



16 Shrines of our Lady at STAR of the SEA

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

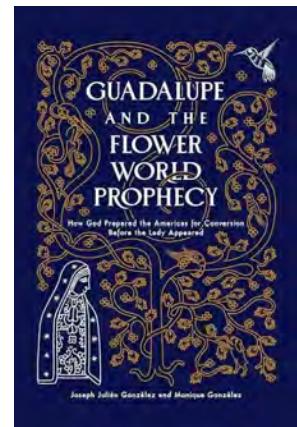


The Book I Read on Retreat

Last Sunday I preached the 9:30 Mass on what I had discovered in a remarkable book, Guadalupe and the Flower World

Prophecy, by Joseph and Monique Gonzalez. The book analyzes recent anthropological discoveries of indigenous philosophy and theology in Mesoamerica. Specifically, it describes the Nahua prophecy of a "singer-poet" who would journey to heaven and bring its mystical flowers to earth. I had read this book during my annual retreat with twenty other priests, most of whom were from Los Angeles, an Archdiocese greatly devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The current Archbishop, Jose Gomes, has built a chapel to La Guadalupana in his cathedral which gives access to the only piece of Juan Diego's tilma in the United States. On this one-centimeter square from the cactus fiber garment on which Our Lady imprinted her image in 1531, one clearly sees the rough weave of a fiber that naturally disintegrates within twenty years. Like the full tilma in Mexico City, however, this piece has preserved its vitality since 1531. Archbishop Cordileone's Project Guadalupe 2031 is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Guadalupe Event over the next five years to bring more attention to the greatest miracle in all of the Americas (go to www.projectguadalupe.org).

A Mayan Prophecy The Guadalupe and the Flower World Prophecy details how indigenous American religions, from the Olmecs in 1500 BC, to the Mayans in 900 BC, to the Teotihuacan civilization of 250 AD, to the Nahua nations of 950 AD, all believed in a paradise after death for those deemed "worthy." This "Flower World" would be full of the most precious flowers and exquisite birdsong, which for the native Americans of Mesoamerica were



pathways to the divine. Many "flower songs" were

composed and performed in Nahua culture, but the most prominent of these is the cuicapeuhcayotl, the "Origin of All Song." This epic poem portrays their quest for divine truth through beauty, specifically through flowers (xochitl) and songs (cuicatl). Its poet-hero searches for heaven, guided by the golden hummingbird into the mythical "Flower World Paradise." He gathers its beautiful flowers into his tilma, as rare birds sing about him, and attempts to bring them back to

earth. But then he awakes and realizes he was only dreaming, that in fact he is not worthy to enter the Flower World. "Where would one whose worth is nothing get [these flowers]," he laments, "one who sins on earth? Indeed, it is the God of Far and Near who makes one worthy...." In the end, the poet-singer's heart weeps, for "a bad place is this earth." **Guadalupe: A Prophecy Fulfilled** In 1526, a small Nahua man, Juan Diego, received baptism. He was one of the few indigenous to do so, and in 1531 as he is on his way to Mass he hears exquisite birdsong and sees the cactus and mesquite glowing like bright flowers. "Where do I find myself?" he asks. "Is it possible that I am in the place our grandparents told about, in the land of flowers ... possibly in the land of heaven?" A beautiful woman calls to him, and he goes up the mountain, fills his tilma with flowers, and brings them back to earth. On his tilma appears the same queenly lady, and word began to race about Mesoamerica: the prophecy has been fulfilled. A man has been found worthy to enter the Flower

World, and he was made worthy by receiving baptism. People began to flood into the churches begging for baptism, such that ten million became Catholic within a few years, the greatest mass conversion in history. They traveled up to 200 miles, weeping, to receive the sacraments. I will continue this story in weeks to come.... *Fr. Joseph*

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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 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, chapel 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturdays, 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

Fishers of Men (Is 8, 23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23)

The first four priests get their call from God today. "Come after me," Christ says to them, "and I will make you fishers of men." I got a phone call in 1982, when I was at Penn State. It was the local priest, who asked me to consider the priesthood. I had a serious girlfriend at the time, and politely declined. But the call was irrevocable. God calls, and who are we to refuse?



