



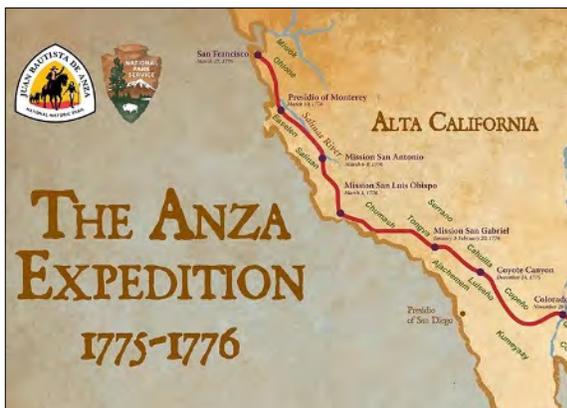
Remembrance Remembering people and events is a distinctively human quality. Only humans mark the graves of their dead with funerary monuments in what we call “memorial parks.” Only humans sing stories of heroes

and villains from the past. The Passover, an historical event that Jews remember every Spring, defines the Chosen People. The Mass, bringing what Christ did 2000 years ago into the present, defines Catholics. Remembering our nation’s history, as well, brings peace and unity to all Americans, which is why those who want to do denigrate or destabilize America have removed the rigorous study of history from our schools. Those who do not know history are condemned to repeat it, as George Santayana noted in 1905. It's far better to know history than to repeat it, and no one knows history better than the Catholic Church. I've read several histories of

our homeland with great joy, but as much as God has blessed America, He has blessed the Church far more. I love to read histories of our country, but even more do I love reading the lives of the saints, discovering God's wonders. The Church is 4000 years old, and in the Bible and the Lives of the Saints she maintains the broadest and deepest view of our human experience.

The Mass as Remembrance The Holy Mass is the pre-eminent form of “remembrance,” offering bread and wine “in remembrance” of Him whose living body and blood we receive across time and space. Over the next ten days we will remember three saints by offering Masses on their feast days: **Patrick**, the Apostle of Ireland (March 17), **Joseph**, the

earthly father of Christ (March 19), and **Mary**, the Mother of God (March 25). These three solemnities not only afford us a little tropical island in the dark sea of Lenten penance, but they also help us live the Christian mystery by remembering how that mystery played out in the lives of these three people. The Catholic Church’s calendar of saints is certainly the most comprehensive, vivid, and accurate means of remembering history. St. Patrick is a co-patron of our city, along with St. Francis, which is why statues of these men flank our church’s main entrance. They guard those who come and those who go, and they intercede for the thousands who attend Mass and pray quietly in our church every week.



San Francisco's First Mass Over the next ten days, we will remember God's wonders with five special Masses. We will remember St. Patrick with a sung Mass at 6pm on March 17; we will remember St. Joseph and conclude his novena on March 19 with a sung Mass at 6pm; we will honor Our Lady in her Annunciation at 6pm with a

Solemn High Mass on March 25; the Archbishop and all the priests of the Archdiocese will offer the Chrism Mass on March 26 at 4pm in the Cathedral; and the most exciting of all will be an outdoor 12noon sung Mass at Mountain Lake Park on March 28. I will offer this Mass at the spot where Juan Bautista de Anza’s three Franciscan priests offered the first Catholic Mass in San Francisco on March 28, 1776. Like them, we will have a barbecue on that spot after Mass! The City of San Francisco began 250 years ago, with a Catholic Mass, eight blocks from our church. We must never forget who started our beloved City, and how they did it. **Fr. Joseph Illo**



Aunt Epi and the Dumlao children with Matthew and Tara Gariano's first born, Augustina Magdalena, after her baptism

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The Sunday Scripture

(Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9: 1-41) Blind from Birth Padre Pio, the great Capuchin saint, once healed a girl born with no pupils. Gemma di Giorgi was seven years old, with no openings in her eyes to let light in, when she met Padre Pio in 1946. Born blind, she could now see for the first time. She was examined by many doctors over the years, who could only say it was a supernatural phenomenon. Padre Pio, of course, was only doing what Jesus did in today's gospel: opening eyes, and minds, to His wonders!



Eucharistic Adoration

We celebrate St. Patrick on March 17. He was born in Britain, enslaved in Ireland, escaped back to Britain, became a priest and later bishop, and then sent back to evangelize Ireland, where he was ultimately named the Apostle of Ireland.

