



# 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 21, 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Red Missal: pg 593) - 15th Sunday After Pentecost (1962 Missal: pg 767)

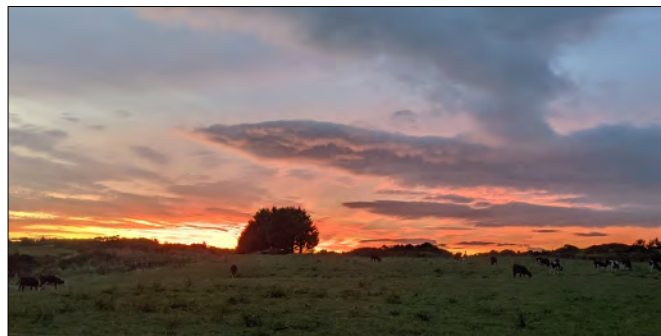


By the time you read this I will be back in the parish and my wonderful sabbatical will be over. I am most grateful for this time in rural Ireland, in which I managed to write two books, but I am most grateful as well to be back home.

In reading and writing about Our Lady's apparitions over the last three months, I have discovered many gemlike treasures. One of my favorites is the spontaneous response Fernande Voisin made to an artist in 1932. She and four other children had been receiving visits from the Queen of Heaven in Beauraing, Belgium, and the artist offered to paint the Lady for her. Without hesitation, Ferdinande replied, Non, monsieur, vous ne pouvez pas, "No, sir, you cannot." She didn't have to explain why he could not paint Our Lady. She did not have to tell him that the Queen of Heaven was too beautiful, that the transforming graces pouring from her could never be reduced to oil on canvas.

This morning I went out the eastern door or my little Irish farmhouse to greet the day. The dawn had begun stretching her rosy fingers westward over a field of lush grasses in which twenty-five cows grazed contentedly. Even as I raced back inside for my phone, I knew it would be futile to "capture the shot" on my little device. But I took it anyway, which you can see below.

In a limited way, an earthly sunrise reflects the glory of what we imagine heaven to be. There are many reasons we think of heaven as brilliant and beautiful light. Those who undergo "near death" experiences testify to "a wondrous light," and those who see apparitions of Our Lady describe a woman "clothed with the sun." The magnificent colors of a sunrise, the precise textures a rising sun projects onto clouds, the warmth with which it clothes the earth,



and the sun's bursting over a dark horizon all portray infinite beauty, heart-warming goodness, and eternal truth. A good sunrise goes a long way to make one's whole day beautiful and instill hope in one day seeing God's undying day.

All of this I sought to capture on my cellphone this morning. But even if the phone gets the colors right, how can a two-dimensional image convey the breadth and width and height of all that surrounds a sunrise? What of the husky ravens calling to each other, or the twittering sparrows diving and climbing through the brightening air? And what of Mr. Fox, loping through tall grass, not bothered at all by towering cattle grazing through the green? What of the tussling grasses, and the warming breezes, and the woodsmoke curling from the neighbor's chimney? What of my own wondrous gratitude for another day newly begun? We must go outside to rejoice in these graces. We must go outside of our own little digital worlds to find them.

Nevertheless, you have my little screenshot below. It's a tiny image, but it is "sacramental," a small thing pointing to a great thing. Even a pixilated image can help us see God, but we must not become pixilated ourselves. We must not be reduced to the technology we use. Our newest saint, Carlo Acutis, found much pleasure in video games, but he resolved to spend no more than one hour a week on them. He saw more of God's great universe in fifteen years than most of us because he looked up much more than he looked down. That's why we call him a saint, and that's why his very healthy approach to digital technology is worth imitating.

## Parish Patronal Mass and Pro-Life Conference

This Saturday, Sept. 27, I will celebrate a sung Mass at 8:30am for Our Lady, Star of the Sea. The Archdiocesan Pro-Life Conference will follow. To register see our parish homepage.

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**Office Hours**  
M-TH 8:30am-5pm  
Friday 8:30am-12pm,  
1pm-5pm

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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

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16: 1-13. Dishonest merchants cheat the poor but the Lord lifts up the poor. Our mediator between God and man is Christ Jesus. A rich man discovers that his steward is cheating him but Jesus commends the dishonest steward. Why are the children of this world more prudent in their dealings with dishonest wealth than the children of light are with the gifts of grace God has given us?

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

September 23rd is the feast day of St. Padre Pio. He came from a peasant family and was devout even at a young age. At 15, he joined the Capuchins. He is known for miracles, building a hospital, and he bore the stigmata, often photographed with gloves to hide the wounds. The Blessed Sacrament comforted Padre Pio from the sufferings and spiritual attacks that he endured. He is quoted, "We must always have courage, and if some spiritual languor comes upon us, let us run to the feet of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament...and we will undoubtedly regain our strength."

