



Tithing Every so often pastors must remind their flocks that tithing is a Biblical precept (Leviticus 27:30), and the fifth precept of the Church (see Catechism #2043). Why does God command that we return a portion of our blessings? Does

Almighty God need your money to pay the electric bill? No, God does not need our tithe, since He owns everything already. He can run this planet, and this Church, quite well without our help. But He commands that we tithe because it is healthy and good for us. *We don't give to a need; we have a need to give.* Money has a way of sticking to us, and the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10). Consider what ultimately motivates every political movement in history: money. What really motivates big tech and big pharma and big med: it's not concern for others. It's profit. The UCSF and Kaiser and Sutter Health billboards that declare how much Big Med "loves you"—it's laughable! Many beloved nurses and doctors at these massive hospital systems truly love their patients, but what sets the industry's policies is simply profit. "The business of America is business," and money talks, much louder than the still small voice of God, which we have get very quiet to hear (hence our adoration chapel).

The love of money is deadly, and to save us from self-destructive greed, God commands us to tithe. Giving 10% of our money away frees us from our obsession with cash. For the first five years of my priesthood I didn't tithe, and I worried about money. Then a brother priest invited me to hear a talk by a

married couple on tithing, which won me over. I decided to tithe 10% immediately, even though I had just borrowed \$10,000 to buy a new car. Even though it had taken me three years to save \$17,000 for this car, somehow I was able to repay this \$10,000 within four months. Where did this money come from? Well, the bishop paid me for expenses incurred in my work for the diocesan vocations program, money that I did not ask for or expect; another man who owed me a few thousand paid me back unexpectedly; and a few other windfalls came my way. I still don't really know where the money came from, except that it came from God. It was His little sign that I could, indeed, trust Him, that *tithing works!* From the moment I began to tithe I stopped worrying about money. Do you know that during the Covid lockdowns, when parishes were running out of money, our parish built a medical clinic in Kenya, helped open the Bella Clinic here in San Francisco, and put \$500,000 into painting our church? Our finance council is amazed, at times, how the money keeps rolling in, just when we need it. The money comes from God, and he will



The best things in life do not come from those massive container ships filled with things we do not need, but from the simple and pure love of God.



always feed and clothe us, like the lilies of the field. Now, I know most Catholics don't tithe much. Our parish does better than most, but still most of us don't give anywhere near the 10% of our income away that the Bible commands. Try it. I warmly recommend that you at least test the waters, like I did in 1996. But give it a test run: see if God doesn't give you more than you give Him. He doesn't always give hard cash right away, but he always gives those who tithe joy and peace of mind. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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EUCHARISTIC 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

The Christ (Is 22: 19-23; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20) Peter makes his great profession of faith today: “You are the Christ....” He proclaimed Christ as Lord and Messiah. Peter, fragile and weak, would go back on that declaration a few times, but in the end he died for Christ, his Lord. “Jesus Christ is Lord” is the most important phrase we can utter, and one of the simplest and profound prayers we can say. Jesus is Lord, what have we to fear?



Eucharistic Adoration August 28th is the feast day of St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church. He had a devout mother, St. Monica, who prayed for his conversion for many years, as he led a very risqué lifestyle. He had a conversion and was baptized by St. Ambrose at the age of 33. He became a priest, a bishop and founded a monastic community. He fought heresy, and wrote the book, *Confessions* and *The City of God*. He is quoted, “*You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.*” Come find rest by signing up for a Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star And! We need adorers! Mon 9 am; 10 am; Tues 1 pm; Wed 9 am; Thurs 1 pm 9 am: 10 am; 1 pm; Fri 9 am; 10am; Sat 11 am; 10 pm; 11 pm and Sun 1 pm. Also the Eucharistic Rosary Congress (ERC) is 10/7-10/15 Please [Sign Up to Be a Rosary Lead](#): signup.com

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS
<http://watch.formed.org> | **Free to all parishioners!**

Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine The true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known saints. Its message of sin, conversion, and redemption is as timely today as it was in the fifth century. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. Alongside Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance.

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 Feria Anderson and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of James Murphy, Arthur Cortez, Catherine Tuttle, and Wayne Johnson, Kuniaki Naito, and Tom Podesta.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 08/22	8:30am	† Valerie Meehan
	12noon	Int. of Elizabeth Reilly
	4:30pm	Int. of Mariella Zevallos (bday)
Sunday 08/23	8:00am	† Wilfred Chow
	9:30am	† Elky Patino
	11:30am	† Laura Tarbox
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 08/24	7:00am	Int. of Christine Smalley So
	12noon	Int. Thanksgiving of Lourdes Cana † Doris Nevis † Jess Stone † Nobuto Yoshida † Souls in Purgatory † Murphy Lee Thomas † Susan De Castro Dee
	6:00pm	Int. of Ron Quinn Int. of Keanu Escobar Int. of Sr. Carol and Sanctuary Missionaries of Divine Mercy † Antonio Diaz † Luisito Barron † Veronica Hancock † Armand Castaneda
Tuesday 08/25	7:00am	† Gussie Lyon
	12noon	Int of Rosa and Christopher Mendoza
	6:00pm	† Purita Arroyo
Wednesday 08/26	7:00am	Int. of Sally Durbin (bday)
	12noon	† Romelito Sendin (bday)
	6:00pm	† Wilfred Chow (bday)
Thursday 08/27	7:00am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	12noon	Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza
	6:00pm	Int. of Tina Chow
Friday 08/28	7:00am	† Vincent Patrick Walsh (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
	6:00pm	† Man Wand Chao
Saturday 08/29	8:30am	Int. of Paul Kelley
	12noon	† Ping Foon and Keng Phay Hsum Wong
	4:30pm	Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza (bday)



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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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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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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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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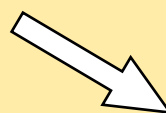
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The program starts on Aug. 26, 2026

Wednesday: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Star of the Sea Gym 345 8th Ave - San Francisco

Contact coordinator, Andrea Waliszewski:

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Star of the Sea Speaker Series Presentation



Sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima
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FR. LAWRENCE LEW, O.P.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

6pm: Mass followed by Rosary

7pm Talk: Pray the Rosary for Life.
Mary's Weapon for our times.

8pm: Reception and book signing:
Mysteries made visible. (In the auditorium after presentation).
Free event. All are welcome!



EL COMBATE ESPIRITUAL 2026

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DE LA BAHÍA DE SAN FRANCISCO

Star of the Sea
Septiembre, 12
8:30am - 3:30pm
Inscripción:
7:30am-8:30am

Registrarse: \$30
www.sfarch.org/hombres
\$40 (día del evento)



CONFERENCISTA PRINCIPAL: **PADRE JAVIER OLIVERA RAVASI**
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Join us on Saturday, September 5
for a Rosary Pilgrimage at Star of the
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pray the Rosary while processing
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Shrines with time for quiet reflection
and the opportunity to light a candle.



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STEWARDS STATS

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

Time: Two volunteers helped in the parish office last week.
Talent: 20+ people joined the Our Lady of Perpetual Help
devotional prayer last Wednesday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$9,564

Assumption \$1,921

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