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Mon-Thurs: 7:30am Fri -Sat: 9am Saturday (Sunday Vigil): 5pm Sunday: 8am*, 11am*, 5pm

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Wednesday: 5pm Saturday: 10am & 3pm

CHURCH

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Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to Star of the Sea, we welcome you to our Parish family. We hope that you will feel at home here. Please pick up a registration card in the Church vestibule or call the Parish Office. If you are seeking answers, we invite you to visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment to visit with Fr. Lappe about the Catholic Faith.

Bulletin Information Deadline Noon on Friday (week before), in writing, or email bulletin@starofthesea.net

Assisted Listening Devices

Available in vestibule. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Sacrament of Baptism

For information on infant Baptism please contact the Parish Office. We encourage parents to arrange for Baptism before the birth of the child.

Sacrament of Marriage

If you are seeking to receive the Sacrament of Marriage at Star of the Sea, please contact the Parish Office.

Adult Reception Into the Church

Classes of inquiry to join the Church are available throughout the year. If you are seeking to learn more or would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, we encourage you to email RCIA@starofthesea.net for more info.

Parish Staff & Ministry Directory Go online at starofthesea.net

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES CALL PARISH OFFICE AT 360-479-3777 anytime

Natural Family Planning

Consultation and/or instruction call Lucy at 360-271-3611; clemenlucy@gmail.com

Communion for the Homebound

If you have been injured, ill, or had surgery, please call the Parish Office so that you can be put on the Communion list.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available 24 hours a day. To sign up for an hour, email mark@starofthesea.net

Prayer Line

Confidential prayer requests contact Lynn LaMarche: (360) 674-2200 lynn@starofthesea.net

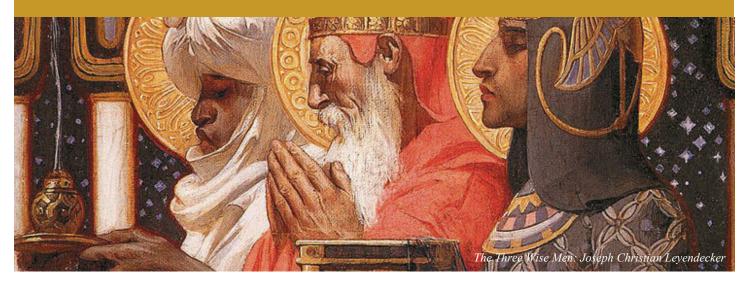
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Recurring Gifts

Would you like to set up a recurring gift? Visit starofthesea.infellowship.com

JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



FIVE LESSONS OF THE MAGI

The unforgettable story of the journey of the Magi, as recounted in the Gospel of Matthew, is an artful summary of the principal dynamics of the spiritual life. Watching the night sky with scrupulous attention for signs of God's purpose, the Magi evoke the importance of alertness in the spiritual order. We must keep our eyes open to see what God is up to. . .

Once they saw the star, they moved, despite the length of the journey and the dangers of the road. Sometimes people know what God wants them to do, but they don't act, either out of fear or laziness or the influence of bad habits. In their confident journeying forth, the Magi teach us not to miss the propitious moment. They teach us to move.

When they entered into Herod's territory, the Magi caught the attention of the king. And when they spoke to him of the birth of a new King of the Jews, Herod became frantic and tried to use them in order to destroy the baby. A third lesson: when you walk the path that God has laid out for you, expect opposition. We live in a...fallen world, & there will always be forces opposing to God.

Refusing to cooperate with Herod's game, the wise men came to Bethlehem, found the child, and gave him their precious gifts. When you come to Christ, don't give him your second best; break open the very best of yourself and make it a gift for him. Finally, they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and so "they returned to their home country by another route." As Fulton Sheen commented so magnificently: of course they did; for no one comes to Christ and goes back the same way he came!

The journey of these wise men is a metaphor for the spiritual journeys that all of us must make. Like the magi, we must be attentive; we must be willing to act; we must expect opposition; we must give our best to Christ, and finally, we must be willing to change, "to go back by a different route."

- BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



PRAYER REQUESTS



In your kindness and charity towards others, please pray for the sick, homeless, homebound, the imprisoned, the unemployed, all our military overseas, and all who are held in our hearts:

Linda McDaniel, Arthur Lente, Nathan Dixon, Cole Eckert, Felix Fabellano, Andras Ordog, Lacsamana family, Ross Smith, Ray & Patrick Costello, Michael Childs, Sharon Christodoulou, Glenda Isbell, Joan Halmrast, Hugh Black, Iva Lehmann, Sharona Belles, Benny Castro, Cheryl Browne, Antonio Charles, Leo Fuentes, Anthony & Nickolaus Lente, Sandra Pick, Mona Pick, Steven & Sonia Pickering, Dianne Huebert, Randall family, Elsa Gragasin, Steve & Brenda Walke, John Lange, James Lee, Teri Conklin, Kris Ceithamer, Johnthony Acosta, Joseph Materne, Ori Hoallander family, Joyce O'Hara, Myrna Acosta, Kelley Hurley family, Fr. James Statz, Luana Manuel, Steve Jennings, Eugenio Javier Jr., Tommy D. Sheppard, and Angela Eddings Dice.

For the repose of all the souls who have died. May God grant them the joy of eternal life and peace for their families.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 7

- ⇒ Mass Times 8am, 11am, 5pm Bert & Mildred Carrera 47th Anniversary, INT
- ⇒9:30am Confirmation, Center Rooms 1 & 2
- ⇒2pm Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle, church
- ⇒6:15pm Roots Young Adults, JP2 Youth Center

Monday, January 8

(F) Baptism of the Lord

- ⇒7:30am Mass Casano Family, INT
- ⇒8:30am Legion of Mary, Center Room 1

Tuesday, January 9

- ⇒7:30am Mass Marian Cruz, INT
- ⇒8:30am Bible Study, Center Room 1
- ⇒10am PREPARES/ Mary's Little Tots Shop, Camerman Hall
- ⇒10am Grief Support Group, Conference Room
- \Rightarrow 11:30am YLI, Center Rooms 1 & 2
- ⇒4pm American Heritage Girls, Camerman Hall
- ⇒6pm OCIA, School Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 10

- ⇒7:30am Mass John Mosley, RIP
- ⇒9:30am Rosary Makers, Center Room 1
- ⇒5pm Confession
- ⇒5:30pm Parish Family Potluck, Camerman Hall
- ⇒6pm Adult Formation/Faithworks/Fidelis/Fraternus

Thursday, January 11

- ⇒7:30am Mass Toyia Jean Booher, RIP
- ⇒11am Funeral Mass, Elsie Dimalanta
- ⇒6:30pm Encourage, Center Rooms 1 & 2
- ⇒7pm Holy Hour, Church—Come Pray for Families!

Friday, January 12

- ⇒9am Mass Goldie Marz, RIP
- ⇒10am Mom's Group, Center Rooms 1 & 2
- ⇒11am Funeral Mass for Elsie Dimalanta
- ⇒6pm Praise & Worship, Center Rooms 1 & 2
- ⇒6pm ACA School Dance, Camerman Hall

Saturday, January 13

(m) Blessed Virgin Mary

- ⇒7am Men's Group, Conference Room
- ⇒9am Mass Earnie Ryan, RIP
- ⇒ 9:30am San Lorenzo Guild, Center Room 1
- ⇒ 10am Confession
- ⇒ 3pm Confession
- ⇒ 5pm Mass
- ⇒ 6:30pm High School Discipleship, Parish Center

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM CAMERMAN YLI:

Camerman YLI thanks all of the many raffle participants for the statue of Our Blessed Mother.

The winner was the Morash family of Our Lady Star Of the Sea Parish.

Your response is humbling. With joy in our hearts, this fundraiser is for the education of future priests.

With gratitude,

- Ann Herbert, Chairperson.



ARE YOU GRIEVING A LOSS?

Winter can be a difficult time when you've lost a loved one. You don't have to go it alone—let us help. Our next **Grief Support Group** begins **Tuesday, January 9, from 10:00 to 11:30am**. The group meets the second Tuesday each month for 10 months, in the Parish Center.

For details, and to find out if this group might be a good fit for you, contact Kathy Warcup at the parish office: kathy@starofthesea.net or (360) 479-3777

DISCIPLESHIP GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30-8:30PM | PARISH CENTER

Please join us for a night of games, including grog, live-action mafia, and glow in the dark dodgeball!

Open to all high schoolers.

Food will be provided. Hope to see you there!

For Questions, Contact: Kaitlin@starofthesea.net

The Gift of Empathy Mini-Series

Empathy is a powerful way to better understand others, forge stronger relationships, and care for those who are hurting. If everyone empathized with each other more often, it could go a long way toward overcoming the division, isolation, and misunderstanding that are so prevalent today.



