

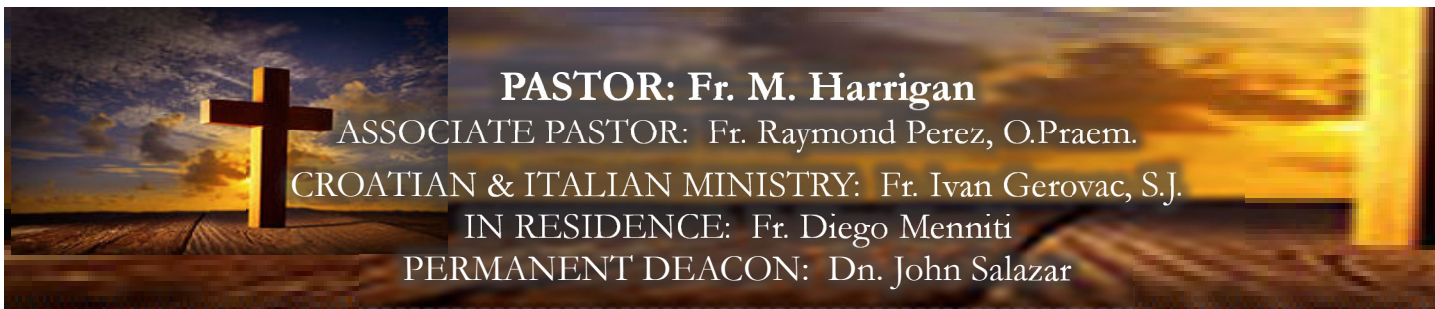


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JESUS ASKED THEM,
"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"
PETER SAID TO HIM IN REPLY,

"You are the Christ."

~ MARK 8:29

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 8:00 am & 5:15 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

Weekend: Saturday 5:15 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am (Spanish)

12:00 noon (English/2nd reading in Italian)

1:30 pm (Croatian)

Holy Days of Obligation:

5:15 pm (Vigil)

8:00 am

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Wednesday during Holy Hour: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Rosary: Monday - Friday:

7:30 am

4:45 pm

**All Parish, Federal & State Holidays,
there will be only one Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Mary Star of the Sea Parishioners:

I hope you all enjoyed your Labor Day weekend and are back to the full swing of things. We are excited about all the good work going on at our Schools and we look forward to an excellent academic year. Below is an article I came across on the Identity of Jesus in our Modern World. I thought it might be helpful. Have a blessed week.

*Fr. Harrigan
Pastor*

THE REAL JESUS AND TWO IMPOSTERS ***By Paul Senz***

There is a magnetism about Jesus Christ. Even those who deny his divinity—deny the thing that Christians claim makes him important and influential in the first place—seem to seek any reason to be able to recognize him as important or influential, stopping short of acknowledging his divinity. People seem reluctant to abandon him or throw him by the wayside. They try to downplay his importance, but they know he is important. So they must find some other reason to admire him. We've all heard it many times before: Jesus was just a great moral teacher, someone who told us all to be nice to each other, and we can all learn from his example of niceness. There are many people around the world who profess no religious belief in Jesus. "He was a great moral teacher," they say, or "We can follow his example of togetherness and acceptance of everyone." But they strenuously deny that he was God—in other words, they deny that he was what he claimed to be. The problem is, if you deny his divinity, you run into a pretty thorny problem. This is a man who clearly claimed divinity for himself (see Luke 22:69; John 10:30, 10:38, 14:7-10). This is a man who, when faced with torture and execution, doubled down and assured his inquisitors that yes, in fact, he is the Son of God (see. Luke 22:70). Is it possible to deny this claim and still admire the man? If he is not God, is it possible to still look up to someone who claims such a thing for himself? When it comes down to it, there are only three options: 1) he was who he said he was; 2) he was out of his mind; 3) he was knowingly lying. This argument has been made before, most famously by C.S. Lewis in his book *Mere Christianity*, and has been called the trilemma. How are we to interpret Jesus' claims to be divine, and what implications does that have? Logically considered, there are a finite number of possibilities, all of which are mutually exclusive and one of which must be true. What Lewis's trilemma does is work through the possibilities and make a case for which one makes the most sense to believe. The trilemma is not really an airtight argument for the divinity of Jesus. It does not demonstrate the truth of this claim by appealing to any authority, or by logically and systematically laying out the reasons for believing Jesus was God. It is more like an argument in favor of believing the divinity of Jesus. Pascal's Wager comes to mind: while not a proof for the existence of God, it is a demonstration of the reasonableness of such faith. Lewis's trilemma is a sort of deductive demonstration: there are three options, two of which do not make sense, so the correct answer must be the third. The question is: is he Lord, lunatic, or liar?

