



16 Shrines of Our Lady at STAR of the SEA

November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Red Missal: pg 721 | 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost, Black Missal: pg 814



I am greatly looking forward to our **10am Thanksgiving Mass this Thursday**, and to a home-cooked dinner with a dear family that afternoon. We priests receive so many loving invitations to dinner throughout the year, but the holy day dinners (and surely

Thanksgiving is not just a “holiday” but truly a “holy day”) are treasured times with our dear faithful folk. This Thanksgiving I will be with a four-children family along with Lolo and Lola (grandparents). I called my grandparents “nanna” and “grandpa,” but with other families with whom I dine it is *abuelo* and *abuelita*, or *nonno* and *nonna* or even *Де душка* (dedushka) and *ба бушка* (babushka). We give thanks for our families, and not only Dad and Mom and children, but also our grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins and nieces and nephews, and all our forebears (ancestors). One of our Chinese parishioners (Karen Lum) sent me a photo of a street billboard in Abu Dhabi, “Life’s First Gift.” It’s actually an ad for storing a newborn’s “cord blood” to treat future illnesses, obtaining pluripotent stem cells from the baby’s umbilical cord without harming the baby (rather than through abortion). God bless those who refuse to kill the baby to obtain stem cells, and God bless this blood bank for declaring that the baby is “Life’s First Gift.” The ad probably refers to the cord blood itself, but the photo says it all: the baby is “Life’s First Gift,” the original blessing from God “by whom all things live” (as



Our Lady of Guadalupe told Juan Diego in 1531). *We give you thanks, Almighty God, for all Thy blessings, but most of all for the gift of your Son, through whom all life comes. We thank you, O Christ of God, for giving us our families, and for bringing us together this Thursday for Holy Mass and a holy meal in our homes. Amen.* I will bless all food destined for the Thanksgiving table that you bring to the 10am Mass this Thursday.

Marriage Support Family life, which the sacred covenant of marriage protects, is our greatest natural joy. We look so forward to coming home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, a foretaste of coming home at last into our heavenly homeland. Without strong marriages, we cannot have strong families, nor a strong nation. My longtime friends, Ryan and Mary Rose Verret, founded the Witness to Love apostolate to prepare engaged couples for marriage, and to support their years of

marriage and family life. We have been using Witness to Love for our engaged couples for years, leading to many strong marriages and families. I personally support their work, and you can too. Visit their website to learn how you can help strengthen marriages, and also receive a “Holy Spouses” Christmas ornament, at witnesstolove.org. Click the “Support this Ministry” button and then click the “Sponsor a Couple” button.

The Hamilton Society A few young professionals, led by Aditya Prathap, have established a world-class debate club, the Hamilton Society, which meets in our auditorium each month. This month’s debate drew 250 young professionals from all over the Bay Area for a spirited and respectful evening, as you can see below. *Fr. Joseph*



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.

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

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Gym 345 8th Ave
Office Hours
M-TH 8:30am-5pm
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The Sunday Scripture

King of Kings (Sm 5: 1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23: 35-43) The onlookers sneered at Jesus as he hung below the mocking placard above his head, "King of the Jews." I'm looking forward next month to attending the annual performance of Handel's Messiah. In the Halleluia Chorus, everyone in Symphony Hall rises as 120 voices cry out "Lord of Lords! And King of Kings!" I recommend the performance, a tribute to and confession of faith in Christ, King of the Universe.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION We celebrate St. Elizabeth of Hungary on November 17 (Roman) and 19 (Trad). She grew up in a loving, wealthy and pious home full of music, studies, and prayer. Despite having an arranged marriage, she and her husband loved each other very much. When he died, she joined the third order Franciscans who lived out the virtues of humility, simplicity, and charity- she was deeply moved by The Eucharist, and is quoted, "This Heavenly bread of angels removes my pains, my cares—warms, cheers, soothes, contents, and renews my whole being."

Be renewed with a weekly Adoration commitment @ www.adorationpro.org/star Holy Hour Needs: Sundays 12 am-3 am; 1 pm & 11 pm; Mondays, 8 am; Tuesdays 1 & 2 pm; Wednesdays, 9, 11 am, and 11 pm; Thursdays, 10 & 11 am.

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Catherine Labouré (Audio) From the moment her guardian angel took her hand and led her to the miraculously little convent chapel, young Sister Catherine Labouré's life would be changed forever. Our Lady gave St. Catherine a special duty to spread the wearing of and devotion to the miraculous medal. Of course, the medal is a symbol of the fabulous graces Our Lady bestows on souls who truly search out her Son, Jesus.



