

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
Saint Marys, Georgia 31558

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2024

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY PLEASE
FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE ON THE RIGHT



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE



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 SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

01/13/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Michael Giddens*
01/14/24 - **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Blessings for Nicole Capaldi
01/15/24—**NO MASS**
01/16/24—Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration &
Communion Service
01/17/24—Wednesday 8:00 AM Communion Service
at OLSS
01/17/24—Wednesday 6:00 PM Communion Service
at SFoA
01/18/24—Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
01/19/24—Friday 8:00 AM Communion Service
01/20/24—Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Pro Populo / For the People
01/21/24—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Agnes Rodman Feast Day

Cursillo Ultreya this Monday, 1/15 at 6pm at St. Francis of Assisi in Folkston. Small meal provided.

The Cursillo Ultreya (pronounced Ul-trey-a) is the monthly diocesan meeting for all current Cursillistas and those interested in the Cursillo. As its name implies, the Ultreya (meaning onward), is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly. The Ultreya is a lively event including refreshments, music, prayer, a witness speaker, and spiritual reflection. It is held the 3rd Monday of each Month at 6pm alternating every other month between OLSS and St. Francis in Folkston. If you are a Cursillista and not grouping, come to the Ultreya to find or start a Group Reunion. Spouses and/or potential candidates of the Cursillo are always welcome



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lily Vidal, Keith Foster, Luke Brooks, Stan Wojnar, Chris Wojnar, Glen Franklin, Dan Riley,

Tina Hood, Sanford Adams, Doris Adams, Brian McLain, Brian Lewis, Tammy Gabrinetti, Maureen Heath, Buddy Miller, Clifford Morris, Sheila Williams, Tess Rivera, Mary Glasgow, Ron Carr, Doris A. Adams, Doris Thomas, Ron McBee, Cheryl Burke, Deborah Mroz, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avides, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE
EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG**

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact Jason Dominici at dominici.jason@gmail.com

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Ray Meaux at 912-882-2343

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 10, 2023 ~ May 12th, 2024, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, It has grown to support refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more info Contact Norberto Caez- KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please church office at 912-882-4718

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through sacramental receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach, and much more. We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks for more information - 912-322-6857

In today's First Reading we heard God calling young Samuel. This was at the very early stage of the Prophet's long career. Samuel's mother Hannah had dedicated him to the Lord in gratitude for the gift of his birth. Young Samuel's devotion to God is apparent as he sleeps in the presence of the ark. Here he experienced the call of God. Samuel was called three times that night and each time he ran to his Master Eli and reported to him without realizing that it was God who was calling him. Eli was spiritually enlightened to realize that it was the call of God to Samuel and instructed him to announce that he was ready to listen to God's word. When he was called again Samuel responded to God and offered his humble service to him saying, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Samuel answered his calling from God and listened to him attentively. As he grew up, the Lord was with him and Samuel was devoted to the Lord.

In today's Second Reading Paul tells the Corinthian community that our bodies are meant to serve the Lord. They are not meant to be used for worldly desires and pleasures that do not glorify God. This is because we are members of Christ's Body and therefore our bodies are made holy. Paul tells the Corinthians that we cannot say that our bodies are not touched by sin. He instructs them that there are sins both outside the body and against the body.

Our Gospel shows us the delicate way of God's calling. This is revealed to us by the actions of the two disciples of John the Baptist who followed Jesus. John the Baptist takes the initiative to tell them about the Lamb of God and directs them to Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John have different views regarding the way in which Jesus received his first disciples. In the Synoptic Gospels Jesus simply invites four fishermen to follow him and promises to make them fishers of Men. They respond to his call, leave everything including their family and follow him. In John on the other hand the first disciples of Jesus were originally the disciples of John the Baptist. The fourth Evangelist makes it clear that the disciples of John should become the disciples of Jesus as John himself prepared the way towards the real leader.

John was aware that his role as a leader was only temporary and that he had to yield the leadership to Jesus. The first question Jesus asked those followed him was, what they were looking for and what they wanted. This was the key question of all discipleship, ancient and modern. The disciples in the story responded saying that they wanted to know where exactly Jesus was staying. He in turn issued the invitation to come and see and the Gospel tells us that they accepted his invitation to go with him and spent the day with him.

We do not know what happened and where exactly they stayed when they went with Jesus. The term "remain" is used in John to convey a relationship, commitment and intimacy. To know him in the Gospel is to seek, find and respond to his loving presence in the fabric of one's daily lives.

Jesus came to the earth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He calls people personally to be with him to continue his work on earth and fulfill the Kingdom. We know from faith that Jesus the Son of God could deal directly with every human person directly. He could teach the infallible truth, forgive sins, build up new relationships and pour out his graces. Then there will be no need of a church with its teaching authority and doctrine, or the sacraments and not even Eucharist. But in his divine wisdom he obtains human help and support to complete his mission of establishing the kingdom of God.

God's call is a gift and this call that is given to each and every person demands a response and readiness to work for him. He has called people to be missionaries, preachers, teachers, ordinary office workers, builders of families, social workers, medical practitioners, nurses, persons who could be his instruments of reconciliation, to work as priests and religious. God wants each and every one of us to experience the Kingdom of God through the Person of Christ.

God's call is personal and he invites every individual to build a close relationship with him. His call is unique as he calls individuals as well as nations to be united with him. God calls us today to participate in his mission and he expects us to respond to his call.

The call from God to holiness is constant in our lives and it requires a response from us. The Bible tells us of God's call in the life of every person, manifesting his majesty, power and mystery. He presents every individual with the gift of life at the creation and calls each person by name. Calling by name signifies that God personally cares for him. He then gives new life with the Sacrament of Baptism where a person is dead to the world and reborn in Christ. God calls each individual on a specific mission to continue his work on earth, as a missionary, religious, priest, a teacher or any other work he has chosen. God's call constitutes a permanent relationship expressed in the Old Testament in the form of the Covenant. to share his life.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 7, 2024	JANUARY 8, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 15,288.16	COLLECTION - \$ 8,863.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 2,507.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,795.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 7, 2024	JANUARY 8, 2023
COLLECTION - TBD	COLLECTION - \$ 990.00
MAINTENANCE - TBD	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,119.00

Thank You for your support

The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Fellowship Meal** on Saturday January 27, 2024 after the 5:00PM Mass. The meal will consist of soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and King Cake with drinks. Please plan to join us. There is no charge for the meal.

The **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the diocese of Savannah regardless of whether or not they come into contact with children.

The following session has been added to the schedule: January 20—Our Lady Star of the Sea 9AM—12PM.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Register at virtusonline.org. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided. If you have any questions, please contact Norberto Caez at caez@tds.net or (912) 673-6085 after 4:00 PM

Cursillo Men & Women's Weekends:

Cursillo 3-Day Weekends Cursillo (pronounced Cur-see-yo) is a movement of the Church that promotes Catholic ideals, fellowship, and spiritual growth in daily living. It provides an opportunity to deepen your Catholic faith, and to experience the love of God within a supportive and prayerful community. The Catholic Cursillo Movement is hosting two upcoming weekend encounters. For **Men, Jan. 25-28, 2024**, and for **Women, Feb. 1-4, 2024**. For more information, please contact Chrissy Bundrick at 912-552-7783 or Janine Curry at 561-779-6315. Applications and more information are also available in or online at <https://diosavcursillo.org/>

In the late sixteenth century, six Spanish Franciscans came to what is now the Georgia coast to minister to the native people called the Guale. Between September 14th and September 17th, 1597, all but one were murdered.

**FOR THE
SAKE OF THE
GOSPEL**

February 5 on EWTN

Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2



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