



A New School Year It was an historic day on Wednesday when Fr. Sony offered the first Mass for a new Catholic high school in San Francisco. Most schools, both private and public, are losing students these days, but **Nativity High School** opened with 16

ninth graders and plans to open a new grade each year. By virtue of the extraordinary efforts of school founders Alex and Diana Adamson, the inspiring dedication of teachers and parents, and the solid support of many benefactors, a deeply Catholic secondary school has opened in our City, the first in many years! This is all by the beneficent grace of God, who is telling us that it is not yet time to give up on Catholic education.

Our own parish school, **Stella Maris Academy**, began its fourth year on Thursday with an enrollment increase of 50%—from 60 to 90 students. One new parent told me that her daughter had been in public school since kindergarten, but this year began so badly for her that she cried uncontrollably and couldn't sleep at night. Her mother had no choice but to pull her from public school, and she had heard that a

joyfully Catholic classical school had opened recently in the Richmond district. Now this family is part of our community! I asked another new parent how she had heard of Stella Maris, and she said that the school's reputation for both academic excellence and Catholic culture is spreading. "We wanted a Catholic school that was, well, you know, fully Catholic" she told me. Many schools have drifted from education methods that have proven effective over hundreds of years, but the way back to an excellent education is no secret. Chris Fisher, our new Superintendent, spoke recently at a meeting of Catholic school principals. He recommended a small book written by Archbishop Michael Miller in 2006, *The Holy*

See's Teaching on Catholic Schools. The Church's best practices—the methods of education that built a prosperous and peaceful culture—are laid out with simple precision in this small book. A solid and nourishing education is not that complicated—it's certainly working at Stella Maris and is expected to work well at Nativity High School. Last year Stella Maris scored highest among all Catholic schools in our three counties (along with one other Catholic school) on standardized test scores for math and reading. Our students' math scores are in the 89th percentile for students across the nation. Standardized test scores 20-30 points above the average is common to most classical schools. I am so privileged to be a part of the rebirth of Catholic education in this part of San Francisco, privileged to work alongside such fine educators and parents. In three years Nativity High School hopes to move into the old high school building [newly retrofitted and renovated], returning a Catholic high school to the building that had been home to Star of the Sea Academy for Girls from 1910 to 1985. May God prosper the work of our hands!

Bishop Athanasius Schneider on September 16

Many of you have read *Christus Vincit*, a 2019 interview with a bishop from Kazakhstan, Athanasius Schneider. Bishop Schneider's parents were exiled from their native Germany to Kazakhstan during the Soviet era, and he knows a thing or two about practicing the Catholic faith under difficult circumstances. He is a fine and fearless theologian who has published a new book, *Flee from Heresy*, to complement last year's *Credo: A Compendium of the Catholic Faith*. Bishop Schneider will be speaking at our parish on September 16. I will have his books for sale, and I'm sure he will be glad to sign one for you.

Fr. Joseph Illo



Bishop Schneider offering Mass at our parish in 2018



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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 Words of Eternal Life (Josh 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5: 21-32; Jn 6: 60-69) Today concludes the five-part series of Gospels on the Holy Eucharist from John 6. Most of his disciples leave Him at this point, complaining that the teaching on the Holy Eucharist is “too hard.” Jesus turns to Peter and asks, “Do you also want to leave me?” The Prince of the Apostles, at that time just a bragging fisherman, simply says: “Lord, to whom else shall we go? You have the words of *eternal life*.” That’s why Peter died for Jesus, and why we make the Holy Sacrament the center of our own lives too: it is *eternal life*.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We celebrate St. Teresa de Gesu Jornet Ibars on August 26. After being denied into a convent, she started her own, Little Sisters of the Poor, and founded over 100 shelters for the poor and elderly.

She has been known to pray: “Dear God, please help me know that you have a plan for me and that, even when things are looking bad, they will turn around.”

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Feast of Saint Monica

Saints• Feast 27-Aug-

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine.



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Mass Intentions

Sat 08/24	8:30am	† Marvin Ray
	12noon	† Albert Costa
	4:30pm	† Rene Ing
Sun 08/25	8:00am	† Eddie James Huss
	9:30am	Int. of The Kavanagh Family
	11:30am	People of The Parish
	7:30pm	† Genevieve Theresa Ferrel
Mon 08/26	7:00am	† Elizabeth Black
	12noon	Int. of Sally Magnuson Int. of Fr. Michael Rocha Int. of Giang and Minh Bui † Luz C. King † Van Duc Nguyen † Romelito Sendin (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Christina Sullivan † Souls in Purgatory † Jeannine Donohue † John and Paulann Dymond † Frances B. and Emmitt W. Berry
Tue 08/27	7:00am	† Aaron Matthew Castro
	12noon	Int. of Allen and Elaine Chiou and Family
	6:00pm	† Purita Arroyo
Wed 08/28	7:00am	Int. of Joshua Nascimento † Jorge Henrique Costa, Sr.
	12noon	† Vincent Patrick Walsh
	6:00pm	† Catherine Chow
Thu 08/29	7:00am	† Ramon Vasquez-Ferrel
	12noon	Int. of Allen and Elaine Chiou and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosa De Lima Mendoza (bday)
Fri 08/30	7:00am	† Patricia Kennedy (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Sony Joseph
	6:00pm	† Vera Kovacic
Sat 08/31	8:30am	Int. of Allen and Elaine Chiou and Family
	12noon	Int. of Christopher Lardizabal (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Raul Queri and Family

Prayers for the sick: Mariana Mendieta, Patrick Loughran, Mark Sellai, Paul Moy, Rovelyn Vila, Aurelia Scholar, Pablo Barrundia, Aida Seballos, Hannalore Schatz, Homer Chin, Vicky Carfagno, Margaret Sellai, Mary Anne Eiler, Shawn Mickle and all sick parishioners.

DEVOTIONS

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

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

Tuesdays, Holy hour 7-8pm. Public Rosary prayer for priests, seminarians, and the catholic church. Confessions. Benediction. Foundation of Prayers for Priests.

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/Rosary Walk>.

Programs & Apostolates

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For information call Mariella at the parish office: (415) 751-0450

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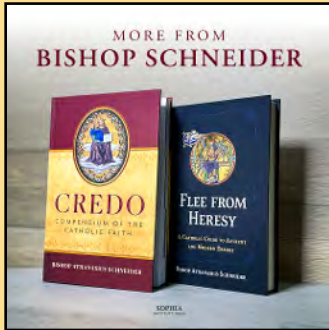
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Our Marriage & Family Apostolate invites engaged couples and families to its monthly Sunday family lunch, hosted in Holy Family House. Today's meal is catered by Ocean Indian Cuisine. Please text Christina 917-375-2158 for the gate code.

FOUNDATION OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Saturday Movie Night

"Una Mirada al Cielo" (Looking at Heaven)
San Jose Sanchez del Rio, a story of faith, love and heroism
August 31, 5:30pm in the auditorium
(after the 4:30pm Mass)

Bring snacks and drinks to share with the community!



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 90 children from Stella Maris Academy joined the First school year Mass.

Talent: 7 school altar servers assisted the school Mass on Friday

Treasure: Sunday offering \$7,268 | Assumption of Mary \$1,771

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Stella Maris Academy First school year Mass. 7 students served at the Mass.