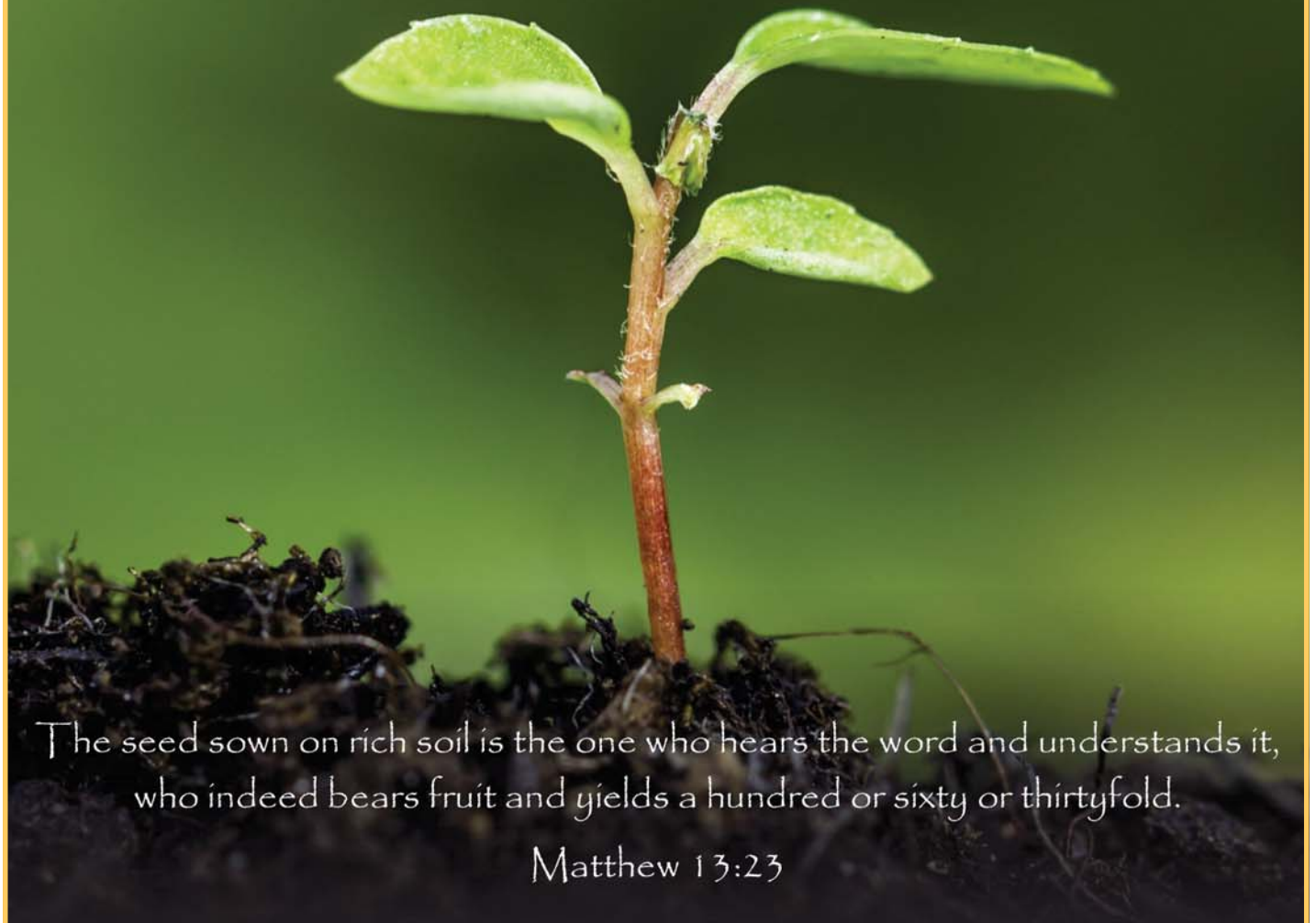


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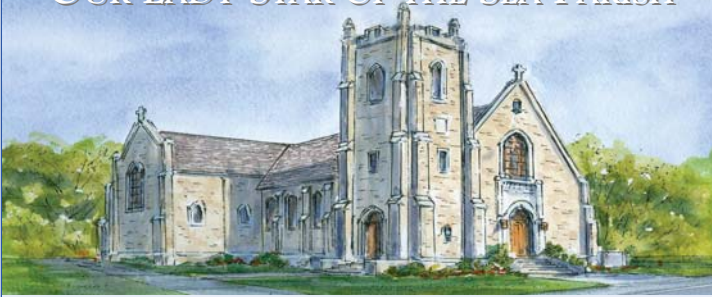
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The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 15
 9:00 AM Stephen Carter
 4:00 PM Catherine Kulevich
Sunday July 16
 7:30 AM Simon J. Fitzgerald, 55th Anniversary
 9:00 AM Pro popolo
 11:00 AM Irene & Paul Nagle
Monday July 17
 9:00 AM Philippe Audet
Tuesday July 18
 9:00 AM Rev. George A. Carrigg
Wednesday July 19
 9:00 AM Canice McGlynn
Thursday July 20
 9:00 AM Margaret Everson
Friday July 21
 9:00 AM Rev. Ronald G. Calhoun
Saturday July 22
 9:00 AM Loretta Petrilli, Birthday Remembrance
 4:00 PM Mary Anne Lepko
Sunday July 23
 7:30 AM Nancy Yngstrom
 9:00 AM Harold Scott, Month's Mind
 11:00 AM Pro popolo

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday July 22
 4:00 PM Msgr. Moran
Sunday July 23
 7:30 AM Msgr. Moran
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 11:00 AM Msgr. Moran

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Confirmation 2023



Save the Date! Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 2:00pm.**

If you have questions about Religious Education, please contact the Religious Education Office at 781-631-8340 or email sosreligioused@staroftheseamarblehead.org.



Though vacation is here for some of us, others still face the necessities of providing one more day.

Come to know that good feeling you get when you help someone. We praise God through caring for others. You can do it right from your home. Since My Brother's Table was founded 40 years ago, people in this Parish have been cooking beef stew using the same simple recipe, six times a year on the *second Tuesday of every other month!* What a marvelous tradition! Several have been cooking for decades, some only a year or two.

For more information, or to volunteer, please reach out to Marjorie Shea at marjorie_shea@comcast.net or leave your name and phone number at the Rectory.

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The Pope's Monthly Intentions 2023

July

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

Marblehead, Massachusetts

July 16, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea,

While I write this letter in the heat and humidity of now mid-Summer, the Gospel (see Matthew 13:1-23) tells us: "On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea... he got into a boat." Here in Marblehead, thank God, we "sea" well. We see, too, an increase of visitors, arrival of Summer residents, and we enjoy the beauty of peninsular life.

