

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

March 21, 2021

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Fifth Sunday of

LENT



With Mary , we bring people to Christ to live the love of God

mass times & information

SAT 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN 8:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
MON 7:30 a.m.
TUE 7:30 a.m.
WED 7:30 a.m.
THU 7:30 a.m.
FRI 8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
TUE 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WED 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
THU 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
FRI 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SAT Closed
SUN Closed
Holidays — Closed

BAPTISMS

Please call the parish office during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament. Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office during regular office hours. Others, please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Have you ever experienced a year that has been so long? We have been experiencing the effects of this pandemic for a year and who would have thought it would have been this way? I have often thought back to a year ago, deciding to close our schools for a short time! Then having to decide to close our churches and obviously dispensing people from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Being on the AoD committee to make these decisions, I felt such a weight, as did other members of the committee. There were so many aspects to the decisions. We kept thinking, with the deepest hope, that if we might be back to normal in a few weeks or certainly in a very few months. That was not to be the case.

Here we are a year later and what have we learned? I see some families have experienced a greater closeness while some others have a greater distance. A year ago there was much expressed concern about so many people. There were so many fears because of the unknown nature of the virus. As time has gone on, there seems to be less concern about "the other" and a great desire to resume where we left off. It seems obvious that we have greater disunity in our society in so many ways and for so many reasons. There certainly is great fatigue and we collectively want to forget the past year as if it didn't exist. However, for the millions of people who have died across the world, their families will never forget.

As we approach the start of Holy Week next Sunday, may we be drawn into the dying and rising of Jesus. Our readings today remind us of the covenant God has established with us. God does not and will not forget us! That is his promise to each one of us. God places his law in us and writes it upon our hearts. The question is, what is our response?

I suggest we all spend some extra time this week reflecting on the lessons we have learned about our individual selves this past year. What new insights do we have about our charity toward others, our care toward others, our care for ourself? How has my relationship grown, or diminished, the past year as things became lax? What is God asking me now, at this time, at this point in my relationship with Him? If I have become weaker in my faith, what steps can I take to once again become stronger? How might I renew the practice of my religion through this Holy Week and through the Easter season? We still have these valuable days left in Lent to bring us back to the Lord, the one in whom we profess our life and hope for eternal life.

** After reading my column last week, a few of you have joked a bit if I was promoting a new saint, referencing St. Jospheh and St. Joseph. It is interesting that even as I right now type "Jospheh" the autocorrect feature does not change it!! How wonderful computers and technology is ... except when they don't make us look good!

** Obviously last lent the SERF vicariate did not have any communal penance services. The same applies for this year. However, many of the parishes in our vicariate will be "leaving the light on" (the confessional light, that is) at the same time **this Thursday and next Monday**. Both days the times are 1:00 - 2:30 pm and 7:00 - 8:30 pm for individual confessions. That is certainly the case here at

Half and Half continued

Star of the Sea! Don't be afraid if it has been a long time since your last confession, the priest will help you and will be happy to see you return to the sacrament!

** Don't forget this Thursday is the day to get your order in for you holiday ham, sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus.

** The light purple Alms Giving envelope can be returned any time. Thanks for your generosity!

** Notice the schedule for the upcoming Sacred Triduum liturgies here at Star of the Sea. Due to the pandemic, there will be some necessary adaptations but the power of the liturgies are the same. (I will never forget last year when none of you were able to be present for these holiest days of our year!).

