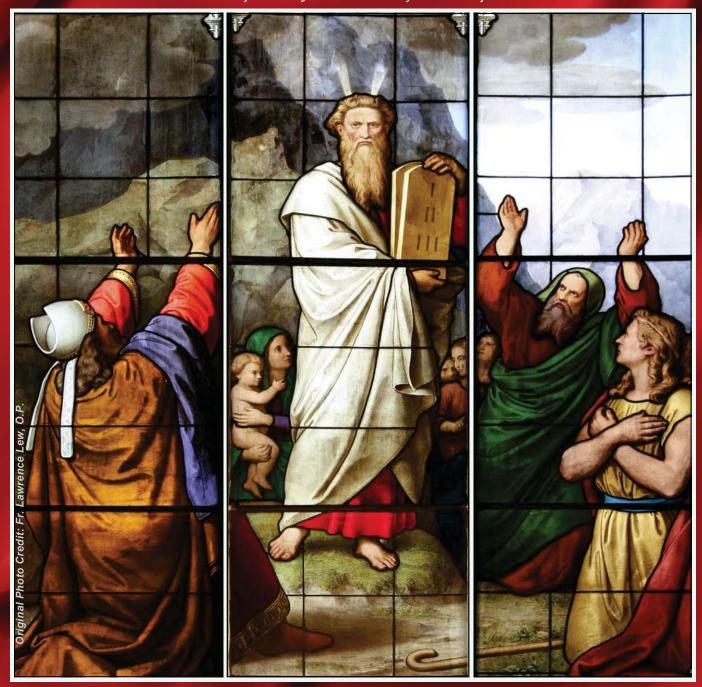
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Matthew 5:13



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Saint Valentine's Day Tuesday, February 14, 2023



Anticipating Saint Valentine's Day, there will be a special blessing offered for all married and engaged couples after Masses this weekend, February 11th and 12th.

The blessing extends to family and loved ones as well, living and deceased.

Upcoming Meeting

Council There is a **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting this Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Pastoral

Get Ready for Lenten Cooking

Join us for some tasty fun at our second annual **Lenten Meals Cooking Demonstration & Tasting** Sunday, February 12 at 1:00pm in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Tastings of Meat-free recipes will follow the talk. New this year: How to Use Your Leftovers. Fact: Household leftovers thrown out instead of composting account for huge amounts of methane gas released from landfills. Before you attend, make a list of the foods that are languishing in the back of your fridge and I'll tell you how to "resurrect" them. Recipes provided. For more info or for any questions







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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 11

9:00 AM Paul and Maureen Doherty

4:00 PM Pro populo

Sunday February 12

7:30 AM Robert Studley, Jr.

9:00 AM Lyla Stocker

11:00 AM Deignan Family and Friends

MondayFebruary 139:00 AMRosario Belleau

Tuesday February 14

9:00 AM Martha Cashman Birthday

Remembrance

Wednesday February 15

9:00 AM Marcia Dowell

Thursday February 16 9:00 AM John Broderick

Friday February 17

9:00 AM Special Intention for Cora McGovern

Sunday 7:30 AM Pro populo

9:00 AM Gerard Mascuch

11:00 AM Irene and Paul Nagle

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday February 18

4:00 PM Msgr. Moran (Deacon Joe Preaching)

Sunday February 19 7:30 AM Fr. Des Rosiers

9:00 AM Msgr. Moran (Deacon Joe Preaching)

11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

COFFEE

We will be gathering in the Parish Center for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:00am Mass in the Church.

All are invited!



We Share

We offer this alternative to parishioners of Our Lady, Star of the Sea. You have the option of making your weekly offering to our parish through WE SHARE. Simply visit our parish website at www.sosmarblehead.org and click on the WE SHARE link to get started.

Religious Education



There will be **no** Religious Education classes next week, the week of <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 19</u>, because it is school vacation week. Classes resume the following week, the week of Sunday, February 26.

2nd Grade Parents

If you were unable to attend the 2nd grade parent meetings, please <u>reach out to us as soon as possible</u> to obtain the materials for your child's First Communion. Call Religious Education at 781-631-8340, or email Elaine at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Parochial School Students

Do you have 10th grader who attends Catholic School? Now is the time to register your child for Religious Education in preparation for their Confirmation in the Fall of 2023. Please call or email the Religious Education Office as soon as possible to register.

Inclement Weather Plan

In alignment with the Marblehead Public School system, and to ensure the safety of all, Religious Education Classes will not be held on days when the public schools are closed due to inclement weather, or when after school programs have been cancelled due to hazardous conditions.

The Religious Education Office is located at 80 Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead, MA. Please contact Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

Collecting Dried Palms

The Parish is happy to receive back dried palm leaves from Palm Sundays gone by that might still be in your homes. Fronds may be left at the doors of the Church through Sunday, February 19.

These leaves are burned to furnish the ashes to be blessed for the coming Ash Wednesday.