Eucharistic Adoration

We celebrate St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, on January 24th. He was a gentle leader reverting 40,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church during the Reformation, going door to door, giving out pamphlets, and being kind to their children... which gained their trust and inspired them to return. He also strongly believed ALL were

called to be holy, despite their walk in life. Side note: he was friends with St. Jane Frances Chantall and together they became great saints. He is quoted, "What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience." Come grow in understanding, love, and patience with a weekly Holy Hour. Sign up at www.adorationpro.org/star
Hours Needed: Tuesdays 1 pm; 7 pm; Wednesdays, 9 am & 11 am; 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!

St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints.

Saint Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God and used his great intellect to write extensively on almost all theological topics. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy. Sit down with Dr. Christopher Mooney and Taylor Kemp for an episode of Catholic Saints, They dive into the life and witness of St. Thomas Aquinas.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIAPER DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are holding a diaper drive for the Alpha Pregnancy Center. Please leave diapers size 2 and up in the blue barrel outside the church west door.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 01/24	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Paul Wallace Int. of Patricia Wilson Int. of Joseph Martinovic and Family
Sunday 01/25	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Donald Cameron Tobin Int. of Rosie Bernadette Kain Int. of Maureen Gilmartin People of the Parish
Monday 01/26	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo and Family Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family † Paige Johnson † Eduardo Oliver † Souls in Purgatory † Mary and Miguel Dayoan Int. of Araceli Martinez (bdy) Int. of Angela Ochoa and Family Int. of Eva Olga Slobodova - healing † Carla Molina † Valerie Miller
Tuesday 01/27	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of The Adamson Family Int. of Fr. James Liebner † Wilfred Chow
Wednesday 01/28	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo Int. of Thelma Queri and Family Int. of Sydney Brooks (bdy)
Thursday 01/29	7:00am 12:noon 6:00pm	† Benjamin Kang Lim (bdy) † Barry McGrath (anniv) † Hone Jiuh Ho
Friday 01/30	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Marie R. Whelan † Zenaida O. Quintela † All Souls
Saturday 01/31	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Mike Konopik and Family † Francisco Matturano Gomez Int. of Katherine Nguyen

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, Denis Von Kaeppeler, Oliva Setiawaty, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Jerr Dewey, Maria Bailey, Ronald Henderson, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Leslie Low and all sick parishioners.

NATIVITY CAMELMAS

You are invited to spend an evening as a Nativity student at our fundraiser event, Monday Feb 2. Tickets \$25, purchase at nativityhs.org/camelmas-2026
350 9th Ave, San Francisco, CA. 94118
6pm, English Sung Mass at Star of the Sea Church (optional);
7pm, Nativity Classroom experience; 8pm, Standing dinner, drinks, and mingling in the Gym.

Programs & Apostolates

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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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11:30AM, TLM: Fr. Ravasi, Celebrant;

Fr. Highton, Preacher

1:00 PM, Hospitality

1:30 PM, Conference (in English) by Fr. Federico Highton: Redeeming Christian Slaves in Pakistan, 2026 (Auditorium)

3:00 PM, TLM: Latin-Español: P. Ravasi (Celebrante), P. Federico Highton (Predicador)

4:30 PM, Conferencia en Español: P. Federico Highton: Redención de esclavos Cristianos en Pakistán, 2026 (Auditorio)

5:30 PM, Hospitalidad (Auditorio)



TO GIVE VISIT: WWW.PAX2.ORG



The Feast of the Purification of Our Lady (Candlemas) Monday, Feb 2

7:00 - 8:15 a.m. - Latin Sung Mass

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - English Sung Mass (with Nativity HS students)

Blessing of Candles at the beginning of Mass, followed by a procession.



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 22+people joined the Lady of Perpetual Help devotional prayers last Wednesday

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Garlic rice, egg and your choice of meat (pork tocino, pork longanisa, or fried chicken). Estrelle Chan:

415-336-9193 or Jennifer Gabriel: 415-215-7046

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Engaged couples and families are invited to partake in a free meal and fellowship hosted at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) Sunday, January 25, after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Text Christina 917-375-2158 for the gate code.

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