



# Mary Star of the Sea Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Friday - Saturday  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday Closed.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Saturday  
8:00 am and 5:15 pm

## Sunday

7:30 am (English)  
9:00 am (English)  
10:30 am (Spanish)  
12:00 pm (English)  
1:30 pm (Croatian)  
5:00 pm (Life Teen)  
6:30 pm (Italian)

Holy Days of Obligation

5:15pm evening before  
8:00 am  
12:00 noon  
5:15pm

## MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday 7:45 am

## EVENING PRAYER

Monday-Friday 5 pm

## RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Thursday and Friday:  
after 5:15pm Mass  
Saturday: after 8 a.m.  
Mass and 4—5 p.m.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

## SS. Gabriel, Michael and Gabriel Tuesday, September 29th



“In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God.”

~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

## *Embracing What is Ours* *Part Two: Gregorian Chant*

### **Introduction**

Last week we explored the Latin Language in the Mass of the Roman rite. This week, we will look at Latin's complementary gift in the Liturgical life: Gregorian Chant. Chant is the Church's musical life's blood. If the Latin language gives an ancient and beautiful structure and solidity to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, Gregorian Chant is the musical form through which the doctrinal richness of the Liturgy most readily reaches us. The two, in fact, are so conjoined in the Latin Church that we cannot seriously engage our Sacred Liturgy without also deeply engaging the chant which is so much a part of it<sup>1</sup>. And because "for liturgical celebrations sung in Latin, Gregorian Chant, as the music proper of the Roman liturgy, should have pride of place"<sup>2</sup>, when we understand the gift of chant more fully we can better appreciate its prized place in our liturgical and spiritual life.

### **What is 'Gregorian Chant'?**

We call this ancient form of the Church's chant "Gregorian" after Pope St. Gregory the Great (6<sup>th</sup> century), whose courageous pastoral charity and emphasis on liturgical beauty and reform drew his musically-adept admirers to name the chant after him. By the end of Gregory's pontificate, the essential melodies and structure of the chant which we hear today were sealed. Another successor of St. Peter, Pope St. Pius X—also a great defender of the faith and the Sacred Liturgy— describes this chant which we have inherited from our ancient fathers of the faith as "the supreme model for sacred music"<sup>3</sup>. Gregorian chant is given pride of place in our musical repertoire not only because of its antiquity, but because of its harmonic gracefulness: its melodies are simple, beautiful, artful, and strong, and have carried the scriptural texts of the Sacred Liturgy as on the wings of a dove since the very early times of the Church, "giving eloquent expression to [the] inner spiritual life" of God's Word<sup>4</sup>. So much more than simply a pleasing melody, the chant is intimately bound up with the scriptural texts it expresses, freeing the Word through beauty to express fully and prayerfully the divine content it contains.

### **Beauty Touches the Heart**

Beautiful music has a place in human life all its own, stirring the emotions, awakening memories, and accessing the God-given passions of the heart in an unspeakable way. St. Augustine, describing how moved he was by the chanting in the churches of Milan, wrote

I wept at the beauty of your hymns and canticles, and was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of Your Church's singing. Those sounds flowed into my ears, and the truth streamed into my heart: so that my feelings of devotion overflowed, and the tears ran from my eyes, and I was happy in them<sup>5</sup>.

What Augustine describes here is the evocative touch of beauty. This beauty is most powerfully present during Holy Mass, and is mystically extended throughout time and place in the continuance of the Eucharistic Sacrifice through the chanting of the Psalms in the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church. If the Mass is the center of our spiritual life, the Office widens the center in its sanctification of time and place, allowing us to "pray always" (1 Thes. 5:17) as Christ's Mystical Body spread throughout the world. When we remove the use of the Latin language and the chant in these superb expressions of prayer, although we may render the Liturgy "more accessible", we actually *lose*, not gain, as the mystery which compels us toward a deeper life is lost. In the integrity of our tradition, *this* chant was written precisely for *this* language (Latin), articulately transmitting truth to the heart and soul in a way that no other musical means in our tradition does. It was with this in mind that Blessed Paul VI predicted,

"...take away the [Latin] language that transcends national boundaries and possesses a marvelous spiritual power, and the music that rises from the depths of the soul where faith resides and charity burns – we mean Gregorian Chant – and the choral office will be like a snuffed candle; it will no longer shed light, no longer draw the eyes and minds of the people"<sup>6</sup>.

