



# 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**

October 5, 2025 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Red Missal: pg 616) - 17th Sunday After Pentecost (1962 Missal: pg 774)



**The Christian Education of Children** Our Lord has compassion on men because *"they were like sheep without a shepherd, and He began to teach them many things."* (Mk 6:34).

Although this Gospel is usually applied to the shepherd par excellence—that is, the bishop or the priest (about whom much could also be said here, since we are in need of them too)—I wanted to draw another teaching from this passage dear brothers: The importance of being

shepherds in one's own home, within the small flock of the family. Therefore, fathers and mothers, pay attention: those already married, so as not to become wolves to your children instead of shepherds, and the young ones, who intend to marry one day, so that you may know what to keep in mind. The Church was not born yesterday; she speaks from 2000 years of experience, not forgetting that she is also *"Mater et Magistra"*—that is, Mother and Teacher.

**1) Parents are saved or condemned according to the education they give their children** It is normal for us to remember the obligation parents have to feed their children; even bad parents do this, more or less, just as every animal does: not abandoning the one they brought into the world. *"Is there anyone among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?"* (Mt 7:9-10), says Christ. But this is not the most important obligation. The human being is different from the rest of the animals, and as a spiritual being, he also needs another kind of care, which comes through education. There are certain truths we must remember so as not to go astray:

**a. Parents are guardians, not owners, of their children.** That is why St. John Chrysostom says: *"Let us look upon children as a precious deposit and watch over them with all possible care."* The child is a deposit for which parents will have to give an account. If they were the "property" of the parents, then they could do whatever they pleased with them. But the Apostle himself says: *"What do you have that you did not receive?"*

**b. Parents will have to give an account of what they did with that deposit,** like in the parable of the talents.

**Consequences of good or bad education** As Scripture says, *"children will be what their parents are,"* because when a father lives as God commands, great blessings from heaven will fall upon him and his children (Deut 12:25). It will always remain true that *"a tree is known by its fruit"* (Mt 12:33). Origen says that *"parents will give an account on Judgment Day for all the sins of their children."* On the other hand, as Scripture says (Sirach 30:3-5), he who educates his son well *"will not grieve on his deathbed."* This has been true at all times. In the 5th century, St. John Chrysostom lamented that the people of his time *"cared more for their horses and beasts of burden than for their children."* This is why the Spartans were right: when a child or young man committed a crime or public offense, the parents—not the child—were punished, even physically, as the true authors of the disorder. Some parents say: *"We must let them grow up free..."* But Scripture says otherwise: **Proverbs 13:24**—*"He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him."* **Proverbs 22:15**—*"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him."* **Proverbs 29:15**—*"The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother."* **Hebrews 12:6**—*"For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives. Endure suffering as discipline: God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons."* Yes—freedom, but the freedom of the children of God: the ability to do good, not to be enslaved to evil. As Scripture says through King Solomon: *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* It is easier to straighten a young plant than a crooked tree. (Continued on page 2)



Stella Maris children First Holy Communion.  
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Holy Day Mass, 7am (Latin), Noon, 6pm (Sung Latin Mass). Confessions: 15  
min. before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm. Lauds, Mon-Fri  
6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm .

Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Holy Face Devotion, at chapel  
6pm. Sacred Heart First Friday Noon & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday  
3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesdays Noon. Lady of Fatima First Sat-  
urday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday  
11am (Latin). Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

**2) How to properly educate children** (continued from page 1)

**a. Form Christ in their souls** First, educate them in the fear of the Lord, which is “*the beginning of wisdom.*” Speak to them of Heaven, which awaits the faithful, but also of Hell, which exists. “*Do not be afraid to speak of Hell!*” Modern or false pedagogues—say that such talk will traumatize the child. But Our Lady of Fatima showed Hell to children without any “pedagogy.” God Himself suggests it countless times in Scripture. St. Tobit, father of Tobias, acted this way: “*From his childhood I taught him to fear God and to abstain from all sin.*” When asked once about mortal sins, St. Thérèse of Lisieux answered: “*I am not aware of having committed even one mortal sin.*” Her parents, today blessed, had instilled in her a holy fear of God and horror of sin. But it is not enough to instill fear of God. You must also teach them to pray, tell them the lives of the saints, narrate the great deeds of the martyrs, etc. Still, that is not enough. Words alone are not sufficient.