From the Pastor's Desk

While this is typically called the trilemma, some have presented a fourth option: legend. Here we consider the possibility that the Bible is not historically reliable, so we cannot know for sure that Jesus (if he really even existed) ever actually claimed to be God, so the accounts would be simply legendary. This option is usually not included in the conversation, as it sort of defeats the purpose and undermines the question. We could easily end any historical conversation by saying, "Perhaps the matter in question never happened." Think about it: one could ask whether or not the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were morally justifiable and be shut down by someone saying, "It never happened, so the question is irrelevant." This contributes nothing to the conversation. As for Jesus' historical existence, the evidence is far too great to deny it. We must accept the fact that he claimed to be God and approach the question from there. No one can lay out the argument as well as Lewis himself, so here is the pertinent excerpt from *Mere Christianity*: I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to. The argument was also put forward in a somewhat different context by St. Thomas Aquinas more than seven hundred years before Lewis. In *Lectura super Ioannem*, in the prologue to the commentary on the Gospel of John, Aquinas says John's reason for writing his Gospel was that, "after the other Evangelists had written their Gospels, heresies had arisen concerning the divinity of Christ, to the effect that Christ was purely and simply a man, as Ebion and Cerinthus falsely taught. And so John the Evangelist, who had drawn the truth about the divinity of the Word from the very fountainhead of the divine breast, wrote this Gospel at the request of the faithful. And in it he gives us the doctrine of the divinity of Christ and refutes all heresies." So is the speaker a lunatic? Is he deranged, without a grip on reality? If that's the case, no one should be taking lessons on ethics (or anything else, for that matter) from this person. Someone without a firm grasp of reality should not be looked up to for any kind of advice and could not be considered a great moral teacher. So is the speaker a liar? And if so, does it matter? Can't we still trust that his moral teachings are sound? Frankly, no. Someone who would intentionally lie about being God is not someone who should be trusted to give ethical advice and guidance. This person would be a narcissist in the most technical, clinical sense; a selfish, self-serving individual, lacking in compassion. Not exactly the resume of a great ethical teacher. It would seem that third remaining option must be true: Jesus is Lord.

Did You Know? Sabía Usted?

SEPTEMBER 11-12

DID YOU KNOW?

What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child's school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child. For more information, visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.

Qué hacer si le preocupa el secuestro familiar

El secuestro familiar ocurre cuando un miembro de la familia se lleva a un niño o lo esconde de otro miembro de la familia, en oposición de los derechos de custodia o los derechos de visita. En algunas circunstancias, el secuestro familiar se considera un delito y puede ser procesado. Si a usted le preocupa un posible secuestro familiar, usted puede actuar. Tenga un acuerdo de custodia válido que describa quién puede ver o llevarse a su hijo y cuándo. Informe a la escuela o a la guardería de su hijo sobre los arreglos de custodia, incluyendo quién puede y quién no puede recoger a su hijo. Para obtener más información, visite missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: 09-11-2021

8:00am † Albert Di Rocco by Karen Duncan
5:15pm † Lewellen & Stinis Family

SUNDAY: 09-12-2021

7:30am † Patricia Herzog by Rubio Family
9:00am For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased
10:30am † Bishop Michael Hernandez by Dad
12:00pm † Giroloma Russo by Anna Vaccaro
1:30pm † Dominko & Dinka Fistonc by Antica Fistonc & Family

MONDAY: 09-13-2021

8:00am † Margarita & Nikola Bozanic & Family by Fanica Burich
5:15pm For All Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased

TUESDAY: 09-14-2021

8:00am † Joseph & Perina Burich & Family by Fanica Burich
5:15pm For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY: 09-15-2021

