



# 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 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent (Red Missal: pg 2 | 1962 Black Missal: pg 137)



**He Comes** With this Sunday we have entered Advent, a word that indicates Christ's Second Coming. "Advent" literally means a "coming toward," and the subject of that gerund is Christ Himself, who has promised to return on the clouds of heaven

with legions of angels at the end of time. Today begins the new liturgical year, so happy New Year's Day (the Church is a month ahead of the government), when we pray to use well the gift of time God has given us. Every new year looks forward to the New Age, when the King will return to usher in heaven's eternal day. Many are in danger of falling into hell's eternal night on that Day of Judgment, so the first two weeks of Advent are given us to prepare for His Second Coming, that "Day of Wrath" as the Church describes the last day of human history. This Judgment will be fearsome for all of us, when each of us will be held to account for what he did in the flesh, for good and for evil. But we hope and pray that "That Day," the dies illa, will be the day we are caught up with Christ the King into the clouds of heaven. We pray, and we work, towards His coming, His day of judgment, that we will be judged mercifully, and Christ's blood will cover our nakedness with His shining grace. You will hear frightfully apocalyptic scriptures at Mass over the next two weeks, so let's take them seriously and prepare for Christmas not just with drinking, eating, and shopping, but with prayer and penance and works of charity.

**Our Advent Guadalupe** In six years it will have been half a millennium since Our Lady appeared in the New World to the pure and humble Mexica Indian, St. Juan Diego.



December 9, 1531, began four apparitions to the 57-year-old widower as he ran to his parish church for the Mass of the Immaculate Conception. Then she appeared in front of him, clothed with the sun: "*Juanito, Juan Dieguito!*" She called out. "My little one, Juanito, the smallest of my sons, where are you going?" Juan replied: "My Lady, my Queen, littlest of my daughters, I am going to your house in Tlatilolco, to follow the things of God."

And she asked him to build a chapel on that very hill, Tepeyac, where they stood: "Know for certain, my son, my littlest one, that I am the perfect and ever virgin holy Mary, mother of the true God, through whom all things live... I ardently desire that they build me here my sacred house, where I will show Him, I will exalt Him and make Him manifest. I will offer Him to all the people with all

my love, because I am truly your merciful mother, yours and mother of all who live together in this land." And so Juan did build a chapel there, which is still at the bottom of the hill in Mexico City, 494 years later.

**She Comes This Tuesday** Archbishop Cordileone is preparing even now for the 500th anniversary of Guadalupe. He has obtained a full-sized replica of Juan Diego's tilma, touched it to the original in Mexico city, and sent it around the Archdiocese for nine days of prayer. On December 2, the relic-tilma will spend a day at Star of the Sea in our sanctuary. The full schedule is on the back of this bulletin, and I encourage you to come to one



of the three Masses that day and pray one of the four rosaries (one for each apparition) this Tuesday. You will be receiving my parish Christmas card in the mail soon with the full schedule of Advent and Christmas events. A blessed Advent to you all! *Fr. Joseph*

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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 Face Devotion, at chapel 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday 12 &  
6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednes-  
day 12noon. 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

**First Sunday of Advent (Is 2: 1-5; Rom 13: 11-14; Mt 24: 37-44) A Day** You Do Not Expect Our Lord's words "Stay Awake!" open Advent and the New Liturgical Year. As in the days of Noah, when the flood rushed upon the people, carrying them all away to death, so it will be when the Son of Man returns, He says. "You must be prepared," for at an hour you do not expect, He will come. How to prepare? Monthly Confession, weekly Mass, and daily rosary. Bake those practices into your life this year, and you will be ready when He comes.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Feast of St Andrew is November 30th. He was the older brother of St. Peter. He is known as "Protokletos" because he was the first disciple to follow Jesus. He was martyred on a x-formed cross because he didn't feel worthy of dying the same way as Christ did.

**St. Andrew Christmas Novena.** Pray 15 times daily from Nov 30-Dec 24 for a special intention: *Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.* And consider signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star)

## FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://watch.formed.org>. Free to all parishioners!

**Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message** The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe's message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds. Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Narrated by Jim Caviezel.

# Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/29	8:30am	† Fr. Piers Lahey
	12noon	Int. of Luis Fernando Pereira Mendez
	4:30pm	Int. of Ernesto and Epifania Lardizabal
Sunday 11/30	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Gabrielle Low and Lorrie Liu
	11:30am	† Souls in Purgatory
	7:30pm	Int. of Suthee Tritasavit and Family
Monday 12/01	7:00am	Int. of Peggy Buckley
	12noon	Int. of Dana Nunez Int. of Flory Maria Int. of Bobbie Howard Int. of The Holy Family Congregation † Hua Lim † Francisco Lam † Timmie Beirne † Cecilia Beltrame † Estefania B. De Castro † Richard Copada (anniv)
Tuesday 12/02	6:00pm	Int. of Sara Orozco Int. of Eva Svobodova Int. of Sean Sebers (bday) Int. of Fr. Theogene Ngoboka † Dan Diestel † Belen M. Daroy † Cecilia Beltrame † Lilia A. Redimano
	7:00am	Int. of Mark and Nicki Trahan
	12noon	† Virginia and John Dellpiane
	6:00pm	† Mary B. Kavanagh
Wednesday 12/03	7:00am	† Brian J. Kavanagh
	12noon	† Arsenio Sumulong (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
Thursday 12/04	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo (bday)
	12noon	† William Denny
	6:00pm	Int. of Connie Halog (bday)
Friday 12/05	7:00am	† Ellen Bolla (anniv)
	12noon	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	6:00pm	† Clarence Mandala
Saturday 12/06	8:30am	† Harriett Konopaski (anniv)
	12noon	† Joseph Ralino and Manuela Marie Mendoza
	4:30pm	Int. of Tuyet Tran and Family

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12  
7AM, ENGLISH SUNG MASS  
12 NOON, ENGLISH MASS  
6PM, LATIN SUNG MASS

8AM MEXICAN BREAKFAST  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



*Bring roses to Our Lady!*

## PRAYERS OF THE SICK

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, 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, O Lai Sau King, Guillermina Debuque, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.



# Programs & Apostolates

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<b>Foundation of Prayers for Priests</b> Carmen Duran   Register: foundationforpriests.org	<b>Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate</b> Thursdays 6-7pm, & Sat. 10-11am 1522 Bush St. star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life
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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: mariella@starparish.com	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> Interested in volunteering? Information at: 415-751-0450 mariella@starparish.com



## Keep Our Parish Prosperous

Your generous financial gifts ensure 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 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



**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

**Call for information:**

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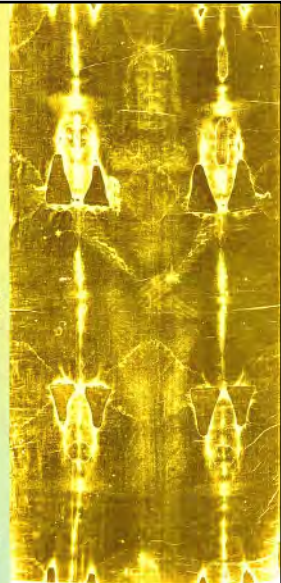
The Gospel of John tells us that  
“ .... he saw and believed .... ”  
“ ... come and see .... ”  
A Free Presentation on the

## ***The Shroud*** ***of Turin***

“A Scientist at Calvary” by a Ph.D. Scientist  
who came home to the Catholic Church because  
of the wisdom of Pope John Paul II and the many  
scientific studies on the burial cloth of Jesus  
that confirm his suffering, death & resurrection



**Hosted by Star of the Sea  
Young Adult Group  
All Are Welcome  
Thursday Dec 11, 2025  
( 6:45 – 9:00 PM )  
Star of the Sea Gym, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
345 8th Ave San Francisco, CA**



### **All Souls Altar**

Please pick up the picture/s of your deceased loved  
ones from our All Souls Altar after Mass on  
Nov. 29 & 30. Ask for assistance from our Sacristan  
or Altar servers. Thank you!



### **STEWARDS STATS**

*Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work  
heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.*

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

**Talent:** Four Nativity students are helping  
with a clothing drive for the homeless.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,870

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

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO**

#### **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

A day of prayer and veneration of a 3rd Class Relic of  
the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### **STAR OF THE SEA PARISH**

**Tuesday, December 2: Display of the Relic-Tilma**

**Rosary prayer after Mass:**

7AM Mass, The Joyful Mysteries (1st Apparition) | 11AM, The Luminous  
Mysteries (2nd Apparition) | 12 Noon Mass, The Sorrowful Mysteries (3rd  
Apparition) | 6PM Mass, The Glorious Mysteries (4th Apparition);  
followed by Veneration of the Relic-Tilma.

