



The Kiss of Peace After consultation and prayer, I've decided it best for our parish to discontinue giving the "sign of peace" just before receiving Holy Communion. From November 1st, the priest will give us Christ's peace from the altar and then go directly into the Lamb of God.

Some of you will welcome this development, and others may not. My priest friends who have discontinued the congregation's Kiss of Peace tell me that some folks will inevitably continue exchanging some gesture of peace, either out of habit or out of preference, but that most of their people are a bit relieved to not have to anymore. There are four reasons why a growing number of parishes are omitting the "sign of peace," but first let me point out that the priest's invitation to exchange a gesture of peace is optional. The Roman Missal, in numbers 127 and 128, says that the priest, "turned toward the people, extending and then joining his hands, adds: 'The Peace of the Lord be with you always.' The people reply: 'And with your spirit.' then, if *appropriate*, the Deacon or the Priest adds "let us offer each other the sign of peace." The General Instruction to the Roman Missal says the same thing in #154: "if *appropriate*," the priest invites the congregation to exchange a sign of peace.

The Peace of Christ I don't think exchanging a gesture of peace at this point in the Mass is absolutely inappropriate, but I think it is *less appropriate* in our culture. I've been at Byzantine liturgies in which the Kiss of Peace is given with great reverence and charity, focusing on Christ rather than on ourselves, and I've been most edified. The priests will still "give the peace" to each other in the sanctuary, when more than one is celebrating, and extend that to the congregation with open arms, but from November 1st, the congregation will not be invited to shake each other's hands.

In our culture of superficial greetings ("How are you?!" "Fine!!") and Walmart's paid "greeters," the Sign of Peace at Mass tends to be more of a "meet and greet" moment rather than a reverent gift of Christ's Peace. I must say that at Star of the Sea, the exchange of peace almost never devolves into a superficial and worldly gesture. We are good at maintaining, for the most part, its appropriately sacred character. After all, we are not giving each other the peace of the world, or a merely human greeting, but *the peace of Christ*. This peace is from God and always requires a sacrificial submission to His Will.

Reasons for the Change Here are three reasons why I'm discontinuing the peoples' Sign of Peace at our parish. 1) at this point in the Mass, just before we received Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we should keep our focus on the altar 2) giving Christ's peace by shaking hands easily becomes a "meet and greet," which compromises the reverence due to His sacrifice present on the altar 3) grasping others' hands can easily spread flu bacteria and other diseases. I will go more deeply into both this question and the nature of the Eucharistic sacrifice in next Sunday's bulletin.

History and the Resurrection Next Friday, October 30th, at 7pm in the auditorium, the founding president of San Francisco's Hamilton Society will deliver a talk on the historical evidence for Christ's resurrection. Aditya Prathap, Stanford University alumnus, writer, and tech entrepreneur, will provide compelling historical

data evidence for the resurrection. Join me on Friday night for what promises to be a most enlightening talk on faith and advanced science.

Eucharistic Rosary

Congress I want to thank Manuel Padilla and all who participated in our second annual ERC from October 7-15. What a joy

to see folks leading the rosary every hour of the day before the Blessed Sacrament for eight days straight! **Fr. Joseph Illo**



Archbishop Cordileone offering Mass at Mission Basilica last week on the 250th anniversary of its dedication, October 9, 1776. This Mass was part of our Eucharistic Rosary Congress.

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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

Render Unto Caesar (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21) Many are tempted, these days, to cheat on their taxes, not only because taxes are unreasonably high, but also because our tax money pays for some very bad things (e.g., abortions, mutilating surgeries, etc.). But Jesus says, in today's Gospel, to "render unto Caesar." In St. Thomas More's words, we should aspire to be "The King's good servant, and God's first."



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We celebrate Saint Pope, John Paul II on October 22. He had a profound devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, which he called the "secret of my day." He promoted Eucharistic adoration, and started Adoration in a chapel at St. Peter's Basilica. He is quoted, "Jesus is not an idea, a sentiment, a memory! Jesus is a 'person,' always alive and present with us... present in the Eucharist."

We hope you are experiencing the fruit of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress. Thank you to all who participated in any way and lead a rosary. Remember! We are in our 10th anniversary of Perpetual Adoration! Please sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at

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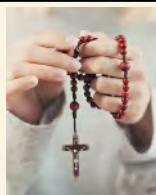
Mass Intentions

Saturday 10/17	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Fr. Piers Lahey Int. of Dan O'Neill Int. of Linda Tam
Sunday 10/18	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am 7:30pm	† Marissa Recaro Int. of Brenda C. Petropoulos (bday) Int. of Dennis Stanton (bday) People of the Parish
Monday 10/19	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Wayne Johnson Int. of Peter Tan (bday) Int. for Pope Leo XIV - healing † Radwa Nemri † Fr. Richard Bollea † Souls in Purgatory † Terri Jean Newman † Anita S. Francia (bday) † Nicholas L. Petropoulos Int. of Catarina Lai (healing) Int. of Monina Arnaldo (bday) Int. of Sister Carol & The Sanctuary Missionaries of Divine Mercy † Frances Zinck † Blanca Mariles † Michael M. Brown † Alberto Arambula † Rochie Cabonce Gonzalez
Tuesday 10/20	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Han-Seob Kim † Danilo Sendin (anniv) † Louis N. Petropoulos
Wednesday 10/21	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Matthew Schnur † Trinidad Seballos and deceased Family member Int. of Abiegale T. Soriano
Thursday 10/22	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	† Thomas and Desmond Walsh (anniv) Int. for Pope Leo XIV - healing † Wilfred Chow
Friday 10/23	7:00am 12noon 6:00pm	Int. of Nativity High School † Cecilia Beltrame (anniv) Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Saturday 10/24	8:30am 12noon 4:30pm	† Cecilia Beltrame Int. of Joan Spaargaren for healing Int. of Tuyet Tran and Family

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The Divine Plan Surviving strikingly similar near-death experiences, Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan confided to each other a shared conviction: that God had spared their lives for the purpose of defeating communism. The Divine Plan draws on the film's exclusive interviews with renowned historians, scholars, journalists, and church officials including historians Douglas Brinkley, H.W. Brands, Anne Applebaum, John O'Sullivan, Craig Shirley (the leading biographer of John Paul II), George Weigel, close Reagan adviser Richard V. Allen, Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Bishop Robert Barron.



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, Pope Leo XIV and all sick parishioners.

In Loving Memory of Alberto Arambula, Blanca Mariles and Rochie Gonzalez

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OCT 28 - DEC 9 | 6:30PM-8:30PM | Star of the Sea

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The Historical Data

Behind Christ's Resurrection

Aditya Prathap, founder of San Francisco's premier debate club, The Hamilton Society, will speak on the historical evidence for the Resurrection using the hard data from the last 20 centuries. The fact is that Christ's resurrection in 33AD changed world history. Computer analysis in the new field of Historical Science, which tests its hypotheses by examining traces, records, or effects, give a compelling proof of the core event of our faith. If you want to strengthen your own faith in Christ as a real person, and be able to better speak about Him to others, come to this talk.

October 30, 7pm, Auditorium.



STEWARDS STATS

Time: 17 prayers to St. Michael the Archangel are prayed weekly, after the daily Masses.

Talent: Three volunteers helped at the parish office last week.

Treasure: Sunday Offering \$9,885

Our Lady of Rosary Feast \$589

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