



16 Shrines of our Lady at STAR of the SEA

Our Mission is: To evangelize God's people beginning with the gift of the Holy Eucharist

January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord (red missal pg 77; The Most Holy Name of Jesus Latin missal pg 221)



Happy New Year And welcome back to school (we are all lifelong students)! This is the 2025th Year of Our Lord, the 2025th year of grace since His blessed Incarnation in Nazareth and birth in Bethlehem. "The Word became flesh," as the priest reads at the end of every Mass in the older form, "and dwelt among us" (literally in the Greek: *He pitched his tent among us*). The children of Israel lived in tents as a pilgrim people, and God took on the "tent" of a human body to live close to those He loves. Truly present in the Holy Eucharist, *Jesus has never left us*. Let us begin this new year, and this new school semester at Stella Maris Academy and Nativity High School, with immense joy because God is with us! Who can be

against us? There's plenty to complain about, but there's immensely more to be grateful to God about. Let us choose gratitude and praise. Let us choose joy in this new year!

Carlo Acutis A few weeks ago a young software engineer gave me two biographies on Carlo Acutis, an Italian computer programmer who died at the age of 15 in 2006. So many miracles so quickly were granted through Carlo's intercession that he was beatified within 14 years of his death. God gave Carlo extraordinary understanding for one so young, as well as extraordinary virtues. In particular, Jesus gave Carlo a profound understanding of the Holy Eucharist, and he burned with zeal to share the Eucharist with the world. He developed a website on the Eucharistic miracles which I encourage you to visit, www.miracolieucaaristici.org (the website has been translated into good English and 18 other languages).



Carlo Acutis as a boy, and as a young man from a prayer card

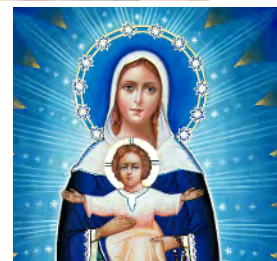


A New Shrine The software engineer who gave me Carlo's biographies asked me to build a shrine to Carlo Acutis in our church. "We techies need a patron saint—a place to light a candle and say a prayer" he told me. I've been learning more about our young saint, Carlo, and discovering that he is much deeper and broader than merely the "saint in tennis shoes" by which he has been popularized. I expect to have the shrine finished within the year, the newest in a church blooming already with so many lovely shrines. Still blooming into January are most of your ...



...**160 poinsettias (!)**. I asked for a hundred and you gave me nearly double! No less than 27 altars and shrines proclaim the praises and mercy of God in our parish. I am amazed and much edified by how our parish adorns God's house with these offerings of living beauty week after week. Your flowers and your little flames of prayer (lit candles) never wane! Never more lovely are these altars, however, than during Christmastide when hundreds of red flowers bloom in midwinter in witness to the never-flagging fires of God's love. Thank you all!

Fides, Arnold, and Richard Carlo Acutis died at age 15, and one of our long-standing parishioners died last week at the age of 100. Fides Bernard came to San Francisco from a tiny mountain village in Northern Italy and never left, until the day last week when she went home to our Eternal Father. She goes with two other pillars of our community, Arnold Low and Richard Donahue, who also went back to God in the month of December. May they rest in peace. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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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: 15 min. before Mass, (7am after 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

Epiphany of the Lord (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12)

Overflow The first reading for today's feast of Epiphany, from Isaiah the Prophet, foretells an age when Israel will "overflow" with the praises of the Lord. These praises will flow beyond Israel's borders to all the nations, bringing peace and joy to all the world. The Three Kings portray those nations beyond Israel, and truly Christ has been proclaimed with joy to every corner of the Earth, bringing peace and joy to those who receive Him.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The feast day of St. Andres Bessette is January 7. He was a very simple yet devout Holy Cross brother who tended to the poor and sick. He loved the Eucharist so much that he cut a window from his room to the chapel so that he could spend nights adoring our Lord. He also inaugurated Eucharistic processions in his parish.

He is quoted, "It is with the smallest brushes that the Artist paints the best paintings."

