



Two 250's Last Monday, June 29th, with a full house at our Solemn High Mass and banquet, we celebrated the 250th anniversary of the first Mass at Mission Dolores, and thus the birth of the City of San Francisco. Yesterday, July 4, we celebrated the 250th year of the Declaration of

Independence. Our City and our Nation were born almost simultaneously on opposite ends of the continent! But let me be clear:

"Independence" is an empty word if it just means "free choice." The freedom we all long for is not simply the capacity to do whatever our cravings desire, but the capacity, from God, to do the good. True freedom is from God, and the further we move from Him, the more we become slaves of our own vices and the vices of those who are more powerful than us. If we do not order our lives together by love, then others will order our lives based on power. America has moved a good deal down the scale of power, towards Might Makes Right, because we've kicked God out of public discourse. The only way back to a rightly-ordered society is to return to God, the source of all love. Everybody knows that we need to rebuild our families and our communities, but without God, no family stays together and neighbors can't get along. Let's celebrate America 250 by returning to "the laws of Nature and of Nature's God," to the public acknowledgment of God that our first president, George Washington declared in his 1796 farewell address: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of

Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness." So let's celebrate America 250 by doing what the founders of the City of San Francisco did in 1776: worshiping God together.

A Most Inspiring Mass The evening Mass on Monday night commemorated three anniversaries: the "translation" (or moving) of the relics of Saints Peter and Paul to St. John Lateran in 1370, the first Mass in San Francisco in 1776, and my ordination day in 1991. Fifty priests, servers, and Knights of Columbus processed down the main aisle at the end of Mass to the music of our full choir in the loft. One of the priests, with tears in his eyes, told me how deeply moved he was to see such a sacred procession in a church full of sisters, priests, and lay faithful.

Many Gifts I want to thank those who made gifts to the parish and school in my name, and those who made gifts to me personally. I've signed over all monetary gifts—at least \$20,000—to the school, which needs it more than I do. Some folks gave me some rather interesting material gifts as well, such as a cigar case and whiskey flask, a children's book on the Sacred Heart, and a greeting card with wildflower seeds in it that is to be planted in soil and watered. I'm grateful for every gift God sends! I want to thank the Anniversary Committee, who worked for two weeks to pull it off. The chicken Marsala dinner was superbly delicious, with tubs of ice cream to finish it off. Nativity High school students babysat the 30

children upstairs, the Young Adults served pasta and salad, and everyone pitched in for a wonderful evening. I'm so happy to be your priest

Fr. Joseph Illo



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The Sunday Scripture

My Burden (Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13; Mt 11: 25-30) Today's Gospel is one of my favorites: "Come to me and find rest for your souls, for my burden is light." It's a delightfully fetching chorus in Handel's Messiah, and winningly speaks to our troubled hearts. Yes, Christ asks us to bear a burden, but how light that burden is compared to the addictions and compulsions that the world, the flesh, and devil impose upon us!



Eucharistic Adoration

We celebrate St. Maria Goretti's feast day on July 6th. She was very young when she refused the advances of a young man, who then attacked and killed her. Her last words were, "I forgive... and I want him with me in

heaven forever." He did repent! So for whoever hurts you, pray that person gets into heaven! She also said, "The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus..." which gave her the grace to forgive! The Blessed Sacrament can help you, too! It's the 10th Anniversary of Adoration - sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday 07/04 | 8:30am | Int. of Scott Hilliard (bday) |
| | 12noon | Int. of Aileen Choi (bday) |
| | 4:30pm | † Felicitascion Panganiban |
| Sunday 07/05 | 8:00am | Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo and Family |
| | 9:30am | Int. of Andy Stone and Golden Gate Park Gardeners |
| | 11:30am | Int. of Fr. Christopher La Rocca, OCD |
| | 7:30pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 07/06 | 7:00am | † Laura Tarbox |
| | 12noon | Int. of Xavier Tillman (bday) |
| | | Int. of Elisa Cortez (healing) |
| | | Int. of Minyang Babadilla (healing) |
| | | † Bonifacia Paez |
| | | † Milagros Francisco (anniv) |
| † Deceased Family Members of Ronald and Erlinda Kocka | | |
| 6:00pm | Int. of Gabriella Sebers | |
| | † Carlos Angeles | |
| | † Michael Roberts | |
| | † Demetria Ingkom | |
| | † Souls in Purgatory | |
| | † Maria Luisa Ricaro | |
| Tuesday 07/07 | 7:00am | Int. of Arden Martin (bday) |
| | 12noon | † Eusebio Panganiban, Sr. |
| | 6:00pm | † Brian Keith Tickler (anniv) |
| Wednesday 07/08 | 7:00am | † Lidia Quintana-Diaz |
| | 12noon | Int. of Vincent Low |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of Pat Tom |
| Thursday 07/09 | 7:00am | Int. of Elizabeth Schnur |
| | 12noon | † Angelo Quintela |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of The O'Leary Family |
| Friday 07/10 | 7:00am | † Holy souls of Lidia and Francisco |
| | 12noon | Int. of Dcn. Albert Nimri and Family |
| | 6:00pm | Int. of Katherine Nguyen |
| Saturday 07/11 | 8:30am | Int. of Joe and Joan Flanders |
| | 12noon | Int. for Unborn Children in dange of losing their lives |
| | 4:30pm | † Maria Leonor and Eulogia Najarro |