8:00am † Filomena, Ciro & Pietro Mazzella by Di Leva & D'ambra Family
5:15pm For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased

THURSDAY: 09-16-2021

8:00am † Mike & Ray Martinez by Cvjetka & Family
5:15pm For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased

FRIDAY: 09-17-2021

8:00am † Francisco Rodriguez by Family
5:15pm For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased

SATURDAY: 09-18-2021

8:00am † Stuart Schafer by Roeder Family
5:15pm In Honor of Saint Padre Pio by Libby & Mary

SUNDAY: 09-19-2021

7:30am † Rosslyn, Ruth & Ross by Sam & Ellene Sardisco
9:00am For all Parishioners of Mary Star Living & Deceased
10:30am † Bishop Michael Hernandez by Dad
12:00pm † Elizabeth Manzano
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Becoming Catholic

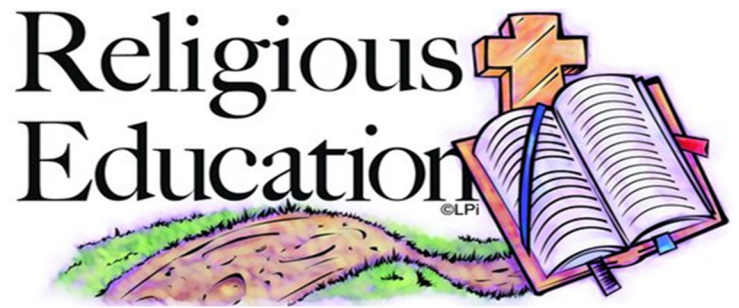
RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Are you an adult who has never been baptized or was baptized in another faith tradition?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who has lapsed from the practice of your faith?
- Are you an adult who has never received First Holy communion and/or Confirmation?
- Do you have a child older than seven who has never been baptized?

Each of these situations are unique and different, but they all describe a personal journey and a desire to come closer to Jesus and to the Church.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call Sister Mary or Jamie at 310-833-3541 ext. 221, 222



We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for formation and preparation for First Holy Communion. In spite of COVID we had eighty children celebrate First Holy Communion in May and teenagers and adults celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation.

We are now open to take registrations. If your child had completed their first year but did not return because of COVID, they are now welcome to register for the second year. If your child has not yet been baptized we welcome them into our program where they will be prepared to receive the sacraments.

If your child has received their First Holy Communion we would love to welcome them back to continue their formation. You may choose to attend classes
WEDNESDAYS from 4:15 – 5:30 pm OR on SATURDAYS from 9:45 – 11:00 am. The office is open 9:30 am to 12:15 pm and from 2:00 – 4:30 pm
 You may register online or in person.

Online registration: https://d2v1pz2v630308.cloudfront.net/2559/documents/2019/8/Religious_Education_Registration_Form_2019_plus_TTS_form_v2.pdf

If you need further information on this or any of our programs please call Sister Mary or Jamie at 310-833-3541 ext. 221 or 222.

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Local contact: (Heather Morgan, 310-721-6776, torrance40daysforlife@gmail.com)

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:

40daysforlife.com/torrance

Mary Star of the Sea Elementary and Pre-school



MSSE News:

Remembering 9/11



Yesterday, September 11, 2021, our nation and indeed the world observed the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist

attacks on our country. It is incredibly notable that we find our nation in conflict with itself as our military has now been fully withdrawn from the country of Afghanistan, the birthplace of Al-Qaeda's plan to attack the United States. Whatever position one may take on the withdrawal of our troops, one thing remains a constant; for 20 years Americans and our allies, both civilian and military, have fought and sacrificed to protect our nation from another 9/11. Despite sporadic attempts by terrorist groups over the years, those Americans succeeded in keeping us safe. It is with solemn pride and humility that I ask all of us who can remember, to think back to those early days, weeks, even months, after 9/11, to find again the sense of love and unity we held for one another in that dark time. "Faith - Family - Country" are the principles through which all efforts flow here at Mary Star of the Sea Elementary and they were truly born through that moment in time, September 11, 2001. For those of us who lived through it we will never forget, for those who have come after we plead with you to always remember. Remember the date, remember the event, remember the lessons so hard learned. God bless this community and God bless the United States of America.

