



# 16 Shrines of Our Lady at **STAR of the SEA**

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

February 9, 2025 5th Sunday in Ordinary time (red missal pg 372 ) 5th Sunday after Epiphany (1962 Latin missal pg 257)



**Christmas Cards** On Monday I took down my Christmas cards and read all of them once more before consigning them to history. Most of them were from current or former parishioners of Star of the Sea, and others from former assignments, friends all. God bless you all, my friends.

**The Boy Carlo** Some of you know that three or four computer programmers in our parish are working with me to build a shrine to the young Italian computer programmer Carlo Acutis, who died in 2006. He was beatified in 2020 and will be canonized on April 27 of this year. That day will be the Sunday within the Easter Octave, known also as Mercy Sunday. Carlo was only 15 years old when he died, but he had already developed several websites that both showed the beauty and taught the doctrines of our faith. His most wonderful website, which he finished when only 11 years old, details over 100 Eucharistic miracles, as well as miraculous communions and saints' stories. His website can be visited (in 20 different languages) at [www.carloacutis.com](http://www.carloacutis.com). He made three other websites: on Apparitions of Our Lady, on Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory, and on Angels and Demons. Carlo is a saint because God gave him



extraordinary graces and he cooperated with those graces. Among the extraordinary graces God gave to Carlo Acutis was a burning love for the Eucharist. Beginning with his First Holy Communion at age 7, Carlo went to Mass and adoration *every day*, even though neither of his parents went to Mass. Where did Carlo



get this faith? He had a devout Polish nanny, but much of this extraordinary young man's life was sheer grace from God.

**An Ordinary Boy** In his Eucharistic devotion he was extraordinary, but in other ways he was an ordinary boy. His parents were only "cultural Catholics," not attending Mass or teaching him the faith. His father, Andrea, described his faith as "tepid at best," and his mother described herself as "more a Protestant than a Catholic since I didn't believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist." His mother Antonia began to think their only son was a bit gifted when "from the age of three, when we were out walking, he would always want to go into churches and 'say hello to Jesus'." Carlo largely taught himself the faith, satisfying the mysterious thirst God had given him for holy things, and then led his parents to a deeper faith.

### **Just Another Gamer?**

Some misrepresent Carlo as not essentially different from most teenagers; that is, addicted to his phone and wasting hours on video games. In fact, someone gave him a PlayStation for his birthday but Carlo limited himself to less than one hour a week with his gaming console. He would play *not more than ten minutes a day* and, by the grace of God, did not let himself become addicted. Nevertheless, some statues have been made showing him with a video game console in one hand, a cellphone in his pocket, and headphones over his shoulders. Even as an infant, Carlo radiated the joy of loving Jesus, and I hope we can portray that in his shrine. *Fr J.*



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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

**Catching Men (Is 6: 1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11; Lk 5: 1-11)** Our Lord commands Peter to put out into the deep, and Peter obeys. Because he trusted Jesus, Peter becomes a “fisher of men.” He drops his nets on the sand and follows Christ, eventually dying for Christ far from home, in the capital city of the great empire. Who knows where Christ will take us when we persist in following His commands? The great adventure of life is to become a saint, a disciple of Christ.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7



We celebrate St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8th. She is from Sudan and was kidnapped at the age of 7, whipped and sold into slavery. She was eventually sold to an Italian man. It was in Italy where she met the Canossian sisters who helped her to freedom. She later became a Canossian sister herself. She is quoted to say, "Pray and God will do the rest."

Come and pray by signing up for a weekly Adoration commitment at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star) or become a sub-it really helps!

**FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS:** <http://watch.formed.org>  
Free for all parishioners. Register! Formed.org

**Bakhita: From Slave to Saint** (PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED: This movie contains scenes, including violence, indicative of the life and times of the saint portrayed). In 1948, Aurora Marin arrived with her family at the convent of the Canossian Sisters of Schio, Italy, where Sister Bakhita had just died. Aurora was hoping to see her before her death. She gathered her children around the picture of Bakhita, telling them of the incredible life of the woman who raised her as her nanny.

Bakhita was kind and generous to others, and with the help of the kind village priest, she became closer to God and embraced the Catholic Faith. Pope John Paul II declared her a saint in the year 2000.

### LOOKING FOR ROOMS TO RENT

St. Anne's Home on Lake St. is closing on April 8th, 2025! There are two of the senior residents at St. Anne that need to find a room or an apartment to move before the closing date. If you have a space to rent, please contact: Sharon Johnston, (415)741-7586 | [churchmouseelf@gmail.com](mailto:churchmouseelf@gmail.com)

# Mass Intentions

Sat 02/09	8:30am	† Sutikno Ganda Subroto
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	Int. of Greg Lum and Family
Sun 02/10	8:00am	† Arturo Martin (anniv)
	9:30am	Int. of Nathan Mitchell and Family
	11:30am	† Luz Gamez (bday)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 02/11	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Javier Ravasi
	12noon	Int. of Eduardo Papa and Family Int. of Guillermina Debuque and Family † Robert Tobin † John Donovan † Leandro Nunez † Henry Emanuel Hall
	6:00pm	Int. of Tina Chow Int. of Margarita Kuchherski Int. of Christopher Lardizabal † Souls in Purgatory † Adrienne Humphrey (bday)
Tue 02/12	7:00am	Int. of The Adamson Family
	12:00pm	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Kenneth & Lydia Gibbons (wed. anniv)
Wed 02/13	7:00am	† John Donovan (anniv)
	12:00pm	† Mary Dayoan
	6:00pm	† Wanara Kumala
Thu 02/14	7:00am	Int. of Rosa O. Au Yeung and Family
	12noon	† Mary McGrath Hmarick (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Yola Mouran
Fri 02/15	7:00am	Int. of Marissa Piol and Family
	9:00am	Int. of Stella Maris for Head Master
	12noon	† Arnold Low
	6:00pm	Int. of Meghan and John Lyons
Sat 02/16	8:30am	† Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Cameron Pollete
	4:30pm	Int. of Araceli Tracy and Family