**b. Give them good example** “*The ungodly father is cursed by his child, for through him he is disgraced in the eyes of his people*” (Sirach 41:10). For, as the saying goes, “men believe more in their eyes than in their ears.” Let parents go to Mass, frequent the sacraments, pray the Rosary, avoid bad conversations, and let their children see them go to Confession and receive Communion. You will see how things change. It is worth more for a child to see his father or mother go to Confession once than to be told for years that he should go.

**c. Guard against occasions of sin** 1) Watch over your children’s friendships—many parents don’t even know who their child is with right now, or where he goes. 2) Watch how they speak, what clothes they wear, what music they listen to, what they watch (TV, internet, etc.). There are sins for every stage of life, but in youth, sins against the beautiful virtue of purity are the most common. 3) Forbid injustices: theft, slander, etc. I remember once, as a child, my mother made me return some stolen things to a friend’s house. That example, that lesson, taught me more than many readings against the seventh commandment. 4) Forbid courtships until after high school—this from life experience as an educator. 5) Alcohol—early drinking? Examples abound of young people who start drinking too soon.

**d. Correct them** There are parents who, for fear of upsetting their children, never correct them. St. Alphonsus asks: “*If you saw your child fall into a pool of water, and he didn’t know how to swim, and the only way to pull him out was by his hair—would you not pull him out by the hair, or would you say, ‘Not that way, it will hurt him?’*” Well, some parents would rather see their children drown. Against this, Scripture says: “*He who does not discipline his child hates him*” (Prov 13:24). We cannot, in one sermon, give a full class on Christian pedagogy; it is impossible, and this is neither the time nor the place. Still, let us not forget: parents are the shepherds of their children; they have received a flock on deposit, for which they must give an account. How beautiful it is to think that after this mortal life, those who took on the beautiful and difficult task of educating might be reunited with those whom, by their own merit and God’s grace, they helped to reach Heaven! *May the*

**2** *Virgin Mary, Queen of Families, obtain this grace for us.* Fr. Ravasi

## The Sunday Scripture

**Hab 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10** “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you” (Luke 15:5). Faith, says the Lord, is like a mustard seed: tiny, almost invisible, yet capable of moving mountains. What does this mean? That the key is not how much faith I have, but in Whom I place it. Because a tiny seed, if alive, grows; while a massive stone, if dead, can do nothing. Today many say, “I have my faith,” as if it were a lucky charm, a feeling, or some inner energy. No: Christian faith is not trusting in oneself, but relying on the living God, who is capable of the impossible. If your faith is weak, do not despair: place it in Christ, nourish it with prayer, confession, and the Eucharist... and that little seed, by God’s grace, will grow into a tree where others too may find shelter.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/04	8:30am	† William Tobin
	12noon	† Maria Silmaro (bday)
	4:30pm	† Catherine Chow
Sunday 10/05	8:00am	† Catherine Chow (anniv)
	9:30am	In Thanksgiving to St. Faustina Kowalska of Divine Mercy
	11:30am	Int. of Adam Weimer and Joyce Thorton (bday)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 10/06	7:00am	Int. of The Martin Family
	12noon	Int. of Monina Arnaldo Int. of Diana and Christopher Fernandes † Souls in Purgatory † Sergio and Victoria Respicio † Porferio and Flavia de Vera † Assunta and Eugenio Giambona
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Theo Ngoboka and Family † All Souls † David Chang † Jimmy Chui † Chabeng Arnaldo † Charles Hale Pearce
Tuesday 10/07	7:00am	Int. of Ray Koh (bday)
	12noon	† Bryan Andrew Fairchild (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Donncha and Marisela O’Cochlain
Wednesday 10/08	7:00am	Int. of Leonidas Fabian
	12noon	† Alphonse Zeszotek
	6:00pm	† Edward and Susana Abinsay
Thursday 10/09	7:00am	† Eleanor Greenberg
	12noon	† Doma Parlovic Colic
	6:00pm	† Francis and Jenny Chow
Friday 10/10	7:00am	Int. of Maria Rosario Aguirre (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Matthew Schnur
	6:00pm	† Violet K. Cheng
Saturday 10/11	8:30am	Int. of Rosa Escobar (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	† Henry So

**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, Oliva Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Wilfred Chow and all sick parishioners.



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