

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Marblehead, Massachusetts

Hosanna

to the King!



Marco Palmezzano / 1535

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 24, 2024

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



We see our community as one moved by Faith, led by Hope and united in Charity, seeking, as a caring family, to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ by reaching out in welcome to all: the young, the old, the stranger, and the neighbor. We commit ourselves to helping and healing, to feeding the hungry, to visiting the sick, and to consoling the bereaved as Jesus commanded in the gospels.

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CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 2:30-3:30pm. Also upon request, at any reasonable time. Please contact the Rectory to make an appointment.

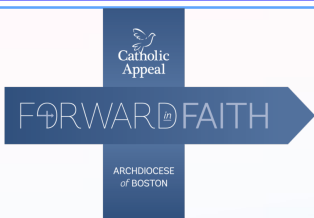
BAPTISM: For Baptism and Baptismal Catechesis, please contact the Rectory Mon - Thu 9am-3pm.

WEDDINGS: By personal appointment with a priest, six to eight months prior to the date desired.

FUNERALS: Contact the Rectory Mon-Thu 9am-3pm.
SICK & SHUT-INS: Priests are available to bring Holy Communion to the home. Please contact the Rectory.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE MOST WELCOME: Please make yourself known to us at the Rectory. We want to know you.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing by Mon 10am.



We have officially launched the 2024 Catholic Appeal here in our parish and across the Archdiocese. One of the most meaningful ways that we witness the presence of Christ and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. As your pastor, I strongly encourage you to join me in giving a gift to this year's appeal. Many of you have already done so and I am deeply grateful. As a parish, I am hoping for 100% participation! You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. **Thankful for YOUR HELP!**

Welcome!

Would you like to be a Registered Member of Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish?
Would you like our mailings?



Family Name: _____

Husband: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Wife: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Children (please include date of birth): _____

Street: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please Check: New Registration

Change of Address

Offertory Envelopes

To sign up for Electronic Giving,
please visit us at
www.sosmarblehead.org.

You may email us your information at SOSRectory@verizon.net,
or use this form returned to the collection box or mailed to:

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Parish, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead, MA 01945.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 23
 9:00 AM **Jo Cosby**
 4:00 PM **Daniel James Nolan, Birthday Remembrance**
Sunday March 24 ~ Palm Sunday
 7:30 AM **Those praying to end abortion**
 9:00 AM **Mary Crisp**
 11:00 AM **Pro Populo**
Monday March 25
 9:00 AM **Richard Marrs**
Tuesday March 26
 9:00 AM **William McCarthy**
Wednesday March 27
 9:00 AM **Jeff Tauber, Birthday Remembrance**
Thursday March 28, The Lord's Supper
 7:00 PM **Pro Populo**
Friday March 29
 7:00 PM **Commemoration of the Lord's Death for the sake of the world**
Saturday March 30
 8:00 PM **Pro Populo**
Sunday March 31, Easter
 7:30 AM **Kitty Cutting, 1st Anniversary**
 9:00 AM **Karen Landry**
 11:00 AM **Rosario and Rosalia Cutietta**

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Collected/mailed in: \$ 6,782.00 • Online: \$2,191.50

Offertory Total: \$8,973.50

Grand Annual: \$342.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$211.00

May the good Lord reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Wednesday, March 27th
 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Individual Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Penance Service with individual confessions
Friday, March 29th
 12:45 pm, following Stations of the Cross
 3:45 pm, following Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 30th
 11:00 am, ~ Noon, Individual Confessions
 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Individual Confessions

Coffee and Donuts
Join Us
Palm Sunday
following 9:00 a.m. Mass

★ **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 - 2024** ★
This the Last Week of Regular Class ★

Sessions for our annual Safety Curriculum will, however, be scheduled during the Easter Season and communicated to all families.

First Communion Candidates

Parents should contact the Office to verify they have made up any missed lessons.

Important Dates:

First Communion Retreat is May 4th, 9:30a - 1:00p

First Communion is May 11th at 10:30a or 12:30p

May Procession is May 12th after the 9:00a Mass.

Confirmation Candidates

Prayer Partners for each Candidate are being arranged at Sunday masses.

Catholic/Private school Candidates should have contacted the office by now.

