



**Welcome Fathers Edwin and Juan** Last week we said good-bye to two priests (Fathers James and Javier) and this week we say hello to two priests: Fr. Edwin Abudho from Nigeria was with us for two months last summer and will be at Star

through August 2; Fr. Juan Razo from Mexico was with us six months ago and will be in the parish through August 4. Fr. John Chung will be stopping by for a week at the end of the month. So many priests love this little parish in San Francisco! Last week two priests from Switzerland who were spending three days in the City asked if they could do their holy hours in our chapel, so I gave them the codes. And the week before that a missionary priest from Ecuador, who had heard about our Eucharistic chapel, spent a few days making his holy hours and offering private Masses in the chapel. I just love being in a shrine parish, with an international reputation for prayer and devotion, that receives holy visitors every day of the year. You meet so many interesting and good people at Star of the Sea. Last week I was heading out on my daily bike ride and passed and older couple taking pictures of the church façade. "Where are you from?" I asked. In the Queen's English, the wife replied "London, and you have such a beautiful church!" She had a dozen apparition shrine pamphlets in her hand.... do you know that our secretaries restock about 125 of those pamphlets on Our Lady's apparitions every week?

**A Second Book** I'm off to Ireland after Sunday Masses today for a month, returning August 13. Last summer I finished two manuscripts, one now published as *Star of the West*, and this summer I'll get the second manuscript ready for submission to a publisher. It



*The parish welcomes Thomas and Jacqueline Jacobi's third baby, Bruno Damiano*

will be called *Mother of the Light* and detail 18 apparitions of Our Lady, analyzing common themes and messages. The Bible has 73 books, but we read them together, as one book, and I've discovered that the same should be done with the 25 apparitions of Mary. Each of them is a "book" in itself, but fully understood only when reading them together as one book.

**The Bankruptcy** You may have heard that the Archdiocese has settled its Chapter 11 bankruptcy from 540 claims of clergy sexual crimes, most of them having been perpetrated decades ago. Each parish and school, along with the seminary, Catholic Charities, and the Catholic Cemeteries, will have to contribute to this \$495 million settlement. Our parish and school must contribute \$1.5 million, but we are hoping it can come from our endowments and not significantly affect our operating budgets. The good news is that this settlement will bring these lawsuits to a close and protect us from future claims. The bad news, of course, are these reprehensible crimes themselves, and the failure of Church leadership to discipline her bishops and priests. Most of these crimes were male priests abusing male teens; most of the victims have lost their faith in Christ because of the sins of their fathers; most have suffered lifelong trauma from these vicious and unnatural acts. Let us pray that, from now on, our bishops will

rigorously screen seminarians and discipline their clergy according to canon law. The Church is undergoing a crucifixion, as did her Lord, and we must accept this humiliation as a penance for the salvation of souls. One silver lining of this settlement is that now the Archbishop can establish our parish as a Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady, which the lawyers counseled against until the bankruptcy process was completed.

*Fr. Joseph Illo*

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# The Sunday Scripture

**One in Four (Is 55: 10-11; 8: 18-23; Mt 13: 1-23)** Today's parable is about four different kinds of soil. The seed is the Word of God, planted evenly in all four kinds of ground, but only one bears fruit. In America, only one in four Catholics attends Mass every Sunday. And among those attending Mass weekly, only one in four are fully committed to all the teachings of the Church. Make sure you are that one in four!



## Eucharistic Adoration

We commemorate St. Kateri Tekawitha on July 14. Her mother was Catholic and her father a Mohawk chief. Both died in a polio outbreak. After encountering missionaries, she became Catholic. She took the name Kateri, after St. Catherine of Siena. However, she was the ridicule of the town- so she walked 200

miles to Montreal where she was revered for her Eucharistic piety, attending Mass and Adoration. She is quoted "I put myself entirely into the hands of Jesus..."

