



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



December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent (Red Missal: pg 23 | 1962 Black Missal: pg 147)



Rejoice, the Lord is near
Advent has two parts. In the first two weeks, we hear readings from the prophets offering hope to the people that at long last a messiah will come who will have the spirit of the Lord upon him and rule Israel justly. This

ideal Davidic King will draw all the nations to himself in Jerusalem on God's holy mountain (Isaiah 2:3). Fallen nature itself will be transformed: "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them" (Isaiah 1:6).

The gospels tell us of the need to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, who will arrive like a thief in the night (Matthew 24:43). We are to prepare for his coming and watch for him with longing hearts. Jesus warns us, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise" (Luke 21:34). So the readings for the first two weeks of Advent can be characterized by hope, longing, and sobriety. In the last two weeks of Advent, the readings at Mass invite us to ponder the mystery of the Annunciation and the Incarnation as we anticipate his birth on Christmas. We hear the announcement of the angel Gabriel to Mary and her yes to the will of God; the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist; the calming of the doubts of Joseph concerning the child to be born; of the census and need for them to go to register in Bethlehem, the ancestral home of Joseph, who is in the line of

David. John the Baptist serves as a bridge between the second and third week of Advent. Over the centuries, the last weeks of Advent have taken on a festive and participative aspect. In 1223, St. Francis, after returning from the Holy Land, recreated a Nativity scene with live animals in a cave as a way of inviting the people of Greccio, Italy, to contemplate more deeply the humility and poverty of the Savior at his birth. In other



Live Nativity scene, China, 1940s.

places, Nativity scenes with realistic statues were placed in churches, town squares, and homes. Perhaps in your home, you have such a Nativity scene that you set up each year in addition to a tree with lights. Nativity plays with live actors, some even with live animals, have also developed as a way of catechizing children about the events

of the birth of Jesus. Advent hymns began in the Middle Ages, with *Veni, Veni, Emmanuel* being one of the earliest and most famous, and it is still sung today, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. In Mexico, the tradition of *Misa de Aguinaldo* (Mass at Dawn) and *Posadas* began in 1586. *Posadas* (searching for the inn) was a way of inviting people to walk with Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7). A similar nine-day series of Masses developed in the Philippines known as *Simbang Gabi*. The first Christmas card was mailed out in Victorian England in 1843, with an image of a family eating a Christmas meal together, along with scenes of helping the poor with food and clothing. On the card was the greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

**"Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set
thy people free; from our fears and sins release
us, let us find our rest in thee." Fr. James Liebner**

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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, Wednesday 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

Third Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11). There is reason to be joyful. Isaiah proclaims that “the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. James encourages us to be patient as we await the coming of the Lord. Jesus proclaims that, “Among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” There is hope for all of us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION We celebrate St. Eusebius of Vercelli, a bishop, confessor, and an Early Father on December 16 (trad). He was born around 283. He’s known for creating priestly communities, and was a strong defender of The Church, especially against Arianism. Even though he was not martyred, he suffered much persecution. He is quoted, “[Christ’s] character is twofold: like the head of the body in that he is regarded as God and yet comparable to the feet in that he put on humanity for the sake of our salvation...”

Come adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament with a weekly holy hour commitment at www.adorationpro.org/star

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

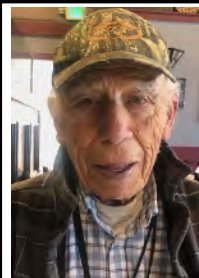
<http://watch.formed.org>. Free to all parishioners!

The Birth of the Messiah: Mary and the Mystery of Christmas w/ Brant Pitre This video is one of a series of talks to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of the Messiah. Join some of the nation’s most dynamic Scripture scholars.



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: gmoeck@gmail.com



MARIO BRUNO

Funeral Mass: December 16th @ 9am at Star of the Sea Parish.

Rosary before the Funeral Mass

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/13	8:30am	† Jenny Lee Chow (anniv)
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	† Rene Ing
Sunday 12/14	8:00am	† Tomek Falkowski
	9:30am	Int. of Yusmary Mendoza
	11:30am	† Arnold Low (anniv)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12/15	7:00am	Int. of Natividad Martin (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Kurik Kenealy Int. of Komlon Kenealy Int. of Mikayla Kenealy † Edward Tobin † Zoila Macion † Souls in Purgatory † Antonio Dreon (bday) † Rosario Daquiaoag (anniv)
Tuesday 12/16	6:00pm	Int. of Nicole Arena Int. of Charles Bolla Int. of Bobbie Howard † Mario Bruno † Carmen Smith † Daniel Edwards † Elsie and Seamus McGee † Rosa and Francesco Siino
	7:00am	Int. of Anjali Albuquerque
	12noon	† Eusebio Panganiban, Sr.
	6:00pm	† Edward Tobin (bday) † Richard Donohue (1st anniv)
Wednesday 12/17	7:00am	† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez
	12noon	Int. of Maria Luisa Bogdan and Sonia Calupad (bdays)
	6:00pm	† Desmond Francis Walsh
Thursday 12/18	7:00am	† Kathleen Smith
	12noon	† Ofelia Panganiban
		† Gaetano and Eugenio Giambona
Friday 12/19	7:00am	Int. of Lita Guinto (bday)
	12noon	† Maria Bruno (anniv)
	6:00pm	† All Souls
Saturday 12/20	8:30am	† Fr. Francis Felice
	12noon	† Dr. Donald and Mary T. Lintner
	4:30pm	† Enore Beltrame

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, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Guillermina Debuque, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.

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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 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

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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.

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A Winter Wassail!

JANUARY 31st 5:00

guest speaker
FR. DONALD CALLOWAY

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TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be doing the Tootsie Roll drive to benefit children with disabilities on



Sunday 12/14 and 12/21 (school yard)

A Guadalupe Feast for Art Lovers
with James Matthew Wilson, poet-in-residence for
Archbishop Cordileone and the
Benedict XVI Institute

Dec 15 from 6pm to 8:30pm | 4350 Geary Blvd

This special evening is part of ProjectGuadalupe2031.org, an initiative to help more American Catholics spiritually prepare for the upcoming 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance in 2031.

Suggested donation \$25 for dinner and a show!

Simbang Gabi Traditional Filipino Advent Mass



**December 18,
6pm Mass.**

**December 22,
6pm Mass,
followed by
reception
(auditorium).**

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OF OUR LADY
AT STAR of the SEA**

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ADVENT MISSION STAR of the SEA

With Fr. Joseph Illo

Mother of the Light: God's messages at Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima.

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December 15

6pm Mass; Rosary; 7pm, Talk: A Woman Clothed with the Sun & Heaven's Healing Waters. Refreshments (auditorium).

December 16

6pm Mass; Rosary; 7pm, Talk: Penance and Reparation. Refreshments (Auditorium).

December 17

6pm Mass; 6:30pm Stella Maris Academy Christmas Concert; Refreshments (auditorium).

To Jesus Through Mary!



Our Lady of Lourdes



Our Lady of Fatima



STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Misa Latina para Hispanos Diciembre 21, 3pm

Misa Tradicional Cantada. Latin, con lecturas y sermón en Español. Celebrada por el Padre Javier Ravasi. Recepcion despues de la misa (Auditorium)



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 25 people joined the Divine Mercy devotional prayers last Saturday.

Talent: 3 Teachers volunteer for the parish Catechism classes.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,279

To give online: www.starparish.com/give



Donate Poinsettias to decorate our altars. Please bring them to the church or parish office, beginning December 21st until Dec 24th. Thank you!