### **We Desire Contemplation**

Contemplation is a mysterious beholding of the love of God made known in Jesus, and every baptized soul possesses this spiritual gift in seed form. When God waters that seed through grace, a new world of heavenly peace is opened in prayer. Recognizing the power of the chant to lift the mind and heart to God and higher things, one author asserts that "the essential worth of Gregorian Chant lies in its profound spirituality"<sup>7</sup>. In Catholic parlance, "spirituality" is not a generic term. It refers to the life of the *Holy* Spirit in man, the Spirit of Love Itself which vivifies and illumines. As part of the Catholic spiritual tradition, chant is not a music that is earth-bound, but rather one which is *suspended* from Heaven, and which draws the listening ear and heart *up* into contemplation of God and divine things. We *all* thirst for union with God, and chant bespeaks and anticipates this union.

1. cf. D. SAULNIER, *Gregorian Chant: A Guide*, Solesmes 2003, 19.

2. SACRED CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP, *General Instruction for the Liturgy of the Hours*, 1971.

3. PIUS X, *Motu Proprio Tra Le Solleccitiduni*, Nov. 22, 1903, #3.

4. E. CARDINE, *Beginning Studies in Gregorian Chant*, G.I.A. Publications, Chicago 1988, 1.

5. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, *Confessions*, IX.6

6. PAUL VI, *Letter Sacrificium Laudis*, August 15, 1966.

7. E. CARDINE, *Beginning Studies in Gregorian Chant*, 1.

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# MARIA ★ STELLA MARIS ★ ORA PRO NOBIS

Seeing that Gregorian chant has this singular way of speaking to contemplative desire, Pope St. Pius X recognized that the further sacred music veers from Gregorian chant, the less suited it is to the deepest aspirations of man, and to the liturgy which exists to *fulfill* those aspirations<sup>9</sup>. In light of the chant's exodus from the life of the Church in the mid 1960's, Paul VI wrote to monastic communities charged with keeping this gift *alive* about his fears that prayer without chant would become "vapid and boring", and also questioned "whether people who want to take part in the liturgy will go to your churches in such numbers if they will no longer hear there the ancient language, natural to the liturgical prayers, accompanied by a chant full of gravity and grace"<sup>9</sup>. Empty pews do not lie, and the Holy Father predicted as much. In the words of Bishop Marc Aillet, "There is nothing ideological or nostalgic in a preference for Latin and Gregorian chant", for the embracing of this ancient and beautiful form of praise is at once an embracing of a *universal faith*<sup>10</sup>.

## The Teaching of the Church

When the Church teaches, she always has reasons *why* She does so. Just after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, Paul VI, in writing about some of the requests that had been made to diminish the use of the chant and Latin in the Sacred Liturgy, admitted that he was "quite disturbed and troubled" and wanted to know "where such an attitude and hitherto unheard of discontent have come from and why they have spread"<sup>11</sup>. The Holy Father emphasized that it was not about "merely keeping the Latin", but rather "to keep intact the grace, the beauty, and the *inherent strength* of these prayers and chants"<sup>12</sup>. The Church fosters the use of chant "to make it easier for Christians to achieve unity and spiritual harmony with their brothers and with the living traditions of the past. Hence it is that those who are trying to improve the quality of congregational singing cannot refuse to Gregorian chant the place which is due to it"<sup>13</sup>, and so our liturgical law directs that "the main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy"<sup>14</sup>. Gregorian chant is thus "not only permitted, but *encouraged* at all liturgical ceremonies above all other styles of music"<sup>15</sup>, retaining the rhythmic cadence of verse and response between the priest and people in the Holy Sacrifice which has so long been such a cherished part of our Tradition<sup>16</sup>.

