoration of the Eucharist. When they began to sing the moment was amazing. Their voices are beautiful. The church was filled with their praise. It melted my heart and brought tears to my eyes. Thank you!*

A PILGRIMAGE TO NORMANDY
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JUNE 2 -13, 2024
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*Join the pilgrimage! Reserve by February 15.
 We have a few spots available.*

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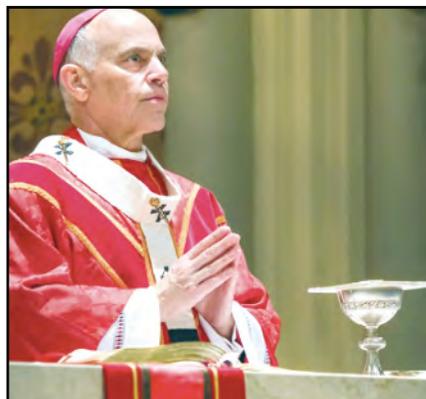


Dear Star of the Sea Parishioners,

What a wonderful celebration we enjoyed during Catholic Schools Week, highlighting all the things that make Stella Maris Academy so special. As you may know, National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual event across the nation. CSW has been held for the past 50 years, traditionally beginning on the last Sunday in January.

Each day of CSW focuses on one of the dimensions of our community that provides support and a sense of purpose for our school: our parish, local religious communities, our country, our parents, our students and our teachers.

Various activities and traditions were enjoyed throughout the week, some of which included students creating cards for St. Anne's Home - Little Sisters of the Poor. We continued our annual battle for the Stella Maris Cup, playing Catholic Jeopardy in Faith Families. Students were visited by Fr. Illo, the Dominican friars (including the juggling Dominican) and the Missionaries of Charity to learn about vocations. *Dr. Gavin Colvert, Head of School*



ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - AAA

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” *Matthew 22:39*

From Archbishop Cordileone:

“Our Mission as a Church and people of the Catholic faith continues, so I invite you to participate in this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Your contribution is a vivid expression of your commitment to bring Christ to others, and it enhances our ability to spread and celebrate our faith”.

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$120,500 | 1% CLUB \$1205

To Donate Visit: www.starparish.com | or make a check to: AAA 2024



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 20 people joined the Divine Mercy devotional prayers last Saturday.

Talent: Three Stella Maris altar servers assisted the school Mass last Friday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,467

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



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TUESDAY HOLY HOUR, 7PM - 8PM

The hour begins with a rosary and prayers from the movement “Foundation of Prayer for Priests” (foundationforpriests.org). A half hour of silence follows the rosary, and then benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A priest is in the confessional throughout the holy hour.