Only holiness, goodness and forgiveness be yours this week!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

Scripture Readings

Readings for the Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Scrutiny Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

7:30 a.m. +Patricia Vitale
+Joseph McKolay

Tuesday, March 23

7:30 a.m. +Leonard, Ethel, Helen Hart
+E. Thomas Gibney
+Helen A. Mastay

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 a.m. +Lorraine Brosteaux
+Bill & Lorraine Glynn

Thursday, March 25

7:30 a.m. +Elsie & William Connors

Friday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Liz & Doug Abood

Saturday, March 27

4:00 p.m. +Patricia Hrabovsky
Living & Deceased members of
the Yuhase Family
+Robert Hasse
+Richard Jantz
+Roland Downen
+Lucy Flynn

Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. +John Ahee
OLSOS Parishioners
9:30 a.m. + Marilyn Bourgoin
+Catherine Jaboro
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Thomas Michaels
+Dick Flynn
+Margaret Ahee



CELEBRATING THE SACRED TRIDUUM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1

[No 7:30 a.m. Mass. Chapel closed at 8:00 a.m. for the Triduum.]

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Procession follows with the Blessed Sacrament to The Pointe

Private Adoration in The Pointe until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 2

[No morning Mass. Church open at 9 am for private prayer and devotion]

1:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

1:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

followed by Divine Mercy Novena

Private Veneration of the Cross and Prayer until 6:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 3

Noon - Blessing of Easter Food

[No 3:00 p.m. confessions. No 4:00 p.m. Mass. Church will be closed until 7:30 p.m.]

8:30 p.m. - The Easter Vigil

Blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle

Liturgy of the Word

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 4

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses

Wearing masks, covering the nose and mouth, is mandatory.



Lent

Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent

7:00 pm: March 26

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays - ending March 31
8:00 am until 10:00 am in church

Confession - Individual Reconciliation

Every Saturday at 3:00 pm
until all have been heard

Thursday March 25
1 - 2:30 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm
Monday March 29
1 - 2:30 pm and 7 - 8:30 pm



*Various ways to read part
or the whole bible in a year!*

www.unleashthegospel.org/scripture-challenge/

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Alms Giving

As part of the 3 pillars of Lent we continue our annual Lenten Almsgiving. This year we will help the following organizations through your generous donations.

St Aloysius

St. Aloysius Parish has been known as “Everybody’s Church in Downtown Detroit” since 1873. We are committed to bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters on Washington Boulevard and beyond. This year, your Lenten alms will help us to buy liturgical items—altar cloths and other linens—that are in need of replacement.

Better Way Detroit

We provide dignity to homeless persons by offering the opportunity to work for pay to help beautify the City of Detroit.

St Leo Soup Kitchen

With the belief that all men and women are gifts from God, St. Leo's Soup Kitchen is a non-profit, non-denominational organization that strives to provide sustenance and other social services as needed to less fortunate members of the Detroit community provided at no cost to all who come.

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Please use the envelopes provided for your donation. Mark the organization(s) you would like to help, envelopes can be dropped off in the offertory boxes, parish office or bring to the Holy Thursday Mass.

Make checks payable to OLSOS or to the organization, if you would like to get on their mailing list



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Our Lady Star of the Sea K. of C. thanks you for your support

All orders are due no later than Thursday, March 25



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PICK UP

Friday April 2

3:30 pm –7:00 pm

Under Church Canopy

**Exposition & Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday's in Lent
After 7:30a Mass – 10:00a**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel**

Open 6a - 11:30p

LENT

Prayer, Almsgiving, Fasting

"Jesus Christ finds means to console a soul that remains with a recollected spirit before the Most Blessed Sacrament, far beyond what the world can do with all its feasts and pastimes. Oh, how sweet a joy it is to remain with faith and tender devotion before an altar, and converse familiarly with Jesus Christ, who is there for the express purpose of listening to and graciously hearing those who pray to him; to ask his pardon for the displeasures which we have caused him; to represent our wants to him, as a friend does to a friend in whom he places all his confidence; to ask him for his graces, for his love, and for his kingdom; but above all, oh, what a heaven it is there to remain making acts of love towards that Lord who is on the very altar praying to the Eternal Father for us, and is there burning with love for us. Indeed that love it is which detains him there, thus hidden and unknown, and where he is even despised by ungrateful souls! But why should we say more? 'Taste and see.'" (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

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through *online giving*
To enroll
Text "ENROLL" to 313-887-6612 or
visit faith.direct/M1044



A Guide for Confession

Begin your confession with the sign of the cross, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Bless me Father for I have sinned....it has been _____ weeks (months, years) since my last confession."

