



STAR of the SEA Happy New Year! 2026

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Office closed
New Year's Eve
New Year's Day
Dec. 31-Jan. 1



A Quiet Week The week after Christmas is the quietest week in the year for parish priests, for which we give thanks to Almighty God. We appreciate activity, but we also appreciate peaceful silence, as I'm sure you all do. My prayers and

best wishes are with you all as you keep the holidays, travel, and receive family during the Christmas Octave. During this time of tranquility at the parish, I give thanks for all that God has given us during Advent, and especially for all who thoughtfully brought cards, gifts, and lots of food to the rectory. All four of us priests, and the deacon, look a little more like Santa Claus because of your ministrations. I want to thank, in particular, our school families and teachers for some wonderful Christmas concerts, pageants, and sung liturgies. Nothing compares with the gift of music, sung so brightly and wonderfully by our own children.



No Power? No Problem. Last week, the church lost its electricity for 32 hours on the longest night of the year. All six

of our Sunday Masses began the Fourth Sunday Advent with the famous "Rorate Caeli" verse from Isaiah 45:8 "Let your dew fall from heaven, O Lord, that a Just One may rise up from the earth."

I had celebrated a *Rorate Mass* on Friday at 6am, the church lit only by beeswax candles. Attendees asked for more candlelight Masses, and God answered their prayers when a PG&E substation caught fire, plunging much of the city into darkness. We therefore had more candlelit Masses! The lights finally

came on during the 7:30pm Mass on Sunday, but many were a little disappointed when electric light overpowered the candles. As daylight faded into a soggy dusk on nature's shortest day, a man called on Sunday afternoon to ask if there would be an evening Mass. "Do you have power in the church?" he asked. "Oh yes," I replied, "we have power in the church. Not the kind PG&E provides, but a power with which nothing on earth can compare. It emanates from the tabernacle...."

The Holy Family Candlelight Masses, and power failures, bring people together, making us feel more like family as we help each other with immediate needs. One of our Buddhist neighbors, for example, humbly asked if he could charge his phone in our auditorium, which still had power on Sunday morning. The Holy Family is our dearest home on earth, because home is where the heart is, and our hearts are with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Ask them, on your knees, to strengthen your own families, and our neighborhoods!

Five First Saturdays On December 10, 1929, Our Lady of Fatima appeared to Sr. Lucia in her Dorothean convent in Spain. She urged Lucia to promote Communions of Reparation on the First Saturdays. I too urge you to do the same. We must make reparation for the sins of men in the best way we can, which is to receive Holy Communion. We do that in obedience to Our Lady on five consecutive first Saturdays with the intention of atoning for sins against the Immaculate Heart of God's own mother, which are outrages against God Himself. I've marked the first five Saturdays of 2026 in red on my Google calendar as "Communions of Reparation," on which I will receive Holy Communion for that intention, pray

the rosary, "keep Our Lady company" for 15 minutes in meditation on the mysteries, and make a good confession. I urge you to do the same. Sister Carol will lead her rosary devotion after the 8:30 Mass for this intention. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



Our School Christmas Concert 2025

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 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.

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Office Hours
M-TH 8:30am-5pm
Friday 8:30am-12pm,
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The Sunday Scripture

The Holy Family (Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23) The Nativity scenes at Christmas portray the Holy Family and give us hope that we too can be members of a holy and happy family ourselves. It's not easy, but neither is it complicated. Follow the rules for families in the Bible and Church teaching, and you will have reasonably happy and supportive families. Call upon Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and they will help you.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION We celebrate St. Pope Sylvester I on December 31st. He is an Early Father of the Church and is known to have converted and baptized Constantine. He was also part of the first Council of Nicea and upheld "The Son is true God of true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father."

Come adore the true God in the Blessed Sacrament. As we begin a New Year 2026, please commit to a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at www.adorationpro.org/star
Hours Needed: Tuesdays 1 pm & 2 pm; Wednesdays, 9 am; 11 am; & 11 pm; Thursdays 9 am; 10 am & 6 pm; Sundays 1 pm & 7 pm. Thank you!

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Mary of Nazareth is a movie on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. This movie is not rated, but we would recommend parents preview it before watching with children.

TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY, 3:00-4:30PM (Rectory)

Gospel of John: December 9, 2025 - March 31, 2026

Contact Bill McCarty (415) 876-9551. All are welcome!

"I am the way and the truth and the life."

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/27	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Nadia Janelli (bday) † Imelda Walsh Gallagher † Justina Tzeng
Sunday 12/28	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	People of the Parish † Fernando Manzon (bday) † William Bergesen Int. of Ramei Macalalad (bday)
Monday 12/29	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Christopher Mcloone Int. of Penny Chin Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo Int. of Grace Enriquez Int. of Geraldine Walsh Int. of Joaquin Jose Tellez and Family † Serafin Gonzalez † Souls In Purgatory Int. of Maighdin Mae and Joseph Gilmartin † Mary Johnson † Souls in Purgatory † Msgr. Cesare Nosiglia † Francis and Jenny Chow † Deceased Family Members of Ronald and Erlinda Kocke
Tuesday 12/30	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Steven Chin Int. of Celso and Sonia Calupad (58th wedding anniv) Int. of Jordi Cortez (bday)
Wednesday 12/31	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez † Robert and Billye Lynch Int. of Elizabeth Ing
Thursday 01/01	7:00am 12:noon 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. William Young † Toni Tai † Barbara Cochran Tobin (bday)
Friday 01/02	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden gate Bridge † Bibiano Aragon Int. of Steve G. Peglow
Saturday 01/03	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Francis and Jenny Chow † Felicidad B. Ong Int. of Aida Nicolas (bday)

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



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

Programs & Apostolates

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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



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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!

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Offertory gifts online: 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

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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

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Christmas is a time for sharing

Share the beauty of our faith by walking the Marian Apparition Shrines with your family and friends. Visit all sixteen, pause at each one, and let Our Lady guide the way. *Let this be a simple pilgrimage*—one prayer, one shrine, one guest at a time.

www.starparish.com/marys-shrine/



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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: 14 lectors served at the daily and Sunday

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$ 9.373.

4 To give online: www.starparish.com/give

Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve (December 31): 7am (Latin); 12noon (English); 6pm (Latin).

Solemnity of the Mother of God (New)/Octave Day of the

Nativity of Our Lord (TLM),

January 1: Holy Day of Obligation; 7am (Latin); 12noon (English); 6pm (Latin Sung High Mass).

Confessions 15 minutes before every Mass