This anthem would be taken up by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vatican Council, which taught that Gregorian chant, being "specially suited to the Roman liturgy...should be given pride of place in liturgical services", and that "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites", emphasizing (as we saw in last week's installment) that "steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them"<sup>17</sup>. Ever a faithful son of the Church, Benedict XVI, listening to the expressed desire of his bishops, wrote, "I desire...that Gregorian chant be suitably esteemed and employed as the chant proper to the Roman liturgy"<sup>18</sup>. In response to this "desire", Bishop Marc Aillet respectfully asks, "Do we not have the right to demand that such authoritative calls be heard?"<sup>19</sup>.

## Conclusion

Beauty speaks deeply to the human heart. Sonorous melody is healing for the distracted mind. And peace is the great thirst of every soul, especially those baptized into the Divine Life in Christ. Gregorian chant flows as a breath from Heaven through the *rites et preces* (rites and prayers) of the Sacred Liturgy in an unparalleled way, helping us to deepen our access to the Divine Mysteries which are ever ancient and ever new. In a culture saturated with innumerable false lights, and thus so thirsting for what is authentically *beautiful*, we do well to rediscover Gregorian chant as a balm to the world-tried soul.

Father Cassian

Associate Pastor

8. cf. PIUS X, *Tra Le Sollecitudini*, #6.
9. PAUL VI, Letter *Sacrificium Laudis*.
10. M. AILLET, *The Old Mass and the New*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2010, 90.
11. PAUL VI, Letter *Sacrificium Laudis*.
12. PAUL VI, Letter *Sacrificium Laudis* (emphasis added). When Paul VI saw the movement to diminish or remove Gregorian chant from the life of the Church, he saw that it "surely would afflict the Church of God with sickness and sadness" (*Sacrificium Laudis*). Paul VI was a prophet in more ways than one. It is no coincidence that he would utter this prophetic stance in favor of unambiguous liturgical beauty within the same Ecclesial season in which he would have to courageously stand for human life in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Unfortunately, neither teaching has been well-heeded, and the fruits of such deafness loom darkly in the spiritual and moral horizon of the faithful, threatening with sterility the nuptial gifts of the marital embrace and the Sacred Liturgy.
13. CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP, *Vonluntati Obsequens*, April 14, 1974.
14. GENERAL INSTRUCTION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL ("GIRM"), #41.
15. SACRED CONGREGATION OF RITES, *De Musica Sacra et Sacra Liturgia*, Sep. 3, 1958, #16 (emphasis added).
16. As one author shares, "Never forget that a fully-chanted Mass, as prescribed by the modern *Graduale Romanum*, remains the ideal for the new Mass, no less than for the old". P. RICE, *The Parish Book of Chant: A Manual of Gregorian Chant and a Liturgical Resource for Scholas and Congregations*, The Church Music Association of America, xix.
17. VATICAN COUNCIL II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, #116, #36, and #54.
18. BENEDICT XVI, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Feb. 22, 2007, #42.
19. M. AILLET, *The Old Mass and the New*, 56.

**A FAMILY BLESSING:** *Please join us is praying for families throughout the world during the World Meeting for Families & always!*

Lord of all, bless our families. Be they formed by blood or by circumstance, make them holy.

As you reveal yourself to us in three persons: Father, Son and Spirit, and in the relationship that flows among the three, may we find you in our relationships, in our marriages, in our families, in our households, in our communities, in our global humanity.

May we look across all that divides us and see family and embrace as a family does. And love as a family ought to.

From where two or three gather in your name, there are in the midst. There indeed you are, the one for whom we long so deeply.

**Amen.**

# NEWS & EVENTS

## Newly Baptized

Please welcome the newly  
Baptized to our  
community!

