



The First Day Stella Maris

Academy began the school year last Monday with an auditorium full of excited students, parents, and teachers. It's the 117th year since Fr. Philip

O'Ryan opened his parish school in 1909, and the 6th year since we restored its classical teaching methods and full Catholic identity in 2020, thanks be to God. On that first day in six years ago, a little girl (Paloma Padilla) gave me a shiny red apple, which I received gratefully as the children filed into their first classes. Paloma's father, Manuel, has become a pillar of our parish, with his wife Sofia, along with their other daughter, Eva (he coordinates our wonderful **Eucharistic Rosary Congress**, coming up Oct 7-15). Paloma's sister Eva did *not* offer me a shiny red apple, perhaps to avoid any ambiguous biblical overtones! But Eve, like all of us, has been redeemed through the blood of Christ, thanks be to God. Proclaiming this Redemption in Christ, and the Sacraments that effect this Redemption, is the core purpose of our school.

Mazzetti's Last Wednesday, I had a 7am Mass at the Missionaries of Charity men's shelter in Pacifica. Usually I do the Mass and go straight back to the parish, grimly enduring morning traffic on the way back. But this time I decided to get a danish and coffee after Mass at the well-beloved Mazzetti's bakery. Mrs. Mazzetti, wiping flour from her hands on a pretty apron, kindly asked if I was the new priest at St. Peter's in Pacifica. I said I was from Star of the Sea but once a month to offered Mass for Mother Teresa's sisters down the street. She smiled sweetly and asked which pastry I would like for breakfast. I pointed to one and extended my credit card. "Oh no, Father, it's on me. Help yourself to coffee

over there," she said, pointing to the steaming urns by the window. I took my breakfast and walked to the esplanade, sitting on a bench for a splendid meal. And the waves rushed into the sand far below me.



The Gift of Life And I began to notice activity all around me. First of all, a pod of California Gray whales were spouting and breaching a quarter of a mile offshore. Sea lions barking away, pelicans dive bombing, gulls crying out, joggers running, a photographer scanning the waters, a USPS driver chatting with the photographer, dogwalkers

trotting with their dogs sniffing about, cormorants gliding the waves, crows cawing, and along came a gaggle of girls babbling in French and clutching their coffees. Mrs. Mazzetti giving at the bakery, and the Missionaries of Charity singing at Mass, and a lone priest praying his breviary above the surging waters. How often have I dragged myself out of bed for this early Mass in Pacifica and glumly sat in return traffic without thanking God for the gift of life all around me? How much of life have I missed because I have not looked outside of myself? If

you are sad, if you are frustrated, if you are weary, just look up and around you. Joy is as close as the square meter beyond your own problems! Yes, we have problems. Yes, the Lord said, "in the world you will have trouble." But, He added, "take courage: I have overcome the world." Life surges and ebbs all around us, like the waves of the ocean, and it is ours only to notice the great symphony of life swelling to and fro in this beautiful universe. Take the time to stop, look, and listen, dear friends! Be not afraid, and be not discouraged, because God continually pours forth His gifts of life and love. *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

(Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12: 1-2; Mt 16: 21-27) Satan Jesus calls His first Pope "Satan" in today's reading. Last week I attended a superb concert at the cathedral (with many others from Star) of music from the Sistine Chapel Choir, and one piece by Palestrina, Oremus pro pontifice, stirred my heart. We must "pray for the pope," because Satan wants to corrupt him more than any man alive. Let us pray for the Pope, as Jesus prayed for Peter, that his strength and faith may not fail him, so he can strengthen his brothers.



Eucharistic Adoration We celebrate St. Pius X on September 3rd (TLM). He is known as the "Pope of the Eucharist" as his entire papacy and motto *Instaurare Omnia in Christo* ("To restore all things in Christ") was focused on leading the faithful toward a deep union with Jesus through the Holy Eucharist and Eucharistic adoration. He is quoted "The Eucharist is the shortest and safest way to heaven".

