



Cathedral's Patronal Feast

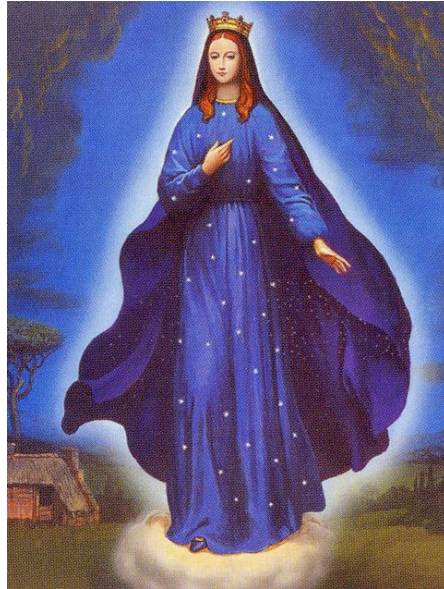
This coming Saturday is the Fourth Glorious Mystery, the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into heaven. This Dogma, declared in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, necessarily follows the Dogma of the

Immaculate Conception, declared in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. If Mary was conceived without original sin, then she could not die. The feast of the Assumption itself leads to the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, celebrated on its Octave (eighth) Day (August 22), because the fifth glorious mystery (the Coronation of Mary) follows the fourth mystery (the Assumption). She was assumed into heaven *to be crowned* Queen of Angels and Men. Because our Cathedral is "St. Mary of the Assumption," this feast of Our Lady takes on special importance to us. Fr. Javier will offer a Solemn High Mass of the Assumption this Saturday at 12noon with myself as subdeacon, and seminarian Will Hays, who entered the Fraternity of St. Peter from our parish three years ago, as straw subdeacon.

Archdiocesan Shrine I'm in my last week here in Ireland, reading and writing about the apparitions of Our Lady throughout history. My forthcoming book, God willing, will be entitled *Mother of the Light*, but the more I write, the more I read, and the more I read, the more I find on Our Lady's apparitions. In particular, I've come to realize the importance of *shrines*. Every diocese, and certainly every archdiocese, should have a shrine to Mary, and San Francisco doesn't have one! Our Cathedral serves as a kind of shrine but has not been formally established as such. We need a shrine with many daily Masses, rosaries,

devotional materials, candlelit shrines, and Eucharistic adoration. Hmmm. That sounds like what we already have! But what we don't have is the canonical title of "Archdiocesan shrine." With the help of several parishioners, I began this canonical process about six years ago, and the Archbishop was all for it. But then Covid hit, and then the Archdiocesan bankruptcy, so the project was put on hold. Now that those two nasty events are past us, I will be moving forward again on the effort to establish our parish as a shrine of Our Lady in San Francisco.

Pontmain One of the lesser known apparitions of Our Lady is that of "Pontmain" in France.



Our Lady of Pontmain, who appeared to six children in the night sky in France, Jan. 1871

During our parish pilgrimage to Normandy in 2024, we found ourselves in this village quite by chance and so discovered this apparition event. Did you know, of the 25 approved Marian apparitions the world over, France has five of them (Laus, Pontmain, Rue-du-Bac, Lourdes and La Salette)? That is because, perhaps, she is both the "Eldest Daughter of the Church" and the source of Enlightenment atheism and revolution. She bears much responsibility for the current state of the world, and so we should study all five French

apparitions. During my month's work here, I found another book on Pontmain, written just a few years after the apparition. She appeared at night to five children, wearing a dark blue robe full of golden stars (so different from the cold white stars in that frozen January night sky). I leave you with the words she left the children in 1871: *But pray, my children! God will answer your prayers. My Son allows himself to be moved [by your pleas].* That night, the German army retreated, and the village was saved, and the soldiers returned to their homes. In every age, Mary is our Holy Protection. *Fr. Joseph 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

Fear (1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Rom 9: 1-5; Mt 14: 22-23) I'll never forget the T-shirt I saw a Christian woman wearing in the depths of the Covid panic. It said "Faith over Fear." She was hiking happily with friends, without masks, without fear. The world, the flesh, and devil seek to keep us from God by fear. Peter himself, in today's gospel, loses his nerve and sinks. But he calls to Jesus for help. When you are afraid, go to Mass or adoration, pray the rosary, or just say a quick prayer. And you will lose your fear.



Eucharistic Adoration

We celebrate St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (formally Dr. Edith Stein) on August 9th. She was born Jewish, but became an atheist. She read about the Life of Teresa of Avila, which inspired her to become Catholic. Later, she joined the Discalced Carmelites. She was eventually captured and

killed at Auschwitz. She had a profound devotion to the Eucharist, and is quoted, "The Lord is present ...for us... He knows that we...need to have Him personally near."

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

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

Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp. Thanks to the help of kind-hearted people, he finds shelter. Later Jan hears about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates. Though free from Auschwitz, Jan is confronted by the life and death of Maximilian Kolbe wherever he goes...Maximilian Kolbe was canonized by his fellow countryman, Pope St. John Paul II, who proclaimed Kolbe as the "patron saint of the difficult 20th century."