Kailani Ortiz  
Alexander Liam Sarmiento  
Derrick Iker Espejel

Ana Marie Lai  
Isiah Mark Hill  
Kevin Angel Penate  
Alexander Chavarria  
Mallyah Monica  
Hanley Fay marie Vidaillet

## Weekly Holy Hour

"In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacraments in Holy Hour of prayer." ~Blessed Mother Teresa.

Every Wednesday there is a Holy Hour in the church from 6-7 pm. Within the hour, there is a rosary with beautiful reflections, time for silent reflection, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Benediction. Please come and spend 1 hour with Jesus. This is a special time of abundant blessings for all!



## K of C - Columbus Day Dinner Dance



The Knights of Columbus, San Pedro Angel Gate Council 1740, will host their annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance on **Saturday, October 10, 2015** at 6:00 p.m. Dancing music provided by: D.D. Nick Vilicich D.J. Menu to include: pasta, chicken parmigiana, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus charity funds.

The Dinner Dance will be held in our Parish Auditorium with a donation of \$20 per adult and children (12 years and under) \$5.00. Tickets on sale in the Parish Office (870 W. 8th St. 90731) Raffle prize includes: 50/50 and a special raffle prize. For tickers, please contact SK Tony DeGirolamo at (310) 519-8885, SK mark Rollice at (310) 980-0765 or SK Phillip Sandoval at (310) 833-0644.

*Tickets courtesy of Johnny's Auto Clinic - 717 W. Capitol Dr., San Pedro, CA (310) 521-0330, John DG, member of the K of C.*

## 33rd Annual Red Mass

The 33rd Annual Red Mass will be on Tuesday, **October 20th** at 5:30 pm @ the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels (555 W. Temple St., LA). The Red Mass is an ecumenical celebration sponsored by the St. Thomas Moore Society honoring public officials. Bishop Edward W. Clark will be the celebrant.

## Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

**UNIVERSAL: Opportunities for the Young:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**EVANGELIZATION: Catechists:** That Catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

## Stella Maris Catholic Books & Gift Store

stellamaris@marystar.org  
(310) 519-8661

### Announcements:

★2016 Workbook for Lectors, English and Spanish, are available

### Store Hours:

Wed. 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*We honor Mary Star of the Sea Elementary  
& High School Scrip!*

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for all of the sick of our community, that they may find healing and comfort in Christ, especially:

Jacqueline Velazquez	Rita Madigan	Mary Amalfitano
Julio Arroyo	Cynthia D'Acquisto	The Anderson
Antoinette Onorato -	Albert Cvitanovich	Family
Uthoff	Ann Wise	Geri Mariani
Rose Regan	Paula Karli	Nancy Hall
Jackie Carrolle	Alfredo Maldonado	Pete Avila
Martin	Ivana Parisi (baby)	Nany Lo Grande
Paul Kaezavich	Raymond Avila	Famayoa
Michael Chavez	Maria A. L.	Anabella Gonzales
Elizabeth Avila	Dustin Varela	Daniel Horeczko
Rita Madigan	Lydia Faria	
Mary Lou Sweida	Vincent Kordich, Jr.	

\*Names stay on the sick list for 3 weeks, if you would like them to continue please call the parish office to have the name added again. Please notify us of any changes.

## Stained Glass Window Protection

We'd like to thank all those who have graciously and generously donated towards our Stained Glass Window Protection project! Small windows cost \$2,000 and larger windows cost \$4,000 to keep safe. Whoever would like to donate in helping maintain our church stained glass windows safe for future generations, please contact Josephine Frka at (310) 833-3541. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## 40 Days for Life Campaign

Join the Knights of Columbus, 1740 chapter, in prayer and action to strike down abortion which is an anti-life, anti-family assault. This is a three point campaign for prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil, and community outreach. Open to all Mary Star High School students is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Essay Contest; contact your religion teacher for info. Please note **9/25/15** is turn in due date. For more information go to [www.40DaysforLife.com](http://www.40DaysforLife.com), this is the national campaign site. More information will be posted in the coming week's bulletin.

