

7th

Sunday

in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 23, 2025



SERMON ON THE PLAIN: LOVE OF ENEMIES

“Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. “

Luke 6:27-28

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH



We are one community 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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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.



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February 23, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 22
9:00 AM	Adrian Van Dorpe
4:00 PM	Gina McKenna, Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	February 23
7:30 AM	Generosa Buenaventura
9:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 AM	Mary Anne Lepko, 2nd Anniversary
Monday	February 24
9:00 AM	Liam Vertefeuille
Tuesday	February 25
9:00 AM	Gerard J. Lindsey
Wednesday	February 26
9:00 AM	Thomas Stover
Thursday	February 27
9:00 AM	Bradley Sheridan
Friday	February 28
9:00 AM	Janet Schofield
Saturday	March 1
9:00 AM	Christina Rondinelli
4:00 PM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday	March 2
7:30 AM	Marie Wall, 2 nd Anniversary
9:00 AM	Bradley Sheridan
11:00 AM	Joan F. Parker, 10 th Anniversary

Collections February 16, 2025

Collected/Mailed: \$3,861.00

Online: \$2,662.50

Offertory: \$6,523.50

Grand Annual: \$100.00

Ouch! The snow has hurt us!

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH
Concert Series

Join us
Tonight!

An Evening of Spiritual Meditation Music

Holly Cameron, Vocalist

Charisse Nocera, Piano

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

Freewill Offering



Coffee and Donuts

Today after 9:00 Mass



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024 - 2025

Safety Training 2025



Teachers will meet this Tuesday, February 25th at 6 p.m. to prepare the annual safety curriculum for their students. The annual safety program for students will take place during March. Parents will be informed in advance.

Teacher Substitutes are much Needed

What greater joy is there than to share the Word of Life that alone makes our world and future better?

Registrations for Spring 2025

Contact the Religious Education Office.

Religious Education Schedule can be found on our website at <https://www.sosmarblehead.org>.

February Food Drive



Our Parish takes the lead responsibility for our Marblehead Food Pantry each February.

Our Drive Needs Your Help!

Bags with suggested needed items will be distributed at all masses.



Each week a list of requested items will be updated.

Volunteers Needed and Welcomed!

- ◆ to prepare donation bags with lists of needed items;
- ◆ After weekend masses throughout February to carry donations from Church to Center;
- ◆ After 11:00 masses throughout February to check dates, sort and arrange donated items.

Sign-up today

at the front door of the Church!

Praise and Worship

A new ministry of praise and worship at Our Lady Star of the Sea: Spend time with the Lord in the Eucharist and in Spirit-filled praise of God imitating the Angels and Saints.

Come and see that the Lord is good and worthy to be

praised!

Time- 5pm, Every Thursday.

This Week's Second Collection
The Church around the World
Includes Catholic Relief Services, Church in Africa, Church in Central Europe, Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions and U. S. Military Archdiocese.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

We are praying together this weekend St. Luke's continued presentation of the Beatitudes (see Luke 6:27-38). Blessed are you, says the Lord; rejoice and leap for joy! Blessedness is an overabundant goodness of body, mind and spirit that comes as a gift from God. Jesus rejoices in the gifts God bestows on those gathered in his presence who hear his words and respond to his love. This part of the Lord's sermon describes how it is we pass from being poor to possessing the full riches of God's Kingdom. It is not by mere reversal of fortune. It is by newness of life through embracing the words and the ways of the Lord Jesus.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This version of the “Golden Rule” comes from our Gospel Reading this weekend. Rather than a quick moral guide to our reactions in and to life, the Beatitudes describe for us a habit of relating with others, based on the example of Jesus’ own ways. Jesus does not ask of us without first having done so himself. Here, the Golden Rule is not to be considered as a formula of tit-for-tat. Rather, it describes the higher way of Gospel living, of spiritual happiness and commitment to which Jesus invites us all. We do not “do” as has been done to us. Rather, we are to consider the higher way we would have life to be. With our hope fixed on that higher way that life should be, we are asked to “do” that very hope, that very good here and now. Paul reminds us that the First Adam “became a *living being*” (see 1 Cor 15:45-49); but the Last Adam, Jesus, became “a *life-giving spirit*.” The way of the Beatitudes helps us to adopt a habit of relating with others in which we pass from being one living being (by nature) to becoming a life-giving spirit in Jesus (by grace), engendering new hope, new possibilities and a new way of life in others.

And so, the verbs from today’s Gospel are to be enacted by us today: love, do good, bless, offer, give, do not demand, lend, be merciful, stop judging and condemning, forgive. Each and all of these are a realization of the first of the verbs: love. It is in living these words that we pass from poverty, hunger, sorrow and exclusion, to possessing the Kingdom with the satisfaction, joy and rewarding life which is God's gift to us and the realization of all for which our hearts were made.

In this way we begin to realize Gospel community and Gospel communication within our common life in this world. Beatitude within each of us leads to deeper bonds of communion among us and in our world as well as to a more loving manner in which to speak the truth fully and lovingly for the good of all. We pray urgently for the good and the safe future of our country. Gifts of genuine community and communication are much needed in our country and in our day. May God bestow within us such gifts with the hope that we become a "life giving spirit" in communion of mind and heart with Jesus for the sake of our country and our world. May we measure out to others by the measure of Jesus’ own love, in his company, in his way and to his measure.

