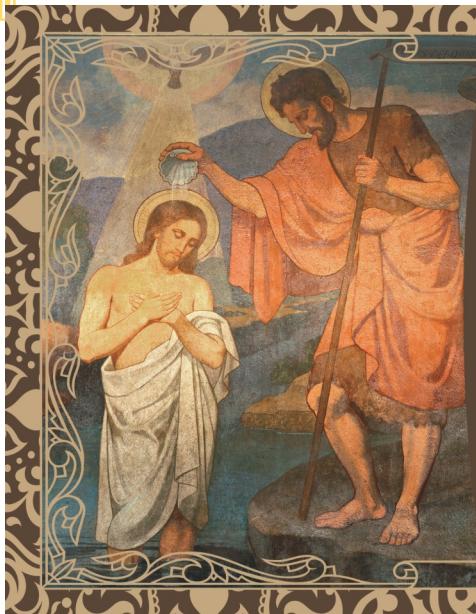




SAINT MARYS, GA
**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 THE HOLY SITE FOR



**Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission**
 FOLKSTON, GA



• THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD •
**“THIS IS
MY BELOVED
SON.”**

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Holy Rosary
 30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
 8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

**Fridays Eucharistic
Adoration**
 Fridays from 5:00PM
 to 6:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM
 (except on Holy Saturday)
 Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday No Service
 Tuesday 5:30 PM
 Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
 or by appointment

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WELCOME, VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, (**\$10 or more**) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

MASS INTENTIONS

01/10/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People
01/11/26—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:30 AM (St Francis of Assisi)
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Matthew Basirico
01/12/26—NO MASS
01/13/26—Tuesday—5:00PM—Communion Service
01/14/26—Wednesday 8:00AM Mass at OLSS
01/15/26—Thursday 8:00AM Communion Service
01/16/26—Friday 8:00AM Mass
01/17/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
Belated birthday blessings for Keith Danos
01/18/26—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis of Assisi)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Jack Cade

Looking for something special to DO this New Year? Resolutions do not always mean you have to give something up as a sacrifice, sometimes we can do something to bring us closer to God, we can choose to sacrifice a little extra time to spend studying his word. Why Not try "***The Homily Continues***" Tuesday Nights Adult Bible Study. RE building doors open at 6:00 pm / 6:30 pm video.

Join us as we go over each weeks Mass readings, a special weekly video presentation based on Sundays readings by Dr.Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre will take you thru the readings, Old and New Testament bringing them together to help deepen your understanding of scripture.



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Fran Schneider, Jude Pappas

**Matt Metty, Frank & Mary Anne Greco,
Diane Harrel, Dr. Christopher Scuderi**

Toby Cook

Lori Homick, Larry & Lori Toomey

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The First Reading comes from Isaiah. This means it was written by a disciple of the prophet whom scholars call Deutero-Isaiah. These later chapters were written to reassure Israel during the Babylonian exile. The author speaks poetically of a "Servant of the Lord."

Isaiah was not offering a direct prophecy of Jesus, but rather envisioning a figure who would help restore Israel after captivity. Christians, however, have long seen this passage fulfilled in Christ.

Isaiah describes the vocation of a servant of God in ways that Jesus could well have incorporated into his own self-concept. He could conceive of God calling him "my servant," one who would perceive God's glory. Just as all of us are conceived in mystery and formed even before we are born, Jesus surely must have understood himself as chosen by God to carry forth a mission as unique as his own person.

The Second Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, forms the heart of today's message. Peter is speaking in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile:

Luke, the author of Acts, is teaching his Gentile community that although Israel was chosen as God's people, divine favor is not limited to them. Salvation begins with Jesus' baptism and is offered to all. Peter's speech culminates with Cornelius and his household receiving the Holy Spirit – Jew and Gentile alike.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep unity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that?

Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism liturgically, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of this new unity with the Holy Trinity. But we also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. If we fully understood what happens every time we acknowledge our sins and repent of them, we would never grow tired of repenting. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Father in Heaven.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 1/12	OLSS Ladies Auxiliary 6:00PM—RE double room
Tue 1/13	SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM—Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued—6:00PM RE Room #8
Wed 1/14	SFoA Men's Cursillo 9:00AM—Social Hall OLSS Legion of Mary 5:30PM—RE Room #8 OLSS Men's Bible Study 6:30PM—RE Double Room
Thu 1/15	SFoA Hands in Hands 1:00PM—Folkston Paark Nursing Home OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM—RE Room #5 OLSS OCIA 6:00PM—RE Double Room
Fri 1/16	OLSS Adoration 5:00PM—Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo 5:00PM—RE Room #5

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 4, 2026	JANUARY 5, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 13,258.79	COLLECTION - \$ 12,065.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 6,473.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,925.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

DECEMBER 28, 2025	DECEMBER 29, 2024
COLLECTION \$ 731.00	COLLECTION \$ 1,155.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 679.12	MAINTENANCE \$ 605.00

JANUARY 4, 2026	JANUARY 5, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,565.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,460.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 3,144.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,457.50

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 1/10	Elisabeth Sepulveda Gene Niksa	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Dave Costa, Diane Copsta Dennis Foster James Pappas
Sun 1/11	Ray Meaux Hunt Thornhill	Joaquin Gomez Evanisto Gomez Samuel Dominici Dean Sjostedt	John Nevins Roberto Garza Ken Sylvester - - -
Tue 1/13	Karen Hill		
Wed 1/14	- - -		
Thu 1/15	- - -		
Fri 1/16	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 1/17	Gene Niksa Karen Hill	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Saulo Capulong Don Petrine James Pappas - - -
Sun 1/18	Tom Jenkins Greg Lockhart	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Landon Wilkins Nathaniel Eddy	Robert Cappello Carl Boria Clyde Miller John Nevins

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/11	Trisha Jenkins, Renee Gentle, Robert Cappello, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza
Sunday 1/18	Dennis Conlon, Donna Ponteliona, Larry White, Kathy White, Patty Zawslak

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/11	Kathleen Rodgers Anna Kidd
Sunday 1/18	Lewart Simmons Art Fouraker

Cursillo Team Formation for April Weekends

Saturday, January 10th

Sacred Heart Church—Vidalia, GA

3119 North St. E

9:00AM—3:00PM

Please bring your lunch

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Couples celebrating their **25th**
or **50th** wedding anniversary
in 2026 are invited to the

**GOLD and SILVER
JUBILEE
Anniversary Mass**

February 15, 2026, 1 pm
Cathedral Basilica of St. John
the Baptist, Savannah

BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSELY PURPORTING
TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

**NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS
REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!**

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



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