Something in me would readily quit this desk right now and head for the shore for a needed break, especially this week as I celebrate 47 years since my ordination. However, for that very reason, where better for me to be than here celebrating God's Word and the gift of his life in the Holy Eucharist? Nothing better!

There must be no "vacating," however, the Word of God! That is because Jesus, the Sower, is always at work, always speaking to us all God's own Word. There is no deficiency in what God offers us. There is no stinginess in the grace that God pours forth our way each day. And yet, each person in the vast seaside crowd that heard Jesus' word, welcomed it differently. God speaks to us through his Word in Scripture, through the teaching of the Church, through right conscience and through the real circumstances in life. We must hear, welcome, listen and embrace that Word.

Some of us hear but, like the path, do not comprehend what we hear and risk losing it or not paying attention. Indeed, God says many things to us we do not understand. What to do? **Go to Jesus and ask.** Some of us hear like the rocky ground. We are not that deep and immediately rejoice in one or another aspect that we happen to like. However, the full Word does not sink roots into our minds and hearts. What to do? **Go to Jesus and ask.** Some of us hear the Word, welcome it at some depth, but continue to entertain other words and thorny points made by the world. We risk being choked in distraction losing our way. What to do? **Go to Jesus and ask.** Some of us strive to welcome, embrace, honor the Word but, even then, are not yet transformed by its power. What to do? **Go to Jesus and ask.**

Most of all we, like the Disciples, having heard as best we can must go to Jesus and seek from his heart the full meaning of all that has been uttered. Ask him through your encounter with him here in Word and Sacrament, one-on-one in prayer, the true meaning of God's Word to you and the significance of life's challenges. For this reason is our Church open every day from 7 to 7. It is a place to escape to and to "**go to Jesus and ask**" in a moment in prayer with the Lord. He will open our mind and heart as only his love can do. Then, with St. Paul we realize that there is "glory to be revealed for us" in the content of that Word (see Romans 8:18-23).

