



# 16 Shrines of Our Lady at STAR of the SEA

October 26, 2025 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Red Missal: pg 647) | Feast of Christ the King (1962 Black Missal: pg 1472)



**No One Is Saved Alone** As I hope most of you know by now, on Tuesday our parish community begins eight days of prayer, called the Eucharistic Rosary Congress. The English word “congress” comes from two Latin words, cum

(“with”) and gressus (“stepping” or “walking”). We get the word “gradual” from this root word, meaning “one step at a time.” A “congress,” therefore, is a “walking together,” taking one step at a time as a community. Where are we all going together? To Heaven, of course, and it is a long journey. Such a pilgrimage cannot be made alone. In fact, no one is saved alone. Jesus did not come to earth in isolation but through a family, close to His mother and earthly father, aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors. Christ could have saved the world all by Himself, but instead He chose twelve men to walk with Him through the dusty roads of Galilee. Isolation leads to hell, and hell is absolute separation from God and others. If you want to do it “your way,” you get what you want in hell, with no one to bother you. Heaven, on the other hand, is a wedding banquet with God, His angels, and His saints. With respect and love for my Protestant friends, I must point out that American individualism is the bitter fruit of its

Protestantism. It has splintered the Church into 40,000 fractured denominations, has led to the separation of spouses and families in what we call “divorce,” and finally caused the terrible isolation most painfully felt among young people today. Only the Catholic doctrine of the Communion of Saints, of Eucharistic Holy Communion, is powerful enough to overcome human isolation.

**Making the Effort to Pray Together** Catholics in America can scarcely underestimate how “Protestant” we are, and how much harm the American Protestant ethic has caused. We



unconsciously think of our Catholic parish is a gas station: you fill up your tank on Sunday, pay a few dollars, and leave, never acknowledging the guy at the pump next to you. People tell me, however, that Star of the Sea is different than most parishes—more like a family, more welcoming and warm, better integrated and intentional. Nevertheless, my heart grieves over how many people attend Mass at our parish but never talk to another person. The parish has developed quite a few friendship groups, from Wednesday Pickleball to Tuesday Bible Study to Thursday Young Adults to Saturday Hamilton Society to Sunday Outreach to Saturday Legion of Mary, thanks be to God. Our school families have drawn close, and our Sunday hospitality is marvelous, with children racing around and adults talking over coffee and home-cooked goodies. But I would say most people at our Masses still have very little contact with others beyond seeing them from a distance at Mass. Many still feel terribly alone, which is the devil’s work.

**A Rosary Every Hour** The rosary, as St. John Paul II often said, is essentially a “family prayer,” meant to be prayed with others. The Eucharistic Rosary Congresses began in Poland, after John Paul’s visit in 1979, to promote those two fundamental community prayers, the Eucharist and the rosary. Poland is an exceptionally Catholic and

therefore communal nation. American Catholics can learn much from the Polish Pope’s Catholicism. John Paul urged us to pray the rosary as a family, as a parish. From October 28 to November 4, someone will lead a rosary during Eucharistic adoration every hour on the hour. I encourage you to join that rosary as often as you can. Don’t just pray your rosary alone, but at least once a week, pray it in community. The full schedule of communal rosaries is on our parish homepage in the “Rosaries” link on the Eucharistic Rosary Congress button. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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

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**EUCARISTIC 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

**Humble Prayer** (Sir 35: 12-14; 16-18; 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18; Lk 18: 9-14) Last Sunday Jesus told us a parable teaching how to pray "without growing weary" (the poor widow and the unjust judge). This Sunday His parable teaches us how to pray humbly (the tax collector and the Pharisee). The Pharisee prays like most of us most of the time: "to ourselves" rather than to God. But sinner, however, cries out to the Almighty: "Help me, O God!"

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

October 31st is the feast day of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez. He was born in Spain to a wealthy family. His father died young, so he took over the business, and started a family. Within a few years, he lost everything. His wife and kids died and the family business failed. So at age 40, he joined the Jesuits and was accepted for his holiness alone, where he served as a doorman. He is quoted, "You must strive...neither to do, nor behold anything, without first consulting Him and in everything, to seek Him alone and His glory."



**CALL TO ACTION!** Join us at the Eucharistic Rosary Congress from 10/28-11/4 by praying the rosary in community every hour on the hour as much as your state in life allows! And sign up for a weekly commitment at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star)

## ALL SOULS



In remembrance of our departed loved ones, All Souls envelopes are now available in all entrances of the Church. Dropbox for the envelopes is located in front of Our Lady of Grace Shrine. Also, you may bring pictures 4"x6" or no larger than 5"x7" (if possible framed) with the name of the deceased on the front and your name and your telephone number on the back. Please bring them to the Rectory Office and we will display them in the All Souls Shrine for the whole month of November.

## MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Engaged couples and families are welcome to partake in a free meal and fellowship hosted at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) Sunday, Oct. 26, after both the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses.