Asking God’s blessing of Beatitude in all your doings, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

We Choose to Serve



Youth Group

Mass February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by Meeting and Movie

Recent Volunteers' Feedback

Pollinator Garden ideas and plans

Jubilee Year Rome Trip Updates

Second-Sunday Movie Nights a Go!

Upcoming Service Possibilities

Join us! Questions?? : Call Fr. Stephen.

Prayer Shawl Ministry





Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Share your talents and join our new Prayer Shawl Ministry as we create handmade shawls to bring comfort, warmth, and love to those in need—whether they are ill, in the hospital, experiencing a difficult time, or a life transition where they can use some support. Our next meeting will take place Tuesday, March 11, from 10-11 am. Participants bring projects they are working on or new ideas. We look forward to seeing new participants! Email Marylyn Kusek or Elaine Leahy at marylynkusek@icloud.com or eleahy10@yahoo.com with questions. If you or someone you know would like to request a prayer shawl please contact Marylyn or Elaine.

The CREATION CARE CORNER

VISIT THE BLACK EARTH COMPOST FACILITY

Manchester-by-the-Sea

 Tuesday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m. 

Are you curious about the process of composting and the remarkable transformation of organic waste into nutrient-rich soil? Join the Creation Care Team for a visit to the Black Earth Compost Facility! This is a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the fascinating processes of composting and learn about its environmental benefits. The success and fun of composting with Black Earth have taken hold recently within the CCT. Perhaps a tour of the facility will convince you to give it a try as well. Composting fits into the first goal of Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* Action Plan: Response to the Cry of the Earth.

To join us for this educational and inspiring visit to the Black Earth Compost Facility, Please RSVP to Joan Thayer joan_thayer@comcast.net. Carpooling will be available, departing at 9 a.m.

Creation Care Team meets next March 12th @ 7p.m.

MUSIC

News

Our Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed in preparation for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and for upcoming Lent and Easter, Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Center Conference Room. New members are most welcome!

Our Children's Choir rehearsals continue on Sundays at 8:15am for the 9 a.m. Mass. A number of new members have joined.

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.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

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August 11-15, 2025

9 – 12 noon daily

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USCCB Black History Month

Sister Thea Bowman

The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

February: Vocations to priesthood and religious life.

March: Families in Crisis. We pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. For further information please consult the Apostolate at: popesprayer.va.

Come for a Visit!

In the Most Holy Eucharist is contained all the spiritual wealth of the Church, that is, Christ himself, our Passover and living bread, through his flesh, made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, offering life to all, who are thus invited and led to offer themselves, their works, and all created things in union with him.



A weekly opportunity for prayer, devotion and

worship before the Eucharist

Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 o'clock.
anytime, long or short, during that hour.

Comments by Deacon Joe

Jubilee of Deacons



**Deacons
Called
To Serve**

This weekend as part of the Jubilee Year, there are events in Rome for a Jubilee of Deacons — prayers, meetings, and a Mass including the ordination of deacons. While there are no events I

am aware of in Boston and none in our parish, I hope we can all pray for Deacon Kris and me, that we will exercise

our ministry faithfully and effectively and that God will continue good people to serve as deacons in his Church.

The youth group is stepping up under the leadership of Father Stephen. It's very satisfying to see the interest in participation in Mass on the part of our young people. Some have begun to participate as lectors at the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses, and I hope that many of the younger parishioners who attend the 9:00 Mass will want to emulate our three high schoolers who are altar servers at that Mass. The fact is, we need more because two of the three current servers will graduate this spring. This important ministry is open to third graders and up, in other words, to those who have made their First Holy Communion. Parents and grandparents, please encourage the young people in your families to serve. It often contributes importantly to the server's growth in faith.



FAITH AND PLAY

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 6 Years. Each session includes time for a story, activity, snack, and play.



Mondays at 3:30 p.m.:
March 10th
April 14th
May 5th



For questions about this group and to RSVP, please email Jaclyne Ainlay at jclyne.ainlay@gmail.com

Caring Meals

Please be sensitive to the needs of your fellow parishioners or neighbors and call or e-mail if you feel a Caring Meal would be helpful. **Thank you so much!** See for information: www.sosmarblehead.org Caring Meals Ministry.



“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” is the old saying. Certainly the weather last week was beastly enough. While this week is predicted to be less severe, it is still wintry. I'm hoping that by the end of March the conditions will be palpably milder than at the beginning of the month this Saturday. Some people think weather isn't springlike even though it gets warmer than winter. We should remember that going from winter to summer is a gradual thing. Here on the coast, of course, as the land warms up, it becomes warmer than the ocean. The result is that the ocean keeps us cooler than places several miles inland. In summer the sea breeze is our friend, but not so much so in the spring. Anyway, I'm looking forward to the arrival of spring, which comes officially in March.

This week there are no obligatory memorials, feasts, or solemnities.

*Have a good week.
Stay warm.*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
February 23, 2025

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