The Prophet (see Isaiah 55:10-11) pointed out to us God's own promise: "So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth: my word shall not return to me void but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." May each of us fulfill the will of God's saving love addressed to us in the Gospel of Jesus. May that Word now help you to find fulfillment in life and that happiness (far better than any sea-side day's enjoyment) for which God made you.

Asking God's blessing upon our Parish and hoping that we all get some chance for relaxation, renewal and rewind, I am

Yours in the Lord's service,

Msgr. Timothy J. Moran



Eucharistic Adoration

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is highly promoted in our Catholic tradition.

The Church has special rites connected with adoration: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with a blessing of the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament. At Our Lady Star of the Sea we observe exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday of each month.

More importantly, adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is possible in our parish church 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. every day! Folk are invited to make their own visit before the Blessed Sacrament for a time, long or short that it may be, for personal prayer. There is a powerful experience of understanding and renewal which accompanies our prayer before and our being with Our Lord present in this sacramental way.

Make it a part of your week to stop in for a moment of recollection, thanksgiving and adoration of the Lord, mindful of the many gifts he bestows. Make it a part of your day!

Sunday, July 2

(Last Sunday had an early Bulletin deadline)

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: 5,624.00 • Online: 3,579.00)

Offertory Total: \$9,203.00

Sunday, July 9

Offertory Collection

(Collected/Mailed: \$5,697.00 • Online: \$5,421.83)

Offertory Total: \$11,118.83

With heartfelt thanks to all who give!



MARINER'S PRAYER

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Mother of God and our Mother, you know all the dangers of soul and body that threaten mariners. Protect your sons and daughters who work and travel on the waters of the world, and protect also their families that await their return. Star of the Sea, Mother of the Church, give light and strength to those chaplains and lay ministers who bring the love of your Divine Son among mariners. Fill their hearts with a supernatural and life-giving zeal for the apostolate. Star of the Sea, light shining in the darkness, be a guide to those who sail amid the storms and dangers of life. Enlighten the hearts of ardent disciples and bring us all to the safety of heaven's port. Amen



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Comments from Deacon Joe

Desiderio Desideravi

In his letter, Pope Francis points out that our engagement with Jesus in the Eucharist is done in a sacramental way. That is, God uses physical things which he has created and which show his love, as all creation does. They become symbols of his saving action: bread and wine, symbolizing bodily nourishment being consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ, sacrificed on Calvary, risen in triumph over sin and death and made into the spiritual food and drink which makes us share in the Lord's triumph.

Through creation itself, things have an orientation to God. By the incarnation of Christ, material things “can become instruments of salvation, vehicles of the Spirit, channels of grace.”

Bishop Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B., R.I.P.



Bishop Joseph died on July 2, the 75th anniversary of his monastic profession <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/unionleader/name/joseph-gerry-obituary?id=52374027>.

When I was at St. Anselm Abbey as a prospective monk, he was prior of the monastery. In 1972 he was elected abbot; in 1986 he was made auxiliary bishop of Manchester, and in 1988 bishop

of Portland, an office he filled until retirement in 2004. Afterwards, he returned to the monastery, where he lived as an active member as long as his health permitted. He was an excellent writer and preacher, friendly and affable, with a ready smile. I was blessed to be able to attend his funeral on July 6. It was celebrated by the bishop of Manchester, three other bishops, and over twenty visiting priests including Fr. Bill Schmidt, as well as the priests of the monastery https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_John_Gerry.

This week

We will celebrate one obligatory memorial: St. Mary Magdalene, on July 22. She was one of the women who accompanied Jesus and supported him with their resources. Jesus had driven seven demons out of her. She was present at his crucifixion and was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection, according to the gospel of John. May we be as faithful as she was https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Magdalene.



*Enjoy the Summer!
Have a good week.*

~Deacon Joe Whipple
July 16, 2023

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