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

The story of Saint Maria Goretti explains the plight of the poor laborers of the time, struggling to survive in a swampy area and extreme poverty. Luigi and Assunta Goretti keep their faith despite the hardship, and they instill in their children a deep love for God. Their daughter Maria is especially devout. But tragedy strikes: sickness and death affects the Goretti family, and then their young neighbor Alessandro does the unthinkable. This film, made on location is filled with authentic details about Maria's story.

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 Kaepler, 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, Tina Chow, Linda Tam Nancy Tam and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Phyllis Lo Russo, Ramon Tizon, Charles Roberts and Ramon Fabian.

Baptismal Blessings for Marcela Paxtor, Jesus Paxtor, Francisco Paxtor, Madelyn Reyes, and Gabriel Reyes



Request a Mass Intention

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of prayer. Consider offering a Mass for a loved one who has passed away, for someone who is sick, or in thanksgiving for a special blessing or anniversary.

The customary donation is \$10 per intention.

How to Request: Please visit the parish office or call (415) 751-0450 to schedule your date.

Programs & Apostolates

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| Foundation of Prayers for Priests Carmen Duran Register: foundationforpriests.org | Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate Thursdays 6-7pm & Sat. 10-11am. 1522 Bush St. star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life |
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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 We welcome your Ad submissions! Due: Tuesdays, 3pm. Contact bulletin editor: mariella@starparish.com | Volunteer Opportunities Looking for a way to serve and connect at our parish? We'd love to welcome you! Mariella 415-751-0450 |



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(Please add what the payment is for. Thank you!)

PLANNED GIVING

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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

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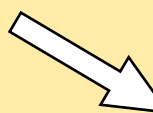
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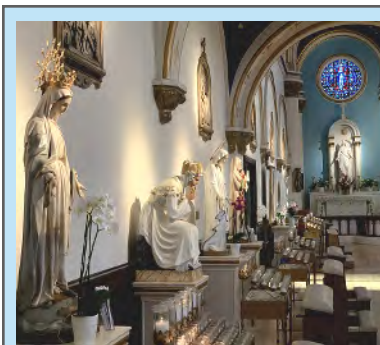
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A joyful Celebration! What a joyful and memorable evening it was as Star of the Sea Parish celebrated the 35th Anniversary of Fr. Joseph Illo's priestly ordination together with the 250th Birthday of San Francisco. The celebration began with a beautiful Solemn High Mass on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, attended by numerous priests, members of the Franciscan and Dominican religious orders, religious sisters, parishioners, and friends who gathered in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and for Fr. Illo's faithful service to the Church.

This beautiful celebration was made possible entirely through the generosity and dedication of parish staff and volunteers. From the delicious dinner and elegant decorations to the setup, hospitality, and countless behind-the-scenes details, every aspect of the event reflected the love and commitment of the Star of the Sea community. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed their time, talents, and hard work to make this evening such a joyful success.



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STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 25+ people joined the Lady of Perpetual Help devotional prayers last Wednesday.
Talent: 40+ volunteers helped at the Parish dinner event last Monday.
Treasure: Sunday Offering \$10,817
Peter's Pence \$1,926
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