STAR of the SEA

Our Mission: To evangelize God's people beginning with the gift of the Holy Eucharist

The office will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day

November 8, 2026 | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Red Missal p. 663 | Resumed 5th Sunday after Epiphany. 1962 Missal p. 257



Pictures of Heaven Everyone wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die. Jesus assured us, however, that "he who loses his life, for my sake, will save it." That's why we have 300 photographs of those we love who have died in Christ. We not only pray for their souls to pass swiftly through Purgatory, but their pictures remind us that no one lives forever. This earthly life is essentially a preparation for a greater, *eternal* life. "All this," a priest said over a tasty dinner with friends the other night, "and heaven too!"

The Autumn of Life As the leaves turn red, then golden, then brown and fall from the trees (not here in San Francisco, but everywhere else), and as the days grow shorter, we think of life's brevity. In the natural world, the Second Law of Thermodynamics is inexorable. That law states that the total *entropy* of an isolated system is always greater than or equal to zero. No engine can convert 100% of its fuel into usable power, but some of its energy will always be lost as waste heat (even those fancy pants electric motors on Teslas and Waymos). That means that every material object, from your own body to a galactic cluster, declines in energy over time. The whole universe is slowing down, running out of fuel and energy. *We instinctively fear entropy.* We don't want to die, and we try to extend youth indefinitely by surgeries and implants and hair colorings. But the fact is that, after a certain age, our natural powers start to run down. Everything will eventually disintegrate. Everything, that is, except God, who said "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Word will not pass away." So let's try not to indefinitely prolong our vitality on earth, but let's aim for life with God in eternity. Only in accepting our bodily decline do we begin to trust God, to whom we will commend our lives as Jesus commended Himself to God on the Cross: "Into your hands, Father, I commend my spirit."

It's Great to be Old I know three priests who are twenty-years older than me, and all are happier than me. These octogenarians rejoice in the certain providence of God as their human energies decline. One of them cannot make it up the sanctuary steps anymore, so he smiles peacefully as a younger man takes his arm to ascend unto the altar of God. Another priest, who has been extraordinarily successful in life, a powerhouse of evangelization for fifty years in this country, smiles contentedly as he sits at the head of his board room table and lets one of his younger staff place well-prepared food in front of him. A third receives God's providence with a delicate smile as servers help him dress for Mass, even tying his shoes because the old man can no longer bend down to tighten his laces. "God has always provided for me," these old men say. "Why doubt Him now?" I was made an "old man" at the ripe age of twenty-nine (the word "priest" means "old man" or "elder" from the Greek *presbyteros*), and I rejoice that my physical age is finally catching up with my sacramental age! The last third of our lives are when we finally learn to trust, to rejoice in what God gives rather than resent what He has declined to give. It's great to grow old in the Lord!



Benjamin Rivera, happy to be a Knight for Christ, with shield and sword, to serve the King of Kings, at our Stella Maris All Saints festival

Thanksgiving Thank God with me that I get to visit our former altar boy, Orion Wagner, in Spokane this week, where he is studying for the priesthood at Bishop White Seminary. Thank God with me that I cut the ribbon on a new wing at Bella Primary Health Care downtown, the only Catholic medical facility in San Francisco, which our parish helped launch in 2020. Thank God with me that we have 35 students in OCIA, triple the number we had last year, all wanting to become fully Catholic. *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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M-TH 8:30am-5pm
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EUCHARISTIC 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

(Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25: 1-13) **Stay Awake** We are nearing the end of the liturgical year (November 28) and the end of the calendar year. Our Blessed Lord commands us to "stay awake" in today's gospel, because we know His return. If a profligate thinks he has time to make things right before the end comes, he is probably wrong. Stay awake: do your prayers every day, do your works of charity, do your works of penance, so you are ready when He comes.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The feast day of St. Frances Cabrini is November 13th. She was a heroic missionary -against all odds. Her devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Sacrament gave her the strength and determination to do God's Work. She is quoted "Go often, my dear ones, and place yourself at the feet of Jesus. He is our comfort, our way, and our life. Remember that the Blessed Sacrament is like a pillar of fire that is our light and guide."

We are in our 10th anniversary of 24 hour adoration. We need your help! Please sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star or use QR code



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FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Prayer a Surge of the Heart Finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn, and there's always another job to be done. This inspiring presentation challenges us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer.



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE *Sponsored by the Stella Maris Academy Mothers' Group.*

Handcrafted Maine balsam wreath for the holidays. To purchase a wreath use the QR code (At checkout enter the code SMA2026, in the promotional or coupon & offer code box). Ships to your door! Shipping is included in the price. **15% of sales supports the school.**