Call Sean 415-770-9504 for the gate code.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/25	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Sherley Tobin Int. of Matthew and Tara Gariano † Purita Arroyo
Sunday 10/26	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	Int. of Thelma Queri (bdy) † Arsenio Sumulong (anniv) † Parker Moriwaki People of the Parish
Monday 10/27	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Donncha and Marisela O'Cochlain Int. of Anna Y. Lau and Family † Phil Bedel † Josephine McCann † Msgr. Cesare Nosiglia † Thomas Myron Hooker † Anita Francia Samonte † Bryan Andrew Fairchild † Jennifer Leal and Eric Patterson Int. of Anna Sun Int. of Michael Soncuya Int. of Bryson Soncuya (healing) † Brian Batt † Frankie Chio † Eusebio Salapara
Tuesday 10/28	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Greyson Fafard (healing) † Rene Ing (bdy) Int. of Lency Nascimento Int. of Denis Von Kaepller
Wednesday 10/29	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Dennis Aguirre † Jose Chan Int. of Dan and Janet Blum
Thursday 10/30	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Gilda Kirk † John Sellai (bdy) Int. of Jon and Elisa Schnur
Friday 10/31	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Ross and Pamela Pollette † Victoria K. Cheng Int. Fr. Javier Ravasi
Saturday 11/01	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Sylvia Guzman (1st anniv) † Deceased Legionaries Int. of Amanda Jae Viola

**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 Kaepller, Oliva Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Wilfred Chow, Mario Bruno, Bryson Soncuya, Carmen Smith and all sick parishioners.



Join our Young Adults Group for Weekly Events! Every Thursday, 6:30pm - 8:00pm. Please Contact: Kevin Erickson (310) 418-6289

# Programs & Apostolates

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b> Parish office, 415-751-0450 <a href="http://www.starparish.com">www.starparish.com</a>	<b>BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &amp; ALL SACRAMENTS</b> 415-751-0450
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<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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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 SEA: Offertory gifts online: [www.starparish.com/give](http://www.starparish.com/give)

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#### 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](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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OCTOBER 28 –  
NOVEMBER 4, 2025  
STAR OF THE SEA PARISH,  
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EUCCHARISTIC  
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SEVEN DAYS & NIGHTS OF CONTINUOUS DEVOTION  
HONOR OUR LADY. IMPOLE CHRIST'S MERCY.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
ROSARY PRAYED EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR

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

9:00 AM TALLER PADRE JAVIER OLIVERA RAVASI  
9:30 AM WORKSHOP FR. JOSEPH ILLO  
10:30 AM FATIMA EUCHARISTIC GRAND PROCESSION  
FROM THE CATHEDRAL TO STAR OF THE SEA  
12:00 PM – SOLEMN PONTIFICAL LATIN HIGH MASS WITH  
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DAILY SCHEDULE



# Star of the Sea



## ALL SAINTS DAY Parish & School Festival

Dress like your favorite SAINT!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30am Mass | Festival 10:00am - 1:00pm

Outdoor activities, Crafts and Refreshments

Star of the Sea School Yard | Free event

**Tuesday, October 28, 12:00 PM**  
Mass; 1:00 pm Workshop: Saint Michael and the Angels; 3:00 pm Rosary lead w/ additional Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Wednesday, October 29, 12:00 PM**  
Mass; 1:00 pm Workshop: Saint Faustina - The Sister of The Blessed Sacrament; 3:00 pm Rosary lead w/ additional Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**Thursday, October 30, 12:00 PM**  
Mass; 1:00 pm Workshop: "Behold your Mother" - Spirituality of Saint Faustina and the Mystery of The Divine Mercy; 3:00 pm Rosary lead



**EUCHARISTIC  
ROSARY  
CONGRESS**  
Special Guest  
**Fr. Piotr (Peter)  
Prusakiewicz**

## EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS POTLUCK, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All are invited after the Pontifical Mass for a warm Star of the Sea welcome luncheon in the Auditorium featuring our Italian Archbishop's favorite food: pasta. Please bring any of the items listed below for the Archbishop's Potluck Reception: Pasta Dishes (Lasagna, Spaghetti, Macaroni & Cheese, Pesto Pasta, etc.). Fruit, Charcuterie Plates, Desserts, Sodas, Water, or Wine. Please deliver your goodies to the GYM kitchen (345 8th Ave) either on October 31st between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM, or to the auditorium on November 1st between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Please contact Carmen (619) 606-8730, or [dumaryc@gmail.com](mailto:dumaryc@gmail.com).

For the Eucharistic Rosary Congress Potluck sign-up link please visit: <https://signup.com/go/fPwFGez>



### STEWARDS STATS

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

**Time:** 30+joined the Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotional prayers last Wednesday  
**Talent:** One volunteer helped at the office last week  
**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$8,356 | World Mission \$ 1,995

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