But empathy doesn't just happen on its own. To see its benefits in our lives and the lives of others, we need to be intentional about putting this skill into action. That means developing and maintaining an empathy mindset.

Consider attending our 4-part series as we study *The Gift of Empathy*, a new book released from Stephen Ministries. We'll meet on Wednesdays January 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, from 6:30 to 8pm in the Parish Office building at **Holy Trinity Parish**, 4215 Pine Road.

RSVP by January 5th and we'll make sure to order materials for you, by contacting Kathy: kathy@starofthesea.net | (360) 627-8916.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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www.starofthesea.net/rcia

Questions about becoming Catholic or returning to the Church?
Email: RCIA@starofthesea.net

PARISH FAMILY HOUR:

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, Camerman Hall

BIBLE STUDY:

- ⇒ Tuesdays, 8:30am Center Room 1 Contact: clemenlucy@gmail.com or 360-271-3611
- ⇒ Thursdays, 6pm Adult Gospel Study, Upper JPII Center

THAT MAN IS YOU

Interactive Men's Focus Group
Thursdays, 6am breakfast in Camerman Hall
Contact Rene: TMIY@starofthesea.net

YOUNG ADULTS:

Contact: alice@starofthesea.net

ROOTS

Sundays at 6:15pm, JP2 Youth Center

- + Jan 7: Christmas Party—gift exchange
- + Jan 14: Adoration Night—church
- + Jan 21: Parlor—practice public speaking!
- + Jan 28: St. Thomas Aguinas Feast Day

MOVIE NIGHTS

Monday Evenings at the French's House Contact Kennedy: kenniemae@icloud.com

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Star Young Adults JANUARY EVENTS

All events start at 6:15 pm in the JPII Youth Center unless otherwise noted!

1/7 Christmas Party: Join us for a potluck and white elephant gift exchange! Ham will be provided. Please sign up to bring a dish to share using the QR code, and bring a wrapped gift of at least \$10 value.



1/14 Adoration Night: Exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be dinner in Camerman Hall immediately after the 5 pm Mass, holy hour in the church at 7:15 pm.

Come spend an hour with Jesus!

1/21 The Return of Parlor: An opportunity to grow or exercise your public speaking in a safe environment. Come join us as we discus some hard topics and some not-so-hard topics!

1/28 St. Thomas Aquinas feast day: Celebrate the Angelic Doctor with us! We will have dinner, talk, and activity with our very own Miss Mikaela Hertel OP!

For more information, and to learn about our other weekly events, contact Alice McIntyre: alice@starofthesea.net



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2023

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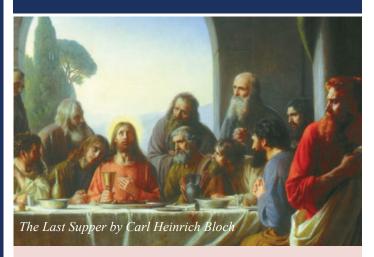
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POSITION AVAILABLE!

Star is seeking an additional Bus Driver.

If you are interested in this position, please email Tina Powell: tpowell@starofthesea.net

SACRED ART & THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



At OLSOS, we see the vital importance of instruction on sacred art as it is often integrated into a history, science, literature, or religion lesson.

The Benedict XVI Institute is co-sponsoring a national painting contest that is in conjunction with the USCCB's National Eucharistic Congress. Entries will be part of an exhibit beginning May 2024.

The following is a statement by one of the artists:

"We must reanimate the world for Christ. It's imperative for faithful artists to rebuke the darkness of the modern world that has failed humanity and deprived us of beauty. There is no greater gift we have received from God than the Eucharist and attending Mass regularly...as Catholics and artists, we are responsible for sharing the truth and inspiring faith."

-ERIC ARMUSIK

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL







Pietra Fitness is a unique whole-person fitness program that integrates physical exercise with Christian prayer while drawing upon the rich and timeless traditions of the Catholic Church. Bodily prayer, sacred art, sacred music, and Christian meditation are woven into this stretching and strengthening workout so that in only one hour, you feel calmer, stronger, refreshed, and renewed.

Jan. 13 - Feb 10 7:30 a.m.