From his Loric: "*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, ...Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me...who speaks of me...that sees me... that hears me... O Lord, be with us forever.*" Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

Mass Intentions

Saturday 03/14	8:30am	Int. of Tuyet Tran and Family
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	† Dagmar Elinor Ross
Sunday 03/15	8:00am	Int. of Susan Tam
	9:30am	† Dr. John McLoone
	11:30am	Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez and Family
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 03/16	7:00am	† Jerry Cunningham
	12noon	Int. for World Peace
		Int. of Emilio and Catalina Castro
		† Ruben Arada
		† Anabel Mabet
		† Condrad Magbiray
† Leopoldo Gutierrez		
† Consuelo Francisco (bday)		
6:00pm	Int. of Luis Acosta	
	† Donald Tobin	
	† Mickey Whitney	
	† Condrad Magbiray	
	† Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday 03/17	7:00am	† Maria Thuy Nguyen
	12noon	† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez
	6:00pm	Int. of Patrica Tom (bday)
Wednesday 03/18	7:00am	† Italiano Musetti (bday)
	12noon	† Gabriel T. Nicolas
	6:00pm	Int. of Patricia Tom
Thursday 03/19	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Cameron Pollette and Family
	12:noon	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
	6:00pm	† Gilberto Gamez, Sr.
Friday 03/20	7:00am	Int. of Frank and Jennie Lee (bday)
	12noon	† Louis N. Petropolous
	6:00pm	† Rene Ing
Saturday 03/21	8:30am	Int. of Ana Feria (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Carmen and Trinity Duran
	4:30pm	Int. of Kim Nguyen and Family



Stations of the Cross
All Fridays of Lent
March 20, 27; April 3, at
6:30pm followed by Soup
supper (auditorium)

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

In the footsteps of St. Patrick An inspiring two-film set that recreates Patrick's pilgrim journey through Ireland, using letters written by him, as well as Monastic records from the 10th Century. Once a slave of the Irish people, after his escape he discerned the call of God to return to them as a priest and evangelize the Irish with the Catholic faith. The second film, is a moving concert in the ancient St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. Talented choirs and musicians perform sacred music in honor of St. Patrick.



**Fish Fry hosted by
Young Adults**
Friday, March 20
7pm after Stations
of the Cross. Soup
and bread (free)
Fish and chips (\$5)



**NATIVITY HIGH
SCHOOL
FOOD DRIVE**
March 8, March 28

Helping the French Sisters feed the homeless in the Mission District. Please donate unexpired canned goods. Location: Blue barrel outside of the church west side entrance.

**16 APPARITION
SHRINES OF OUR LADY
AT STAR of the SEA**

Book a tour:
mariella@starparish.com
(415) 751-0450
www.starparish.com/marys-shrine/

Prayers of the Sick

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, Bryson Soncuya, O Lai Sau King, Ronald Henderson, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Leslie Low, Laura Tarbox, Brian Ahrens, Christopher Dunham, Elena Cereghino, Luis Acosta, Lourdes Washington, 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: 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

Matching Contribution:

Double your gift to Star of the Sea with an equal contribution from your employer! As a 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



STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
Use Venmo for: Sunday offertory, lighting candles, church kiosk purchases.
(Please add what the payment is for. Thank you!)

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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

Call for information: **Mariella Zevallos**,
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Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
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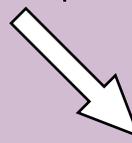
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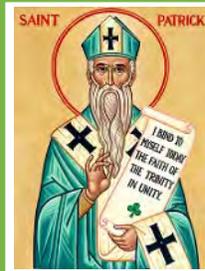
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**Solemnity of
St. Patrick**
TUESDAY, MARCH 17
6PM Sung Mass

A Message from Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone: As Catholics, we are called to use our gifts to serve others and bring Christ to the world. Through the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**, we strengthen our shared mission by supporting essential ministries that care for our youth, accompany families, serve those most in need, and support our priests. Inspired by this year's theme, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31), I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of so many throughout our Archdiocese.— *Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco.*



Solemnity of St. Joseph
Thursday, March 19
6PM Sung Mass
After Mass, join us to enjoy homebaked bread, and fruit at our parish's traditional St. Joseph's Table in the Auditorium.



Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday, March 25
6PM Sung Mass

Mountain Lake Mass

On the 250th anniversary of the Anza Expedition Mass of 1776

On March 27, 1776, Lieutenant Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza camped at Mountain Lake with 240 settlers, soldiers, indigenous interpreters, and the Franciscan padres Francisco Garcés, Tomás Eixarch, and Pedro Font. The next morning, Anza's priests would have offered what is probably the first Catholic Mass in what would become San Francisco. Three months later, on June 29th, 1776, Father Junipero Serra would offer the first recorded Mass at what became *Misión San Francisco de Asis*, after which our City is named.

On March 28, 2026, priests will again offer a sung Mass in the same form in which the original *padres* celebrated it, followed by a barbecue in Mountain Lake Park. All are welcome at Mountain Lake Park, 12th Avenue entrance.

250th Anniversary of the City of San Francisco



Star of the Sea Preschool

Catholic, Classical and Montessori-Inspired

Open House

Saturday, March 21st, 2026
10:00 - 11:30 am
360 9th ave. San Francisco



STEWARDS STATS

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

- Time:** We pray 15 public Rosaries weekly after all daily Masses.
- Talent:** 3 Teachers volunteer for the parish Catechism classes.
- Treasure:** \$ 11,298
- To give online:** www.starparish.com/give