



Irish Sabbatical Last summer I took a three-month sabbatical in Ireland to write two books. One of them has been published (*Star of the West*, a history of our parish from 1776-2026, available on The Bookshelf opposite our

Adoration Chapel and at the parish office). The other is entitled *Mother of the Light*, and I have returned to my little farmhouse in County Cork to prepare that manuscript for submission to a publisher. My secluded writer's abode is found a few miles up Long Hill Road from Dunmanway, a village of 2000 souls dating from the late Bronze Age. One of our parishioners, Justin Murray, was raised in this village, and his sister lives here still. It's a small world.

St. Joseph's House on Weathertop My Celtic refuge is owned by Donncha O'Cochlain, an Irish farmer who spent twenty-five years building homes in San Francisco, discovered Star of the Sea during Covid, and married our schools' teacher and principal, Marisela Miranda. He took her back to Ireland with him to become a farmer's wife and kindly offered me one of his farmhouses when he heard I wanted a quiet place to write. We couldn't, however, agree on a name for the house, and on this side of the Atlantic homes have names. I wanted to call it "Weathertop" from *The Lord of the Rings* (because you can see the countryside in all directions from its summit), but he wanted to call it "St. Joseph's House." So we call it "St. Joseph's House on Weathertop," and I spent a wonderful hour of prayer this morning on its front porch.

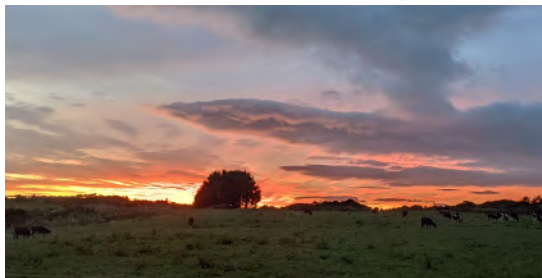
Shelter Yesterday, on the plane, I watched an English action thriller called *Shelter*.

I have to confess that I watch a movie or two on longer flights, not only to pass the time but also to better understand the society in which we live. But one must be very careful, because the vast majority of movies today are more or less poisonous. *Shelter*, like most movies today, depicts a lot of killing, which stirs bloodlust in any normally-functioning male (when media figures wring their hands over violent crimes like school shootings, remember that most actors make lots of money promoting violence). This movie portrayed much violence but also a man trying to escape his violent past. He had "shed much blood" (in God's words to King David) as a British special ops agent, but when an orphaned girl needs his protection his heart is moved to shelter her from government assassins. Thus a fictional movie character's fatherly protection provides a glimmer of God's paternal love for us. *The world is charged with the grandeur of God*, the poet says, and even a commercial movie can give a glimpse of the Father's love for his beloved children.

Glimmers of God This morning in Ireland, God's fatherly love, all bright and beautiful, glimmered and flitted around me: birds of many shapes and sizes, grasses and flowers,



*Little Colleen Cody with the Mother of God,
and sunrise on Weathertop*



clouds and sky, cows and sheep, mountains and hills, windmills and smoke curling from my neighbors' chimney. God is a hidden God, but He provides just enough visible goodness for us to believe in Him. I came here to write, but I see that it is all written already in the billowing clouds, the waving grasses, the quite neighbors, the soft breezes, the rustling leaves and the soaring birds. All of them speak to me of the God who made them, here in the silence of St. Joseph's House on Weathertop.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS:
Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin.
Sat. Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy
Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions: 15 min.
before Mass, (7am after Mass), Sat. 3:15-4:15pm.

Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Face Devotion, Tuesdays
(chapel 6pm). Sacred Heart of Jesus First Fridays 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine
Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wednesday 12noon. Lady of
Fatima First Saturdays, 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses &
Sunday 11am (Latin). Sundays: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

An Enemy (Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27; Mt 13: 24-43) How did these weeds get into my wheat field? The farmer asks in today's parable. His answer: "an enemy has done this." Friends, we face a common enemy, named Satan. If you get nasty thoughts during your holy hour, or fight against evil impulses at home or work, know that the enemy has done this. Resist him, solid in your faith, with these words: *Jesus, I trust in you. Defend me from the evil one!*



Eucharistic Adoration

The feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is July 19 (TLM). He is known as the "Apostle of Charity" and quoted "Go to the poor: you will find God." He founded The Vincentians, and would spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament every day. He said "We should spend as much time, in thanking God for His

benefits as we do in asking Him for them!"

