



The Divine Mercy Today is the Sunday within the Easter Octave, also known as “Low Sunday” or “Divine Mercy Sunday.” You will notice the larger-than-life picture of Jesus in the sanctuary today, the image of Divine Mercy, with the words “Jesus, I trust in

You” below his feet. The good news we preach is that Mercy has overcome fear, and we live under friendly skies. Join the crowd at 3pm today for Mass (300 or 400 usually come for our Feast of Divine Mercy each year), after which I will lead us all in chanting the Chaplet. During Mass, I will be in the confessional dispensing the Sacrament of Mercy, a sacrament that is widely dispensed and received at our parish (three times a day and four on Sundays!). On Holy Saturday, last week, one of our catechumens, in the naming ceremony before the Easter Vigil, declared her baptismal name to be “Faustina.” I was greatly inspired that she would choose that name, and honestly inspired by all the saints’ names our nine catechumens and nine confirmandi chose. In choosing these great saints (among them: Maria Immaculata, Therese, Francis, Augustine, etc.), they are declaring their intention to become saints themselves.

Nine Novices Nine adults were reborn in holy baptism last Saturday, and ten others received full initiation into the Catholic Church through the Easter Sacraments. For this we give thanks to God, and we pray for these newly-baptized and confirmed members of our community. We call them “neophytes” as they are “novices” in the faith, although given our stellar OCIA program, they know more about the bible and the catechism than most of us. Still, they have not gone through the ups and downs in the Church that we cradle Catholics have experienced, so continue to pray for their perseverance.

Choosing Their Lane You may have read that the fastest growing Catholic demographic in Europe and America are young men, most of them college graduates. The number of men getting baptized at Star of the Sea has usually been twice the number of women getting baptized, and this year the men outnumbered the women nine to one! It’s certainly encouraging to see young adult men requesting the sacraments and submitting in humility to the authority of the Church. While we rightly lament the “failure of fathers” and the “missing of manhood” in our time, it’s quite bracing to see men standing up for Christ and kneeling down for baptism. The cultural vacuum in a society that has progressively excluded religion from public life has hit men particularly hard, because God has

designed men to lead their families in the faith. Everyone has to believe in something, and so without faith in God we are left only with politics, technology, and money to believe in. This leaves men especially vulnerable to indecision and irrelevance. But many men are overcoming their uncertainty and *choosing their lane*; they are choosing Christ and leading others by a public commitment to Christ. May God give them strength to persevere in the faith!

Volunteers I want to thank the myriads of volunteers who make our parish wonderful, especially in this Easter season. The choirs, the servers, those who feed the poor, catechists, Young Adults leaders and prolife prayer leaders, those who lead our men’s groups and those who prepare food for Sunday hospitality and a parish dinners. None of these take money for what they do, but they do it for the love of God and neighbor. In particular I want to thank Thelma Queri and

Elizabeth Ing, who spend hours each week, without compensation, adorning our altars and shrines. Every lily and leafy plant in our church has been obtained and lovingly placed by these two women. Happy Easter! *Fr. Joseph Illo*



Fr. Joseph lifts high the Paschal Candle on Geary Boulevard to begin the Easter season. Later, eight men and one woman were baptized and clothed in white



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The Sunday Scripture

Doubting Thomas (Acts 2: 42-47; 1 Pt 1: 3-9; Jn 20: 19-31) He wasn't there on Easter night when the Lord came through locked doors to breathe his peace upon the apostles (where was he?). But Thomas was there the second time Jesus came through locked doors, and this time his doubts, his fears, his resentment, were swept away. Every time I spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament, or go to confession, my doubts, fears, and anger are swept away too!



Eucharistic Adoration We celebrate a mystic, St. Gemma Galgani, on April 11th. She endured much suffering, and died at only age 37. She is quoted. "What would become of me if I did not dedicate all my affections to the Sacred Host? ... Lord, ...[to] deserve paradise in heaven, You give me

Communion here on earth!" It's Eastertide! Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

Holy Hour Vacancies: Sundays: 11 pm, Mondays: 12, 1, 2, & 3 am, 8 am; Tuesdays: 11 am, 1 pm; Wednesdays: 9 am

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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TUESDAYS BIBLE STUDY, 3:00-4:30PM

Star of the Sea Parish Rectory

Contact Bill McCarty (415) 876-9551

Mass Intentions

Saturday 04/11	7:00am	Int. of Angela Tickler (bday)
	12noon	Int. for those who work in the Pro-Life Movement
	8:00pm	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
Sunday 04/12	8:00am	Int. of Charles Lee Brown
	9:30am	Int. of Severino Etorma
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	3:00pm	Int. of Holy Name Society of Star
	7:30pm	Int. of Luke Bridges and Family
Monday 04/13	7:00am	† Beth Durbin
	12noon	Int. of The Godlewski Family
		† Rick Durbin
		† Souls in Purgatory
		† Armando Samonte
		† Robert Lo Forti (anniv)
† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez		
6:00pm	Int. of Rob Durbin	
	Int. of Sally Durbin	
	Int. of Zackary Steinmitz	
	† Zorayda Silva	
	† Erlinda McAuliffe	
Tuesday 04/14	7:00am	Int. of Matthew Schnur
	12noon	Int. of Leslie Low
	6:00pm	Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova
Wednesday 04/15	7:00am	Int. of Faith Giron (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Donna Chan
	6:00pm	Int. of Ron & Raquel Escobar Quinn Family
Thursday 04/16	7:00am	† Basilia L. Halog (bday)
	12:noon	† Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez
	6:00pm	† Oo Shwe Ya and Kok Lam Wong
Friday 04/17	7:00am	† Petrolina Baning
	12noon	† Engracio Guinto, Sr. (bday)
	6:00pm	Int. of Alexandra Grieshiop (bday)
Saturday 04/18	8:30am	† Wilfred Chow
	12noon	† Lidia Quintana - Diaz
	4:30pm	Int. of Esthe and John Menjivar Family

Prayers of the Sick

Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaepler, 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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Featuring Sacred Art by students and Guest Artists

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May 1, 1pm, Talk by Fr. Joseph Illo "Mother of the Light" (church)

May 3, 1:30pm, BXVI Institute presents: "A Very Guadalupanan Afternoon for Artists and Art Lovers" (auditorium)

Information: 415-751-0450 | mariella@starparish.com



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**April 12,
3pm Mass
Fr. James Liebner,
Celebrant**

Right after Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet by Fr. Joseph Illo, followed by veneration and Benediction.



A 1.5-mile walking pilgrimage starting at 11am from Star of the Sea (4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco), to the Carmelite Chapel and Monastery of Cristo Rey (721 Parker Ave, San Francisco). 12Noon, Latin Mass at the Monastery celebrated by Fr. Joseph Illo.

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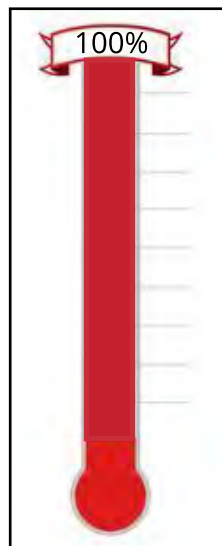
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