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, Luca Celentano, William Fera Anderson and all sick parishioners.
In Loving Memory of Serena Juan Chander, Consuelo Lopez, Mark d'Ercole and Mrs. Davis.



Mass Intentions

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
Sunday 08/09	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Estrelle Chan (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of Joe and Joan Flanders
	7:30pm	† Jorge Recinos
Monday 08/10	7:00am	† David Quast
	12noon	Int. of David Shubeck Int. of Zackary Steinmitz Int. of Thelma Queri and Family † Sharon Tate † Souls in Purgatory † Joy Celyn Amanate
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Juan Razo Garcia † Souls in Purgatory † Serena Juan Chander † Louis Thomas Walsh (anniv) † Magdalena Guce-Hernandez
Tuesday 08/11	7:00am	† Pedro Lopez Dominguez
	12noon	† Letitia M. Dunne
	6:00pm	† Magdalena Hernandez & Clara Cortez
Wednesday 08/12	7:00am	Int. of Clare Hallquist
	12noon	Int. of Felix, Lucy & The Tai Family
	6:00pm	† Carlito Vallejera
Thursday 08/13	7:00am	Int. of Rosa Ma (bday)
	12noon	† George McLoone
	6:00pm	† Walter Lee
Friday 08/14	7:00am	† Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	† Catalino T. Nicolas
	6:00pm	† All Souls
Saturday 08/15	8:30am	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri
	12noon	Int. of Elizabeth Reilly
	4:30pm	Int. of Noemi Ladwiniec



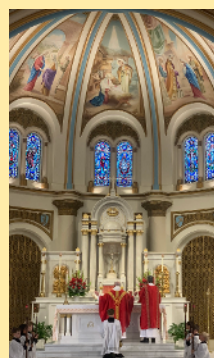
Request a Mass Intention

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 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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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

Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA.

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

Please add what the payment is for. Thanks!

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.

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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.



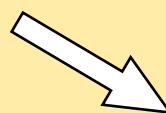
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Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?

You are invited: The program runs from Aug. 2026 to May 2027

Every other Wednesday: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Star of the Sea Gym 345 8th Ave (2nd Floor)
San Francisco, CA 94118

Contact coordinator, Andrea Waliszewski: andrea@starparish.com
To register: flocknote.com/star
Or use QR code (we will contact you)



First Holy Communion Preparation For children 7 years old and up

Sunday classes: 10:30am - 11:15am
Stella Maris Academy classroom
Program runs: Sept. 13, 2026 to May 2027
Teacher: Clarice Mandala
To register visit:
<https://starparish.com/programs/catechesis/>

Catholic in Recovery Weekly on Thursday, 7:45 pm

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 2390 Bush Street

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.

For information, contact Fr. Elias at eford@opwest.org.
For online and local meetings: CatholicInRecovery.com.



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Walking with Hope: Living the Gospel of Life Today

**Saturday,
August 29, 2026**

8:00 am - 2:00 pm
St. Anthony, Manteca
505 E North St
Manteca, CA 95336

Mass Celebrated by
Bishop Myron J. Cotta

Keynote Session:

1. Abortion Pill Reversal, a Second Chance at Choice
2. The Current Pro-Life Climate: Fighting the Wild, Wild West
3. Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Issues: Protecting Life and Conscience

Other opportunities:

- Fellowship with continental breakfast and lunch
- Ministry Fair

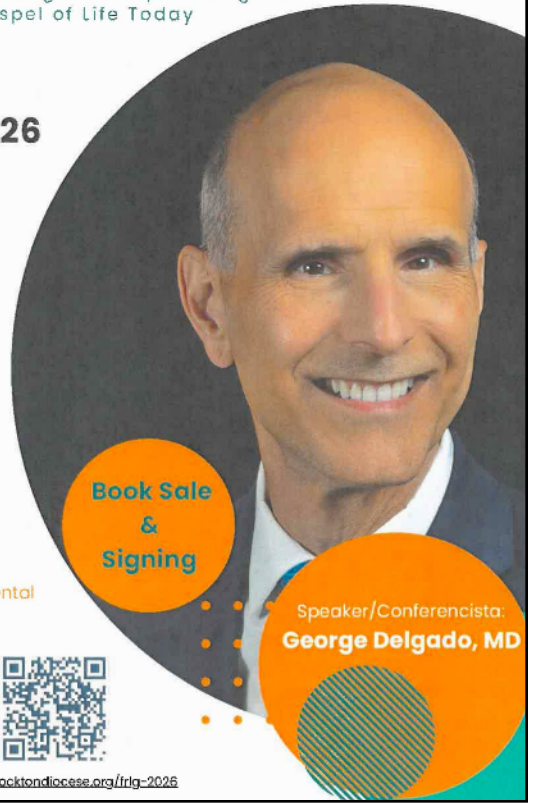
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Speaker/Conferencista:
George Delgado, MD

Pre-Register:



<https://stocktondiocese.org/lrtg-2026>



Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Saturday, August 15;
12 noon Traditional Latin High Mass
at Star of the Sea



STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: 30+ people joined the Lady of Perpetual Help devotional prayers last Wednesday.

Talent: 11 lectors served at the Masses last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$8,469

To give online: www.starparish.com/give