



# STAR of the SEA

January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord, Red Missal: pg 77 | The Most Holy Name of Jesus, 1962 Black Missal: pg 221 )



**Three Wise Men** Today is the Feast of Epiphany, which we will again celebrate in the older calendar on Tuesday. Celebrating feasts twice is the privilege of our lovely “bi-calendric” parish, which is permitted to celebrate the best

of both the old and the new traditions. As the Lord Himself said, a wise steward pulls from his store of goods “things old and new,” and so the Church herself lays out both the treasures of tradition and the initiatives of the Holy Spirit, always under the guidance of the Holy Magisterium of Christ. One treasure of tradition that our parish provides is the **Epiphany Water blessing**, this Monday at 7pm. Once a year, the Church directs her priests to bestow the “great water blessing” on the eve of Epiphany. Of the three degrees of water blessings, this is the highest; Epiphany Water most powerfully cleanses and protects our homes. I’m convinced that it was our liberal use of Epiphany Water in 2020 that protected our parish during the pandemic, which remained open without infection. Only one elderly man got Covid, and he recovered completely within a few days. I encourage you to bring a gallon or two of water to the blessing for use throughout the year. Juan Carlos and I will lay out 120 gallons for parish use throughout the year, assuring that the water you get from our holy water tap is Epiphany Water.

**Christ's Holy Family** Last Sunday was the Feast of the Holy Family, which we will again celebrate next Sunday in the older calendar. Pope Leo XIII (after whom our current Holy Father is named) made this feast available in 1893 for any diocese that requested it. Leo promoted the Holy Family as an antidote to Marxism in Europe during that period.



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



Communist movements work to eradicate both religion and family so that government can gain full control of society. Benedict XV made this feast universal in 1921, three years after World War I almost destroyed Christian Europe. In 1917, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had appeared together in the final apparition at Fatima, blessing the world.

**Your Holy Family** The poinsettias that embellish our altars during the feasts of Epiphany and Holy Family remind me of my Polish Nana’s home in New Jersey, in which we would spend our Christmas vacations. Dark green leaves crowned with deep red flowers enchanted my imagination fifty years ago, as they did five days ago in the adoration chapel. Their deep green leaves, almost hidden in the bottom of the plant, made me think of my Nana’s home and my own mother, whose quiet love afforded us peaceful security during childhood. A mother’s heart makes the home a sanctuary of safety and good health, a haven of joy and goodness. The poinsettia’s striking red leaves, on the other hand, convey energy and fire, risk and adventure, which the father provides for the home. The woman nurtures the family’s private and interior life, while the man invites the family to go outside of itself, engaging the outside world. The contrast between the poinsettia’s hidden green leaves and its prominent red leaves portray the Christian home in its complementary interior and exterior dimensions. The family is meant to be both *ad intra* and *ad extra*, both private and public, formed by both the mother and the father. A healthy family forms a balance of both inner-facing and outer-facing dimensions in a

child’s life. The tragedy of broken families, and their failure to impart both of these dimensions, explains the “failure to launch” of so many young people today. This is the problem, and the Holy Family is the answer. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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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 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.

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

**Epiphany (Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12)** The Three Wise Men make it to Bethlehem today, and for the rest of their lives they proclaim to all the world what they have seen and heard. Jesus Christ is Lord! Can we not also proclaim to our friends, co-workers, and people with whom we interacts daily in this City, that Jesus Christ is Lord!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We celebrate St. John Neumann (not to be confused with Saint John Henry Newman) on January 5th (Roman calendar). St. John Neumann was well-educated and wanted to be a priest, but there were too many priests in Germany and no where to place him. Therefore, he became a missionary in New York, where he was soon ordained, and later became a Redemptorist. He was Bishop of Philadelphia, and created the diocesan school system. His motto was "Passion of Christ Strengthen Me" and he is quoted, "As Christ has His work, we too have ours; as He rejoiced to do His work, we must rejoice in ours also."