## In Memoriam

Vince Grammatico

Angelo Amalfitano

## Did You Know?

### Back to school: keep communicating

School starting may make it harder to have family time, but it is important to keep the lines of communication open during the rush of sports, activities and schoolwork. Ask your kids about their day – who they talked to and what they did. Your kids should know there's nothing too embarrassing or scary to share with you. One easy way to start a conversation with your child is by talking to them in the car – they can be brief, private and sometimes avoiding eye contact can help kids open up. To get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Back to School – Talking With Your Kids" email: [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

## Mary Star Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch has started in partnership with the LAPD harbor Division. Be part of a network of neighbors looking out for the safety of each other. Increase your sense of community and get to know your neighbors. Participate in Neighborhood Watch Meetings with your neighbors and LAPD Senior Lead officer, Adrianna Bravo and get the FACTS. LAPD escorted Flash Light Walk to follow the meeting around Mary Star. **Next Meeting: Wed., October 14th** from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the MGPC Parish Center Round Room. Interested in participating? Contact Captain: Gabrielle DeBernadetto @ 323.449.2006 or [MaryStarNeighborhoodWatch@aol.com](mailto:MaryStarNeighborhoodWatch@aol.com).

## Free Citizenship & Fee Waiver Assistance



Catholic Charities of Los Angeles would like to share with our Parish community the opportunity to attend a **FREE** citizenship workshop on Saturday, **October 17th** from 9 am - 3 pm at St. Matthias Church (3095 E.

Florence Ave, Huntington Park, 90255). For more information, please contact (213) 251-3500 or email at [Info@CatholicCharitiesLA.org](mailto:Info@CatholicCharitiesLA.org). *Limited to first 150 people.*

## Sacraments for Adults

### RCIA



A number of adults have been gathering for the past three weeks to learn more about the Catholic faith in preparation for full initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter time. Some of them will be baptized for the first time and also receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, while

others who have been baptized already will make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are unbaptized or have been baptized in another faith and you wish to join us, you may still do so by calling Sister Mary at (310) 833-3541 ext. 222.

## Holy Trinity Renewal Weekend

What needs renewal in our lives? Come to the Holy Trinity Parish Renewal Weekend (**Oct. 16-18**) to experience a rejuvenation. Let it revitalize your life, your spirit; Have your own *renewal*. Don't miss this inspiring weekend led by Fr. Sebastian Vettickal. Everyone over 18 is invited. Please contact Patti Jensen (310) 831-8538 for more info and to sign up!

## Christian Care International Brunch



Join us for the Christian Care International Brunch on **Sunday, November 1st** in the Parish Auditorium from 8 am - 12 Noon!

Food from around the world and hometown favorites will be prepared and served by members of the

organizations, societies and friends within the Mary Star community!

Made to order omelets, waffled, local specialties, homemade breads and muffins, yummy desserts!

Adults: \$12.00 Children (under 12 years): \$7.00

*All proceeds benefit the Christian Care programs to assist hungry families in our community.*

## I.C.F. Casino Trip



The Italian Catholic Federation Branch #115 is planning a turnaround trip on Thursday, **October 1, 2015** at the San Manuel Indian Casino. Price \$23.00 per person. I.C.F. members will receive \$3.00 discount. Casino will give \$10.00 towards food or playing credit. This is a fundraiser for the I.C.F. "Adopt a Seminarian" program. For reservations, call Pauline Iacono at 310-832-0563.

## I.C.F. Las Vegas Trip

The Italian Catholic Federation is having a fundraiser with two night, three days trip to Las Vegas on **Sunday, November 8-10, 2015** at Treasure Island Hotel. Price \$150.00 per person for double occupancy. \$205.00 for single occupancy. I.C.F. members will receive \$5.00 discount. For reservations, please call Pauline Iacono at (310) 832-0563.