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Mary: The Mother of God She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more. And you'll discover the truth behind Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and role as intercessor.



Pickleball

Wednesdays, 6:30pm- 9pm
Star of the Sea Gym,
345 8th Ave.

For more information contact Dennis Aguirre
(650) 302-7908



RICHARD DONOHUE

Funeral Services: January 11, 2025
Viewing & Rosary, 9:30am
Funeral Mass, 10:00am

Mass Intentions

Sat 01/04	8:30am	† Peter Dwyer
	12noon	Int. of Jeniffer Park (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Aida Nicolas
Sun 01/05	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of The Casavilca Family
	11:30am	† Forest Reed
	7:30pm	† Souls in Purgatory
Mon 01/06	7:00am	Int. of The Arriola Family
	12noon	Int. of Fannie Lardizabal (bday) † All Souls † Arnold Low † Richard Donohue † Virginia Dellepiane † Jose Concepción Marquez
	6:00pm	Int. of Fannie Lardizabal (bday) † Victor Lee † Arnold Low † Catherine Chow † Maria Aurora Torrejon Vega
Tue 01/07	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Javier Ravasi
	12:00pm	Int. of Larry Ma (bday)
	6:00pm	† Elsie Bmgee
Wed 01/08	7:00am	† Souls in Purgatory
	12:00pm	† Alex Jimenez
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosa de Lima
Thu 01/09	7:00am	Int. of Mrs. Debra Dharmer and Family
	12noon	Int. of The Kavanagh Family
	6:00pm	† William Tobin
Fri 01/10	7:00am	† Josephine Norcia
	9:00am	† Betty J. Winkelman
	12noon	Int. of Philip Carlson
	6:00pm	Int. of Santiago Ron (bday)
Sat 01/11	8:30am	† Tomek Falkowski
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	† Anna So

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday: Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

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

Tuesdays Silent Holy Hour: 7-8pm in the church.

Confessions available during the holy hour.

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>.

PRAYERS OF THE SICK: Mariana Mendieta, Patrick

Loughran, Rovelyn Vila, Aurelia Scholar, Pablo Barrundia,

Hannalore Schatz, Vicky Carfagno, Margaret & Mark Sellai,

Mary Ann Eiler, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Renato

Guevara, Philip Chung, Sarah Miller Sinn, Justin Chin, Joyce

Durbin, Andrew Abdo and all sick parishioners.

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

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JANUARY 25, 2025

Info Faire: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Rally: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

at Civic Center Plaza

Walk, 1:30pm

info@walkforlifewc.com

Priestly Ordination

Brother Mikhael Mihic will be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Cordileone at St. Patrick's seminary in



Menlo Park on January 11 at 10am. Soon-to-be Father Mikhael was active in our Young Adults Fellowship and entered the seminary for the Contemplatives of St. Joseph in 2017.

"Fr. Vito and Brother Mikhael at Mater Dolorosa parish in South San Francisco."



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**AN EVENING WITH
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**Talk on The Life and Times
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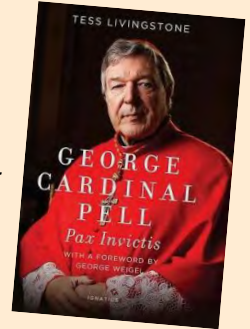
FEBRUARY 1, 7:00 PM

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

BOOK SALE AND RECEPTION

TO FOLLOW AFTER TALK

No charge. Free parking



Catholic Medical Association Meeting

The CMA's quarterly meeting will be on January 11 beginning with the 8:30am Mass, breakfast in the rectory following, with speaker **Victoria Schneider, MD** (from Bella Primary Care) on "**Gender-Affirming Care in Children: What Health Care Professionals Need to Know.**"

All physicians, nurses, and health care professionals are welcome to attend.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Blessing of water: Sunday, January 5, 2025

6pm in the church

January 6, 6pm (Trad.) Latin Sung Mass



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

Time: 25 people joined the Divine Mercy devotional chaplet last Saturday.

Talent: 5 lectors served at our Masses the first week of January.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,135

Christmas Offering \$ 19,590

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