Questions? call 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligious@staroftheseamarblehead.org

Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday



Holy Thursday, March 28th
 7:00 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Mandatum
 Solemn Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29th
 12 noon, Stations of the Cross
 Confessions following service
 3:00 pm, Stations of the Cross
 Confessions following service
 7:00 pm, Commemoration of the Lord's Death



Holy Saturday, March 30th
 11:00 am to Noon, Confessions
 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Confessions



Easter

8:00pm, Saturday Eve, March 30th,
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
Easter Sunday Masses, March 31st
 7:30am, 9:00am, Church
 and 11:00am, Church and Garden



FORWARD in FAITH

SCAN HERE to
 make your gift
 or visit



bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate4

"Every gift to the Appeal, no matter the amount, has meaning and purpose, and every gift plays an integral part in the vital mission of the Archdiocese of Boston." - Cardinal Seán O'Malley

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion! We recall Jesus' triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem. We begin together our observance of Holy Week. Recall the story of the passion and death of the Lord Jesus. Experience the desolation of Mary, Jesus' mother, and of the faithful few as they consign Jesus' body to the grave. Await in hope the joy to come in the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on the Third Day.

The Lord himself invites you to take up your cross and to follow him. Your celebration of this Holy Week is part of your answer to him. Walk in the steps of the Lord's final earthly hours. Ask for the renewal of his guidance and his grace in Your life. Make the celebrations of Holy Week part of your own spiritual journey.

Join us on the night of Holy Thursday as we begin the "first" day, the Day of the Lord's Passion with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Recall the gift of the Eucharist given you by Jesus the night before his death. Commemorate the gift of priesthood which he bestowed on you and on the Church as he commands us to "do this" in his memory. Rededicate yourself in his grace to the works of charity and service for our brothers and sisters as you recall the wonder of God's free gift of love to us manifest in Jesus. Later on this "first" day (counting sunset to sunset in the old Jewish reckoning) commemorate with us the death of Jesus on the Cross. At noon or at 3:00 walk together the Stations of the Cross. At 7:00 in the evening on Good Friday, join the Church world-wide in remembering with somber joy the wonder of Jesus' love poured out on the world from the height of his Cross.

On the "second" day, Holy Saturday, the Church sits as if lost at the tomb of Jesus, contemplating the dead silence of what life would be like in this world without Jesus who freed us from the slavery of sin. The only sacraments usually celebrated this day is the Sacrament of Penance from 11 to noon and again at 2:30 to 3:30 pm.

The "Third Day" arrives! Our prayer erupts in joy as we proclaim together the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus in the night leading to a new morrow (for us the Vigil at 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening). The joy is multiplied as our Parish family gathers at the Easter Masses throughout the morning (celebrating in the Garden as well, weather allowing) rejoicing in the blessings of new life and the love from on high that transforms us.

The feast of Passover has many dimensions. It recalls those great acts of God by which the Chosen People were freed from the slavery of Egypt and led to the promised land. It was a great pilgrimage feast that would bring together thousands of believers from all over the Mediterranean area to Jerusalem to praise and thank God. It was, most of all, a "family" feast, as each family was asked to procure their lamb, sacrifice it to God between the twilights, and to share its roasted flesh as a family gathered in God's praise and protected by the blood of the lamb marked over the home's door.

This year, we pray for our families as part of our Holy Week celebrations and of Easter. You might well take as a guide for Holy Week this year Mark's presentation of the Passion (see Mk 14:1-15:47) and his figure of the woman who anointed Jesus before his betrayal. The Gospel tells us "She did what she could." We, too, ask for the grace truly to do what we can for the Lord and for one another. Grateful for all that Jesus has done for us, we seek the strength and guidance of his Word and Sacraments to do all we can to promote God's love as the core of our own hearts and to do something good, truthful and beautiful for the sake of those God has given us as companions on our journey.

Asking God's blessing on you, your loved ones for a worthy celebration of Holy Week, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

Holy Week Penance Service

A communal celebration of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation

on Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Scripture, examination of conscience and Act of Contrition prayed together, followed by individual absolution. Multiple confessors will be available.



We Share Online giving is an easy, secure option for your various offerings to our parish. Simply visit our parish webpage at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the We Share link to get started.



Good Friday Collection Holy Land Shrines



The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational charitable and Peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land. The current state of conflict makes our support of innocent families and communities all the more important.

Easter Collection Clergy Trust



The Easter collection supports the retirement medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous. See:

www.clergytrust.org.

2024 Catholic Appeal: Forward in Faith

The Catholic Appeal is a way that we can fortify, sustain, and expand the many ministries and services that serve thousands across the Archdiocese. We are so grateful to all of you who have helped launch a successful 2024 Catholic Appeal. Already last Sunday, we had raised \$17,264.00, 28% of our goal of \$61,700.00. Thank you for your generosity in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal.