## Little Sisters of the Poor Need Our Help!

Little Sisters of the Poor need your help with their annual Holiday Boutique which will be held **Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015**. We need the following: (1) **JEWELRY**: Earrings, necklaces, bracelets, pins, beaded purses, whatever. (2) **PLANTS**: House plants, herb plants. (3) **BAKED GOODS**: Jams, marmalades, cookies, breads, pies, cakes, cupcakes (please indicate if baked goods have nuts or not) please deliver to Little Sisters starting *Thursday, October 22*. All ideas welcome. (4) **VOLUNTEERS**: We need volunteers to assist the day of the event. Please call Bing Varias, if you have questions 310-548-0625 ext 227.

## Marriage Encounter

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend that is full of joy! Feel like newly-weds again! The next weekend is **November 7-9 @ St. Dominic Savio Church - Bellflower**. For more information, contact Sarah & Jacob Flores at (562) 923-7335 or Ginny & Boon Hazboun at (562) 861-7562.

# FAITH FORMATION



## NEWS:

- ★ Confirmation Registration is now OPEN!
- ★ All high-school aged teens should register
- ★ Please register ASAP to secure your spot
- ★ Registration forms are available in the back of the church or available online at [www.MaryStar.org](http://www.MaryStar.org)
- ★ Please turn them into the main Rectory Office of the Youth Ministry Office.
- ★ 2nd year Parent Orientation (just parents) will be held on Wednesday September 16 or Thursday, September 17th (choose either day to attend) both from 7 pm - 8pm in the Youth Room
- ★ 1st year Parent Orientation (just parents) will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd or Thursday, September 24th (choose either day to attend) both from 7 pm - 8 pm in the Youth Room
- ★ All 1st Year Confirmation students will have their first session on Saturday, September 26th from 10 am - 2 pm (includes lunch) in the Youth Room. Regular sessions will follow according to the calendar and their chosen day.

Join us for our LIFE NIGHTS on Sundays after the 5:00 PM LIFE TEEN Mass



# Religious Education

## CELEBRATE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**WELCOME** to all who are committing themselves to religious formation. We are a team of devoted catechists who strive to help families establish a firm faith foundation for the children of our parish by introducing them to the wonders of God's Word, by preparing them to receive the sacraments of Initiation, and by furthering their education in our Catholic faith. We have been blessed and commissioned for our ministry.

We are also committed to **ADULT FORMATION**. **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** This program is for adults who have never been baptized, or who have been baptized in another faith tradition and want to commit to the Catholic faith. We meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Knights' Room. You will be most welcome.

**Adult Confirmation Sessions:** If you have never been confirmed we will be offering sessions to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation beginning in October. Call to reserve a place.

If you need further information on any of the above programs please call **Sister Mary or Lorena at 310-833-3541 ext. 221, 222**

## BAPTISMS

We welcome infants and young children to the Sacrament of Baptism. Visit the parish office for a Baptism Information package and to schedule an appointment.

*We ask parents, when coming to register for infant Baptism, to please bring the baby's birth certificate. Please check our website for necessary information to be brought to the interview for scheduling a Baptism.*



# OUR SCHOOLS

## MARY STAR OF THE SEA HIGH SCHOOL



## MARY STAR OF THE SEA ELEMENTARY & PRE-SCHOOL

### MSHS News:

- ★ **Senior Parent Night:** Wednesday, September 30 @ 7 PM  
Get a “heads up” on all the senior activities throughout the year for your students and learn about college application timelines and requirements.
- ★ The fall tradition of the Punt, Pass and Kick Competition starts Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ★ “Desserts for the Holidays” is back! Students received the fundraiser packets in their homeroom last week. Please sell these tasty desserts (Cheesecake and Pumpkin Rolls!) and treats (Kettle Korn and Baked Pretzels!) to benefit school programs. **Please turn in your money (checks payable to Mary Star High School) and order sheets to the main office by September 30th.**
- ★ **Seniors:** Start thinking about your college applications now! There are a number of college representatives who will be on campus this Fall. Please check the Counseling page for dates and times, and see Ms. Pichler to reserve your spot at these informational meetings.
- ★ The *Dollar-a-Day "Phone-A-Thon"* is back! Please support this important endeavor to raise funds for the school. We heartily thank those who have participated in the past and hope more will join us this year. Students will meet each **Wednesday night** at 6:30 p.m. in the faculty room to make phone calls asking potential donors to contribute to our "Dollar-A-Day" Development Drive. Parents interested in providing assistance can contact the Development Office: 310-833-3861 or [development@marystarhigh.com](mailto:development@marystarhigh.com). Thank you!
- ★ Parents, do you need Volunteer hours? There are many ways to get involved with SCRIP, football season and Homecoming. Check the handbook calendar and school website for opportunities or call Ms. Margie DiBernardo in the main office, 310-547-1138.



