



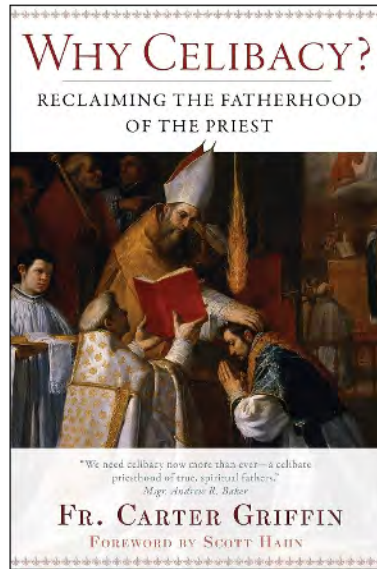
**Fathers** For three weeks now, when I pray in the church, I look at the picture of St. Joseph holding Jesus hanging from the little table next to Our Lady of Perpetual Help that holds our stack of Father's Day cards. It is flanked by two perpetually-burning candles, thanks to our valiant sacristan, Juan Carlos. Neither he nor I are *natural* fathers, but we each strive to be good *spiritual* fathers to all with whom we work. The priests of the church are given an even greater gift, to be *supernatural* fathers, begetting and rearing children in the order of grace, somewhat in the way Mother Mary conceives and brings forth children in the order of grace.

**The Casa Santa Maria** In 2010 I did a six months' sabbatical in Rome, living at the old North American College, known as "Casa Santa Maria." This venerable building faces the Biblicum and Gregorian Universities, just a few blocks from Piazza Venezia and the Roman Forum. The cloisters and gardens were built in 1601 as a Dominican convent for poor girls who couldn't afford the "dowry" women had to pay to become a nun in those days. The street on which it was built was therefore named "humility street" with a chapel built to "Our Lady of Humility." During the Napoleonic wars of the 19th Century, it was requisitioned by the French army as a barracks and horse stable, but then returned to the church, and in 1859 dedicated by Pius IX as a seminary for the growing Church in the United States. Pius IX had declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception just five years earlier, and so he entrusted our American Republic to her patronage under that title. Today the nation's basilica in Washington is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and

should be included in any visit to DC, truly a wondrous sacred edifice.

**Natural, Spiritual, and Supernatural**

**Fatherhood** During my 2010 sabbatical at the Casa, I met some remarkable priests doing their doctoral studies. One of them was Fr. Carter Griffin, a priest of the Washington Archdiocese finishing his dissertation on the question of priestly celibacy. A few years ago, along with his duties as rector of the Washington Seminary, he worked up his dissertation into a book entitled *Why Celibacy?* At only 160 pages, the book delivers a compelling case for the celibate priesthood on three levels of fatherhood. Most men are called to **natural** (biological) fatherhood, but all men are called to **spiritual** fatherhood—to provide fatherly love, guidance,



and protection to all those younger than themselves. This spiritual fatherhood is particularly evident in the service professions, such as law enforcement and other first responders, the judiciary, health care, the priesthood. A married man who has no children with his wife is still able to be a father figure for all the children on the block. But some men—a small percentage, actually—are called to a third level of paternity, that of **supernatural** fatherhood. The priest sacramentally represents Jesus

Christ, who Himself represents God the Father. Thus we call our priests "fathers." I recommend Fr. Griffin's fine little book, which wonderfully clarifies the value of priestly celibacy, but also defines fatherhood on its three levels. Priestly celibacy is greatly misunderstood and undervalued precisely because fatherhood itself is undervalued and even mocked by many, especially among our cultural elites. The human race cannot exist without motherhood, obviously, but neither can we flourish without fatherhood. Happy and Blessed Fathers' Day, dear brothers! *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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# The Sunday Scripture

**Fear No One (Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15; 10: 26-33)** Our Lord says three times in today's short Gospel reading to "Fear no one." St. John later will say that "perfect love casts out all fear." So many of us are afraid today, with nonstop news about one "crisis" after another. We must try to control our fears. Fear is a lack of faith and love on our part. It's hard to be at peace in a time of war, but we must keep our eyes on God.



## Eucharistic Adoration

St. William of Vercelli's feast day is June 25. He was a hermit and monk. His profound holiness attracted many other priests and laymen to his way of life, and so he formed the congregation of Monte Vergine, using the rule of St. Benedict. He went on to form other communities funded by King Roger II of

Sicily, who was very grateful for his wisdom and spiritual direction. He is quoted, "Where noise ends, God begins to speak." It's the 10th Anniversary of Adoration at Star of the Sea! Keep it going by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour at [www.adorationpro.org/star](http://www.adorationpro.org/star)

## FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://watch.formed.org> | Free to all parishioners!

**St. John the Baptist** | Catholic Saints (The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24 *New & Trad*)

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ. In this episode, they discuss the Nativity of John the Baptist, how the Old Testament illuminates who St. John the Baptist is, and how he prepares for Jesus. Discussion Question: St. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus Christ. How is God calling you to prepare his way so that those in your life can encounter Jesus?

## 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, Ramel Macalalad, and all sick parishioners.



## In Loving Memory

Emilio Castro and Han Ng

## Baptismal Blessings

Antonella Torre Merlonetti (Baptized on June 13, 2026)

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 06/20	8:30am	Int. of Lorraine Olden
	12noon	† Joseph Ignatius Kelly
	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. James Liebner and Family
<b>Sunday</b> 06/21	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	11:30am	Int. of Michael Xu and Family
	7:30pm	Int. of Luke Shalz
<b>Monday</b> 06/22	7:00am	Int. of Jane Palencia (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Claudio Ines for healing
		† Emilio Castro
		† Ronald Barri
		† Charles LaMere
	† Frank Byrne, Jr.	
6:00pm	† Souls in Purgatory	
† Juana Muro-Munoz	† Vicente Zeta Colacion	
	† Trenton Turner (anniv)	
	† Benedictus and Susana Wang	
<b>Tuesday</b> 06/23	7:00am	† Remigio Ibaseta (anniv)
	12noon	† Francis Chow (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Baltazar P. Aguirre III
<b>Wednesday</b> 06/24	7:00am	† Mario and Maria Bruno
	12noon	† Timothy Mckenna
	6:00pm	† Caselda Lim (anniv)
<b>Thursday</b> 06/25	7:00am	Int. of Clarice Mandala (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Derek West and Family
	6:00pm	† David Anthony Waliszewski
<b>Friday</b> 06/26	7:00am	Int. of Clarice Mandala
	12noon	Int. of Star of the Sea Parish Staff
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
<b>Saturday</b> 06/27	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	Int. of Patricia Wilson
	4:30pm	Int. of Francesca del Curto (bday)



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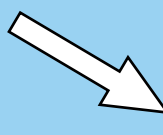
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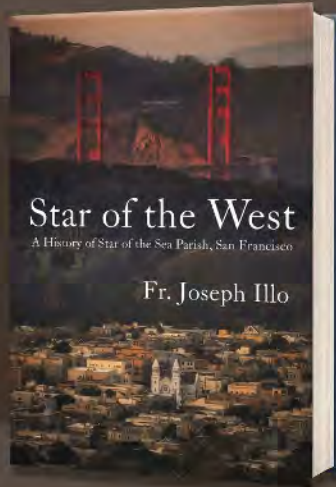


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≈ SUNDAY June 21 ≈

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## STEWARDS STATS

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

**Time:** +17 people joined the Divine Mercy devotional prayers last Saturday.

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