STAR of the SEA

The office will be closed on November 26 and 27

Happy Thanksgiving

November 22, 2026 | Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Red Missal p.716 | 24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost 1962 Missal p.814



Save Our Schools "SOS" means a few things, among them "Save Our Ship" and "Star of the Sea," but in 1969 a highly-motivated group of school parents formed "SOS" at our parish. It became the very successful effort to "Save Our Schools" that counterbalanced the growing loss of both teaching sisters and students from both our parish elementary and high schools. With gale-force energy, Fr. Philip O'Ryan (a Tipperary man) established two schools within the first two years of his arrival in 1908. *Within eight months*, Fr. O'Ryan had seven Sisters of St. Joseph teaching 157 students! At its apogee in 1952, thirty-two sisters were teaching 1300 students, but the high school closed in 1985 and the elementary school closed in 2019. God's graces are never spent, however, so in 2021 the elementary school reopened as Stella Maris Academy, and two years later parents opened Nativity High School at the parish. Both school buildings are again bustling with youthful energy, innovation, and intelligence, growing year by year even as many schools around them are shrinking. Still, it takes money to run a school, and many students cannot pay full tuition, because Catholic schools are for all, and in particular for immigrants who are just getting started in our blessed country.



Stella Maris Academy in 1910 and 1934



$300,000 This year, one of my many pastoral tasks is to raise $300,000 for Stella Maris Academy from private gifts. The parents are doing yeoman's work with fundraising themselves (last month's FunRun doubled its revenue from last year, to over $40,000). Our valiant principal, John Monaco, and I are meeting with individuals whose means allow them to make significant personal gifts. A group of young adults, for example, have committed to pooling together $50,000, and from three gifts thus far we have $60,000 in the bank (20% of our goal!). Our school is not in imminent financial distress, but we should all get into the practice of supporting the biggest apostolate of our parish, which is Stella Maris Academy. If you like seeing dozens of children racing about the playground after the Sunday Masses while their young parents chat over coffee, you can thank the parish school for breathing new life into our community. If you knew how crucial the restoration of classical Catholic education is to our nation, and how Stella Maris is the flagship school for classical curriculum, you would rejoice to know what a treasure we have right here on 8th and Geary. I'm looking for a dozen or so people who can make a five or ten thousand dollar gift to the school, which of course could lighten your tax burden if made before December 31st. Stella Maris Academy is certainly worth helping, for it is growing not only in enrollment but in excellence. We did a curriculum overhaul this year and are now on the Newman Guide of Recommended Schools, the only primary school in Northern California to have this distinction. If you can support our school, drop off a check in the parish office, make a gift online at the school's new website (stellamarissf.org), or give me a call. *Fr. Joseph Illo*







Stella Maris Academy today

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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

You Did It To Me (Ez 34:11-12, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46) Today we get what Mother Teresa called "the Gospel on five fingers." She would take your open hand and close a finger with each of these words: "You did it to me." If you fed a poor man, if you cared for an abandoned woman, if you visited a teen in jail, if you went to the funeral of a homeless man, you did it for me, Jesus says. Mother Teresa understood that: every man is Jesus. Love Him in everyone.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The feast day of Saint Catherine of Alexandria is November 25. She was a noble woman and incredibly intelligent. Her studies led her to Christianity. She was debated publicly but out-argued all of her contesters, who themselves converted to Christianity. She denounced the emperor and was sentenced to the iron-spoked wheel, which shattered the moment she touched it. She is quoted, "*Stand firm in the faith, do not be moved.*" We are in our 10th anniversary of 24 hour adoration. We need your help! Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour at www.adorationpro.org/star or use QR code



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FORMED WEEKLY RECOMMENDATIONS

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Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and St. Catherine Labouré From the moment her guardian angel took her hand and led her to the miraculously little convent chapel, young Sister Catherine Labouré's life would be changed forever. Our Lady gave St. Catherine a special duty to spread the wearing of and devotion to the miraculous medal. Of course, the medal is a symbol of the fabulous graces Our Lady bestows on souls who truly search out her Son, Jesus.



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 11/21	8:30am	Int. of Frigga Konopaski (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Sophia Bridon (bday)
	4:30pm	† Proserfina Simon
Sunday 11/22	8:00am	Int. of Thelma Queri and Family
	9:30am	Int. of Maria Francis Rojas (bday)
	11:30am	Int. of Sheridan Gilmartin
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 11/23	7:00am	Int. of Lency Nascimento
	12noon	Int. of Joan Spaargaren Int. of Fr. James Liebner Int. of Fr. John Brinsmade † Radwa Nemri † Dorothy Urtula † Flora del Rosario † Souls in Purgatory † Henry and Elsie Tom † Helen and Charlie Lum † Maria and Policarpo Manas
	6:00pm	Int. of Andrew Abdo Int. of Joseph Henao Int. of Eva Olga Svobodova † Joyce Durbin † Honorato Tarape † Giancarlo Loeffler † Kevin Gerard Walsh † John and Kay Brautigan † Deceased members of the Lachica Family
Tuesday 11/24	7:00am	Int. of Alex Adamson
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Javier Ravasi
	6:00pm	Int. of Arianne Tillman (bday)
Wednesday 11/25	7:00am	Int. of Conchita Yap
	12noon	Int. of Luca Celentano (healing)
	6:00pm	† Ma, Fung YuetWan
Thursday 11/26	7:00am	† Int. of The Adamson Family
	10:00am	In Thanksgiving of Peter Tan and Family
Friday 11/27	7:00am	† Anna Mandala
	12noon	Int. of Celia Tabobo
	6:00pm	Int. of Katherine Nguyen
Saturday 11/28	8:30am	† Wilfred Chow
	12noon	Int. of Jon Elisa
	4:30pm	Int. of Susan Tam

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, John Campion, Marie Antoiniette Frybarger, Angela Tom, Sonny Cruz, Maria Karaan, Guillerma Manzon, Mei-Gee Hernandez, Gabrielle Berbey, Mary Ann Brautigan, Joan Spaargaren, and all sick parishioners.

Baptismal Blessings for Adeline Giuseppina Campobello, baptized on Saturday, November 14.

In loving memory of Guillermo Sotelo, Mary Ann Eiler, Alma Gubangco, and Javier Escobar.

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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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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Offertory gifts online:
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Young Catholic women, ages 21–35:

The GIVEN Institute's 2027 Leadership Program is a 16-month journey of formation, mentorship, and a four-day Leadership Forum in Washington, DC (June 17–20, 2027). Discover your God-given gifts and how you're called to share them.

Priority application deadline is December 1.

Learn more and apply at giveninstitute.com/2027givenleadershipprogram.

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Discover our Preschool for Fall 2027

Saturday, December 5, 2026.

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Rosary Pilgrimage at Star of the Sea

Join us on Saturday, December 5 for a Rosary Pilgrimage at 9am (after the 8:30am Mass). We pray the Rosary while processing through all the Marian Apparition Shrines in the church, with time for quiet reflection and the opportunity to light a candle.

Nativity High School invites you to

Camelcade

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
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Cookies & Carols

An evening of traditional Christmas music featuring

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Stella Maris Academy Choir
St. Paul's School Choir

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6PM CONCERT | 7PM RECEPTION

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Friday 4, 2pm-7pm
Saturday 5, 9am-6pm
Sunday 6, 9am-2pm

STEWARDS STATS

Time: 17 public Rosaries are prayed after all weekday Masses and one on Sunday before the 11:30am Mass.

Talent: Three volunteers assist with the parish OCIA program every Wednesday.

Treasure: Sunday Offering $11,449
Campaign for Human Development $1,245

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