

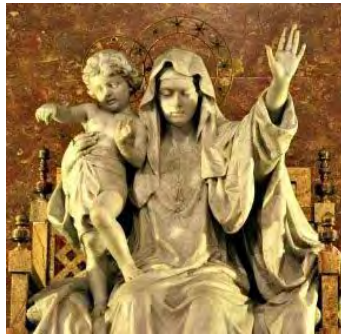


Month of the Assumption In August we celebrate three feasts of Holy Mary, our Queen. On August 5 is the feast of Our Lady of the Snows; on August 15 it's the fourth Glorious Mystery, the Assumption of Mary; on August 22, the Octave

Day of the Assumption, we celebrate the Coronation of Mary our Queen. I'm looking forward to celebrating a Solemn High Mass on August 15 at 12noon, and in fact I will be returning from Ireland the day before for just that purpose. Here in the Land of Saints and Scholars, I'm making good progress on the final revision of my book on Our Lady's apparitions, *Mother of the Light*. Here is an excerpt from Chapter 2, on the role of angels in her apparitions.

"In the July 13 message at Fatima, the **angel's sword** of justice is outshone by the splendor of mercy from Our Lady's hand. Consistent with this, on October 13 the flaming sun, hurtling to destroy the earth, is stayed by Our Lady's hand. The angels deliver God's justice, as the angel of death took the lives of the firstborn in Egypt for Pharaoh's obstinacy; an angel took 70,000 lives in Israel for David's sin. But the Divine Mercy, pouring through the heart of the Mother, tempers the Divine Justice that could have incinerated the 70,000 people at the Cova da Iria in 1917.

"At La Salette, **Our Lady wept**, saying that she would not be able to stay the hand of her Son's justice if the people persisted in their blasphemies and Sunday field work. She warned that the wheat and potato crops would fail, and indeed they did the following autumn, precipitating Europe's worst depression of the 19th century and riots across the continent. Divine justice follows human injustice as surely as sunrise follows sunset, and while the intercession of the saints can defer sin's consequences, the Natural Law is not mocked.



The Queen of Angels calls mankind to repentance before we reach the point of no return. Men in the 21st century blame climate change on the burning of fossil fuels, but Our Lady and the prophets pointed to a much deeper cause. 'You defiled the land by your wicked harlotry,' Jeremiah told the children of Israel in the 7th century BC. 'Therefore, the showers are withheld, the spring rain failed.'

"The angels administer **God's justice** to maintain the balance of nature, but they also administer God's grace. At Fatima, the "bishop in white" is shot down by soldiers, but two angels catch the blood of the martyrs with crystal aspersoria, sprinkling it over the people. The blood of these saints, mingled with the blood of Christ streaming from the Cross, waters

the way up this mountain, giving grace and strength to its pilgrims. At Kibeho Our Lady usually asked the visionaries to 'water the flowers,' which they did by sprinkling holy water on the crowds. Each of us is a growing plant in Our Lady's garden, and her angels are the gardeners, both weeding and watering. At the end

of the world, the angels will bring those who submit to God into heaven, and they will condemn those who rebel against Him to hell. Without Our Lady's tearful intercession, these angels would send many more souls to hell than to heaven. The apparitions show her to be the angels' Queen, staying their chastising hands to bring as many of her rebellious children to eternal life as God permits."

Humanae Vitae Last week I wrote about Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical on human life and birth control, as July 25 was the 58th anniversary of its publication. The Church condemns the use of artificial contraceptives because it blocks fruit of the marital act, but there is an even graver reason, and that is because many forms of birth control kill a human embryo that has already been conceived. Most of us do not know this, to our peril. *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

Sheep Without A Shepherd (Is 55: 1-3; Rom 8: 35, 37-39; Mt 14: 13-21) Christ weeps for us in today's Gospel, because we wander about, lost and hungry, with no shepherd to care for us. Here in Ireland, where I am, there are many sheep but few shepherds. In the Land of Saints and Scholars today, in a country that has evangelized the entire world in years past, most parishes here almost never hear confessions and daily Mass is often canceled. Christ weeps.



Eucharistic Adoration

The feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, Doctor of the Church, and founder of the Redemptorists, is August 1. He is known for promoting adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, writing *Visits to the Blessed Sacrament and the*

Blessed Virgin Mary, which led to a wider practice of Eucharistic adoration. He is quoted, "In a quarter of an hour's prayer, spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you will perhaps gain more than in all the other spiritual exercises of the day."

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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Saint John Vianney—August 4 Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests.



The Transfiguration of the Lord—August 6 Together all of these Scripture passages point toward the divinity of Jesus Christ, one of the most important points of our faith as Christians.

This key doctrine is also a great mystery:

How can Jesus be fully man? What does that mean? How well do we understand this claim? Can we explain it and defend it?



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, Zuleyka Sierra, Anne Lintner, William Feria Anderson and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Marta Grace and Fr. Benjamin Madu

Mass Intentions

Saturday 08/01	8:30am	Int. of Saori Okawa and Family
	12noon	† Angela Koh (bday)
	4:30pm	† Dwight Faulding
Sunday 08/02	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	† Maria Casavilca (anniv)
	11:30am	Int. of Canon Norman
	7:30pm	Int. of Jimmy Cheong and Helen Park
Monday 08/03	7:00am	† Ruth Fustini and Sister Dorothy
	12noon	Int. of Dennis Ow and Family Int. of Maria Belen Rojas Mantilla Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri for healing † Shin Choi † Phyllis LoRusso † Souls in Purgatory † Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
	6:00pm	Int. of Sis. Carol and Sanctuary Missionaries of Divine Mercy † Leda Sanford † Catherine Chow † Souls in Purgatory † Deacon Ray Emnase
Tuesday 08/04	7:00am	† For Holy Souls
	12noon	Int. for Luca Celentano for healing
	6:00pm	† Nick and Mary Donohue
Wednesday 08/05	7:00am	† Mario and Maria Bruno
	12noon	Int. of Dolores Papa and family
	6:00pm	Int. of Thomas Feria (bday)
Thursday 08/06	7:00am	Int. of Debbie Tickler-Goold
	12noon	† Guillermo Manzon (bday)
	6:00pm	† Rene Ing
Friday 08/07	7:00am	Int. of Matthew Aguirre (bday)
	12noon	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Saturday 08/08	8:30am	Int. of Andrew Choi (bday)
	12noon	Int. for those who work in the Pro-Life Movement
	4:30pm	Int. Thanksgiving of Thelma Queri and family



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.

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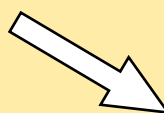
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To register: flocknote.com/star
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Catholic in Recovery

Weekly on Thursday, 7:45 pm

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 2390 Bush Street
Flower Room (behind the main altar)

Men seeking support for addiction or general recovery are welcome to join Catholic in Recovery, a faith-based program that combines 12-step principles with the prayer and the sacraments of the Catholic Church.

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Program runs from Sept. 13, 2026 to May 2027

Teachers: Alyson Voltmer and Kisstrin Cozier

To register: <https://starparish.com/programs/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/>



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Stella Maris Academy classroom

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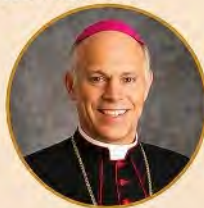
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Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

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Talent: 4 volunteers helped to clean and replenish candles last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,489

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