It's the 10th Anniversary of Adoration at Star of the Sea! Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

Mass Intentions

Saturday 07/18	8:30am	† Catherine Chow
	12noon	† Sutikho Gandasubroto
	4:30pm	† Petrel Chan
Sunday 07/19	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	† Edward Tobin (anniv)
	11:30am	† Joseph Borges Malta & Antonia Sousa Malta
	7:30pm	Int. of Raymond Ing (Bday)
Monday 07/20	7:00am	Int. of Nicole Arena
	12noon	Int. of Michael Gerard Newman † Brian Ahrens † Edward Tobin † Hermie Roxas † Carmelita Estioko † Louis N. Petropoulos † Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	Int. for people in Venezuela Int of Deacon Albert Nimri (healing) Int. of Sis. Carol & Sanctuary Missionaries of Divine Mercy † Michael Lydina † Souls in Purgatory † Rosalina Ong Callo
Tuesday 07/21	7:00am	Int. of Conchita Yap (bday)
	12noon	† Matthew Alfred Downing
	6:00pm	† Wilfred Chow
Wednesday 07/22	7:00am	† Carmen Aguirre
	12noon	† Edmund Patrick Prendiville
	6:00pm	† Mario and Maria Bruno
Thursday 07/23	7:00am	Int. of Ron Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri (bday)
	6:00pm	† Rene Ing (anniv)
Friday 07/24	7:00am	† Gloria Mandala
	12noon	† George Muntean
	6:00pm	† Tresia Lie
Saturday 07/25	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	† All Souls
	4:30pm	† Int. of Katherine Nguyen

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

"Panel from an altarpiece showing Saint Mary Magdalene Preaching c.1515-20 Oil on wood Master of the Magdalene Legend, Netherlandish active Brussels, c1480 - c1520"

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, Christopher Dunham, Elena Cereghino, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey, Pedro Mendoza, Sonia Lee, Frances Zinck, Deacon Albert Nimri, Virginia Rosillo, Tina Chow, Linda Tam, Nancy Tam, Zuleyka Sierra, Anne Lintner, Maria Isabel Martinez and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Frances Flynn, Elisa Cortez, Emmanuel Canes, Brian Ahrens, and Carmelita Estioko.



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 Mass.

Programs & Apostolates

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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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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.

Place in the collection basket, or drop envelope in the parish office mailbox: Star of the Sea 4420

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MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT



Matching Contribution: Double

your gift to Star of the Sea with an equal contribution from your employer! As 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. For more information contact: Mariella Zevallos, mariella@starparish.com

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STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Use Venmo for: Sunday offertory, lighting candles, church kiosk purchases.

PLANNED GIVING

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, (415) 751-0450 mariella@starparish.com

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of catholic educational materials, sign up for formed.org (information below). Use Venmo to pay for candles, kiosk items, offertory, etc. Use your cellphone camera to scan the QR codes.



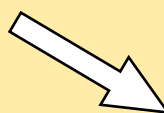
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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?

YOU ARE INVITED:
The program runs from August to May

Every other Wednesday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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Contact coordinator, Andrea

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To register: flocknote.com/star

Or use QR code (we will contact you)



Meet some of the members of the Music Ministry at Star of the Sea. From left: Andrew, Justin, Mason, Ed. Isaiah, Aarya, Tomo and Tanner



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

"CGS" Catechism Program for Children

3-6 Years old. NOW ENROLLING

First two Sundays of the month in the Preschool Atrium. 10:30am - 11:15am.

Program runs: September 2026 - May 2027

Teachers: Alyson Voltmer and Kisstrin Cozier

To register visit: www.starparish.com



First Holy Communion Preparation For children 7 years old and up

NOW ENROLLING

Sunday classes: 10:30am - 11:15am

Stella Maris Academy classroom

Program runs: September 2026 - May 2027

Teacher: Clarice Mandala

To register visit: www.starparish.com



AN EVENT ABOUT THE SHROUD OF TURIN

PRESENTATION BY

FR. ANDREW DALTON, LC. STD

REGISTER: bit.ly/SFSHroud Cost \$10



St. Monica Catholic Church

Friday, July 31st, 2026

6:30PM - 9:00PM

470 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 18 people joined the Holy Face Devotional prayer last week.

Talent: Four volunteers helped at the rectory office last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$10,466

To give online: www.starparish.com/give

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

All are invited, August 1, 2026

Join our First Saturday Rosary Pilgrimage at Star of the Sea following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Together we will pray the Rosary while processing through all of the Marian Apparition Shrines, with time for quiet reflection and the opportunity to light a candle. Following the Rosary, pilgrims are welcome to remain for Eucharistic Adoration.



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16 Apparition Shrines.

Book a group guided tour.

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About the shrines:

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