



Four Seminarians Last week one of our long-time altar servers, Orion Wagner, called me to say he had been accepted for seminary studies for the Archdiocese. I was quite touched that this brave young man, whom I have known since he

began serving at our parish ten years ago, is offering himself to Christ. At ten years old, Orion convinced his mother to bring him to Star of the Sea for Mass in the Older Form. Once he got his driver's license, he began coming for quiet prayer in the adoration chapel. He has nine years to go before ordination, so please keep Orion in your prayers as he makes his way to the priesthood. Three other men of the parish have also applied to seminary this year: Adam Weimer, Miles Sanford, and Roberto Ramirez. In addition to these four men, at least nine other men have entered the seminary from our parish since 2014: Brendan Ford (now Fr. Elias Guadalupe) and Ignacio Malfabon (now Brother Seraphim), both for the Dominicans; Mitchell Tu, for the Jesuits; Will Hays, for the Fraternity of St. Peter; Fathers Cameron Pollette and David Mees, now priests for the Archdiocese; Marciano De Souza, for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception; Marco Mihic, now Fr. Mikhael for the Contemplatives of St. Joseph; and Jerick Rea, who discerned out and is now the Director of Religious Education at St. Cecilia's.

Why does our parish send so many men to the seminary? The biggest factor, I can tell you, is Eucharistic Adoration, day and night. When I was vocations director for the Diocese of Stockton, I noticed that parishes with perpetual adoration sent three to four times more men into the seminary than other parishes. Most of the Stockton Diocese's priests have come from



Orion after a High Mass
in 2018, at age eleven

Turlock, whose parish has had Eucharistic adoration for forty years. Nativity Parish in Menlo Park has had Eucharistic Adoration for thirty years and has sent a dozen men to the seminary. We often lament the shortage of priests, but we should stop complaining and get on our knees before Blessed Sacrament. If we Catholics get serious about our need for priests

by spending time with what only the priest can provide (the Holy Eucharist), God will provide us with the priests we need. So keep filling our Adoration Chapel, folks, and God will keep filling our churches with priests! If you haven't signed up for an hour, get on our award-winning parish website and click "adoration!"

Priests are given three fundamental tasks: **Word**, **Sacrament**, and **Charity**. Through His priests, Christ *teaches* His truths (including His *hard truths*), He *sanctifies* souls through the Sacraments, and He *loves* souls through His priests' fatherly benevolence. In our time, teaching Christian Truth is difficult, both because most folks haven't been given Biblical truth and because most have become mired in vice. Last

Saturday, July 25th, marked the 58th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's watershed encyclical, *Humanae vitae*, which defined the Church's 4000-year teaching on marriage. Most of today's social problems stem from the 20th Century's promotion of contraception. Artificially blocking the marital act gravely harms marriage and family life, but most Americans cannot conceive of modern life without it (pun intended). It will be the task of our new priests to teach Christ's perennial truths, including the life-giving doctrines regarding marriage and sexuality. We must pray that God give our priests prudence and fortitude to accomplish their most sacred duties. *Fr. Illo*

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 24/7 - LITURGY & 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: Tuesday 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday: 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy: Sat. 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help: Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am (Latin). Sunday: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

A Pearl of Great Price (1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Rom 8: 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52) The Kingdom of Heaven is real, and when a man first glimpses it, he becomes willing to sell anything he has to obtain it. We are not big into pearls in our time, but in Christ’s era a fine pearl was among the greatest of treasures. What are you willing to sell to get into heaven? Is anything in your life more precious than eternal life with God, His angels, and His saints?



Eucharistic Adoration

St. Ignatius of Loyola’s feast day is July 31. He lived a wild youth. At war, he was injured. Bedridden, he requested romance novels, however, he only received *The Life of Christ* and a book on the saints. This led to a deep conversion. When he recovered, he went back to school, in his 30s, and became a priest. He is the founder of the Society of Jesus, and wrote the spiritual exercises. He is quoted “Jesus in the Tabernacle protects me against all my enemies...” It’s the 10th Anniversary of Adoration at Star of the Sea! Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS
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Ignatius of Loyola The film about St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, often called "The Saint of Second Chances," is an incisive and thrilling look at the life of the real man behind the legend. In his lifelong quest to become the heroic knight of his fantasies, Ignatius stares death in the face again and again, having his leg shattered by a cannonball in battle, driven to near suicide by his inner demons, finding himself imprisoned, accused of being an illuminati, and finally finding his life in the hands of the inquisition. Through it all, he would come to see the hand of God working in his life, shaping the self-obsessed sinner into the loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

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, Gabrielle Berbery, William Feria Anderson and all sick parishioners.
In Loving Memory of Carlin Yee, Chad P. Kousky, Judith May Wilson, Zanther Troy Soriano and Marta Grace.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 07/25	8:30am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	12noon	† All Souls
	4:30pm	† Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Sunday 07/26	8:00am	Int. of Anita Ivonne Setiawan (bday)
	9:30am	Int. of Dave Gatti and Family
	11:30am	† Constance J. Musetti (anniv)
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 07/27	7:00am	Int. of Karolina Zapolska
	12noon	Int. of Aida Nicolas
		Int. of The Diccico Family
		Int. for Dan O'Neill for healing
		Int. for Claudio Ines for healing
		† Steve Lyding
		† Frank X. Bonney
		† Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	Int. of Jake Quan
		† Scarlett Rose
		† Carole D. Berry (anniv)
		† Walter and Doris Brautigan
Tuesday 07/28	7:00am	† Ari Mcquire
	12noon	Int. of Dana Nunez (bday)
	6:00pm	† Cheuk Man Cheng
Wednesday 07/29	7:00am	Int. of Peter & JoAnn Mendelhall (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Diana Manzon and Family
	6:00pm	† Ping Foon & Keng Phay Hsum Wong
Thursday 07/30	7:00am	Int. of Jacob Gamez (bday)
	12noon	† Cheuk Man Cheng
	6:00pm	† Violet K. Cheng
Friday 07/31	7:00am	† Francisco Lam
	12noon	† Nanette Q. Jalimao
	6:00pm	† Cheuk Man Cheng
Saturday 08/01	8:30am	Int. of Saori Okawa and Family
	12noon	† Angela Koh (bday)
	4:30pm	† Dwight Faulding



Request a Mass Intention
 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.
 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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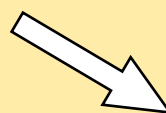
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St. Monica Catholic Church
Friday, July 31st, 2026
6:30PM - 9:00PM |



470 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94121



Engaged couples and families are invited to a **free meal after the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on Sunday, July 26, at Holy Family House** (former convent across from 8th Ave).
 Call Sean at 415-770-9504 for the gate code.

The Star of the Sea Marriage and Family Apostolate's mission is to strengthen Catholic marriages and families through prayer, fellowship, and catechesis. For more information please email: Christina Sullivan marriageandfamily@starparish.com



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 2026-May 2027

Every other Wednesday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
 Star of the Sea Gym 345 8th Ave (2nd Floor)
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 Contact coordinator, Andrea Waliszewski: andrea@starparish.com
 To register: flocknote.com/star
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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 from Sept. 13, 2026 to May 2027
 Teachers: Alyson Voltmer and Kistrin Cozier
 To register: <https://starparish.com/programs/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>




First Holy Communion Preparation
For children 7 years old and up
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Sunday classes: 10:30am - 11:15am
 Stella Maris Academy classroom
 Program runs: Sept. 13, 2026 to May 2027
 Teacher: Clarice Mandala
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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.



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

Time: 17 communal Rosaries were prayed at the parish last week.
Talent: 12 lectors served at our Masses last week.
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