Say the sins that you remember. Start with the one(s) that is most difficult to say. After confessing all the sins you remember since your last good confession, you may conclude by saying, "I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life."

Listen to the words of the priest. He will assign you some penance. Doing the penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. When invited, express some prayer of sorrow or Act of Contrition such as:

An Act of Contrition

(two similar Acts of Contrition are posted in the Confessional)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

At the End of Confession

Listen to the words of absolution, the sacramental forgiveness of the Church through the ordained priest.

- As you listen to the words of forgiveness, make the sign of the cross with the priest.



Confirmation Retreat 2021



On March 6th our Confirmandi joined together for a morning of COVID-safe retreat, including prayer, reflection and activities.

Each year Confirmandi attend a retreat in order to prepare themselves for receiving the Sacrament.

While it looked a bit different this year, we are grateful these young people could still come together in this capacity!

The theme of this year's retreat was *Through the Storm*, focusing on Our Lady Star of the Sea and her Son bringing us through the storms we face in our lives.

Please pray for our thirty-four Confirmandi from Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish!



In memoriam

3/22/1968 Adele Melvin
3/22/1976 Cyril Lingeman
3/22/1982 John Louisgnau
3/22/1998 John Binder
3/22/2004 Lillian Cusmano
3/22/2004 Joseph Versical
3/23/1961 William Coulter
3/23/1966 Adolph Podelt
3/23/1971 John Brennon
3/23/1994 Delores A. Rea
3/23/2012 Kevin Boyle
3/24/1963 Louise Davidson
3/24/1970 Anna Barker
3/24/1974 Edward Szymanski
3/24/1980 Frank Karpinski
3/24/1985 David Kus
3/24/1991 Clara Marco
3/24/1992 Robert G. Seward
3/24/2010 Marie Jo Sullivan
3/25/1958 James Cleary
3/25/1971 Lovell Elsey
3/25/1973 Elizabeth Wagner
3/25/1981 Stephanie Gibasiewicz
3/25/1981 Michael Jacks
3/25/1999 Marjorie Daoust
3/25/2015 Donald Hudec III
3/25/2017 Michael Haas
3/26/1973 Walter Holland
3/26/1977 Albert Bershback
3/26/1999 Daniel Healy
3/26/2018 Kippy Kosorski
3/27/1970 Adolph Dammon
3/27/1980 Carrie Clements
3/27/2000 Richard Flynn
3/28/1962 Ignacy Szymanski
3/28/2002 Ruth Jantz
3/28/2003 Donna Issa
3/28/2005 Roger Naeyaert
3/28/2015 Patrick Wines
3/28/2015 Richard Rinke
3/28/2019 Jennie Carion

Please pray for:

the sick

Angela Agrusa
Jim Amori
Marie Brady
Robert Caldwell
Cassidy Christie
Adam Cole
Noah Cole
Dr. William Collins
Amer Dabish
Sharon De Long
Virg Ditty
Joseph Drader
Patricia Hanna
Peter John Hanna
Angela Harris
Linda Keschl
Steve Kocsis
Michelle Koning
Phyllis Marek
Rev. Timothy Mazur
Kristina Mulder
Sue Nelson
Don Nelson

Marilyn O'Bryan
Joe Ross
Terry Ryba
Josh Simon
Joseph Simon
Bill Scholtz
Cathy Spindler
Raul Tomas
Charlotte Weekes
Fr. Francis Weingartz

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Paul David Boni
James Patrick Carrier
Kyle Cone
Emily de Brun
Jason T. Erbecker
Ramon Lopez Garcia
Dylan Goitz
Kevin Hanley
Matt Helm
Matt Hoffman
Matthew Johnston
Justin Kelly
Paul Koss
Matt Lacy

Kyle Lechner
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