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

Contact: Greg Moeck, (310) 694-6380, or email: gmoek@gmail.com



Join our Young Adults Group for Weekly Events! Thursdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Contact:
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(310) 418-6289



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 11/22 | 8:30am 12noon 4:30pm | Int. of Frigga Konopaski (bday) † Angela Koh Int. of Felix, Lucy and the Tai family |
| Sunday 11/23 | 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm | † Miriam Gonzalez (bday) Int. of Archie Choice (bday) Int. of Sheridan Gilmartin People of the Parish |
| Monday 11/24 | 7:00am 12noon 6:00pm | † Aurora Mendoza Int. of Victor Miron Int. of Martha Valdez Int. of Bobbie Howard Int. Maria Rojas (bday) Int. of Susan and Linda Tam † William Tobin † Cioni Ignacio † Cecilia Beltrame † Virginia Mendoza Int. of Suzie Moy Int. of Victoria Silva Int. of Leslie Low and Family Int. of Arianna Tillman (bday) † Stephen Yu † Wilfred Chow † Cecilia Beltrame |
| Tuesday 11/25 | 7:00am 12noon 6:00pm | Int. of Piedad Dominguez and Family Int. of Phillip Schnur Int. of Carmen Duran |
| Wednesday 11/26 | 7:00am 12noon 6:00pm | Int. of Christen Aguirre (bday) † Msgr. Cesare Nosiglia † Martin Gonzalez (bday) |
| Thursday 11/27 | 7:00am 10:00am 12noon 6:00pm | Int. of James Casey and Family † Violet K. Cheng NO MASS NO MASS |
| Friday 11/28 | 7:00am 12noon 6:00pm | † Anna Mandala † Daniel Salek † Victor Manuel and Delia Miron |
| Saturday 11/29 | 8:30am 12noon 4:30pm | † Fr. Piers Lahey Int. of Luis Fernando Pereira Mendez Int. of Ernesto and Epifania Lardizabal |

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 Kaepller, Oliva Setiawaty, Jose Abantao, Mario Bruno, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Guillermina Debuque and all sick parishioners.



Carmen Smith
Feb. 14, 1935 - Nov. 13, 2025
Founder of the Star of the Sea Parish
Guadalupanas Apostolate

Programs & Apostolates

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| GENERAL INFORMATION Parish office, 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com | BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ALL SACRAMENTS 415-751-0450 |
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| Foundation of Prayers for Priests Carmen Duran Register: foundationforpriests.org | Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate Thursdays 6-7pm, & Sat. 10-11am 1522 Bush St. star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life |
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| Tuesday Bible Study 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551 | Holy Name Society (Divine Mercy Devotion) Thelma Queri, 415-751-0450 |
| Bulletin Announcements Ad submissions due by 3pm on Tuesdays. Contact bulletin editor: mariella@starparish.com | Volunteer Opportunities Interested in volunteering? Information at: 415-751-0450 mariella@starparish.com |

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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 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



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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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TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 30!

EARLY BIRD TABLE OF NINE \$1,400
SINGLE TICKETS \$175 (TABLE OF 9 \$1,575)



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: We pray 15 public Rosaries weekly at the parish

Talent: Three volunteers helped at the parish office this week.

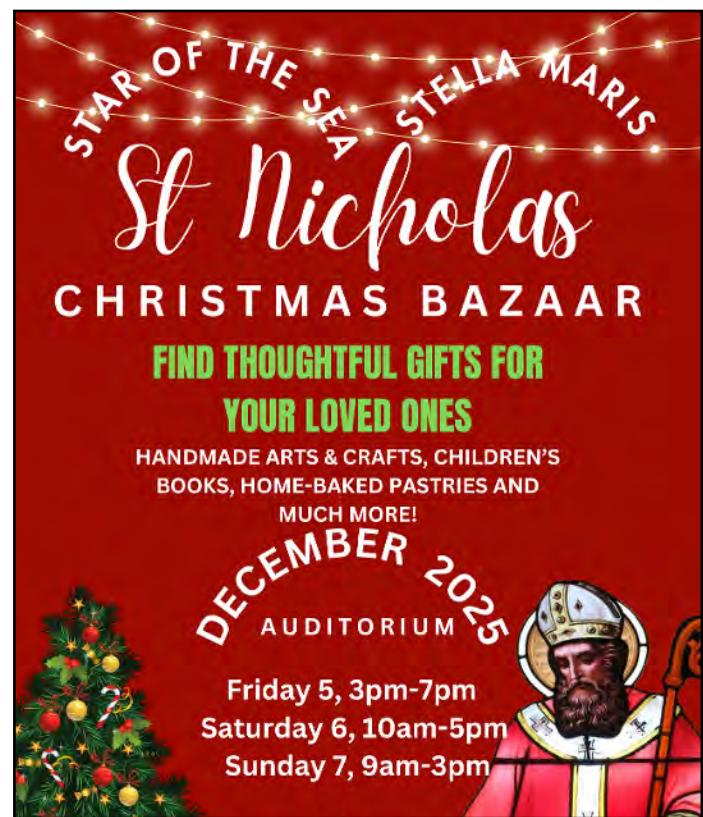
Treasure: Sunday Offering \$7,919

Catholic Human Development \$1,290

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Get an Advent wreath kit on Nov. 30
Includes fresh greenery, beeswax candles, and a
giant advent calendar for the young (and young at
heart) to color. Limited quantities available after
the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses in the school yard.



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, 2nd Floor
 345 8th Ave San Francisco, CA

