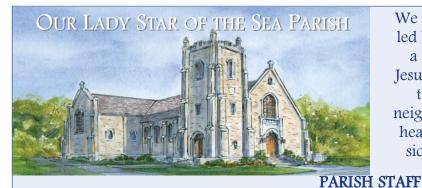
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem..."



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10. 2023



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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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BULLETIN DEADLINE: In writing by Mon 10am.

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$49,069.00, (74% of our Parish Goal of \$66,401.00). If you have not already had the opportunity to do so, we invite you to pick up a pledge envelope located at the Catholic Appeal back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection.

OGETHER You can also give online today by visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate/. Thankful for YOUR HELP !

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	Mass Intentions			
<u>Saturday</u>	December 9			
9:00 AM	Anne Aledda			
4:00 PM	Benjamin Riola Ramos,			
Birthday Remembrance				
<u>Sunday</u>	December 10			
7:30 AM	Michael Rojee			
9:00 AM	Pro Populo			
11:00 AM	Albert Irato, Family and Friends			
<u>Monday</u>	December 11			
9:00 AM	Kristin Adamo			
<u>Tuesday</u>	December 12			
9:00 AM	Timothy Meehan			
Wednesday December 13				
9:00 AM	Sister Peggy Nichols, C.S.J., Month's			
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Thursday	December 14			
9:00 AM	Cesar Cruz Cruz			
<u>Friday</u>	December 15,			
9:00 AM	Ernest Scalamandre			
<u>Saturday</u>	December 16			
9:00 AM	Frank Murphy			
4:00 PM	Pro Populo			
<u>Sunday</u>	December 17			
7:30 AM	Charles Hatcher			
9:00 AM	John S. Erickson, 8th Anniversary			
11:00 AM	Irene and Paul Nagle			

Sunday, December 3, 2023 **Offertory Collection** Collected/mailed: \$7,339.00 • Online: \$6,744.83 Offertory Total: 14,083.83 Our Thanks for your gifts!

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 learn. Each session will include time for a story, activity, snack and play on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. December 11th is our last session until after



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024

New registrations still continue.



Second Graders' First Confessions Alternate opportunities

Saturday, December 16 and December 23 at 2:30

Christmas Recess

December 13th will be the last day for religious education classes this semester. Classes will resume Sunday, January 7th.



Thanks to all the families who contributed to the Christmas Baskets at the Fair. The Baskets were beautiful, added wonderfully to the offerings and, most assuredly, will be received with happiness in the days ahead!

Questions? Please contact the Office of Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email:

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Scholarships 2023

The Parish is pleased to announce the following Scholarships for the Year 2023 for recent graduates, now new collegians, who have served the Parish in special ways over their High School years:

> Anna E. Kelly Scholarships Aeryn Vizy; Patrick Tolan; Cait Mullins

> > Smith Family Scholarship Chloe Curtis

Eric Ciccone Scholarship Massimo Bottari Each awardee receives \$1,000.00.

The Parish will have an opportunity to present the awards at Mass during the upcoming holiday season when the recipients are home visiting family and friends. Congratulations!



For Christmas, at all masses our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, than you in advance for your generosity. For more information and ways of giving to this effort, please visit:

> www.clergytrust.org. Thank-you!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH Marblehead, Massachusetts

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

The promise of Christmas is active engagement between heaven and earth. This Second Sunday of Advent helps us to remember that our hope is in the Lord's promise, a promise to be fulfilled, but in and through us for the sake of the world. Isaiah's appeal of long ago is made by God to us: "Speak tenderly to Jerusa-lem..." (Is 40:2). It reminds us of the cry of so many for peace, for justice and right living in our world, longing for a better way that only God can bring but which he asks us to provide.

St. Peter (see 2 Peter 3:8-14) forms the heart of our Advent prayer this weekend as he teaches: "But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." Here, the word "await" is one active engagement, not of passive acquiescence; it asks something from our very substance to be realized in the world. Peter will challenge us: "what sort of persons ought you to be?" By the holiness and devotion of our living we are to be "waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God."

The figure of St. John the Baptist calls for us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (see Mark 1:1-8). We are to straighten the pathways to comfort, to a balanced, holy peace in our hearts. Such a way of comfort is prepared by our seeking comfort from God in the way only he can give; it is made straight by our sharing such comfort with others in the quality of our interactions each day. We are to reform our lives, to acknowledge our sins, and to enter through baptism of water and the Spirit, even now, into a new way of life. John the Baptist prepared the world to welcome its Savior, Jesus Christ. You are called now to prepare the world to meet Christ in his glory. So, in the words of Isaiah (see Isaiah 40:1 -5, 9-11), "Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!" Point to the Ways of God in all you say and do. Invite others to share this path to life in Jesus' name.