Come regain your strength by signing up for a weekly commitment at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star) **Holy Hours Needed:** Sundays at 1 pm & 10 pm; Mondays, 9 am; Wednesdays, 8, 9 and 11 am, and 11 pm; Thursdays, 10 and 11 am



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

Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

You are invited to Park Day at Presidio Wall Playground Sunday, Sept. 21 from 2-4pm. Easy parking and gated play area. Bring snacks, drinks, sunscreen, and a Rosary. Any questions, text Sean 415-770-9504



**RELICS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEXICAN MARTYRS**  
**AT STAR OF THE SEA PARISH**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025**  
**Schedule TBA. For information call: 415-751-0450**

# Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/20	8:30am	† Rene Ing
	12noon	† Doma Parlovic Colic
	4:30pm	Int. of James Casey and Family
Sunday 09/21	8:00am	Int. of Jimmy Velasco
	9:30am	† Mary and Jack Meissner
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	7:30pm	† Manny Arroyo
Monday 09/22	7:00am	† Baltazar Aguirre, Jr
	12noon	Int. of Rafael Cortez Int. of David Hernandez Int. of Mario Bruno and Family Int. of Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi † Charlie Kirk † Anna Talvola † Paul Underkoffler † Tranqueline and Natalia Sanchez
Tuesday 09/23	6:00pm	Int. of Hope Molina Int. of Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi Int. of Fr. Theo Ngoboka and Family † Hannelone Schatz † All Souls in Purgatory † Barbara Charchan Tobin † Jennifer Leal and Eric Patterson
	7:00am	† Carmen Aguirre
	12noon	† Fr. John A. Coghlan (ordination anniv)
Wednesday 09/24	6:00pm	Int. of Belen Maya Martinez (bday)
	7:00am	† Vilma West
	12noon	† Yet Soo Yee
Thursday 09/25	6:00pm	Int. of Toan Thanh Nguyen (bday)
	7:00am	† Andrea T. Valverde (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Margaret Sellai (bday)
Friday 09/26	6:00pm	† Fr. John A. Coghlan (anniv)
	7:00am	Int. of The O'Cochlain Family
	12noon	Int. of Maria Lida McKenna (bday)
Saturday 09/27	6:00pm	† Janice Illo
	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	Int. of Toan Thanh Nguyen
	4:30pm	† Maria Silmaro (anniv)

**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, Brian Galloway, Charles Bolla, Maria Molina, Maria Avedano, Sarah Monaco, Denis Von Kaeppler, Olivia Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Wilfred Chow 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.  
updates: <http://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk>

I am a Star of the Sea parishioner, looking for an in-law unit in Outer Sunset or a roommate situation. Please contact:  
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[benjamin.parkinson82@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.parkinson82@gmail.com) or



# Programs & Apostolates

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<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Holy Name Society</b> (Divine Mercy Devotion) Thelma Queri, 415-751-0450
<b>Bulletin Announcements</b> Ad submissions due by 3pm on Tuesdays. Contact bulletin editor: <a href="mailto:mariella@starparish.com">mariella@starparish.com</a>	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Interested in volunteering? Information at: 415-751-0450 <a href="mailto:mariella@starparish.com">mariella@starparish.com</a>



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### 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.

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## 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

2:30pm Potluck Reception

in the Auditorium

OCTOBER 28 –  
NOVEMBER 4, 2025  
STAR OF THE SEA PARISH,  
SAN FRANCISCO

EUCCHARISTIC  
ROSARY  
CONGRESS



SEVEN DAYS & NIGHTS OF CONTINUOUS DEVOTION  
HONOR OUR LADY. IMPORE CHRIST'S MERCY.

✚ 24-HOUR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

✚ ROSARY PRAYED EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR  
(LATIN, ENGLISH & SPANISH)

✚ DAILY MASSES (LATIN & NOVUS ORDO)

✚ HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONGRESS: SATURDAY, 11/1/25

9:00 AM – MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP CORDILEONE AT ST.  
MARY'S CATHEDRAL FOLLOWED BY OUR LADY OF  
FATIMA EUCCHARISTIC GRAND PROCESSION TO STAR OF  
THE SEA PARISH.

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## 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 | To register: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/sf-respect-life-conference/>  
or for more information please contact: **Valerie Schmalz**: lifeanddignity@sfarch.org, 415-614-5571



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as for the Lord and not for others.

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