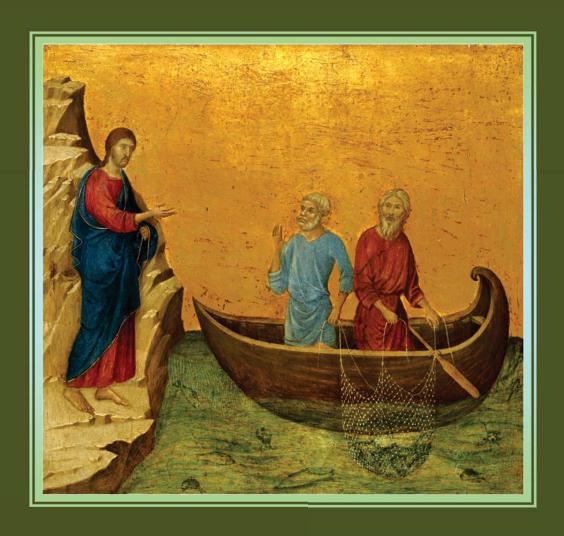
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Marblehead, Massachusetts

## Word of God Sunday



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Mark 1:17



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**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** In writing by Mon 10am.

Catholic Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at Our Lady Star of the Sea. To date, your pledges amount to \$57,438.00, (87% 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 back of the Church, fill it out, then drop it off at the Rectory or into the regular Offertory collection.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 20

9:00 AM Emerentienne Audet, 25th Anniversary

4:00 PM Carolyn Guarino, Birthday

Remembrance

Sunday January 21

7:30 AM Lucy and Richard Fitzgerald

9:00 AM Pro Populo

11:00 AM Katherine (Katie) A. Neumann,

1st Anniversary

Monday January 22 9:00 AM Jane Gould Tuesday January 23 9:00 AM Dean Dennis Wednesday January 24

9:00 AM Ann G. Canniffe, 1st Anniversary

Thursday January 25 9:00 AM Clelia MacKay Friday January 26 9:00 AM Virginia Walsh Saturday January 27 9:00 AM Ginny Walsh 4:00 PM Maria Arruda Sunday January 28

7:30 AM Edward James Rockett

9:00 AM Carolyn Guarino, Month's Mind

11:00 AM Pro Populo

#### Sunday, January 24, 2024

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#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023 ~ 2024



#### New registrations still continue. New Semester Beginnings



Classes resumed Monday, January 8th with the regular weekly Religious Education schedule; the first Sunday Session will take place today, Jan 21st.

#### First Communion Parents' Meeting

Important planning has been taking place for parents of our First Communion candidates. We addressed the new books, classes, mass participation books, retreat on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the First Communion celebrations planned for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us for the last scheduled meeting, today, Sunday, January 21st at 10 a.m., or call the office to make arrangements to pick up needed materials. Thank you!

#### Catholic/Private School Sophomores

Catholic 10<sup>th</sup> graders who attend Catholic or Private School should check now to verify that they are registered in our Religious Education program. Preparation for Confirmation in the Fall of 2024 begins this month. Please call or email the Religious Education Office as soon as possible to express your intent to receive Confirmation.

#### Reminder for the Winter Season

For weather related cancellations, we follow the Marblehead school decisions. Sunday cancellations will be emailed to the Sunday families.

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

sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.

## February Food Drive



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

#### Volunteers Needed and Welcomed!

- Wednesday, January 24th at 10 a.m. at the Center 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 at the front door of the Church today!

Drive Begins Next Weekend

Bags with suggested needed items will be available. Each week a list of requested items will be updated. Please return these non-perishable food donations to the back of the Church on February weekends or to the Parish Center Monday- Wednesday from 9am to 2pm, or anytime at the Rectory back porch.

Checks or gift cards are also welcome at the Rectory mail slot.

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

January 21, 2024 Sunday of the Word of God

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

"The word of the LORD came to Jonah..." (see Jon 3:1). The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is celebrated as the "Sunday of the Word of God." We are invited to deepen our appreciation of the power of God's Word as we seek to understand our life and its purpose in God. We come to appreciate better the bonds that tie us to all believers. Jesus is God's Word made flesh. In him we enter more completely into a communion of mind and heart with God. May God give us the grace always to honor his Word by living it most fully each day and by sharing it with others in our words and our ways.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." These words from St. Mark's Gospel (see Mark 1:14~20) provide a theme for our prayer this weekend, and set in place the perspective on our reading of St. Mark's Gospel throughout this coming year. We are invited to find in our relationship with Christ a true "time of fulfillment" such as for which our hearts long but which the world cannot give. Such fulfillment can, then, be our gift to the world.

Saint Ephraim wrote beautifully about the inexhaustible richness of God's Word: "There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain." Ephraim points out that God's Word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. God gives us his Word to reveal treasures, each of us finding a richness in what he or she contemplates beyond all compare (see: Commentary on the Diatessaron, 1, 18, quoted in *Apuerit illis*, Pope Francis). We share those gifts, then, with others, bringing their hearts alive in new ways.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (see Mark 1:17). This invitation/command of the Lord Jesus sets a living relationship in place. It should echo in our own ears as both an invitation to follow the Lord and as a command to do so. Jesus is saying to Peter and Andrew that their "yes" to Jesus will have already made them part of God's interaction with the world and will bring to fulfillment all of God's promises to his loved ones. Where they once pursued fish, the most profitable, important industry in their neck of the woods, they were now to pursue with Jesus, the Son of Man, all those he loves and become one with him in the mission of announcing the Kingdom of God in our midst.

