



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**

September 14, 2025 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Red Missal: pg 581) - 14th Sunday After Pentecost (1962 Missal: pg 764)



The Cat's Back! I want to thank Deacon Albert for managing the parish while I was on sabbatical, which ends this Friday when I return to my beloved parish. I'll be at all the Masses next Sunday and very much looking forward to it. My

three-month sabbatical was lovely, beyond what I could have hoped: a quiet house in rural Ireland, occasional Masses at the village church, and lots of walks and rides through the green countryside. I am grateful to Donncha and Marisela O'Cochlain, who let me stay in one of their vacant farmhouses.



With Brother Edmund, who spent a few months at our parish in 2021, in Cardinal Newman's library at the Birmingham Oratory

The purpose of the sabbatical was to write two books, but it also afforded me the tranquility to read 18 books, taking copious notes on most of them in order to write my own book. It is Mother of the Light, analyzing eighteen of the most important apparitions of Our Lady. The first draft weighs in at 63,000 words, or about 230 pages. The book will have about

twenty-five illustrations, most from our shrine statues seen in striking plays of light and camera angle from a gifted photographer. I finished my other book as well, a history of our parish from 1776-2026, just in time for the 250th anniversary of Catholicism in San Francisco next year. This more modest book, entitled Sacred Star of the West, came in at about 110 pages and should be available early next year. The book on Our Lady will need more editing and will not be available, God willing, until the end of next year. I wish to thank all our priests, including guest priests

Fr. Edwin and Fr. Theo, and our three full-time priests Fathers Michael, Javier, and James, for continuing to provide Word and Sacrament to our bustling

community. Fr. James, in particular, delayed his planned vacation so I could do my sabbatical. I include some photographs of my adventures in Ireland and England.

The New School Year I also want to thank John Monaco, our new Stella Maris Academy principal, and Diana Adamson, the new principal for Nativity High School, for getting the new academic year off to a robust start. Our school children participated in a Life Runners event last



week, as you can see below. **Remember the Unborn** On Saturday, September 27, the Archdiocese will hold its Respect Life Conference at our parish. It will feature my old friend, Dr. George Delgado (his brother is a priest in my home diocese of Stockton). Dr. Delgado will be speaking on the abortion pill reversal protocol which he developed at his practice in San Diego. Other speakers include Tammy Mahany, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Peter Breen, Executive Vice President and Head of Litigation at the Thomas More Society. As September 27 is also our parish patronal feast of Star of the Sea, I will offer a sung Mass at 8:30am to begin the conference and to honor Our Lady. You can get the full schedule at the archdiocesan website events page for September 27. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



Hiking with an Irish priest friend on St. Brendan's Mount, Kerry

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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

God So Loved For the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross today, we read John 3:16. "For God so loved the world...." Think about that: God loves this world! Few of us really love the world in which we live, and we often complain about it. But if God so loved this world as to have His Son die for it, we should love it too, and complain less about it, and thank God rather than grumbling about our lives.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On September 7, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati became a canonized saint! He lived to be just 25 years old, but in his young life he was very holy attending daily Mass, and known for his outgoing spirit, serving the poor, his strong political stance against Facism and Communism, his adventures in nature,

coining the term, "Verso l'Alto" (to the heights), and being a third order Dominican. He had a profound devotion to the Eucharist, which he called "bread of the angels," and is quoted "Jesus, because of infinite love for humanity, wanted to be in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, as our Consoler and as Bread of the Soul."

Come sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at

www.adorationpro.org/star **Holy Hours Needed:** Sundays at 10 pm; Mondays, 8 and 9 am; Tuesdays, 10 and 11 am; Wednesdays, 8, 9 and 11 am, and 11 pm; Thursdays, 10 and 11am.

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS: <http://watch.formed.org>
FORMED IS FREE TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love. |Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.



The Archdiocese of San Francisco

Respect for Life Conference

The Abortion Pill: Dangers, Remedies, and Legal Challenges

Saturday, September 27 | 8:30am-2pm

STAR OF THE SEA AUDITORIUM

8:30 am, Mass offered by Fr. Joseph Illo | 9:30 am Refreshments | 10 am - 2 pm. Speakers: Dr. George Delgado, Tammy Mahany, DNP, and Peter Breen | 12:15 pm Lunch

