



Planning my own funeral 25 years ago the bishop gave us priests a deadline. "By March 15, I want your funeral plans on my desk. I'm tired of you guys dying without leaving me your funeral plans or your will!" My friends and I were in our 30s at the time and certainly did not want

to plan our own funerals. I procrastinated for a few months but I finally bit the bullet and planned my own funeral, included my last will and testament, and threw in some advanced health care directives. I stuffed it all into in a large manila envelope and took it down to the local post office with two days to spare. When I finally dropped that package in the mail, I felt very good. I realized that I was a free man! I was packed and ready to go. I had no more worries about life or death, and I was in God's hands. I highly recommend planning your own funeral, writing your will, and stating your advance health care directives *now*. Your funeral is really the only thing between you and heaven.

Worried? I have noticed that those who avoid thinking about their own death live in a kind of nameless anxiety. A dark apprehension hangs over them, always in the background: How long before I die? How will I die? What will happen after I die? On the other hand, when you've bravely made friends with "sister death" (in St. Francis' disarming words), you are freed from those fears. You've looked death in the face and stared it down. "We have already died with Christ," St. Paul says in Romans 6:8. Death can no longer scare us. We have only now to look forward to the resurrection.

"Planned Giving" Last month, as a Lenten exercise, I reviewed my funeral plans and my will. I actually adjusted my will now that my parents have both died, and I got the revised document into the mail to my attorney and my executors. About the same time, a bequest came to the parish through the executor of a woman named Betty J.

Winkelman. She had designated about 10% of her estate for the parish way back in 1986, and she passed away last year. Her estate had grown since 1986, and so the parish received \$420,000. All of that money will go to our school over the next

three years, because most of our students cannot afford full tuition for our excellent classical academy. I looked up Betty J. Winkelman on Google. She was a writer, led a fascinating life, and now her legacy will provide students the best possible education in San Francisco. Last year another bequest came to the parish, that of Charles LaMere. I knew Chuck quite well—he was the chair of our Finance Council when I arrived at the parish in 2014. Like Betty, he left a tithe to the parish in his will, and this will all go to our students at Stella Maris Academy as well. Have you written your will, and if so, have you given a tithe to Star of the Sea church? It's about the best way to invest in the future!

Our School Principal Dr. Colvert had decided to step down as our school principal after this academic year. I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Colvert for his tremendous service as founding principal of Stella Maris Academy. Be assured that, as Dr. Colvert wrote, "the mission will continue to thrive under new leadership." Under Gavin's leadership, school faculty and parents have become a strong community. I had formed a hiring committee and we will be working with a Catholic search firm to find a principal to lead the school from July 1. Let us pray to St. Joseph (patron of our school) and St. Thomas Aquinas (patron of Catholic education) that the good work Dr. Colvert's has begun will continue.

Need a Live-In Helper? A friend I've known for over 40 years is looking to help an older couple or an elderly woman in the Parish who might need a live-in person at their home in the evenings (full or part-time). Lisa has had experience as a live-in Companion for four years for an elderly woman who passed away at 102, and she cared for her mother for over 20 years. She can offer general home-type services in exchange for free room (and possibly board). Lisa's cell is (415) 218-0248.

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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS

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 **The Good Shepherd (Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18)** The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Gospel: "I am the good shepherd." Priests are essentially shepherds, and so this is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In 1991, a friend attended my ordination with her little girl, and when asked later what she saw in the ordination Mass, she said "Uncle Joe became a shepherd." She meant that they put a shepherd's cloak on me (the chasuble). And she was right! Let us pray that our priests are truly good shepherds, laying down their lives for the sheep.



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

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Mass Intentions

Sat 04/20	8:30am	In thanksgiving of Lan Tran and Family
	12noon	† Jane Mancilla O'Connell
	4:30pm	Int. of Maria Luisa Bogdan and Family
Sun 04/21	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Gloria Galloway Kunder and Family † Dana Galloway (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of David Brown
	7:30pm	† Rafael Arriaga-Lopez, Jr.
Mon 04/22	7am	† Simplicia Dioquino
	12noon	Int. of Engracio Guinto Int. for those fallen away from their Faith † Irene Osborne † George Mazingo † Lorraine B. Mann † Yolanda Coronado
	6pm	† Mike Mannix † Charls Carmlt † Irene Osborne † Lidia Quintana-Diaz † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Francisco Matturano-Gomez
Tue 04/23	7:00am	† Dennis O'Connell
	12noon	† Jaime Llanillo Ines (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Jerry Ferguson (bday)
Wed 04/24	7:00am	Int. of Michael and Cindy Xu
	12noon	† Natividad Guinto
	6:00pm	† Maura Lacap
Thu 04/25	7:00am	† Antonio Llugano
	12noon	Int. of Fides Bernard
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
Fri 04/26	7:00am	Int. of Daisy Young
	12noon	† Fe V. Castro
	6:00pm	Int. of Lorna Feria and Family
Sat 04/27	8:30am	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
	12noon	Int. of Alvin Martin (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Cam and Anita Clapp

Prayers for the sick

Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Brian Walsh, Oonough, Kim Edwards, Patty Turok, Jeannie Borges, and all sick parishioners.

Daily and Weekly Devotions

Monday-Saturday, Public Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

Tuesdays, Holy Face Devotion, 6pm in the chapel.

Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm in the church.

Sundays, Latin Rosary, 11am in the church. 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>.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST.

Fr. Henri Vallançon and Fr. Guillaume Antoine visiting priests from Normandy, will talk on "The Norbertin option, being Christian in a world that is no longer Christian"

After the 6pm Mass in the Church

Programs & Apostolates

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