



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

November 16, 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Red Missal: pg 679 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Black Missal: pg 810



A Child of the Greatest

Generation A longtime friend of mine is 86 years old, a bit fragile at this point, and living alone. She never married and has no children; her parish (not Star of the Sea) is her family, and in her later years she has given herself over to

pray and penance. She strives to accept the weaknesses of her body and the loneliness that comes with old age as a penance God permits for her greater good and the salvation of souls. She does her best to offer up the disorientation that a good Catholic who grew up in the forties and fifties feels in America, and in the Catholic Church, of 2025. My uncle grew up in New York and served in the Marines during World War II. On Veterans Day and throughout the year I would say "thank you, Uncle Frank, for serving our country." Of a melancholic temperament to begin with, he would shake his head and say "the country I served is long gone. I don't recognize the country I'm living in now."

One could argue over this point, but one must respect the estrangement many older folks feel who spent happy childhoods in a more peaceful, rational, and ordered time than ours. My friend heroically tries to offer her confusion and desolation to God.

The Vulnerable Elderly

One day, sitting at home alone, my elderly friend received an email from someone who said he was a U.S. Treasury agent. Her personal information, he said, had been hacked and she needed to call him immediately. As an agent of the U.S. government, he would help protect her assets and recover her identity. She googled the man's name and found, indeed, a Treasury agent with that name. She called him, and over the next two months they spoke often on the phone. He told

her that she must not speak to anyone about the recovery process he was taking her through lest it be compromised. If she wanted to keep her assets secure, she must trust him and not tell even her best friend what she was doing with him. He asked often about her physical health, her medical conditions, and her emotions, sympathizing and encouraging her. She knew this could be a scam, but she was drawn into the feelings of friendship and intimacy that he was developing in her. She told no one about her communication with this man, even when he had gained control of most of her assets. He swore her to secrecy, insisting that she trust him, trust the government, and trust God. Even when she said she was certain that he was scamming her, his voice continued to draw her in. When she said she would expose him, he threatened her with legal action. In the end, he took all of her money and then ghosted her.

Believe Only One Voice Men, it is said, are seduced by the eye, and women by the ear. A man falls prey to what he sees (pornography), and a woman falls prey to what she hears ("sweet nothings" whispered in her ear). I've spoken much to the men of my parish, sometimes from the



Coming through the Geary Tunnel with Christ during our Eucharistic Procession, Nov. 1

pulpit, about pornography. Now I speak to the women of my parish about the seductive voices that want to steal and abuse their hearts. Believe only one voice, that of Jesus Christ. "If even an

angel from heaven," St. Paul tells the Galatians, speaks a gospel other

than that of Jesus Christ, do not believe him. "My sheep know my voice," the Lord assures us. I say this to protect the vulnerable elderly, but all of us too. With the internet, the number of voices and images trying to draw us away from Christ is legion. We must not trust anyone who claims to be our savior. Only Jesus saves, and any words that contradict His Word is from the evil one.

Fr. Joseph Illo

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - 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. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm .

Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Holy Face Devotion, at chapel 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am Latin. Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

Perseverance (Mal 3: 19-20a; 2 Thess 3: 7-12; Lk 21: 5-19) Not one stone will be left upon a stone in days to come, the Lord tells us today, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heaven and earth will pass away, “but my Word will not pass away,” Jesus says. We must persevere in the traditions and teachings of our fathers. If anyone, even an “angel of light” from the highest orders of the Church, preach something that violates the tradition, don’t believe them. “By your perseverance, you will save your lives.”



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION St. Gertrude’s feast day is November 16th. She was born in 1526, was educated by Benedictine monks, and became a Benedictine nun and mystic. She had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. Her prayer releases 1000 souls each time it is prayed: “*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy*

Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”

Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star Holy Hour Needs: Sundays, 1 pm & 11 pm; Mondays, 12am-4 am; 8 am; Tuesdays, 1 & 2 pm Wednesdays, 9, 11 am, and 11 pm; Thursdays, 10 & 11 am.

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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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.

Clothing Drive

Nativity High School is starting a clothing drive to support the local homeless community. Please donate warm clothes, socks, etc., into the blue barrel outside the west entrance of Star of the Sea Church.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/15	8:30am	† Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi
	4:30pm	Int. of Celia Tabobo
Sunday 11/16	8:00am	Int. of El Shaddai
	9:30am	† Ana Urbina
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	7:30pm	Int. of Dana Nunez
Monday 11/17	7:00am	† Paula Silva
	12noon	Int. of Sherman and Mary Tillman (wedding anniv) † Millilanie Sim † Lucio Aguirre † Elsie Chapman † Cecilia Beltrame † Kathleen Quinlan (anniv) † Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez
Tuesday 11/18	6:00pm	Int. of Aida Nicolas Int. of Nora Uyeda and family † All Souls † Rita Denny † Kathleen Quinlan (anniv) † Maria Aurora Torrejon Vega † Oo Shwe Ya and Kok Lam Wong
	7:00am	Int. of Dr. Michel Accad
	12noon	Int. of Rodney Yee (bday)
	6:00pm	† Captain William Arroyo
Wednesday 11/19	7:00am	† Ramon
	12noon	† Consuelo Francisco (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Joy and Elisa Schnur
Thursday 11/20	7:00am	Int. of Michael Koh (bday)
	12noon	† Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
Friday 11/21	7:00am	Int. of Matthew Low
	12noon	† Proserfina Simon
	6:00pm	Int. of Sophia Bridon (bday)
Saturday 11/22	8:30am	Int. of Frippa Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	† Angela Koh
	4:30pm	Int. of Felix, Lucy and the Tai 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, Brian Galloway, Charles Bolla, Maria Molina, Maria Avedano, Sarah Monaco, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Mario Bruno, Bryson Soncuya and all sick parishioners.

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