We celebrated with our Second Graders this weekend their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Advent Season reminds us to prepare for the Lord's coming. The Lord was born in our midst to bring peace, mercy and forgiveness to all in the world. God's "Delivery Service" for his Christmas gifts is the Sacrament of Penance. It delivers God's peace and forgiveness right to the door of our hearts. God forgives our sins in order to render us capable of joining him in bringing peace and new life to this old world of ours. The Second Graders shared joyfully in this great, but underused, Sacrament. So too should you joyfully consider your spiritual preparation for Christmas by making a good confession! Confessions are Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon and by appointment at the Rectory at other times. Our Parish Advent Penance Opportunities will include Wednesday evenings, December 13th and 20th from 6 to 7 o'clock.

The Christmas Tree Program is reaching its critical moment. All gifts should be returned this Sunday. If you have a tag and, for any reason, are unable to fulfill it, please bring it back and leave it at the tree or at the Rectory so that we can make other arrangements for that recipient. Deepest thanks to all who have so generously been able to help! The Christmas promise of engagement is thus fulfilled.

The Season will be festively announced with blare of trumpet: The New England Brass Band Christmas Concert. The event takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tickets are available after mass at the front church door and at the entrance to the concert. This musical experience has become an annual event to the delight of many. Hope you can join us this year and make it your own. Musical tributes continue next Sunday with our Christmas Chorale in the Church a 5 p.m. Our choir will be joined by musical friends and by an orchestra in presenting Vivaldi's "Gloria" together with seasonal favorites. It promises to be a glorious anticipation of our Christmas celebrations soon upon us.

Asking God's blessing on you and your loved ones for this Advent Season, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVING

Program has begun! Choose a Tag for a toy or gift card for someone in greater need. Each Advent Season, our parish donates approximately 1,500 Christmas gifts to needy children living on the North Shore. This wonderful program is coordinated with Catholic Charities North, and these gifts will be shared with neighbors that will otherwise go without. Catholic Charities prefers store gift cards but can accept donations of toys this year. We will have two trees in the Church decorated with ornaments describing the gift needed. Returns should be made by today, December 11th, together with the ornament tag so that we can assure a timely arrival for Christmas Day. Thanks!





Tickets, \$15.00, at Masses and at Rectory.

Join us next weekend for what has become a new holiday tradition. Come and hear the festive sounds of the internationally acclaimed New England Brass Band at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The award winning 30 piece band promises to delight you ng and old with rollicking, frolicking tunes that will set your toes tapping. Make this even your family's musical gateway to the holiday season!

Living Nativity

Thanks to all who participated and who visited!



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Christmas Flowers

We invite you to enhance the beauty of our Church during our Christmas Liturgies with a flower donation in memory of your loved one(s). The Church will be decorated with your generous donations in preparation for Christmas Eve. We will also remember your loved one(s) in a special Memorial List. Flower donation envelopes are available at the Rectory and at all Church entrances. Christmas Flower Donations can be



mailed to or dropped off at the Rectory, or placed in the regular offertory collection.

Comments from Deacon Joe

Advent: Second Week

<u>At Mass we continue</u> to focus on Jesus as our Redeemer, not on celebrating his birth.



The New England Brass Band



concert will be this afternoon. It's always enjoyable, and I hope you'll be able to join the happy audience in the church. Next Sunday, <u>our concert series continues</u> with a performance of Vivaldi's Gloria and sea-

sonal choral works. It should also be highly enjoyable. I recommend that you plan to join the audience at 5:00 p.m. on the 17th. I'm sure you'll like it.

Our Lady of Guadalupe On Tuesday we celebrate

the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which honors apparitions of the Blessed Virgin on a hill outside Mexico City to a native convert, Juan Diego, on four successive days in 1531. The image which appeared on Juan Diego's cloak convinced the archbishop of Mexico City to build a chapel on the hill, as requested by Our Lady. It shows a young native woman with cords

around her waist indicative of pregnancy. Word of the apparitions helped promote Christianity among the indigenous population, and the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where the cloak is on display, has become the most visited Christian pilgrimage site in the world.

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

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

December ~ For Persons with Disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

For further information please consult: <u>Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (popesprayer.va)</u>

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 this Christmas Season.

Our Lady of Guadalupe has been named patroness of the Americas and her Feast Day is observed throughout North and South America since 1999. Because of her pregnancy, she is also considered patroness of the unborn <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/</u> <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>.

This week, in addition to the Feast on Tuesday, we



celebrate two memorials. December 13 is the Memorial of <u>St; Lucy</u>, who is said to have been martyred in Sicily around 304. Because her name is similar to the Latin word for light, she is invoked as patroness of those with eye problems. She is also venerated in Scandinavia on her feast day which falls during the darkest season of the year <u>https://</u>

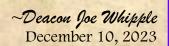
www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=75.

The next day, December 14, is the Memorial of St.

John of the Cross, a Spanish Carmelite priest who was born is 1542 and died in 1591. He was a great mystic and writer. He has been declared a doctor of the Church. He was also active along with St. Teresa of Avila in the movement to reform the Carmelites which resulted in the formation of

the Discalced Carmelites <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/</u> wiki/John of the Cross.

Have a good week and a good Advent. Try to keep warm.







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