



San Francisco's only 24/7

One day a year I preach all the Masses on the great blessings God sends us when we practice Eucharistic adoration, and next Sunday will be that day. When Star of the Sea opened its adoration chapel in 2016, it

was the only round-the-clock Eucharistic chapel in the City of San Francisco. Today, ten years later, it is still the City's only chapel with nonstop adoration, but—thanks be to God—other Perpetual Eucharistic chapels have opened in Novato and Half Moon Bay. In 2016, the “St. Joseph Chapel at Star of the Sea” (which is its official name, as you can read in the inscription above the archway) joined two earlier Eucharistic chapels at Nativity Parish in Menlo Park and St. Bruno's in San Bruno. Today the Archdiocese has five continuously open Eucharistic chapels, all to the glory and praise of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Because Star of the Sea is the only chapel in this City where the Eucharist is always available, we parishioners have a responsibility to keep it open. Our parish community put \$230,000 into renovating the chapel in 2016, and today we put in about 450 hours of prayer every week. That means that each year, our community puts in more than 23,000 hours of prayer a year before the Blessed Sacrament in this chapel.

Lonely in Paris In 1997, I brought a group of 80 young people to the Parish for John Paul II's World Youth Day, five days of intense activity, prayer, and fellowship. On a Tuesday afternoon I got them all back on a flight to San Francisco and remained behind for a few days in the city. At about 8pm that night, all alone in a foreign

city, I was feeling rather lonely. I had heard that, somewhere in Paris, there was a church with perpetual Eucharistic adoration, freely open to all, day and night. It was the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre, the impressive Basilica of the Sacred Heart on “Martyr's Hill,” Montmartre, up from Anvers Metro station. Twenty years before the church was even dedicated, the Archdiocese of Paris opened the doors of the unfinished basilica for Eucharistic adoration. From August 1, 1885, the Eucharist has never ceased to be available to the faithful, exposed without interruption to this day. So on that lonely night in 1997, I packed my troubles into a bag and got on the metro. Climbing the 222 steps from the Metro to the Basilica, I found Jesus inside with about fifty people of every nationality and economic class. I was no longer lonely because, not only did I have Jesus, but fifty new friends, all praying silently in God's presence, all trying our best not to be lonely.



Sacré-Cœur : in the daytime, and on the night of the blackout, July 26, 2024



The Light of the World You may know that the Opening Show of the Summer Olympics in Paris on July 26, 2024, featured a mockery of the Last Supper, among other dreary spectacles. The following evening, a power grid failure left much of Paris in the dark, except for one building. The Basilica of Sacre Coeur, in which the Holy eucharist was exposed on the altar, remained fully-lit over the dark city.

Not many people got the hint, but some did, that Christ alone is the light of the world, and to mock His Holy Eucharist throws even the most chic and powerful into darkness. Our chapel is brightly-lit day and night, and Jesus waits for you inside.

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.

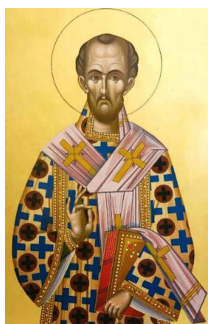
Lauds: Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers: Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Face Devotion: Tuesday 6pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus First Friday: 12 & 6pm (Latin). Divine Mercy: Sat. 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help: Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday 8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses & Sunday 11am (Latin). Sunday: 2:30pm Rosary Walk at St. Mary's Cathedral.

The Sunday Scripture

(Sir 27: 33- 28: 9; Rom 14: 7-9; Mt 18: 21-35) **49 Billion Dollars**

In today's Gospel, the "wicked servant" owed his master 10,000 "talents," which in gold would be about \$50 billion in today's money. It would take the average laborer 200,000 years of continuous work to earn that amount. Do you get the hint? We can never pay God back what we owe Him. We have to simply accept the cancellation of our debt as a free gift, and thank Him for it. We do not save ourselves.

Eucharistic Adoration



On September 13, we commemorate St John Chrysostom, an Early Father, bishop, and Doctor of the Church. His name, Chrysostom means "golden-mouthed," attributed to him for his powerful yet eloquent preaching. He had a deep devotion to the poor, the Eucharist and prayer. He is quoted, "Prayer ... gives joy to the spirit and peace to the heart."

