STAR of the SEA

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

November 15, 2026 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Red Missal p. 674 | Resumed 6th Sunday after Epiphany. 1962 Missal p. 260



Saints and Soldiers November begins with All Saints and continues with All Soldiers (Veteran's Day). Our dear school, Stella Maris Academy, acknowledged both in morning programs. On October 30th, the eve of the eve of All Hallows, 110 students marched onto the auditorium stage dressed like various saints, all with a tale to tell about their lives. On November 9, the eve of the eve of Veterans' Day, our students, in song, poetry, and prayer, honored those who have given military service to our country. Thus we honored both sacred and secular heroes, both our saints and our soldiers. One little boy told me that he wanted to be a military chaplain when he grew up, both a holy priest and a valiant soldier, and so hoped to become a saint!

God Alone is Good All of us, saints and soldiers, aspire to goodness, but we fall short. The Good News is, however, that there is a God, and that He Is Good. In the Gospel, a rich man throws himself on his knees before Jesus to implore: *what good must I do to attain eternal life?* Christ asks the man in return: "Why do you ask me about the good? There is *only one who is good.*" As I knelt before the Blessed Sacrament one morning, looking into the face of the Supreme Good, I thought about how our longing for goodness in others and ourselves is so often disappointed. In 2024, most Americans thought Donald Trump was "good" for the nation, but as our midterm elections showed, most of us are disappointed. We are looking for someone who will truly be "good" for the nation, but we fail to find such a person. Like our political leaders, our church leaders disappoint us as well. The other week, the bishops of Beijing and Hong Kong met with the Cardinal Secretary of State in Rome. Cardinal Stephen Chow gushed about the "sinicization" of religion in China as the Vatican leaders nodded in approval. "It's about aligning [religion] with the Chinese Communist Party's ideology, socialist values and the spirit of patriotism," the Party-appointed bishop said. "For President Xi," Cardinal Chow went on, "all religions in China should be aligned with Chinese politics and culture." The Vatican's Secretary of State praised these communist leaders and "the communion which certainly exists today in its essential form between the Pope and all the bishops of the People's Republic of China."





Saints and Soldiers at Stella Maris Academy, including Miss Del Curto's Kindergarteners with her older brother, Major Alexander Del Curto

Blessed Fulton Sheen The Vatican's collaboration with the Communist Party against the Church in China is one of the great scandals of our time, but even the best of our Church leaders are not entirely "good." Inspired by Archbishop Fulton Sheen's beatification, I just finished his autobiography, *Treasure in Clay*. Blessed Fulton has written many excellent books, and it was he who instilled in me devotion to the daily holy hour, but I was a bit disappointed to find in his autobiography, along with much that is good, a certain amount of self-regard, false modesty, and even braggadocio. Truly, there is only One who is good. When I look into the Blessed Sacrament, I see that, indeed, there is real good in this world, but it all comes from Him. *God is Good*, and vanities of this world, infecting every human heart, need not disturb our peace. For "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." We all have much good in us—all from God's grace—but only God is "Good." And **He Is**! *Fr. Joseph Illo*

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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

Talents (Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5: 1-6; Mt 25: 14-30) No one is perfect, but everyone has some talent from God. A "talent" in the Bible was 85 pounds of a precious metal. In today's gold prices, that would be worth over $5 million. Everyone has one or more talents, each worth very much. So recognize your talents, from God, and use them to His greater honor and glory.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast of St. Gertrude is November 16th. She was a German Benedictine and a mystic bearing the invisible stigmata. She is known for her prayer to release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is prayed:
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.
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FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints | Feast Nov. 17 *(New),* Nov. 19 *(Trad).* A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed. A nice play to watch with your children!



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 11/14	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
Sunday 11/15	8:00am	† Francis and Jenny Chow
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	† Deceased Legionaries
	7:30pm	† Jose Abantao
Monday 11/16	7:00am	† Carmelita Estioko
	12noon	Int. of Sally Durbin Int. of Joan Spaargaren Int. of Fr. James Liebner Int. of Msgr. Robert O'Grady Int. of Aida Nicolas and Family † Sonia Lee † Paula Silva † Pedro F. Ceniza † Patrick Negrete
	6:00pm	Int. of Fr. Stefano Int. of Angela Tom Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova Int. of Maria Rosario Aguirre † Kim Sedlock † Grace Rohe † Italiano Musetti (anniv) † Lloyd R. Musetti, Sr. (bday)
Tuesday 11/17	7:00am	† Kay Gargano
	12noon	† Kathleen Quinlan (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Kathleen Quinlan (anniv)
Wednesday 11/18	7:00am	† Ramon and Angela Koh
	12noon	Int. of Rodney Yee (bday)
	6:00pm	† Capt. William Arroyo
Thursday 11/19	7:00am	† Celia Ann Weber
	12noon	† Consuelo Francisco (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Rene Ing
Friday 11/20	7:00am	Int. of Michael Koh (bday)
	12noon	† Louis N. Petropoulos (anniv)
	6:00pm	† Catherine Chow
Saturday 11/21	8:30am	Int. of Frigga Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Sophia Bridon (bday)
	4:30pm	† Proserfina Simon

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 Frybarger, Maria Fernanda Rice, Angela Tom, Sonny Cruz, Maria Karaan, Guillerma Manzon, Mei-Gee Hernandez, Alma Gubangco, Gabrielle Berbey, Giancarlo Loeffler, Mary Ann Brautigan, Joan Spaargaren, Jean Michel Vallancon and all sick parishioners.

In loving memory of Sonia Lee

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www.starparish.com

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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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Join us for an evening to benefit Nativity High School
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Monday, December 7th

St. Mary's Cathedral | 5:30pm Dinner | 6pm Program

TICKETS
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An evening of traditional Christmas music featuring

St. Mary's Cathedral Choir
Stella Maris Academy Choir
St. Paul's School Choir

DECEMBER 13th

6PM CONCERT | 7PM RECEPTION

Raise your spirits with homemade cookies, refreshments, and festive raffle prizes!

TICKETS

$35 Adults
$25 Seniors, students
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St. Mary's Cathedral 1111 Gough St., San Francisco



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: 29 people joined the Divine Mercy Devotional prayers last Saturday.

Talent: 16 lectors served at the daily and Sunday Masses last weekend.

Treasure: Sunday Offering $10,285
All Souls $4,560 | St. Patrick's Seminary $1,695

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