So, too, is it for you and for me. If we set our whole pursuit of life on just the obtaining of this or another thing or circumstance, we tie our lives, our futures to things that, as the second reading from Paul (see 1 Corinthians 7:29-31), are "passing away," things whose "time is running out." Rather, if seek our fulfillment in our friendship with Christ, and the mission which is ours with him, then we can, in the words of the First Reading (see Jonah 3:1-5) and though the way of life that is ours, help people come to "believe God" and to be caught up by the hand of the Lord and pulled up and out of this world to safety.

You will find a flyer with today's Bulletin outlining a study opportunity coming up soon: Jesus and the Eucharist. If your have not already done so, I invite you to read through it and to ask yourself in prayer whether the good Lord might be seeking to encounter you in a new way this year. Will this be a step in that experience?

Asking God's blessing on you and your loved ones, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran

#### Holy Hour for Life, Today!

Sunday, January 21st at 3 p.m.

All are invited to join in the Church for a

Holy Hour of Prayer for Life,

Forgiveness and Healing

in adoration before the Eucharist.

This spiritual event is part of our Archdiocesan observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance

for Life. Lead by Deacon Joe, we pray for

• increased respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death;

 forgiveness and healing for all those wounded by abortion;

• peace for those facing death;

• increased holiness within the Church to transform our society.

All are welcome!

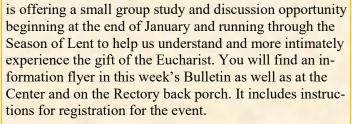


Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena 9 Days for Life,

Tuesday, January 16 – Wednesday, January 24. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more by email or text message. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

# Jesus and the Eucharist

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Our Lady Star of the Sea



In addition to the Study opportunity, the Parish will plan and put into place new prayer opportunities for Eucharistic Exposition and Adorations as well as for the Rosary.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please call the Rectory or email sosrectory@verizon.net.

#### **Moving?** New E-mail Address?

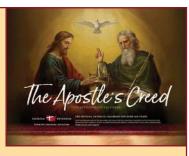


If you change your mailing address or e-mail address, please let us know as soon as possible to be sure that you receive all parish correspondence (which can be time-sensitive) as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you!

2024 Calendars
We are grateful for the generosity of Eustis & Cornell Funeral Home in Marblehead for the donation of "The Apostle's Creed"

Calendars for 2024.



The 2024 Calendars are available at the Church doors as well as at the Parish Center and on the back porch of the Rectory. All are welcome to take one.



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.

Star of the Sea Concert Series

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm "Rhapsody in Blue" at 100 Tickets now on sale @ \$20.

### **We Share**

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#### 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 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:





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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Thursday, January 18th - Thursday, January 25th Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle.

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." -Latke 10:27

This theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of *Chemin Neuf*, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso. Jesus thus invites us to imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity. Add your prayers each day for the unity of all Christians and take the opportunity of telling brothers and sisters in Christ of your sincere prayers for them and for our unity

### The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention You are invited to join with many people worldwide

in praying for the monthly intention.

January ~ For the Gift of Diversity on the Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. For further information please consult:

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) - EYM (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 this Christmas Season and New Year.

#### Comments from Deacon Joe

#### Christian Unity

in the Lord Jesus. Thank you!

Holy Hour for Life The Holy Hour for Life will be today at 3:00 p.m. in the church. The service includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, readings and a reflection, prayers for respect for life, and time for silent prayer. Now that Roe v. Wade has been reversed, we have the task of changing minds and hearts to appreciate the sacredness of all human life, from conception to natural death.



Please consider spending an hour with your fellow parishioners in prayer for respect for all human life, especially the unborn.



We continue to pray for Christian unity through the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. He taught that all believers are one in Christ. We pray that all will take this teaching to heart and that the command to love our neighbors will be obeyed by Christians toward one another all around the world <a href="https://geii.org/">https://geii.org/</a>

week of prayer for christian unity/ theme announcement 2024.html

Food Drive Next Sunday we'll begin offering bags for you to use for the Marblehead Food Pantry. February is Star of the Sea's special month to support the Pantry so you'll need them to bring things on February 3-4. We are also looking for volunteers to handle the items once they're dropped off. Please consider helping if you can.



The big eight-one Today I turn eighty-one, thankful that I'm still apparently in pretty good health. I don't walk quite as fast as I did sixty years ago, but unless I get run over by a truck, I could be around for a while yet. I'm happy to be able to serve the parish in the ways I do.

This week the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul occurs on Thursday, January 25. St. Paul's conversion from a persecutor to an apostle was of great importance for the spread of the gospel and an amazing example of how God's grace can work in unexpected and seemingly impossible ways. Let's never despair of anyone https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Conversion of Paul the Apostle.

On January 24 we celebrate the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales. He was bishop of Geneva, but because the city was controlled by Calvinists, he was unable to live there. He tried to bring people back to the Catholic faith through his activities and writings. He is most famous for Introduction to the Devout Life. Along with St. Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Visitation Order of nuns. Born in 1567, he died in 1622. He was canonized in 1665 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877. https:// en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis de Sales

The Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops and disciples of St. Paul, is on January 26. Timothy's work with Paul is recounted in various places in the Acts of the Apostles. Two epistles are addressed to him, and they show development in the organization of the early Church and in points of doctrine https://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/Saint Timothy. Titus was another co-worker of St. Paul and the addressee of an epistle https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Saint\_Titus. Monsignor Moran's patron saint is Timothy, so January 26 is his "name day."

Have a good week. Try to keep warm.

~Deacon Joe Whipple January 21, 2024





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