Prayer of Adoration

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications. ~CCC 2628

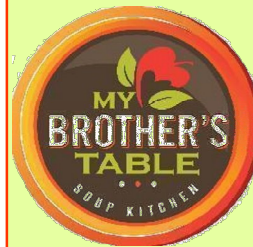
MUSIC News

Star of the Sea Concert Series

Ensemble Lyrae

May 19th at 5:00 pm.

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in the organ loft Thursdays at 7:00pm.
Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the organ loft Sundays at 8:15am.
Interested in joining either choir? Please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, following weekend Mass in the Church, or email him at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.



Do you know
the great feeling
you get
when you help someone?
We praise God
through caring for others.

You can do it right from your home! Could you make a batch of beef stew once every other month and deliver it to our Parish Center? Join in our parish tradition, now 40+ years old, and provide beef stew for My Brother's Table.

We lost a few cooks in 2023 and need to increase our Beef Stew Team. We all use the same recipe. Please call the Rectory 781-631-0086 if you can help. Thank you so much for your support!

FAITH AND PLAY *This Week!*

Faith and Play is a time for our youngest parishioners to gather to grow in their faith. This group is perfect for parents with children ages Baby to 5 Years. Join us once a month for a time to play and to learn about our faith. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. In nice weather we will meet in the garden next to the Church and then we will move indoors into the Parish Center. The dates this New Year will be:

Mondays:

January 8

February 12

March 25

April 8

May 13.



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com or Lynne Celli at sosreligiously@starofthesemarlehead.org.



Easter Clothing Drive

Thank you !

The Easter Clothing Drive provides a complete Easter outfit to children in need. Participants have taken an ornament from one of our Easter Palm trees, and purchased items and gift cards. All gifts were due on **Wednesday, March 20**. Any late offerings can be left at the Rectory; gift cards should be left at mail slot of the front inner door.



In the face of great need —thank you for your support!

Easter Flower Memorials

Requests due by Wednesday, March 27th. Envelopes available at the Church or rectory doors.



Comments from Deacon Joe

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week

and each Mass of Palm Sunday begins with a more or less elaborate commemoration of Jesus' "triumphal" entry into Jerusalem with joyful crowds welcoming him with shouts of "Hosanna." During Mass, however, our scripture readings turn our attention to the end of that week, to his passion and death.



Technically, Lent ends on Thursday and the "Sacred Triduum" of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Easter Sunday. But this is no reason to stop your Lenten practices before Easter. In fact, the Church invites you to observe a "paschal fast" on Good Friday and, if possible, on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil. This means continuing the required fast and abstinence of Good Friday through Holy Saturday: abstinence for all aged 14 and older and eating only "one full meal [each day], as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal" for those from 18 until 59. Of course those over 58 may fast voluntarily on those days (see <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence>). A "full meal" isn't Thanksgiving dinner but the sort of meal you'd normally have for dinner on an ordinary day. Always remember, no one is obligated to jeopardize their health in order to follow these rules and suggestions.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

You are invited to join with many people worldwide in praying for the monthly intention.



March - For the New Martyrs.

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

For further information please consult the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (the Apostleship of Prayer)

at: popesprayer.va.

St. Vincent de Paul —Collection Boxes

Please remember that there are boxes at the doors of the Church for charitable donations for the benefit of persons in need who seek help from the Church.

Thank you so much for remembering those in need during Holy Week.



Servant Songs On Sunday through Wednesday and on Good Friday the first reading at Mass and the Friday service is one of the "Servant Songs" in the Book of Isaiah. These are four passages which describe a servant of the Lord who suffers because of his fidelity and who, despite his sufferings, accomplishes the task of proclaiming God's saving work, taking on the guilt of the people. When written, they may have been mysterious, although they could be seen as the mission of Israel toward the world. We read them as showing us the meaning of Jesus' passion. The first, Isaiah 42:1-7 is read on Monday; the second, Isaiah 49:1-6, on Tuesday; the third, Isaiah 50:4-9a, on Wednesday with a shorter version on Sunday; and the fourth, Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12, on Good Friday. I suggest looking them up and using them as part of your reflective prayer during the week.

Sacred Triduum Beginning

on Holy Thursday in the evening we come to the most sacred days of the year, when we solemnly commemorate the passion, death, and burial of Our Lord and then celebrate the



true triumph of his resurrection. The evening liturgies of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday contain elements which are not part of regular Sunday Masses. Each one is different and each can be a channel for intensified closeness to God. If you've attended any of them, you know what I'm trying to say. If you haven't, I encourage you to attend any that you can, and experience it for yourself.

Happy Easter!

*~Deacon Joe Whipple
March 24, 2024*