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> Sunday Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00am Daily Mass: 9:00am Monday - Saturday



"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

Sunday of

Tebruary 26, 2023



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#### Weekday Masses (During Lent)

**Monday through Saturday** 9:00AM Mass

Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 6:00PM—7:00PM Saturdays at 2:30PM—3:30PM\*



\*On Holy Saturday (April 8), the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at 11:00AM-12Noon and at 2:30PM—3:30PM.

### Caster Flower Collection

The beauty of spring flowers reflects

the joy of Easter. We invite you to remember your loved one(s) with a flower donation in their memory. The Church will be decorated with flowers funded by your donations during the Easter season. We will also remember your loved one(s) in a special Memorial List. Easter Flower **Envelopes are available at all Church entrances** and on the back porch of the Rectory. Please place your donations in the regular offertory collection, or you can return them to the Rectory.



#### Sunday, February 19

**Offertory Collection** 

Online: \$2,898,16 Collected/Mailed: \$4,119 Total: \$7,017.16

**Special Collection** 

Earthquake Relief for Syria & Turkey Total: \$7,702.00

First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday February 25 9:00 AM Richard Agostini

4:00 PM John McCarthy 4th Anniversary

**Sunday February 26** 

7:30 AM Lori Marino 5th Anniversary

9:00 AM Pro populo

11:00 AM Bradley Sheridan

**Monday** February 27

9:00 AM Sister Jeannette Lavoie

**Tuesday** February 28

9:00 AM For the Healing of Deborah O'Malley

Wednesday March 1

9:00 AM Christina Rondinelli

Thursday March 2

9:00 AM John S. Tobin

Friday March 3 9:00 AM Timothy Daly

Sunday March 5

7:30 AM Judge Joseph and Ann Dever

9:00 AM Pro populo

11:00 AM Catherine Brophy 5th Anniversary

#### **UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday March 4

4:00 PM Monsignor Moran

Sunday March 5

7:30 AM Father Des Rosiers 9:00 AM Monsignor Moran 11:00 AM Monsignor Moran

### **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 contact Deacon Joe at

jewhipple@comcast.net.



#### **Religious Education**



**Welcome back!** Religious Education classes resume this week, on 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**

If you have a 10<sup>th</sup> grader who attends Catholic School, please make sure to register your child for Religious Education as soon as possible, to prepare them for Confirmation in the Fall of 2023. Please reach out to Religious Education at 781-631-8340 or email Elaine at sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org

#### **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.



#### **COFFEE**

We will gathering this Sunday 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 online through We Share by visiting our website at www.sosmarblehead.org.

### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 26, 2023 First Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We have begun our journey of Lent. At our celebrations on Ash Wednesday we were invited to: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." That invitation is a good description of the Holy Season into which we have entered. While there is much emphasis, as the image of ashes on our head reminded us, on the penances and privations that typically are a part of our Lenten observances, the real focus of Lent is the re-commitment and renewal to which we are called in Christ.

The practices of Lent are the means, not the end. They serve to distance us from an identification with the things of the world that pass, that end up as ashes, so that we might discover our true identity as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, because we are brothers and sisters of Christ Jesus, God's Son. That was the hidden meaning of the Ash Wednesday prayer in its second formulation: "Remember, you are dust..." Lent is a time to remember who we are in the eyes of God: we are dust, but dust into which God breathed his gift of life and love. God speaks to us the Word of new life in Christ Jesus his Son. Live by that Word.

In Jesus alone do we find the truth of who we are in the love of God. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested (see Matthew 4:1-11). Each of the temptations begins with the question of identity: "If you are the Son of God..." Each temptation leads to an inspired Scripture passage that tells the true way of love to which we have been called in Christ. We are to live "on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus was that Word made flesh who tells us everything he heard from the Father that we might live in God's love.