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For more information contact Kristen Morga, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor: netsirk96@comcast.net



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- · Experience a breathtakingly beautiful journey through The Joyful Mysteries from the Holy Land this Advent.
- · Identify the internal and external struggle with the power of evil and create a pathway to overcome it.
- · Liftup your heart and mind to Christ with powerful Lenten Reflections.
- · Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Triduum like never before.
- · Embrace the call to lay down your life in loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
- · Remain grafted to the vine to bear a hundred-fold fruitfulness.
- · Experience the holy grit of the Saints while relying upon the holy grace of God.











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WHEN:

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WHERE:

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SCHEDULE:

06:00 am: Bacon/Eggs - Presentation

06:30 am: Group Discussion 07:00 am: Prayer and Depart

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SPRING SEMESTER - 2024 Contact Rene LaMarche at TMIY@starofthesea.net

Paradisus Dei



TRANSFORMATION NIGHT



6:00PM WORSHIP



7:00PM TEACHING



8:00PM PRAYER MINISTRY

WHY ARE YOU HERE? WHO DO YOU SEEK?



DEACON JIM JOHNSON

Deacon Jim Johnson is a Deacon in the Archdiocese of Seattle. He was ordained in December of 2020, along with 21 other men. He has been assigned to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Bremerton, WA – which has been his family's home parish for 22 years. Deacon Jim and his wife Colleen have 3 grown children, a son and 2 daughters, all of whom are all married. They have also been blessed with 4 grandchildren and one on the way.

Deacon Jim has a special outreach and ministry for the youth and enjoys challenging them to be bold in the adverse conditions they face in todays society. Deacon Jim was born and raised in Minnesota and is the youngest of nine children. He is blessed to say that his parents are his greatest influence and has been inspired by their 69 years of marriage.

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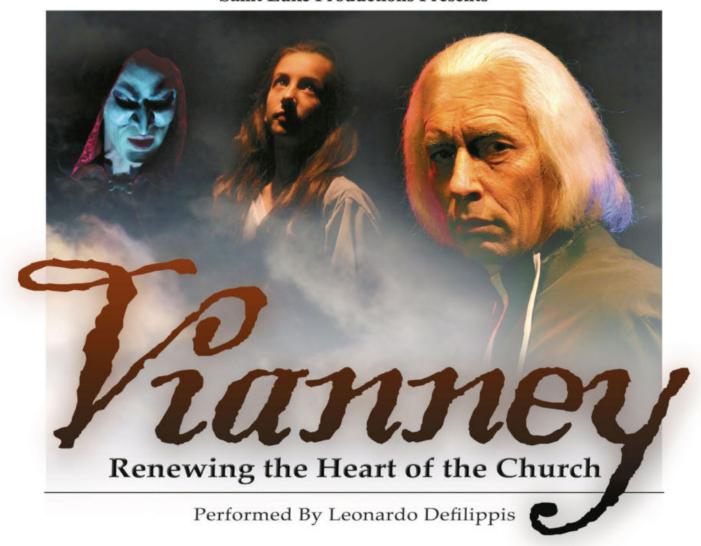
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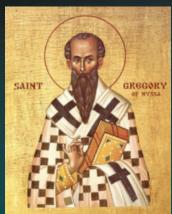
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Lives of the Saints

ST. GREGORY OF NYSSA

Feast Day: January 10

The son of two saints, Basil and Emmilia, young Gregory was raised by his older brother, Saint Basil the Great, and his sister, Macrina, in modern-day Turkey. Gregory's success in his studies suggested great things were ahead for him. After becoming a professor of rhetoric, he was persuaded to devote his learning and efforts to the Church. By then married, Gregory went on to study for the priesthood and become ordained (this at a time when celibacy was not a matter of law for priests).

He was elected Bishop of Nyssa in 372, a period of great tension over the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. Briefly arrested after being falsely accused of embezzling Church funds, Gregory was restored to his see in 378, an act met with great joy by his people.

It was after the death of his beloved brother Basil, that Gregory really came into his own. He wrote with great effectiveness against Arianism and other questionable doctrines, gaining a reputation as a defender of orthodoxy. He was sent on missions to counter other heresies and held a position of prominence at the Council of Constantinople. His fine reputation stayed with him for the remainder of his life, but over the centuries it gradually declined as the authorship of his writings became less and less certain. But, thanks to the work of scholars in the 20th century, his stature is once again appreciated. Indeed, Saint Gregory of Nyssa is seen not simply as a pillar of orthodoxy but as one of the great contributors to the mystical tradition in Christian spirituality and to monasticism itself.

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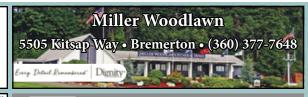


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