### 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/RosaryWalk>.

**PRAYERS OF THE SICK:** Mariana Mendieta, Rovelyn Vila, Aurelia Scholar, Pablo, Hannalore Schatz, Vicky Carfagno, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Mary Ann Eiler, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Sarah Miller Sinn, Justin Chin, Joyce Durbin, Carmen Duran, Andrew Abdo, Alex Tong, Louis Brannum, Julie Johnson and all sick parishioners.

# Programs & Apostolates

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b> Parish office, 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	<b>BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &amp; ALL SACRAMENTS</b> 415-751-0450
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<b>Thursday Bible Study</b> 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Holy Name Society (Divine Mercy Devotion)</b> Thelma Queri, 415-751-0450
<b>Bulletin Announcements</b> mariella@starparish.com (Ad submissions due by 3:00 pm on Tuesdays).	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Interested in volunteering? Contact us: 415-751-0450 mariella@starparish.com

## JOIN OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?  
Contact: Greg Moeck (310) 694-6380, gmoeck@gmail.com

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### STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Use Venmo for: Sunday offertory, lighting candles, church kiosk purchases.

(Please add what the payment is for. Thank you!)

## Keep Our Parish Prosperous

Your generous financial gifts ensures that Star of the Sea Catholic Church will continue thriving to provide a peaceful sanctuary for prayer, worship and evangelization in the Richmond District. Our doors are open 7 days a week!

### WAYS OF SUPPORTING STAR OF THE THE SEA:

**Offertory gifts online:** www.starparish.com/give

**Offertory Donation Envelopes:** Place cash /check written to Star of the Sea in the offertory donation envelopes in the church and place in collection basket, or drop your envelope in the parish office mailbox. Star of the Sea 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA. 94118

### Matching Contribution:

Double your gift to Star of the Sea with an equal contribution from your employer! As 501(c)(3) non-profit

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organization, we qualify to receive matches from companies all over the Bay Area. If your company offers this program, ask your employer for a form to submit a matching request. For information contact: mariella@starparish.com

## PLANNED GIVING

### ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF BENEFITS

Consider listing Star of the Sea as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one). It preserves the mission and values of the church in its ministry.

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

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of catholic educational materials, sign up for formed.org (information below). Use Venmo to pay for candles, kiosk items, offertory, etc. Use your cellphone camera to scan the QR codes.



Formed.org/Sign up as a parishioner/Create new account: find your parish (zip code 94118)/ Select Star of the Sea/next/Create a new account:Your name and email/sign up!



New in the parish? Please register!  
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*An Evening  
by the Sea*

SATURDAY MARCH 1st  
5:00pm

DINNER • AUCTION • DANCING

Star of the Sea Gymnasium,  
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**BUY TICKETS** online or at the parish office

**SINGLE \$175 | COUPLE \$350**  
**TABLE 9 SEATS \$1,400** \*early bird special

**TABLE 9 SEATS: \$1,575** (after early bird,  
now extended until Feb. 14)

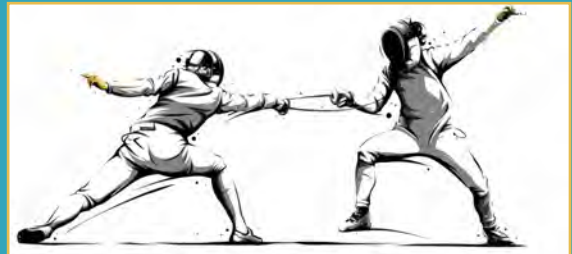


Keynote speaker

**Chris Fisher**

Superintendent of the Archdiocesan  
Department of Catholic Schools

A distinguished speaker on Catholic education and evangelization. Chris has presented at prestigious institutions including Yale, Benedictine College, and the University of Notre Dame.



**This just in:** Since our school sports a Fencing team, and since our pastor Fr. Illo took fencing in college (45 years ago!), He has volunteered to give us a brief fencing demonstration at the Gala.

**Don't miss this recreational "duel"** between Fr. Illo and a Stella Maris Academy student. Buy your tickets!

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
OUR SCHOOL.**



**16 SHRINES OF OUR LADY AT STAR of the SEA**  
Book a tour to visit the 16 apparition shrines of our Lady  
VISIT: <https://starparish.com/marys-shrine/>

**FAASTAR SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**February 23, 10:30am - 1pm | \$ 18 per plate** (2 skewers (pork or chicken) rice, pansit and 2 lumpiang Shanghai)  
Cash or check payable to **FAASTAR**- more info contact:  
Estrelle Chan- 415-336-9193 or Jennifer 415-215-7046



**STEWARDS STATS**

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

**Time:** Eight people joined the Holy Face Devotional prayers last Tuesday.

**Talent:** Five volunteers help clean and replenish candles in the church weekly.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,812

**To give online:** [www.starparish.com/give](http://www.starparish.com/give)