



# 16 Shrines of Our Lady at STAR of the SEA

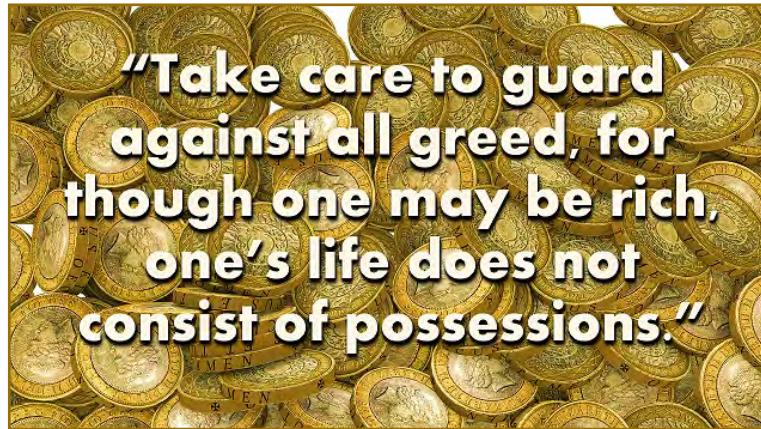
August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Red Missal: pg 516); 8th Sunday After Pentecost (1962 Missal: pg 743)



Today's gospel begins on a curious note: *Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."* Sounds like an echo of the gospel two Sundays ago, (Luke 10:38-42), when Martha went to Jesus and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by

*myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.*" In both cases we see that people looked upon Jesus as one with such great authority that he could be even asked to solve domestic squabbles. And in both cases, Jesus uses the opportunity to teach about the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us against greed and that life is more than possessions. And then Jesus uses a story about a man who amasses great wealth only to die before he could enjoy his money. The man in the gospel had so much, he tore down his barns to build bigger ones. What would have been a better use of his excess wealth? Having wealth in his case did not lead to happiness in this life, and certainly did not prepare him for the life to come.

I knew a man from Hong Kong who was very wealthy. A Catholic and billionaire. He had so much money he bought a mansion owned by Senator Ted Kennedy on the Potomac River in Virginia across from Washington, DC for \$6 million, paying above the value of the house, some 14 years ago. When he realized that the house was not worth what he paid for it, he decided to tear it down and construct a French-style chateau on the property for \$45 million. I met him when he came



to Mass one day when he was visiting Macau where I lived and taught at the time and he invited me to a meal after the Sunday evening Mass. At first, I declined his invitation, not knowing who he was, but more importantly I had classes to teach the next day, Monday morning. He said to me, "Father, everyone has to eat." So I accepted his invitation. Over dinner, he told me the sad story of his life of wealth. Rather than producing happiness it divided his family. He was well in his 80s when I met him and two of his sons were not happy that their father was living so long—they wanted their share of the inheritance now, so they took him to court to demeaned that a judge give them their share of their father's wealth even before he died. So he rewrote his will to exclude his greedy sons. How different than the father in the parable of the Prodigal Son, who faced a similar fate but waited patiently for his son's conversion; also not like the son in the same parable, who eventually was reconciled with his father. In this case, both the wealthy man from Hong Kong and his sons ended up being bitter with each other. Instead of money bringing some kind of happiness, it brought

division and discord in the family, like the opening words of the gospel today when a man asked Jesus to tell his brother to share the inheritance with him. Excess wealth can do strange things to people. Life has to mean more than money

and possessions. There must be a basic goodness and joy to life that does not depend on money. For we all know, possessions are useful but they cannot bring us happiness. Jesus did not rely on things to make him happy. For us, relying on Jesus and not money produces the greatest happiness.

Fr. James Liebner, SVD

**Our Mission: To evangelize God's people beginning with the gift of the Holy Eucharist**

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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

The Sunday Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21. We hear in our readings today an instruction as well as a warning. Unless we have a clear idea and commitment to what is important in life, really important, we will focus our efforts on money and the desires and attractions around us in the world. St. Paul reminds us what is most important: to seek what is above, that is Christ.



## Eucharistic Adoration

We celebrate St. Dominic de Guzman on August 4 (trad) and August 8 (Roman). He was born into nobility and after studying theology, he joined the Benedictines. Eventually, after speaking against heresy, he formed a more austere order, which Pope Honorius III named "Order of Preachers" (OP).