As we begin a New Year 2026, please commit to a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://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!

**Our Mother Mary** Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss Mary, the Mother of God. What is Mariology? How does Mary serve as model for all the faithful? How can we relate to Mary today? what does it mean to say that Mary is the Mother of the Church? Was Mary free in her earthly life?

## TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY

3:00PM-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."*

## NATIVITY CAMELMAS

On the ancient feast day of Candlemas, Nativity High School invites you to "Camelmas" - a chance to be a Nativity student for the night!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026  
350 9TH AVE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

6:00pm - Traditional Candlemas Mass, Star of the Sea Church (optional)  
7:00pm - Nativity classroom experience  
8:00pm - Standing dinner, drinks, and mingling

Tickets \$25 in advance: [nativityhs.org/camelmas](http://nativityhs.org/camelmas)

# Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/03	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Francis and Jenny Chow † Felicidad B. Ong Int. of Aida Nicolas (bdy)
Sunday 01/04	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	People of the Parish Int. of Sherly Tobin (bdy) Int. of Ronald and Sarah Henderson Int. of Jennifer Park (bdy)
Monday 01/05	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Gilda Kirk Int. of Ishmael Ortega Int. of Samantha Ortega Int. of Barbara Ron Giron † Mario Bruno † Rose Filippo † Richard Wilson † Maria and Mario Bruno Int. of Larry Ma Int. of Sister's of Charity † Wilfred Chow † Carmen Smith † Adelaida T. Pili † Souls in Purgatory † Deceased Family Members of Angela Ochoa
Tuesday 01/06	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Lucio Aguirre Int. of Epifania Lardizabal (bdy) † Gabi Bragoner
Wednesday 01/07	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Mona S. Peglow Int. of Guillermina Manzon and Family † Juliana Indra
Thursday 01/08	7:00am 12:noon 6:00pm	† Maria Aurora Torrejon Vega Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri Int. of Sarah L. Madrigal
Friday 01/09	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Josephine Norcia Int. of Sharlene Hall † Catherine Chow
Saturday 01/10	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Ana So Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives Int. of Santiago Ron (bdy)

## Prayers of the Sick

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Marie Bellas, Justin Chin, 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, Jerr Dewey and all sick parishioners.

# 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>Foundation of Prayers for Priests</b> Carmen Duran   Register: <a href="http://foundationforpriests.org">foundationforpriests.org</a>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate</b> Thursdays 6-7pm & Sat. 10-11am. 1522 Bush St. <a href="http://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life">star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life</a>
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<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Holy Name Society</b> (Divine Mercy Devotion) Thelma Queri 415-751-0450
<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 THE SEA:

**Offertory gifts online:** [www.starparish.com/give](http://www.starparish.com/give)

**Offertory envelopes:** Cash or check written to Star of the Sea (use 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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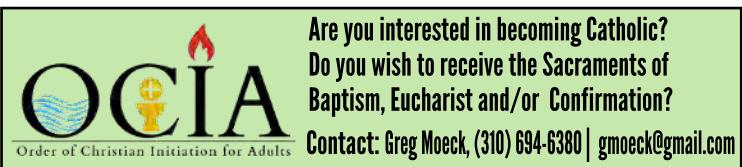
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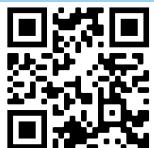
Consider listing Star of the Sea as beneficiary in your Will (advisable to have one). It preserves the mission and values of the church in its ministry.

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## Star of the Sea Preschool

Catholic, Classical and Montessori-Inspired

# OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, January 17th, 2025

9:30-11:00 AM

- ✓ Tour the preschool
- ✓ Meet our teachers
- ✓ Review our curriculum
- ✓ Enjoy playtime activities



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January 24, 2026

Walk for HOPE,  
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at the 22nd Annual  
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Rally: 12:30-1:30PM  
Walk: 1:30PM  
Let's walk together!



### 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 \$ 8,322

Christmas Offering \$ 16,067

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