



The Transitus This weekend, San Francisco, along with the universal Church, celebrates the 800th anniversary of the “transitus” of St. Francis of Assisi. The poor man of Assisi died on October 3, 1226. Saints, however, don’t “die” but “transition” from earth to heaven, as we all hope to

do. Most of us, I suppose, will spend time in purgatory, but Francis went straight to heaven, “like a cannonball” (in the words of St. John Vianney). True “transition,” as in the *transitus* of St. Francis, is not to despise or attempt to change our human nature, but to humbly “lean into” it, allowing the Good God to transform what is weak and lowly into His own Mystical Body, which is perfect joy. I encourage you all to learn more about the real St. Francis of Assisi, and I recommend the humorous but substantial biography by Felix Timmermans, *The Perfect Joy of St. Francis*.

Blessed Fulton Sheen As with St. Francis, our own Archbishop Fulton Sheen made his own transitus to heaven (on December 9, 1979). He was beatified ten days ago in St. Louis, with over 2,000 seminarians, priests, bishops, and consecrated religious in what was probably the longest liturgical procession in American history. Among Fulton Sheen’s many vital teachings, three topics stand out for me: Eucharistic adoration, atheistic Communism, and the priesthood. When I entered seminary in 1987, a local bishop gave all of us first-year men a retreat based on Archbishop Sheen’s writings. In particular, he emphasized the daily holy hour, and I made a resolution to spend an hour a day with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Sheen called the daily holy hour the “secret” of his priesthood, and it has certainly saved my own priesthood, along with so many other priests. Thank you, Blessed Fulton Sheen, for leading me to the Eucharist, which has protected and nourished my sacred calling. As he promoted Eucharistic adoration, so did he condemn, in the clearest possible terms, the



disastrous spread of atheistic Communism. Marxism’s fatal attraction waxes and wanes, but in the last 25 years it has been on the rise again. Blessed Fulton Sheen’s analysis of Marxism clearly demonstrated its fundamental errors that has resulted in mountains of corpses and social collapse in every country in which it has been imposed. Finally, A few years ago, Archbishop Cordileone sent each of us priests a book for Christmas: Archbishop Sheen’s *The Priest is not his Own*. I found this the best single book on the priesthood, written from an American perspective, but deeply theological in the most universal sense as well. I have now begun another book, which I should have read many years ago—Sheen’s memoirs, *Treasure in Clay*. In the Church’s beatification, God has brought His servant to the altars, so that we can see more of His glory through the life of Fulton J. Sheen. I encourage you to learn more about this American priest and his remarkable life.

Eucharistic Rosary Congress Last week a friend returned from Japan with a gift for me. It’s a cross with 26 figures on it representing the martyrs of Nagasaki who were crucified 1597, the most well known of which was Paul Miki. They died calling out two names: *Jesus, Mary!* Padre Pio died in 1968 whispering the two names, *Gesù, Maria*, holding a rosary to his heart. These are the two holy names, and if we keep moving toward Jesus through Mary, we will reach eternal happiness. This

coming week begins our second annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress, which puts those two names front and center for the next eight days: a public rosary on the hour every hour, nonstop Eucharistic adoration, special sung Masses for Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, for the 250th anniversary of our City at Mission Dolores with the Archbishop, and at the Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey on the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila. Printed pamphlets as well as a full schedule of talks by priests and religious are online at our website. I encourage you to engage our Eucharistic Rosary Congress as much as you can, for the good of your soul. *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

Sirach 50: 1, 3-4, 6-7; Gal 6: 14-18; Mt 11: 25-30

St. Francis Today, only in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the feast of St. Francis overrides the normal Sunday readings and prayers. "I give praise to you, Father," Jesus cries out, for revealing the deepest mysteries to the childlike. St. Francis was above all simple, and like a child in his joyful trust in God's love for him. Let us imitate his simplicity!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast day of Maria Faustyna (polish spelling) Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament, OLM, a Polish Catholic religious sister and mystic is on October 5. She recorded her divine experiences into what is now called the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*.

The message was Divine Mercy, and the chaplet of Divine Mercy is still prayed today. She is quoted, "In the Host is power." Please sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star or use QR code:



Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/03	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Catherine Chow (bday) Int. of John Rey Hassan † Judy Sim (anniv)
Sunday 10/04	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Russel DeSalvo (anniv) Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez † Maria Silmaro (bday) People of the Parish
Monday 10/05	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Anita Felice Int. of Adam Weimer (bday) Int. of Joyce Thornton (bday) Int. of The Holy Name Society of Star † Radwa Nemri † Robert Tobin † Phyllis LoRusso † Souls in Purgatory † Mario and Maria Bruno Int. of Peter Prusakiewicz † All Souls † John Donovan † Yeshi Hirai (anniv) † Catherine Chow (anniv) † Lech Josef Rosinski † Maria Zofis Rosinski † Benedictus and Susana Wang
Tuesday 10/06	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Javier Omar Zavaleta (bday) † Violet K. Cheng Int. of Victor and Maria Miron (wedding anniv)
Wednesday 10/07	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Ray Koh (bday) † Bryan Andrew Fairchild † Thomas Chow and Chew Htaw Yee
Thursday 10/08	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	In Thanksgiving of Tuyet Tran and Family † Alphonse Zeszotek Int. of Lourdes Feria and William Feria Anderson (bday)
Friday 10/09	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Clint and Jane Voltmer † Elsie Tom † Catherine Chow
Saturday 10/10	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	Int. of Maria Rosario Aguirre (bday) Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives † Henry So

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St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

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Prayer Intentions

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

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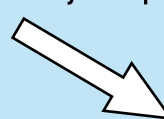
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OCTOBER 7 - 15, 2026

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6 PM

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October 13, 6 PM



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October 12, 7 PM



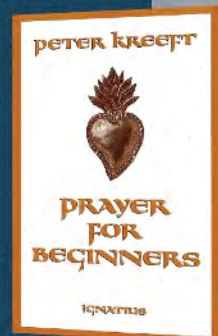
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