### Upcoming Events:

- ★ 1:22 p.m. Early Dismissal Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>
- ★ MSHS Raffle Tickets Distributed Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ★ MSHS Schoolwide Confessions Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ★ Varsity Football vs St. Bernard High School Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ★ Junior Varsity Football @ Crean Lutheran High School Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ★ Girls' Volleyball vs St. Mary's Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ★ Homecoming Week October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mary Star Parishioners,

Mary Star Elementary School's Fall Sports Program is off to a great start! Thank you to the many parents who volunteer as coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, snack suppliers, carpool organizers and devoted fans!



This week we highlight our Schoolwide Learning Expectation:  
**STRIVE FOR PERSONAL SUCCESS**

- ★ Our “A” football team who began their season last weekend!
- ★ Our “B” football team who will be playing in the Bogdanovich Park League.
- ★ Our Girls’ “A” Volleyball team who had their first win against Nativity last Thursday!
- ★ Our Girls’s “B” Volleyball Team who has been practicing and warming up for their season which begins this coming week.
- ★ MSSE Cheer Squad who exemplify SCHOOL SPIRIT!

### MSSE 2015-2016: Annual Elementary School Appeal:

*This year your generosity will fund:*

- ★ *School Capital Improvement Program / Wish List*
  - *Primary Computer Lab*
  - *Renovate Downstairs Boys' Restroom*
  - *Hardwiring for Internet Service*
  - *Paint the outside breezeway*

**Envelopes are in the pews and I thank you for your gift!**

God Bless You,  
Noreen Maricich  
Principal

**Registration is now full & CLOSED for the 2015-2016. Registration is now OPEN for the 2016-2017 school year for 3-5 year olds who are fully pottie trained.** Our preschool program is year round, part- and full- time.



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For more information about our preschool program, please call (310) 833-3541 Ext. 228 and ask for Beth Castagnola (Director) email @ [MaryStarPreschool@gmail.com](mailto:MaryStarPreschool@gmail.com) or visit: [www.MaryStarElementary.com/page.php?p=46](http://www.MaryStarElementary.com/page.php?p=46)

# Weekly Mass Intentions

## Saturday, September 26, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Rose & Francesco Castania  
by Giovanna Perone †
- 5:15 p.m.— Aniello & Maria Grazia Di Bernardo  
by Their Children †

## Sunday, September 27, 2015

- 7:30 a.m.— Filomena Oliveri by Caterina Oliveri †
- 9:00 a.m.— For All Parishioners of Mary Star
- 10:30 a.m.— Emilia Chua Uy by Fr. F.C. †
- 12:00 p.m.— Annette Shannon on her Birthday  
by Rene Mardesich
- 1:30 p.m.— Anthony Sutlovich by wife, Natalie Sutlovich †
- 5:00 p.m.— Joseph Domicoli by wife & daughter †
- 6:30 p.m.— Pasquale & Maria Sasso  
by Adela & Giuseppe Sasso †

## Monday, September 28, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Jack Donato by Nancy †
- 5:15 p.m.— Rosa Tantaro by Anna & Tony Groppo †

## Tuesday, September 29, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Carmela Castagnola  
by Filomena Boccamfuso & Family †
- 5:15 p.m.— Ante Katačić  
by Croatian Choir - Niko Reskusic & Family †

## Wednesday, September 30, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Bennette Luja by Guarrasi Family †
- 5:15 p.m.— John Desabota by wife, Angels & sons †