He was given the rosary and had a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament saying "Arm yourself with prayer, instead of a sword..." You can arm yourself with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with a weekly commitment. Go to [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star) to sign up! We need more adorers! Sundays at 12noon & 10pm. Mondays & Wednesdays at 8am & 9am; Tuesdays at 10am; & Fridays at 2 pm

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

St. Dominic | Catholic Saints - **Feast: August 8**

During times of corruption and heresy in the world, great saints arise to bring renewal to the Church. Learn about the life and legacy of St. Dominic, a 13th century priest who founded the Dominican Order ---the Order of Preachers--- and lived to promote the integration of the intellectual life and the life of poverty.



## CARLO ACUTIS GOD'S INFLUENCER

Book available in the parish kiosk \$15.00

**Learn about the life of blessed Carlo Acutis, from the people that knew him best! His mother and Father.**

The Catholic Church's first millennial saint. His canonization will take place on **September 7, 2025** in Rome. He will be declared saint by Pope Leo XIV.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 08/02	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Maria Casavilca (anniv) Int. of Angelo Koh (bday) Int. of Dana Nunez
Sunday 08/03	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Aleta Nawrot † Carl Ehrhardt Int. of Donncha and Marisela O'Cochlain People of the Parish
Monday 08/04	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Dr. John Mcloone, Jr. Int. of John and Janet Blum † Susana Bravo † Editha J. Barte † Anna Kaczynska † Tomas Kaczynski † Kamila Kaczynska † Antoni Czajkowski Int. of Daisy Reyes Int. of Edwina Tarape † All Souls † Mark Lawler † Jennifer Leal † Beny Lomotan (bday)
Tuesday 08/05	7:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Int. of The Dumla Family Int. of Dolores Papa and Family † Rizaldy Mendoza
Wednesday 08/06	7:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Int. of Donncha and Marisela O'Cochlain † Barbara Cochran † Paulino Briones, Jr.
Thursday 08/07	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Matthew Aguirre (bday) Int. of Kevin Carter † Brian Michael Walsh
Friday 08/08	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Andrew Choi (bday) Int. of Genise Copada † Mechizedek Polo Dumla
Saturday 08/09	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Violet K. Cheng Int. of Pro-Life † Virginia and Richard Copada

**PRAYERS OF THE SICK:** Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Mary Ann Eiler, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Sarah Miller Sinn, Justin Chin, Joyce Durbin, Andrew Abdo, Alex Tong, Julie Johnson, Lauri Tepedino, Brian Galloway, Homer Chin 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>.

# 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: 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](http://www.starparish.com/give)

**Offertory envelopes:** Place cash or check written to Star of the Sea in the offertory envelopes and 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.



For information please contact: [mariella@starparish.com](mailto: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?

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ON AUGUST 27  
REGISTER!**

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharistic and/or Confirmation?**

Contact OCIA coordinator: Greg Moeck, (310) 694-6380 - [gmoek@gmail.com](mailto:gmoek@gmail.com)

**Interesado en recibir los sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y confirmación?  
Ofrecemos un programa en español en linea! Para información o para registrarte visita:  
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A joyful gathering at the parish rectory: Fr. Edwin Abudho (visiting priest from Kenya who will celebrate Masses during the month of August), and the parish clergy: Fr. Michael Konopik, Fr. James Liebner, Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi, and Deacon Albert Nimri, our parish manager.



### STEWARDS STATS

**Time:** 20+ people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet last Saturday.

**Talent:** Five volunteers teach the catechism classes at the parish during the year.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,365

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

Star of the Sea  
Young Adults Group  
**YAG**  
*at Deum qui laetificat juventutem meam*

Join our YAG for Weekly Events!  
Every Thursday, 6:30-8pm  
Star Gym, St. Clare Room  
Kevin Erickson (310) 418-6289



**STAR OF THE SEA  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
"CGS" Program  
For children 3-6 years old**

### NOW ENROLLING!

First two Sundays of the month classes:  
10:30am - 11:15am

Program Starts September 7, 2025  
in the Preschool Atrium

Teachers: Alyson Voltmer and  
Kisstrin Cozier

To register visit: [www.starparish.com](http://www.starparish.com)  
Contact: Mariella Zevallos (415) 751-0450



**STAR OF THE SEA PARISH  
Children's First Holy Communion Preparation**

### NOW ENROLLING!

Sunday classes: 10:30am - 11:15am

Program Starts September 7, 2025

Teacher: Clarice Mandala

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