Sunday, February 5

(Online: \$6,571.83 • Collected/Mailed in: \$4,890.00)

Offertory Total: \$11,461.83

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"If you trust in God, you too shall live." These words from the Book of Sirach open our Liturgy of the Word this weekend. Sirach refers to the "commandments" by which we are saved. They are not mere external rules to be applied to life but are the "words" of God to us, words that are to be trusted. These words speak life, words of Godly wisdom, that lead to beatitude.

In the Gospel (see Matthew 5:17~37) we continue our prayerful reading of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus shows us that he has come, not to abolish the law or the prophets, but to fulfill them. He fulfills the law and the prophets by doing what they themselves anticipated but were unable to do. Jesus, as God, fulfills God's promise to Abraham that God himself would make good on our unfaithfulness to the Covenant. Jesus, as man, unites our humanity to God's own saving action, surpassing every expectation in a perfect communion that establishes us in God's manifold blessings. We are fulfilled in God's saving love by God's saving action in us. In this way does our righteousness "surpass" all otherwise known measures. It is God's own action in us that we, in Jesus, might enter God's kingdom. The Gospel reading, then, calls us neither to kill nor even to hate, neither to be adulterous, nor even to be lustful. We are not to divorce, neither to make any false oath nor even any oath at all. Yes, we are to love with the love of Christ!

So, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No.' You are one in mind and heart with Christ in his surpassing love for others and for our world. That's the "Yes" that should be yours. In such a "yes" to love, you live by what St. Paul calls mature "wisdom." It is a wisdom not of this age nor of its rulers, but "God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory" (see 1 Corinthians 2:6-10). In asking that your way of life "surpass" in the ways of his love, Jesus is not asking you to intensify your self-application to the particulars of our faith. He is not asking you to become hypercritical in your estimation of what it is God asks of other people in this life. Rather, you are to make your own that great surpassing love by which God sent his Son as your redeemer. Each and every "commandment" or "word" of God calls you to be another Christ, to have the same attitude in you as was in him. Each of the Beatitudes asks you to love those whom God has given you in life with the very love you have received from God. Each of your actions and all of your words, then, are not to be measured by the advantage people might bring to you. No. Rather, each and every word and action is to be judged by how they bring loved ones, strangers and even enemies closer to God. You are to surpass even yourself in this Godly love and, thereby, Godly wisdom.

"Surpass." As we prepare to celebrate this week St. Valentine's Day, we ask God's blessings of happiness and peace on all of our loved ones and friends. Such a day is not merely one for cards, flowers or boxes of candy. It is a time for each of us to take measure of the loves in our life. Our relationships are not to center on our self and our needs. We are not called to be happy when served and angry when not. We do not accept or reject others in accord with what they bring to us. Rather, we are to love well, in the ways of Jesus' surpassing love. Seek, then, to serve the true good of loved ones and friends, judging everything you do or say as to how much closer such words or deeds will bring them to God. Such will add some true depth and meaning to your ways.

February 11th is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We lift up in prayer those who are sick. We ask, too, God's blessing on the many who care for the sick each and every day. Perhaps you can reach out to support, thank and encourage those who have the care of the sick as an everyday responsibility. They give great example of the power of surpassing love. May God bless!

Asking God's blessing on you and yours with a special St. Valentine's Day remembrance, I am

Yours in the Lord's service

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

"Marriage... one flesh, given and received"

National National World

Marriage Week Marriage Day

World

February 7-14

Sunday, February 12



The observances of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love, beginning with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Altar Server Training

We have a training session for Altar Servers on: Monday, February 27 at 3:00pm

This training session is for new and seasoned Altar Servers. We welcome all ages (grade 3+) into this ministry. Children assigned Monday Religious Education classes will be excused from class if attending this training. Training will be held in the Church. If you have any questions about serving, please email Deacon Joe at jewhipple@comcast.net.

Greener Lent is a fasting program focused on iustice for the poor who are most affected by climate degradation. By reducing our meat consumption, we substantially reduce our personal environmental impact. Learn how you can make a difference and sign up now at

https://greenerlent.org, or for more info, please email Holly Willsey-Walker, our Greener Lent Coordinator at hwillseywalker@gmail.com.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

February For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



The Mass Parts can be found on Page 14 of the Heritage Missal.



If you are interested in joining the choir, or if you have any questions about the choir, please see our Music Director, Matt Arnold, after weekend Mass in the Church, or you can send him an email at sosmusicdirector@aol.com.

The Choir meets in the organ loft every week for rehearsals. The Adult Choir meets on Thursday at 7:00pm. The Children's Choir meets on Sunday at 8:15am. New members are welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, we have a second collection for FUEL. This winter season has brought us unusually frigid winter conditions, and the cost of our fuel bill in providing heat to our Church, Parish Center and Rectory has been extremely high. We appreciate your generosity in defraying this considerable expense.