For Information please contact

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/13	8:30am	† Edward Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	Int. of Sharon Johnston and Family
Sunday 09/14	8:00am	Int. of Amanda Jae Viola (bday)
	9:30am	Int. of Andy Stone & The Golden Gate Park Gardeners
	11:30am	Int. of Ian and Mary Rose McGuire
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 09/15	7:00am	Int. of Andrew and Aileen Choi (wedding anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Rodil Menjivar Int. of Douglas Gonzalez Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza † German Casanas † Pedro and Mercedes Gutierrez
	6:00pm	Int. of Shirley Lando Int. of Manuel Mejia Int. of Oscar Magallon Int. of Francisco Moreno † Donald Tobin † Catherine Chow † Hannelore Schatz
Tuesday 09/16	7:00am	† Enrico Palencia
	12noon	Int. of Dennis Aguirre (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza
Wednesday 09/17	7:00am	Int. of Mary Harrell
	12noon	† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez
	6:00pm	† Eulogia Rodriguez
Thursday 09/18	7:00am	† Efrain and Aida Giron
	12noon	Int. of Fr. John Mary Chung
	6:00pm	† All Souls
Friday 09/19	7:00am	† Poor Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	† Romelito Sendin (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Gabriela Sebers
Saturday 09/20	8:30am	† Rene Ing
	12noon	† Doma Parlovic Colic
	4:30pm	Int. of James Casey and Family

PRAYERS OF THE SICK: Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Sarah Miller Sinn, Justin Chin, Joyce Durbin, Andrew Abdo, Alex Tong, Julie Johnson, Lauri Tepedino, Brian Galloway, Homer Chin, Charles Bolla, Maria Molina, Maria Avedano, Sarah Monaco, Denis Von Kaeppler, Olivia Setiawaty and all sick parishioners.

DEVOTIONS

Monday-Saturday: Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

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

Tuesdays: 7-8pm Silent Holy Hour & Confessions

Saturdays: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in the church.

Sundays: 11am Latin Rosary in the church. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.

Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: [https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk](https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary%20Walk).

Programs & Apostolates

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Offertory envelopes: Place cash or check written to Star of the Sea in the offertory envelopes. Place in the collection basket, or drop 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 organization, we qualify to receive matches from companies all over the Bay Area. If your company offers this program, ask for a form to submit a matching request. Contact: mariella@starparish.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!)

PLANNED GIVING

ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF FAITH

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.

GET STARTED WITH A PLANNED GIFT

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Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharistic and/or Confirmation?

Contact: Greg Moeck, (310) 694-6380 - gmoeck@gmail.com

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.



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JOSEPH ILLO

I want to encourage each of you to participate in our Eucharistic Rosary Congress the week of October 28 to November 4. These eight days will be nonstop prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with a rosary every hour, and talks every day in both Spanish and English. Will you sign up for one hour this week before Our Savior in the church, and to lead a rosary at the top of your hour?



The Eucharistic Rosary Congresses began in Poland just after John Paul II became Supreme Pontiff. The communist government would not allow him to freely visit his home country, so the

Polish people did a weeklong vigil at their national shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. By God's supreme power, through Our Lady's intercession, the communist government's directives were reversed, and in June 1979 John Paul spent "nine days that changed the world" in Soviet-occupied Poland. Thus began the process that would liberate Poland, Russia, and all of Eastern Europe from atheist communism.

We do not live under a totalitarian regime, thanks be to God. But we need God just as much as the Polish people did in 1978. For example, "deaths of despair" (suicide, drug overdose, and street violence) is now the leading cause of death for young people. We simply cannot live as free and happy people without God. I'm asking you, who are reading these words, to commit to one hour of prayer in our church, before the Blessed Sacrament, and to lead a rosary at the beginning of your hour. The most meritorious hours are between 10pm and 7am, but you can sign up for any hour during that week. You will make reparation for sin, console your God, and advance in holiness during your hour with Christ. Fr. Javier Ravasi and I will be giving talks on The Eucharist, Our Lady, and other Catholic topics throughout the week. You can see the full schedule at www.brothersinprayer.com We will be making a holy hour ourselves each day and leading a rosary, and I hope you can take at least one hour too.



FAASTAR FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STAR OF THE SEA CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ OF MANILA AT STAR OF THE SEA

TRIDUUM: SEPT. 17, 18 & 19 (after the 6pm Mass).

DINNER: SEPT. 20, 6pm-9pm, Auditorium.

Tickets: \$20 Cash or check payable to FAASTAR. Contact Estrella Chan 415.336.9193 or Jennifer Gabriel 415.215.7046



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PATRONAL FEAST CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Novena Sept. 18-26

8:30am Sung English Mass

12 Noon Sung Latin Mass

Followed by Procession

RECEPTION IN THE AUDITORIUM 2:30PM



STEWARDS STATS

Time: 30+joined the Lady of Perpetual Help devotional prayers last Wednesday

Talent: Three volunteers helped at the office last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 9,268

Military Services \$ 1,362

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



VISIT THE 16 APPARITION SHRINES OF OUR LADY

AT STAR of the SEA

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www.starparish.com/marys-shrine/

We invite you to light a candle and pray to Our Lady for your intentions.