- ★ Our Student Council was installed earlier this week with a special blessing from our Rector, Father Benedict. Today they represent our school by participating in the celebration of the noon Mass by altar serving and lecturing. Once a month a different grade will join the parish to celebrate the Noon Mass on Sundays. We hope that you will join us in these celebrations of Christ and also see what your support means to our students at MSSE.
- ★ Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for "Back to School BINGO"! It was a fun night that strengthened our community and helped to support our school. Keep an eye out for "Jingle BINGO" in December!

God bless,
Mr. Cordero
Principal

Mary Star of the Sea

High School



MSHS News:

- ★ On Friday, September 17, MSHS will celebrate its Installation of Class Officers Mass on campus. The Mass will be in-person and take place outside near the lunch area. Congratulations to all MSHS Class officers.
- ★ MSHS is open and on campus full time. We are still currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Mary Star of the Sea High School will continue its Mission as a Catholic High School in truly caring for our students' entire well-being: mind, body and soul. MSHS will continue to adhere to all health and safety practices recommended by local county health departments and the Department of Catholic Schools in an effort to keep our students, faculty and parents healthy. Please visit www.marystarhigh.com or call 310-547-1138 for information and applications. Main Office hours are from 7:30am – 3:30pm Monday through Friday.
- ★ Mary Star High School welcome back week was a success. It was a jammed packed week full of activities for our students such as a Club Expo, a drive-in movie night, a welcome rally, a watermelon eating contest and concluded the week with an outdoor dance.
- ★ Mary Star Fall sports are in full swing. Both our Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams are 2-0. The varsity has wins over L.A. Marshall and Alhambra. The JV Stars beat Bishop Montgomery and Alhambra. Our Girls' Volleyball team is off to a 5-2 start and the Cross Country team is preparing hard for their first race.
- ★ **Mary Star High School Mobile App, Instagram and Facebook!** Stay up to date with the latest MSHS news at the tips of your fingers! Download the app today by going to Apple App Store or Google Play. Also, follow us on Instagram@marystarhighschool and Facebook@MaryStarHigh.
- ★ Stay up to date with Mary Star of the Sea High School news and information at marystarhigh.com

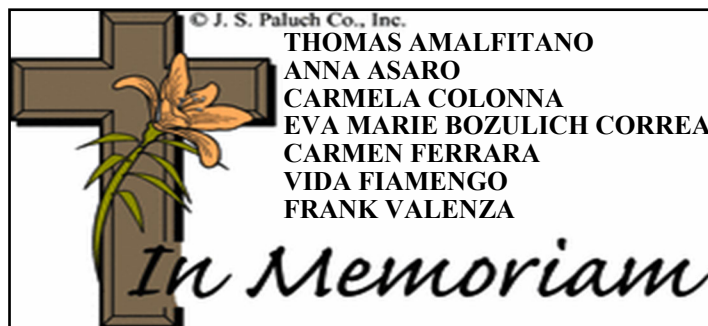
Upcoming Events:

- ★ Parent/Teacher Conference: Thursday, September 23

First Reading	Isaiah 50: 5-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 116: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,8-9 <i>R/. "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."!</i>
Second Reading	James 2:14-18
Gospel Acclamation	"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the Lord has been crucified to me and I to the world".
Gospel	Mark 8:27-35

GOSPEL
Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."



Dear Parishioners of Mary Star:
Below is an ancient prayer to St. Joseph asking his protection and help in all our need. I encourage you to recite it each day in honor of this Year dedicated to St. Joseph. May God Reward You.

Fr. Harrigan

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your Divine Son, Jesus, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head **for me**, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, please pray for me. Amen.



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Audrey Louise Berninger



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**CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY HOUR
WEDNESDAY, FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:00 PM**



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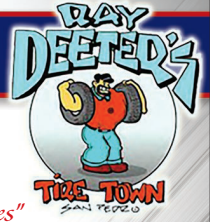
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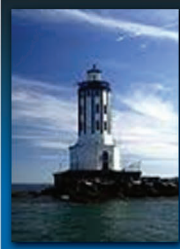
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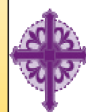


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