You can sign up for Adoration at www.adorationpro.org/star
We need adorers! Mon 9 am; 10 am; Tues 1 pm; Thurs 9 am; 10 am; Sat 10 pm; 11 pm and Sun 1 pm.

Eucharistic Rosary Congress 10/7-10/15 Please sign up to be a Rosary Lead: [Sign Up to Be a Rosary Lead](#)

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Homeless But Human | Christ in the City

This documentary captures the transformation of individuals living on the streets that the Christ in the City missionaries encounter and showcases a new approach to the rising crisis of homelessness. The film's videographer spent a year with the missionaries, providing a rare opportunity to see the incredible impact they have on the lives of those they serve. Through their unique relational approach, Christ in the City is changing lives and offering hope to those who have lost everything.

Parish Prayer Intentions

For the Sick Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Shawn Mickle, Justin Chin, Andrew Abdo, Julie Johnson, Maria Avedano, Denis Von Kaeppler, Oliva Setiawaty, O Lai Sau King, John Brennan, Benjamin Tan, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey, Pedro Mendoza, Sonia Lee, Mary Ann Brautigan, Deacon Albert Nimri, Virginia Rosillo, Zuleyka Sierra, Luca Celentano, Fernandita Dizon, Jay Strickwerdal and Rhoda Chiu and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Irene Naughton



Mass Intentions

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)
Sunday 08/30	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of Gianna Takita
	11:30am	† Ronald Henderson
	7:30pm	† Charles Roberts
Monday 08/31	7:00am	† Ramon Koh (bday)
	12noon	† Juan Samonte † Denis J. Emmett † Carmelita Estioko † Souls in Purgatory † Eduardo Historiador † Susan De Castro Dee † John Quentin Newman
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosa de Lima Mendoza Int. of Christopher Lardizabal (bday) † David Chang † Patrick Meissner † Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 09/01	7:00am	† Michael Gargano
	12noon	† Cheuk Man Cheng
	6:00pm	† Eulogia Rodrigues
Wednesday 09/02	7:00am	Int. of Javier Olivera Ravasi
	12noon	† Violet K. Cheng
	6:00pm	† Zanter Troy Soriano
Thursday 09/03	7:00am	Int. of Wit Kojder
	12noon	Int. of Lheng McCormack and Family
	6:00pm	Int. of Agnes Leung (bday)
Friday 09/04	7:00am	Int. of Lou Koh (bday)
	12noon	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	† For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
Saturday 09/05	8:30am	† Sanjiv Jhangiani
	12noon	Int. of Clarice Mandala
	4:30pm	Int. of Thomas and Cynthia Laurie

MARRIAGE & FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Engaged couples & families are invited to enjoy a free meal hosted at Holy Family House (former convent across 8th Ave) after both the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Call Sean 415-770-9504 for the gate code.

Programs & Apostolates

GENERAL INFORMATION Parish office, 415-751-0450 www.starparish.com	BAPTISM, MARRIAGE & ALL SACRAMENTS 415-751-0450
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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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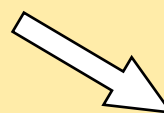
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The program starts on September, 2

Wednesday: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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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!



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2026

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Join us on Saturday, September 5 for a Rosary Pilgrimage at Star of the Sea Parish after the 8:30am Mass. We pray the Rosary while processing through all the Marian Apparition Shrines with time for quiet reflection and the opportunity to light a candle.

Legatus San Francisco Leadership Summit | September 23, 5 pm-9 pm Join us at the historic Mission Dolores for an evening of faith, fellowship, and Catholic leadership. The evening begins with Rosary and Mass, followed by a reception, dinner, and a Catholic leaders panel, with Kathleen Domingo, Fr. Joseph Fessio, Andrew Galvan, Zachariah Huckins, and Stephen Henley. All are welcome. Cost is \$95. You can register through [Eventbrite Legatus Leadership Summit](#)



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Time: 27 people joined the Divine Mercy chaplet last Saturday.

Talent: Five parish apostolates provided the Sunday hospitality during the month of August.

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