OUR LADY, STAR OF THE SEA FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

Our February Food Drive is in full swing! Every February, our parish supplies the Marblehead Food Pantry. This year, we are providing a list of items requested by the food pantry in the weekly bulletin. A full list of Food Pantry items can also be found on our website www.sosmarblehead.org. Please consider picking up a few extra grocery items on the list while you shop for your own groceries. You can return your non-perishable food donations to the front foyer of the Church during weekends, or to the Parish Center (M-W, 9a-2p) before Monday, February 27. Checks or gift cards are always appreciated, and may be placed in the mail slot at the Rectory, located at the front inner door.

We welcome volunteers to help bring bags across the street to the Parish Center on Sundays after the 11am Mass. If you would like to volunteer, please email Teresa at tbchirlin@yahoo.com.

Thank you in advance for your gene<mark>ros</mark>

Comments from Deacon Joe **Carnival**

Catholics have more fun. As we get ready for Lent, that may seem a bit counterintuitive, but the whole idea of carnival (from Latin "Good bye to meat") has to do with getting ready for Lent. People wanted to use up meat and other foods they weren't supposed to eat during Lent, and if there was a lot on hand, the result could be quite a feast. The party grew in size and duration, morphing into the awful,

> and unholy, excess we see in New Orleans at Mardi Gras, Brazil at Carnaval, and Germany at Fasching. But we Catholics can rightly enjoy a little pre-Lenten

celebration. When we've decided what we'll give up for Lent — maybe chocolate, alcohol, some TV or movies or internet activity, eating between meals we could have an evening watching that TV show or those movies, eating our favorite snack food, having a drink or two (but don't get drunk), and maybe a couple of hamburgers in anticipation of meatless Fridays. What we'll "fast" from isn't inherently bad, so it's fine to enjoy it, but not too much. Then we go into Lent ready to fast for forty days, but not too much. We still need to keep healthy, and we shouldn't make too big a deal of it. If we've given up chocolate, we don't need to go around saying loudly, "Oh, how I'd love a piece of Stowaway Sweets right now!" On the other hand, if someone offers some chocolate or drink or a snack, saying calmly, "No thank you. I've given up chocolate (or alcohol, or eating between meals) for Lent," can be an excellent witness to our faith.

Then there are the positive aspects of Lent, especially almsgiving and prayer. We can use the next week or so to decide how we can pray more (talking to God and especially listening to him) and what extra almsgiving we can do. Again, it's not a matter of trying to do more than is reasonable in our circumstances, but the effort to get closer to God and do more for our neighbors prepares us to celebrate

Easter more meaningfully.



for our youngest parishioners.

Ages: Parents & Children (Baby - 5 Years) Date: Monday, February 13 at 3:15 - 4:00pm Join us once a month for a time to play and learn about our faith. Each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play. Winter sessions are held in the Parish Center. Email your RSVP and any questions you have about this event to Jaclyne Ainlay at jaclyne.ainlay@gmail.com or to Elaine at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org. **Upcoming winter sessions are Mondays at**



Monthly Ringing of Church Bells for Climate Awareness

3:15-4:00pm on: March 13, April 3, & May 8.

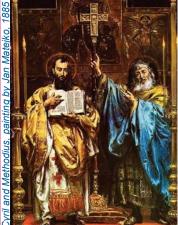


On February 11th at 11:00 a.m., we ring our church bells for 11 minutes, in harmony with several other churches in the Marblehead Ministerial Association to call attention to the need to take 11th hour action to mitigate further climate change. As Catholics, we would like to highlight Pope Francis' commitment to caring for our common home and the poor and vulnerable affected by climate injustice. The 4th goal of Laudato Si is Adoption of Simple Lifestyles. Possible actions include:

Use resources moderately Reduce food waste Adopt a more plant-based diet Increase use of & reduce meat consumption public transportation Join Ignatian Solidarity Network mini challenges or Sisters of Mercy Meatless Mondays challenge

What are we doing to meet this goal?

Leading by example, the Creation Care Team will sponsor **Soup and Stations** on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. (immediately following Stations of the Cross) in the Parish Center. There will be three different meatless soups/stews (recipes available), bread and butter, and water only to drink. Everyone is welcome!



This week Tuesday, February 14, is the Obligatory Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. They were brothers who evangelized many of the Slavic peoples of central and eastern Europe. They invented the Cyrillic alphabet, based on Greek, to write the languages of the region. Cyril was a monk who died in 869 in Rome and Methodius a bishop who died in 985 in Moravia.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cvril and Methodius

What happened to St. Valentine's Day? The historical record is too little, so the Vatican removed the memorial from the liturgical calendar, but the legends live on. So if someone chooses February 14 to tell you, "I love you," I guess that's okay.

Happy St. Valentine's Day! Have a good week. ~ Deacon Joe Whipple

February 12, 2023





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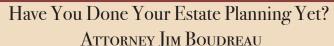


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