## Thursday, October 01, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Bob & Yerka Lucin  
by grandson, Bob Lucin & Family †
- 5:15 p.m.— Carmela Castagnola by Gina Korthe †

## Friday, October 02, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Vincent & Elizabeth Sorrentino by children †
- 5:15 p.m.— Alex Salazar, Jr. by Rukavina Family †

## Saturday, October 03, 2015

- 8:00 a.m.— Toni & Rita Joncic by Stanojevich Family †
- 5:15 p.m.— Vincenzo & Maria Di Leva  
by Salvatore & Nicolina Mattera †

## Sunday, October 04, 2015

- 7:30 a.m.— Giorgio Oliveri by Caterina Oliveri †
- 9:00 a.m.— For All Parishioners of Mary Star
- 10:30 a.m.— Lauro Palacios by Palacios Family †
- 12:00 p.m.— Anna Wolff by Robert Wolff †
- 1:30 p.m.— Frane & Danica Krstic by daughter, Mirella †
- 5:00 p.m.— Pete Mardesich by wife, Victoria †
- 6:30 p.m.— Vincenza Camello  
by Francesco & Giuseppina Iovena †

† = deceased

# Weekly Parish Events

## Saturday, September 26, 2015

- 8:45 a.m.—Families of Nazareth Movement—MGPC Chapel
- 9:00 a.m.—Religious Education—MSB 111-218
- 12:30 p.m.—English Baptism—Church
- 5:00 p.m.—San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass Celebration—Church
- 6:15 p.m.—San Lorenzo Ruiz Reception—MGPC Round Room
- 6:30 p.m.—Hispanic Group - Prayer & Praise—MSB 111

## Sunday, September 27, 2015

- 7:30 p.m.—ICF Officer's Meeting—MGPC Long Room

## Monday, September 28, 2015

- 6:00 p.m.—Daughters of Isabella Officers Mtg.—K of C
- 6:30 p.m.—Croatian Choir Practice—Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Guadalupano Group Mtg.—MSB 111

## Tuesday, September 29, 2015

- 5:45 p.m.—Perpetual Adoration Devotion—Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Religious Education Sponsor Meeting—K of C
- 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Group—MGPC Chapel

## Wednesday, September 30, 2015

- 4:00 p.m.—Religious Education—MSB 111-218
- 5:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts Pack 1203—MSB 215-217
- 5:45 p.m.—Perpetual Adoration Devotion—Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Al Anon Grp.—MGPC Long Room
- 7:00 p.m.—Hispanic Grp. Mtg. / Rehearsal—MSB 111/215

## Thursday, October 01, 2015

- 8:30 a.m.—St. Vincent de Paul Craft Fair—AUD
- 9:00 a.m.—Bible Study—MGPC Round Room
- 6:00 p.m.—Croatian Cuisine—MGPC Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study (Fred Krause)—MGPC Chapel
- 7:00 p.m.—Daughters of Isabella—Craft—MGPC Round Room
- 7:00 p.m.—English Baptism Class—MSB 210
- 7:00 p.m.—Hispanic Group—Bible Institute—MSB 111
- 7:00 p.m.—RCIA Session—K of C

## Friday, October 02, 2015

- 8:30 a.m.—St. Vincent de Paul Craft Fair—AUD
- 5:45 p.m.—Perpetual Adoration Devotion—Church
- 7:00 p.m.—Croatian Catholic Guild Rosary—MGPC Chapel

## Saturday, October 03, 2015

- 8:30 a.m.—St. Vincent de Paul Craft Fair—AUD
- 8:45 a.m.—Families of Nazareth Movement—MGPC Chapel
- 9:00 a.m.—Religious Education—MSB 111-218
- 6:30 p.m.—Hispanic Group - Prayer & Praise—MSB 111

## Sunday, October 04, 2015

- 1:00 p.m.—Filipino Meeting—MGPC Long Room
- 2:30 p.m.—Croatian Catholic Family Guild Mtg.—MGPC R/R

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