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11/07	8:30am	Int. of Sis. Carol and Sanctuary Missionaries of Divine Mercy
	12noon	Int. of Philip Schnur
	4:30pm	† Dr. Donald and Mary Lintner
Sunday 11/08	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of the Ali Family
	11:30am	Int. of Elizabeth Schnur
	7:30pm	† Susan de Castro Dee
Monday 11/09	7:00am	† Carol Murdock
	12noon	Int. Colleen Depoe Int. of Deacon Neil Culhane Int. of Thelma Queri and Family † Patrick Negrete † Phyllis Lo Russo † Anita P. Quintela † John McLoone, Jr. † Souls in Purgatory † Susan Elvira Noble
	6:00pm	Int. of Bill Mclean Int. of Camille Pulsoni Int. of Mei-Gee Hernandez Int. of Maria Fernanda Rice Int. of Rosa Au Yeung and Family † Rita Paoli † Stephen I. Berry (Bday) † Guillermo Robles † Leonardo A. Halog, Jr. (anniv)
Tuesday 11/10	7:00am	Int. of Leo Martin
	12noon	† Yoke Chin
	6:00pm	† Wilfred Chow (anniv)
Wednesday 11/11	7:00am	Int. of Joe and Joan Flanders
	12noon	Int. of Elizabeth Schnur
	6:00pm	† Rita Denny
Thursday 11/12	7:00am	Int. of Tuyet Tran and Family
	12noon	† All Souls
	6:00pm	Int. of Rosa De Lima Mendoza
Friday 11/13	7:00am	† Sister Angela Walsh and Vincent P. Walsh
	12noon	Carmen Smith (anniv)
	6:00pm	Int. of Maria-Francis Rojas
Saturday 11/14	8:30am	† Francis Chow (bday)
	12noon	Int. for those who work in the Pro-Life Movement
	4:30pm	Int. of Maria Rowena Viola and Family

Prayer Intentions for the Sick Mariana Mendieta, Margaret & Mark Sellai, Lourdes Washington, Jerr Dewey, Dcn Albert Nimri, Virginia Rosillo, Zuleyka Sierra, Luca Celentano, Fernandita Dizon, Rhoda Chiu, Florita Paras, John Campion, Marie Antoiniette Fryburger, Maria Fernanda Rice, Angela Tom, Sonny Cruz, Maria Karaan, Guillerma Manzon, Mei-Gee Hernandez, Alma Gubangco, Gabrielle Berbey, Giancarlo Loeffler and all sick parishioners.

In loving memory of Adonis Celestial, Nick Farrugia and Catherine Kleinen.

Receive news & updates from Fr. Joseph Illo, sign up to Flocknote.com/star. Get access to the best selection of catholic educational materials, sign up for formed.org. Use Venmo to pay for candles, kiosk items, offertory, etc . Use your cellphone camera to scan the QR codes.

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Nuevo en la Parroquia? Registrate!
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www.starparish.com

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Bulletin Announcements Ad submissions due: Tuesdays, 5pm. Contact bulletin editor: mariella@starparish.com	**Volunteer Opportunities** Serve and connect at our parish. All are welcome! mariella@starparish.com

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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

You are invited! Meetings on Wednesdays: 7PM-8:30PM at Star of the Sea Parish

Contact Andrea Waliszewski: andrea@starparish.com

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Your generous financial gifts ensure that Star of the Sea Catholic Church will continue thriving to provide a peaceful sanctuary for prayer, worship and evangelization in the Richmond District. Our doors are open 7 days a week!

WAYS OF SUPPORTING STAR OF THE THE SEA:

Offertory gifts online:
www.starparish.com/give

Offertory envelopes: Cash or check written to Star of the Sea. Place in the collection basket, or drop envelope in the parish office mailbox: Star of the Sea 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA. 94118



Matching Contribution: Double your gift to Star of the Sea with an 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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FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Share Kindness and Bring Hope to Those in Need.
SHARE YOUR TALENTS
Volunteer to prepare and distribute meals every other Sunday.

Join Star Outreach to the Poor
For information contact:
Ed Katz: 415-740-3939 or
Adam Weimer: 628-278-2184





Annual Parol-Making Workshop

November 14 | 9AM - 3PM
Star of the Sea Auditorium
15" Parol Kit - $15 each
(breakfast & lunch included)
To register send text message to:
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www.filipinoministrySF.org

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Join us for an evening to benefit Nativity High School
Featuring live sculpting by Tim Schmalz, *'The Pope's Sculptor'*
Monday, December 7th
St. Mary's Cathedral | 5:30pm Dinner | 6pm Program
TICKETS
www.nativityhs.org/camelcade



Our Lady of Fatima, Star Pro-Life Apostolate

Join us! We gather for prayer vigils on Thursday at 6pm and Saturday at 10am outside Planned Parenthood (1522 Bush St.) to pray the Rosary for the unborn and in reparation for abortion.
Stay connected with our apostolate! Contact: Dennis Aguirre (650) 302-7908, and sign up through Flocknote to receive updates: star.flocknote.com/Star-Pro-life



In remembrance of the Faithful Departed, **All Souls envelopes** are available at all church entrances. Please place completed envelopes in the drop box in front of Our Lady of Grace Shrine. You are also invited to bring framed photos of your departed loved ones (4"x6" or no larger than 5"x7") to the Rectory Office. Write the name of the deceased on the front, and include your name and phone number on the back. Photos will be displayed at the All Souls Shrine throughout November.

STEWARDS STATS

Time: 12 faithful attended the Holy Face Devotion last Tuesday.

Talent: 28 choir volunteers sang last Sunday at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses.

Treasure: Sunday Offering $8,479
Stella Maris Academy $1,656

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