



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 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent (Red Missal: pg 12 | 1962 Black Missal: pg 143)



Lots of Parties Every first Sunday of Advent I preach about striking a balance between Christmas celebration and Advent preparation. Is the month of December totally about Christmas decorations, shopping, parties, and travel plans, or is the month of

December totally about Advent prayer, penance, and works of charity? Well, it is both. Because we live in America, which celebrates Christmas from the day after Thanksgiving, and also because we need a bit of bright cheer in this darkest month of the year, I think we should join our neighbors and workmates in Christmas festivities this month. One of my priest friends would not enter his parents' home because they put up the family tree before December 24, but sadly he is no longer a priest. I think such rigor was too much for him, and too much for all of us. Yes, attend those staff "Christmas" parties, do your Christmas shopping, and decorate the family home for the season, but don't neglect Advent prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as well. To make matters worse for our parish staff, several of us have birthdays in December, so we had a staff birthday luncheon last week, with rich foods and good wines. That evening, however, I went to the local Capuchin friary for vespers and dinner, and I was edified. Still stuffed from our holiday luncheon, I sat around a simple table with a dozen smiling friars with scraggly beards and rough woolen habits. As a picture of Padre Pio and his bleeding hands looked benevolently upon our dinner, we ate rustic victuals with simple water for drink. No steaming viands or rich wines for these sons of St. Francis, and I was consoled to share an Advent meal with them. It is Advent, in fact, and not Christmastide, so keep that in mind as others

stuff themselves with rich treats and fight their way through shopping malls. We can refrain from the second helping, and take only one glass of champagne or stick to pure water. We don't have to supersize anything or purchase the top-of-the-line models. We can pray more in December, and restrain our intake at parties, and do simple acts of kindness for those who need a little more love in this dark time of year. Prayer and penance and charity is how best to celebrate Jesus Christ in this last month of the year.

Our Advent Mission I'll be giving an Advent

mission to Holy Innocents Parish in Long Beach this Sunday through Wednesday. I will be giving three talks from my book on Our Lady's apparitions based on Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima: "A Woman Clothed with the Sun," "Penance and Atonement," and Heaven's Healing Waters." I will combine those three talks into two days for our own parish the following week. Our Advent Mission schedule will be, for December 15 and 16: vespers at 5:45pm followed by the Angelus;

Mass at 6pm, followed by a rosary; presentation at 7pm followed by a light supper. The Mission concludes on December 17 at 5:45 pm in the church with vespers, angelus, Mass, and then our school Christmas concert in the auditorium at 6:30pm with finger foods. I'm so pleased to include our Stella Maris Christmas concert as conclusion to our Advent Mission, on the first day of the O-Antiphons and the Christmas novena. This school concert has become a heartwarming Christmas favorite, so you won't want to miss it!

Immaculate Conception and Guadalupe Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego first on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, so these four days, Dec 8-12, are most joyful for us Americans. The Mass and school Guadalupe play schedule is on the back of this bulletin. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



The traveling Guadalupe Tilma, touched to the original in Mexico, in our church for veneration after the noon Mass on Tuesday

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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

Second Sunday of Advent (Is 11: 1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3: 1-12) A Day John the Baptist The son of Zechariah dominates the Second Sunday of Advent, crashing from the desert to charge the sinful sons of Israel with their crimes. “You brood of vipers,” he cries out. “Produce fruits of your repentance! God will burn you with unquenchable fire unless you turn back to Him.” He’s talking to us, the “Pharisees,” those who try to keep the whole law, and who pride themselves in it. Pick one habitual sin this Advent, and burn it off, lest you get burned.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Lucy’s feast day is 12/13. She was martyred because she would not marry. It is said she plucked her own eyes out to be unsightly for the suitors, but it’s also possible that her torturers plucked them out. Either way, she is the patron saint of all things eyes and sight! Even her name means light!

Prayer (shortened): *Dear St. Lucy, patron of those with eye ailments, protect our physical and spiritual sight. We ask for your intercession for healing and restoration of our vision, and by the light of faith, help us to see with clarity and compassion. Guide us toward God’s holy will. Amen.*

Consider signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

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

The Immaculate Conception – December 8. Daily Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray. God created humanity to be without sins, and in Christ He can make us pure again like Mary.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/06	8:30am	† Harriett Konopaski (anniv)
	12noon	† Joseph Ralino and Manuela Marie Mendoza
	4:30pm	Int. of Tuyet Tran and Family
Sunday 12/07	8:00am	† Stella Zeszotek
	9:30am	Int. of Edgar Rosillo and Family
	11:30am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12/08	7:00am	† Ramon and Angela Koh
	12noon	Int. of Bobbie Howard † Gloria Gajo † Sofronio Gajo † Wilfred Chow † Andrew Singh † Carmen Smith † Adriano Villanueva † Msgr. Cornelius Burns
	6:00pm	Int. of Cathy Payne Int. of Ruzena Kovacic Int. of Fr. John Mary Chung Int. of The Svobodova Family Int. of Victor and Maria Miron (wedding anniv) † Walter Lee † Wilfred Chow † Baby Girl Kimoralyn Sharabari
Tuesday 12/09	7:00am	Int. of Fulton Takita
	12noon	Int. of Matthew Schnur
	6:00pm	† Sgt. Joe O’Leary
Wednesday 12/10	7:00am	† Maximino S. De Castro
	12noon	† Helen Wisanto (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Lynn Kraehling (bday)
Thursday 12/11	7:00am	Int. of Mona and Steve Peglow
	12noon	† Deceased members of the Tabobo family
	6:00pm	Int. of Ernest Lardizabal (bday)
Friday 12/12	7:00am	Int. of Caleb Moeck and Family
	12noon	† Jadwiga Kaczynska
	6:00pm	Int. of Kenneth and Lydia Gibbons
Saturday 12/13	8:30am	† Jenny Lee Chow (anniv)
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	† Rene Ing

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)



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.

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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!



The Shroud of Turin w/ Roland Deptuch, PhD

"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 Adults Group
Thursday Dec 11, 2025 | 6:45 PM - 9:00 PM

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6PM, LATIN SUNG MASS



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with Archbishop Cordileone
DEC. 14, 4PM; Star of the Sea Church

ADVENT MISSION

With Fr. Joseph Illo

STAR of the SEA

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

DEC. 15-16-17



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



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STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 8 people joined the Holy Face Devotion last Tuesday

Talent: 6 volunteers clean the church candle racks weekly.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,927

Thanksgiving \$2,921

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