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

# Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 07/11	8:30am	Int. of Joe and Joan Flanders
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	† Maria Leonor and Eulogia Najarro
<b>Sunday</b> 07/12	8:00am	† George Michael Herger
	9:30am	Int. of Felix, Lucy & The Tai Family
	11:30am	Int. of The Martin Family
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 07/13	7:00am	Int. of Corinna Gamez
	12noon	Int. of Angela Ochoa Int. of Josip Martinovic Int. of Mercedes Alvarez and Family Int. for the health of Croatian Soccer Team
		† Phyllis LoRusso
	6:00pm	Int. for World Peace Int. of Zackary Steinmitz Int. of McCalls Catering Team
		† Luisito Barron † Souls in Purgatory † Benedictus and Susana Wang
<b>Tuesday</b> 07/14	7:00am	Int. of Philip Schnur
	12noon	† William Arroyo, Jr.
	6:00pm	Int. of Fergus Feria (bday)
<b>Wednesday</b> 07/15	7:00am	Int. of Theresa & Barney Marshall (anniv)
	12noon	† Jose Abantao
	6:00pm	† Joseph Nicolosi
<b>Thursday</b> 07/16	7:00am	† Ramon and Angela Koh
	12noon	Int. of Catalino Echiverri and Family
	6:00pm	† Robert Brautigan
<b>Friday</b> 07/17	7:00am	† Sanchie Erabi
	12noon	Int. of Gloria and Harvey Sue
	6:00pm	† Margaret Brennan Walsh and Fr. Oliver Walsh
<b>Saturday</b> 07/18	8:30am	† Catherine Chow
	12noon	† Sutikho Gandasubroto
	4:30pm	† Petrel Chan

## FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha: A Story of Devotion to God** (children's video) The inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha (audio)** Experience our first Native American Saint's struggles to follow Our Lord within her tribe and through the teachings of some early Jesuit Missionaries. These narrated stories with voices and sound effects bring to life the books of Mary Fabyan Windeatt. Learn how these normal people struggled and sought God's will in their choices.

## 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, Carmelita Estioko, Anne Lintner and all sick parishioners.



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

**Baptismal Blessings** for Bruno Damiano Jacobi, son of Thomas and Jacqueline Jacobi.

## 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

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b> Parish office, 415-751-0450 <a href="http://www.starparish.com">www.starparish.com</a>	<b>BAPTISM, MARRIAGE &amp; ALL SACRAMENTS</b> 415-751-0450
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<b>Foundation of Prayers for Priests</b> Carmen Duran   Register: <a href="http://foundationforpriests.org">foundationforpriests.org</a>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate</b> Thursdays 6-7pm & Sat. 10-11am. 1522 Bush St. <a href="http://star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life">star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life</a>
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<b>Tuesday Bible Study</b> 3-4:30pm at Parish Rectory. Bill McCarty 415-876-8551	<b>Holy Name Society (Divine Mercy Devotion)</b> Thelma Queri 415-751-0450
<b>Bulletin Announcements</b> We welcome your Ad submissions! Due: Tuesdays, 3pm. Contact bulletin editor: <a href="mailto:mariella@starparish.com">mariella@starparish.com</a>	<b>Volunteer Opportunities</b> 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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## STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

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

*"Please add what the payment is for. Thank you!"*

## PLANNED GIVING

### ONE CHARITABLE GIFT, A LEGACY OF FAITH

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### GET STARTED WITH A PLANNED GIFT

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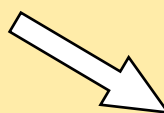
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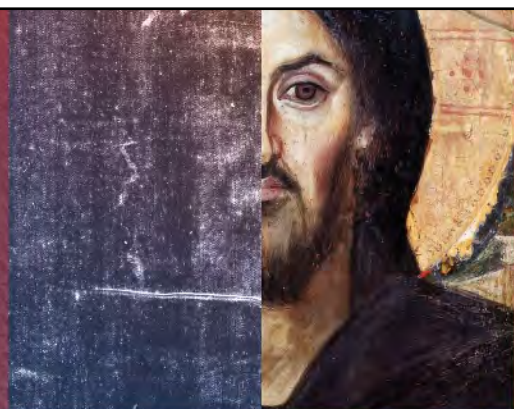
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Program starts September 2026

Teachers: Alyson Voltmer and Kisstrin Cozier

For more information and to register visit:

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### STEWARDS STATS

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

**Time:** 24 people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet last Saturday.

**Talent:** Two volunteers helped at the rectory office last week.

**Treasure:** Sunday Offering \$9,804 | Venezuela \$3,219  
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