



The Monstrance Two weeks ago I couldn't take it any longer—our 36" high altar monstrance was just too tarnished, and so I put out an all-points bulletin to my flock. "Who wants to help restore the luster and dignity of our monstrance?" I wrote in a flocknote email. "Our Eucharistic

Lord resides twelve hours a day on the high altar in a dirty and run-down monstrance." I took it down to Biro and Sons silversmiths, the best in San Francisco, for an estimate, which came in at \$12,000, but they graciously agreed to knock off a thousand dollars. Sixteen people responded to my call with sixteen gifts from \$500 to \$3000, totaling \$16,000. What will I do with the extra money?

Well, during this week of our annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress, I've decided to use it for replating our other "long in the tooth" Eucharistic vessels: a chalice, a broken cross on our ciborium, and various dents in two of our patens. The monstrance is a three-week job and will be back next week, God willing. Thank you all for your financial gifts, your rosaries and Masses, and for your many hours before the Blessed Sacrament!

The Title "Father" I grew up in the East Coast, in which Catholic culture is more deeply baked in from the waves of Irish, Italian, and Polish immigrants over the years. In New York and Chicago, strangers on the street are more likely to greet a Roman collar with "Good Morning, Father" than in San Francisco or Portland. Most people in our city seldom see a priest in a Roman collar, and some don't even know what a Roman collar means. I have been in conversation with folks that ask me, even though I am in full priestly vesture, what I do for a living. People here are less likely to call me "father," and yet, I get

constant indications they want to call someone "father." I would say our biggest problem today is porn addiction, but the pornography epidemic itself is only the consequence of boys growing up without fathers. The increasing numbers of young men coming to Catholic churches looking for a priest demonstrates their longing for the fatherhood they have never received. Our OCIA classes these days are mostly young men, as are most of the folks coming to our 7:30pm Sunday "young adults' Mass." Jesus tells us not to call anyone on earth our "father," or even "teacher," but we understand Him to mean that, even though we call our earthly fathers "papa," we should know that all fatherhood, in heaven and on earth, is from the One Father in Heaven.

The Title "Doctor" Jesus says, "call no man on earth your "teacher," and yet we do call our

teachers and professors by that title. We also call our physicians "doctor," which is the Latin word for "teacher," as in the university "doctoral degree." Last week I had a lovely visit with my dermatologist. At the front desk, the nurse addressed me, with a big smile, as "father," obviously delighted to have a priest in the room. When my dermatologist came in, I stood up and addressed him as "doctor," and he greeted me as "father." We hope and we want a man who can "doctor" us, heal us, and also we want and hope for a man who can provide fatherly love and protection. We are delighted to know good doctors who heal and strengthen us; we are also delighted to know good priests who can heal and strengthen us. Most folks today know the value of a good doctor, but few know the value of a good priest. "A good priest is a very good thing" says Jean Valjean in Victor Hugo's novel *Les Misérables*. Everyone needs a spiritual father, and so God the Father has provided priests after the Heart of His Son. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



St. Joseph and child statue in our Adoration Chapel; Father Javier burning palms for the school children



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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

Few Are Chosen (Is 25: 6:10a; Phil 4: 12-14, 18-20, 19-20; Mt 22: 1-14) Our Lord describes the Kingdom of Heaven in today's gospel as a Wedding Feast, and He ends the reading with these sobering words: "Many are called, but few are chosen." Jesus also says, in another passage, that it is not the will of the Father that "one be lost." Nevertheless, we cannot ignore his warning that "few are chosen." There is the very real danger that only a few will make it to heaven, according to His words.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



St. Carlo Acutis's feast day is October 12. He was born in 1991, and considered the millennial saint. His parents did not practice the faith, but he was sent to a Catholic school, where he grew in knowledge and love for God. He was a catechist, possessing an uncanny Wisdom and utilized his technological acuity to serve the church by creating and updating

Church websites and creating a portfolio of Eucharistic miracles. He is quoted, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."