Please sign up for Adoration at

www.adorationpro.org/star And the Eucharistic Rosary Congress is 10/7-10/15! We need Rosary leads!! Please sign up here: [Sign Up to Be a Rosary Lead](#)

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

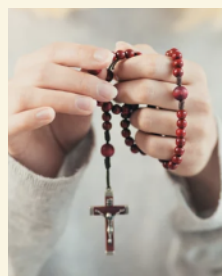
Verbum Dei: A New Series on the Word of God

Learn more about the Servants of Christ Jesus by clicking here: <https://www.scjesus.org> Verbum Dei is a weekly video and podcast series hosted by the Servants of Christ Jesus. In each video we will reflect upon and teach the truth in God's word. We will begin with multiple videos on Genesis 1 and make our way through the Old Testament highlighting practical ways you can abide in and live your life according to what God says in the Bible.

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, Rhoda Chiu, Florita Paras, Jay Strickwerda, Maria Socorro Macalalad, and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Joseph Stewart and Rami Hammadi.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 09/12	8:30am	Int. of Marilyn Bridon (Bday)
	12noon	Int. for those who work in the Pro-Life Movement
	4:30pm	Int. of Fr. Javier Ravasi (bday)
Sunday 09/13	8:00am	† James J. Sing
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Int. of Ava Gordon (bday)
	7:30pm	Int. of Sherman Tillman (bday)
Monday 09/14	7:00am	† Edward Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Zachary Steinmitz
		Int. of Elena Tillman (bday)
		Int. of Amanda Jae Viola (bday)
		Int. of Rose Marie Paras and Family
		† Queterio Cellan
		† Theresa Hughes
		† Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	Int. of Rita Fusaro
		Int. of Vivian Hanatty
Tuesday 09/15	7:00am	Int. of Andrew & Aileen Choi (25th anniv)
	12noon	† Jose Abantao
	6:00pm	† Patricia Ray
Wednesday 09/16	7:00am	Int. of Dennis Aguirre (bday)
	12noon	† Fr. Francis Felice
	6:00pm	† Violet K. Cheng
Thursday 09/17	7:00am	† Enrico Palencia
	12noon	† Rene Ing
	6:00pm	† Rolando Inkom (bday)
Friday 09/18	7:00am	Int. of Gabriel Gamez-Mendoza
	12noon	† Patricia Ray
	6:00pm	Rami Hammadi
Saturday 09/19	8:30am	† Mario and Maria Bruno
	12noon	† Emmanuel Canes
	4:30pm	† Romelito Sendin (anniv)



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

September to May - Wednesdays: 7PM-8:30PM

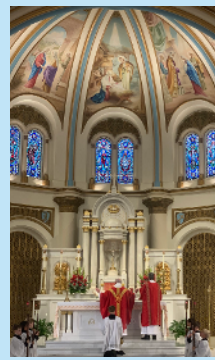
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Bulletin Announcements We welcome your Ad submissions! Due: Tuesdays, 3pm. Contact bulletin editor: mariella@starparish.com	Volunteer Opportunities Looking for a way to serve and connect at our parish? We'd love to welcome you! Mariella 415-751-0450



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Place in the collection basket, or drop envelope in the parish office mailbox: Star of the Sea 4420

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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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Please add what the payment is for.

Thank you!



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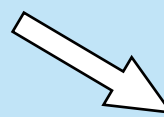
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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FEAST SEPTEMBER 27



Celebrating our Parish Patroness.

Hospitality provided by The Columbiettes, FFASTAR, The Knights of Columbus and Stella Maris Academy (Auditorium)

NOVENA SEPT. 18 - SEPT. 26
Procession after the 9:30AM Mass
Bring white roses to Our Lady!

UPCOMING AT STAR OF THE SEA

September 29, Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. 6PM
Missa Cantata.

September 30, Speaker Series presentation: Dr. Anthony Lilles, St. Patrick Seminary professor, to speak on the "Little Way of St. Therese." 7PM, Auditorium.

Apartment Needed

One of our school families has undergone a tragedy and needs to find a new apartment. The recently-widowed mother and her son can pay \$2,000/month and are looking for a home reasonably near the parish. If you have, or know of, such an apartment, please call Fr. Joseph at the parish office.



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. All are welcome. Cost is \$95. You can register through [Eventbrite Legatus Leadership Summit](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/legatus-leadership-summit-2023-tickets-68545411111) or contact Mayra Brown at MBrown@Legatus.org



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Fr. Mikhael Mihic



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Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi



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EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

October 7-15, 2026

October 7

FEAST OF OUR LADY
OF THE ROSARY

Solemn High Mass
6 PM

STAR OF THE SEA



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October 15

FEAST OF ST. TERESA
OF ÁVILA

Latin Sung Mass
6 PM

CRISTO REY



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Time: 17 public Rosaries are prayed weekly after all weekly Masses and one Rosary in Latin at the 11:30 Sunday Mass.

Talent: Two volunteers helped in the parish office last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$9,851

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