The saddest line in the First Reading (see Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7) is one to which we hardly pay attention but is the most important of all. At the moment of the temptation and fall of humanity's first parents, as Eve faces the trickery of the devil, it is said that Adam "her husband... was with her." Adam who received the word of life from the creator, Adam who shared words of perfect friendship with God and perfect union with Eve with whom he sang of shared flesh, bone, love and life, was just "there." He said nothing. He did not nourish himself nor his soulmate with the word in which they were created; he said nothing of the word that governed their life in the garden. He was silent. He and they died then and there. Friendship with God and union with each other was lost to shame and to ashes because they did not live by the word that had come forth from the mouth of God and in which they had been called to life.

We, then, must learn to live and to share the word of life with our world! You and I are called to repentance, and belief in the word by which we are to live. As St. Paul proclaims (see Romans 5:12-19): "Through the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ." In Lent we are called to re-commitment and renewal by hear the Word, nourishing ourselves by its strength and by speaking that Word in all our words and ways.

In these Lenten weeks, we will launch the 2023 Catholic Appeal in our parish. Each year, we are called to make a gift to the Appeal so that we can support the Archdiocese and the many Central Ministries that make our parishes, schools, and communities stronger. The mission of the Church in the world is our own. If you have already received a letter from Cardinal O'Malley, please respond as best you are able. Every gift to the Appeal makes an important difference in the lives of so many. We will all, as a Parish, have an opportunity to share in which work.

Asking God's abundant blessings upon you and your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



This week's second collection will support the Church in many areas of the world that are underdeveloped. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and

Eastern Europe, and <u>three</u> important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian need of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations, please visit their websites:

- 1. CRS: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief
- 2. Church in Africa: www.usccb.org/africa
- 3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

#### www.usccb.org/ccee

- 4. Military Archdiocese: www.milarch.org
- 5. Catholic Home Missions:

www.usccb.org/home-missions

6. Black and Indian Missions:

https://blackandindianmission.org/



### Lenten Scripture Study

Monsignor Moran invites you to a Lenten Scripture Study called "Fxodus: Journey towards Freedom"

This enriching Bible Study will be held in the Parish Center in six (6) concurrent weekly sessions on:

Tuesday evenings at 7 - 8pm

or

Wednesday afternoons at 1 - 2pm

Materials will be provided at each meeting. Please register by calling the Rectory at 781-631-0086 or email sosrectory@verizon.net. All are invited!

### St Patrick's Day Celebration







#### Sunday, March 19

Join us for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Parish Center on Sunday, March 19, after the 9:00 AM Mass. Enjoy delicious Irish Soda Bread with butter & marmalade, and a cup of tea or coffee. We will also have Munchkin donuts for the kiddos.

All are welcome!



### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CONCERT SERIES

We are excited to announce that our second concert in our Concert Series will be **Sunday, March 26th at 5:00pm** 

in the Church for a Lenten Musical Offering featuring the grand choral masterwork,

'The Seven Last Words of Christ' by Theodore Dubois.

The Adult Choir, under the direction of guest conductor Mark Nemeskal will be joined by renowned Organist Rosalind Mohnsen, choristers from across the Archdiocese as well as featured soloists: Holly Cameron, our very own Music Director Matthew Arnold, and Benjamin Hansberry.



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 <a href="mailto:sosmusicdirector@aol.com">sosmusicdirector@aol.com</a>. 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. <a href="mailto:New members are welcome">New members are welcome!</a>

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



#### SPRING CAMPAIGN

You are warmly invited to join
40 Days For Life — 40 Days
of prayer and fasting for an
end to abortion.

#### FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2

This 40-day Vigil is being held on the public sidewalk in front of the Cummings Center in Beverly (Route 62/Elliot Street) from 7AM-7PM. HealthQ is located on the premises, and is the local abortion mill that performs infanticide on-site.

We ask that participants please assemble on any one of the 4 corners available on Elliot Street.