We hope you are participating in the second annual eucharistic-rosary-congress-2026/ and please sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star or use QR code



Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/10	8:30am	Int. of Maria Rosario Aguirre (bday)
	12noon	Int. for Unborn Children in danger of losing their lives
	4:30pm	† Henry So
Sunday 10/11	8:00am	Int. of Rosa Escobar (bday)
	9:30am	Int. of Felix, Lucy and The Tai Family
	11:30am	Int. of Daisy Young
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 10/12	7:00am	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri
	12noon	Int. of Juan Carlos Lopez
		Int. of Fr. Longin Nduwayezu
		Int. of Mary Priya Valentine (bday)
		Int. of Mary Catherine Andrade and Family
		† Toni Rusich
		† Radwa Nemri
		† Sergio Respicio
		† Fr. John Lavorgna
	6:00pm	Int. of Tessie So
Tuesday 10/13		Int. of Mai-Vy Ngoc Tran
		Int. of Nina Philipoff (bday)
		† Frank Vallecillo
Wednesday 10/14		† Gregory Langlois
		† Souls in Purgatory
		† Francis and Jenny Chow
Thursday 10/15	7:00am	Int. of Nativity High School
	12noon	Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri
	6:00pm	† Antonio Feria (anniv)
Friday 10/16	7:00am	† Wayne L. Johnson
	12noon	† Pablo Ong
	6:00pm	† Violet K. Cheng
Saturday 10/17	7:00am	† Enrique and Conchita Ines
	12noon	Int. of Maria Socorro Macalalad and Family
	6:00pm	† Virginia T. Nicolas
Sunday 10/18	7:00am	† Souls in Purgatory
	12noon	† Fr. Vincent Musaby Imana
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Monday 10/19	8:30am	† Fr. Piers Lahey
	12noon	Int. of Dan O'Neill
	4:30pm	Int. of Linda Tam

FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

The Boy from Milan An inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, the young boy from Milan on the path to sainthood. The story of Carlo is something the world needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness. Featuring personal stories from those who knew him in real life, this documentary goes beyond the headlines to reveal the heart of a boy who saw Jesus in everyone and never missed an opportunity to love. His simple yet profound faith continues to touch lives, proving that sainthood is for all of us.



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.

In Loving Memory of Toni Rusich, Xavier Nungaray-Martinez and Michael M. Brown.

Together in Holiness 10th Annual Conference presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. October 24, 11am - 6:15pm at St.

Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. Married and engaged couples are invited. Strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. Information: togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco or email: christel@forlifeandfamily.org.

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EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

OCTOBER 7 - 15, 2026

More information: starparish.com and brothersinprayer.com

October 11

3 PM - Latin Sung Mass
at St. Monica – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi
with the homily preached in Spanish

6 PM - Talk
Sr. Mara Grace Gore
Coming to Know God's Will at Auditorium

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October 14

6 PM - English Low Mass

7 PM - Talk
Fr. Gerardo Vázquez
Restoring the Catholic Family

7:40 PM - Reception
in Auditorium

8 PM - Latin Sung Rosary

October 12

6 PM - Latin Sung Mass
The Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar

7 PM - Talk
Fr. Vincent Woo
Mental Prayer as a Remedy for Spiritual Dwarfism

8 PM - Latin Sung Rosary

October 13

6 PM - English Sung Mass
Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Presentation during the Mass
Fr. Joseph Illo
The Miracle of the Sun and the Message of Fatima

8 PM - Latin Sung Rosary

October 15

6 PM - Solemn High Mass
Feast of St. Teresa of Ávila
at the Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey

Fr. Vincent Woo, Joseph Illo
Dcn. Dereck Delgado

7:20 PM - Candlelight
procession to "Star of the Sea Parish"

8 PM - Holy Hour

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Our baptism calls us to a life of service for God and the Church. Because of it, we are now apostles of Christ. He is counting on us to continue His work of redemption by proclaiming the Gospel to all. God relies on each of us to bring others to His Kingdom.

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RECOMMENDED READING

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