

A-Dios from Fr. James

In the book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, we read, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." A year ago, when I first arrived at Star, was the time of hello, and today is the time of goodbye.

Although I am not moving across the ocean—but only to the south side of Golden Gate Park—St. Anne of the Sunset will become my new parish home beginning July 1st.

In saying goodbye, I wanted to share a reflection on the beautiful and reverent way the Eucharist is celebrated at Star. It is this profound reverence that draws so many people who live outside the neighborhood to make a weekly pilgrimage to participate in our liturgy.

After having been at Star for almost a year, I recently visited a neighboring church here in San Francisco. I arrived as Communion was about to start, with the intention of listening to a talk after Mass was over. It is a beautiful church, and the Mass was celebrated reverently. However, when it came time for Holy Communion, I noticed there were no altar servers assisting. The faithful lined up, received Communion (mostly in the hand), and returned to their pews.

Reflecting on that experience made me realize just how much our altar servers bring to the liturgy at Star. Even the youngest ones, who can sometimes seem very childlike in their approach to serving, add a layer of reverence to the reception of

the Eucharist that felt missing at the other church. This is not to say that the other communicants were irreverent, but rather that our young servers, by holding the Communion-plate under the chin of each person as they receive Communion, help to present Jesus in the most dignified and honorable way. Through their careful efforts, they hold the Communion-plate as if to say, "Jesus fell to the ground three times on the way to Calvary; I want to make sure that Jesus does not fall one more time."

Thank you for your deep reverence to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Enter into His presence and He will reveal the depth of His love for you. God bless you.

Fr. James Liebner, SVD

A Note from Fr. Joseph Illo

With heartfelt gratitude to God and both Fathers James and Javier, I wish both priests Godspeed in your new assignments. Both fathers have brought so much good to our parish in



Fr. James (on the left) at the Easter Vigil, and Fr. Javier positioning a soccer kick with school students



such a short time. I am grateful for Fr. James's words above about the great value of reverence in the Holy Mass. Over lunch one day, he described the [sometimes fumbling] service of our boys at the altar rail as their earnest "custody of the Body of Christ." With his fatherly heart, Fr. James sees their childlike love and awe for the Most Holy Sacrament. On behalf of the parish, I will make a formal farewell to both priests at the anniversary Mass tomorrow night (Monday, June 29, 5:30pm).

A-Dios, padres!

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The Sunday Scripture

Sunday Scripture for the 13th Sunday In the First Reading (2 Kings 4:8-16): A generous woman shows extraordinary hospitality to the prophet Elisha, and in return, God rewards her kindness with the miraculous promise of a son. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89), calls upon us to sing the goodness of the Lord and celebrate that our true strength and protection come from him. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, (6:3-4, 8-11), explains that through baptism, we are united to Christ's death and resurrection, freeing us from the power of sin so that we can live our life for God. In the Gospel, (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus calls His disciples to a life of total, sacrificial allegiance, promising that whoever loses their life for His sake will find it, and that even the smallest act of hospitality toward His followers will be richly rewarded.



Eucharistic Adoration

On July 1, we celebrate St. Junipero Serra, who was a Franciscan friar, and called the "Apostle of California," establishing nine missions from San Diego to San Francisco. The founding of Mission San Francisco de Asis, or Mission Dolores, was on June 29, 1776, 250 years ago this

week! Early in his journey, his leg got deeply infected and caused him great pain for the rest of his life and yet his motto was – ¡Siempre adelante! He worked toward the conversion of Natives, whom he loved, and ensured their welfare from soldiers with a "bill of rights" for them. Despite his zest for this great endeavor, he sometimes wrestled with his weakness, yet is quoted, "God is powerful, and can call great things out of nothing." It's the 10th Anniversary of Adoration at Star of the Sea! Keep it up by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the Sick Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Brian Galloway, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, O Lai Sau King, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Brian Ahrens, Christopher Dunham, Elena Cereghino, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey, Pedro Mendoza, Sonia Lee, Frances Zinck, Deacon Albert Nimri, Virginia Rosillo, Frances Flynn, Elisa Cortez, Minyang Babadilla and all sick parishioners.



In Loving Memory Msgr. Anthony Janelli, Demetria Ingkom and Maria Luisa Recaro.

Baptismal Blessings For the newly baptized children: Marcela Paxtor, Jesus Paxtor, Francisco Paxtor, Madelyn Reyes, and Gabriel Reyes

Mass Intentions

Saturday 06/27	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	Int. of Patricia Wilson
	4:30pm	Int. of Francesca del Curto (bday)
Sunday 06/28	8:00am	† Lucia Nicolas Barracoso
	9:30am	Int. of Saori Okawa
	11:30am	Int. of Martin Ford (bday)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 06/29	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo (35th Priestly Anniversary)
	12noon	Int. of James Soncuya
		Int. of Zackary Steinmitz
		Int. or Saints Peter and Paul Feast
		† All Souls
5:30pm	† Harriett Konopaski (bday)	
	† Deceased Family Members of Ronald and Erlinda Kocka	
	Int. of Magdalena Aguirre	
	Int. of Mercedes Alvarez (bday)	
	† All Souls	
	† Eric Bigone	
	† Rodolfo Luna (bday)	
† Ping Foon and Keng Phay Hsum Wong		
Tuesday 06/30	7:00am	† Sister Paulina Simms
	12noon	Int. of Fr. James Liebner (bday)
	6:00pm	† Deceased Family members of The Halog Family
Wednesday 07/01	7:00am	Int. of Matthew Schnur
	12noon	† Emilio So
	6:00pm	Int. of Carmen Escobar
Thursday 07/02	7:00am	† William R. Whelan
	12noon	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Friday 07/03	7:00am	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	12noon	† Josefina Chan
	6:00pm	Int. of Alyson Voltmer (bday)
Saturday 07/04	8:30am	Int. of Scott Hilliard (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Aileen Choi (bday)
	4:30pm	Felicitascion Panganiban



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HOLDING THESE TRUTHS AGAIN: RECLAIMING OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.— That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to amend it. And by the consent of the governed, the just powers of new Governments are derived from the consent of the people. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them to absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — That the Declaration of Independence is the basis of our Constitution, and that the Constitution is the basis of our Laws, and that the Laws are the basis of our Rights, and that the Rights are the basis of our Liberty, and that the Liberty is the basis of our Happiness. — That the Declaration of Independence is the basis of our Constitution, and that the Constitution is the basis of our Laws, and that the Laws are the basis of our Rights, and that the Rights are the basis of our Liberty, and that the Liberty is the basis of our Happiness.



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Saints Peter and Paul Solemn High Mass, June 29, 2026 at 5:30pm

The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, will be celebrated at Star of the Sea with a Solemn Traditional Latin Mass honoring the two great Apostles who faithfully proclaimed Christ through their preaching and martyrdom in Rome.

JOIN OUR FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Rosary Pilgrimage at Star of the Sea Parish after the 8:30am Mass. We pray the Rosary while processing through all the Marian Apparition Shrines with time for quiet reflection and the opportunity to light a candle.



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Marriage and Family Apostolate

Engaged couples and families are invited to enjoy a free meal hosted at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, June 28. Call Sean 415-770-9504 for the gate code.



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 22 people joined the Divine Mercy devotional prayers last Saturday.

Talent: 11 Altar servers attended the 9:30am Sunday Mass last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,119
Spanish/Latin \$424

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