Please park at the Stop & Shop (across the street). To learn more about **40 Days for Life** please visit <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com">www.40daysforlife.com</a>, or contact Beverly Campaign Coordinator, John Kwiatek, at <a href="https://www.auacinpi@comcast.net">awacinpi@comcast.net</a>.

#### **Creation Care Team**

Our Creation Care Team sponsored our second annual "Lenten Meals Cooking Demonstration & Tasting" on Sunday, February 12th in preparation for Lenten cooking. We thank all who attended this event, as well as our coordinator, Holly Willsey-Walker, who shared her vast knowledge of shopping and preparing food for "greener" cooking, how to compost food, and what to do with leftovers. Some delicious, eco-friendly dishes were: salmon, imitation crab cakes, and quiche. If you would like a copy of the recipes that were used at this demonstration, or for more tips on how to start ecologically-minded cooking, please reach out to Holly at <a href="mailto:hwillseywalker@gmail.com">hwillseywalker@gmail.com</a> or visit greenerlent.org.









Lenten meals have a new flavorful look this year!



#### FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

We wrap up our February Food Drive this weekend. Please return your donations to the Church, Parish Center, or to the back porch of the Rectory as soon as possible before **Monday, February 27.**Thank you for your donations!

#### THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

We want to do all we can to enhance your Lenten experience by opening your minds and hearts through prayer, meditation and storytelling. We have purchased 200 Little Black Books, which contain 6-minute meditations. These books are available at the rear entrance to the Church for all who are interested. Donations If you choose to take a book, we will gladly accept a donation, but it's not mandatory.

## Comments from Deacon Joe Desiderio Desideravi

In his Apostolic Letter the Pope has reminded us that if we understand what we are doing the liturgy is the antidote to being centered on our own ideas (subjectivism) or the idea that we have to save ourselves by our own efforts (neo-Pelagianism). Now he points out that for the liturgy to be effective we need to constantly "rediscover the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration." That truth is that every Mass is the priesthood of Christ in his saving death and resurrection. It is made present to us using the signs and symbols of the Mass such as bread, wine water, words, and gestures, These are the means by which the Holy Spirit unites us to the Easter mystery of Christ so as to transform our lives.

For us to be able rediscover the beauty of the Mass, it's not enough that there be external conformity to the rubrics of the Missal. Following the directions is only the starting point. Beyond that "every aspect of the celebration must be carefully tended to (space, time, gestures, words, objects, vestments, song, music...)" ... "Such attention would be enough to prevent robbing from the assembly what is owed to it; namely, the paschal mystery celebrated according to the ritual that the Church sets down."

I'll add a couple of comments. In the first place, I think we are very fortunate in this parish to have a pastor who fully understands this and does all he can to give us Masses which are celebrated as they should be. I'll also note that the Pope is implicitly refuting the fringe element in the Church who think that only the pre-Vatican Latin Mass can be reverent. The "Ordinary Form" of the Mass can and should be reverent, but the it has to be celebrated with the attention the Pope is calling for which we have in our parish.

Lenten Prayer Bishop Barron made the suggestion on Facebook that it would be good to pray with the Church in our lenten prayer. Specifically, he suggested praying and meditating on the "collect" (opening prayer) of each day's Mass as well as the scripture readings assigned for the day. If you don't have a daily missal, you can find all of these things in the booklet "the Word among us: Praying with Jesus This Lent." They are in the pages with the red borders at the top. So if you're still looking for some prayer to add, you might want to try that. The idea isn't simply to read the words, but to open your mind to what they might be saying to you — to let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them.

**This week** there no feasts or memorials that supersede the weekdays of Lent. There are three optional memorials, but the weekday Masses outrank them. The saints are: February 27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of

the Church <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregory\_of\_Narek">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregory\_of\_Narek</a>

March 3 St. Katharine Drexel https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katharine Drexel March 4 St Casimir https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint Casimir

Have a
blessed ~ Deacon Joe Whipple
Lent. February 26, 2023





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