



SAINT MARYS, GA
**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE HOLY SITE FOR
THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*



FOLKSTON, GA



2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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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

01/17/26—**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

01/19/26—NO MASS

01/20/26—Tuesday 5:00PM

01/21/26—Wednesday 8:00AM at OLSS
5:00PM at SFoA

01/22/26—Thursday 8:00AM

01/23/26—Friday 8:00AM
+ Timothy and Matthew Ford

01/24/26—**Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass**
Blessings of health for Lilly Vidal

01/25/26—**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30AM (St. Francis of Assisi)
+ Antonio Franzese
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

PLEASE NOTE: GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE:

There has been an issue with the registration, and a considerable number of registrations have been lost. If you have not received a confirmation email, please re-register for the Gold and Silver Jubilee.

The Legion of Mary will hold a Bunch for its Auxiliary in the Social Hall January 25th after the 11:00pm Mass. Our speaker will be Deacon Paul Lang. Please plan on attending.

2025 Tax Statements are available in the Narthex.

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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, Mike Perry

**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

In Jesus' time, Passover was one of three major annual feasts during which the Jews made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. Additionally, the Feast of Weeks celebrated the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai and the first fruits of the harvest, and the Feast of Tabernacles recalled the Israelites' wandering in the desert and celebrated God's providence.

When remembering the first Passover meal, Moses instructed the people to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, mark the doorposts of their homes with its blood, and eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs in haste, ready to depart. This act of faith and obedience protected them from the angel of death who passed over the marked houses, sparing the firstborn of Israel, while striking down the firstborn of Egypt. The Passover became a perpetual memorial of God's saving power and His covenantal faithfulness to His people.

Because of the Passover, the idea of a sacrificial lamb was thoroughly familiar to the Jewish people. The Jews were also familiar with the prophecy in Isaiah 53—often referred to as the Suffering Servant—in which the servant of the Lord is described as “a lamb led to the slaughter,” who bears the sins of many. Each morning and evening, a lamb was sacrificed in the temple as a continual offering for sin.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical

cycle, (Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

As Jesus began His public ministry, the first thing said of Him came from John the Baptist: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” His words would have been confirmed within the minds and hearts of John's disciples. His disciples believed that John was a great prophet and the forerunner of the Messiah, sent to prepare the way for the Lord. They saw him as a holy man who called for repentance and renewal, and some even wondered if he himself might be the Christ, though John consistently denied this.

Because John's ministry was one of preparation for the Messiah, his disciples would have anticipated the Messiah's imminent arrival. Imagine the excitement, surprise, questions, uncertainty, and hope that would have filled their minds and hearts as they listened to John's prophecy about Jesus. John continued, “He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’”

Though John's proclamation about Jesus took on a powerful significance for his disciples that first moment that he revealed Jesus as the Lamb of God, John's words must resonate within each of us today. Now that the Christmas Season is complete and we enter into Ordinary Time, we are invited to embrace Jesus' public ministry, with all His teachings and Paschal Sacrifice, as something extraordinary in our lives. We must approach His ministry with the same hope, enthusiasm, excitement, and anticipation that John's disciples experienced.

Reflect today on the moment when John the Baptist's disciples heard him proclaim, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” Like them, strive to see Jesus with new eyes and hopeful anticipation as we begin Ordinary Time. This liturgical season marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and it must also be a renewed beginning of His works in your life. Follow Him without reserve, allowing Him to take away your sins and share in His life and love.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 1/19	OLSS Ultreya 6:00PM—Social Hall
Tue 1/20	SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM—Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued—6:00PM RE Room #8
Wed 1/21	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 1/22	OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM—RE Room #5 OLSS OCIA 6:00PM—RE Double Room
Fri 1/23	OLSS Adoration 5:00PM—Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo 5:00PM—RE Room #5
Sun 1/25	OLSS Legion of Mary Brunch 1:00PM—Social Hall

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 11, 2026	JANUARY 12, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 8,263.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,289.40
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,032.97	MAINTENANCE - \$ 895.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 11, 2026	JANUARY 12, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,517.00	COLLECTION - \$ 972.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 815.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 628.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 1/17	Gene Niska Karen Hill	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Saulo Capulong Donald 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
Tue 1/20	Karen Hill		
Wed 1/21	Richard Foy		
Thu 1/22	- _____ -		
Fri 1/23	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 1/24	Richard Foy Gene Niksa	Bryant Shepard	Ron Logan Daarlene Logan Saulo Capulong Dennis Foster
Sun 1/25	Judy Buchanan Lucia Feijo	Isaac Dominici John Michael Hopkins Samuel Dominici Dean Sjostedt	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Roberto Garza Ken Sylvester

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/18	Dennis Conlon, Donna Ponteliona, Larry White, Kathy White, Patty Zawslak
Monday 1/26	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/18	Lewart Simmons Art Fouraker
Sunday 1/25	Butch Crews Jennnifer Pfeffer

Devoted Disciple Scholarship

Attention All High School Seniors: The Ladies Auxiliary is offering a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Catholic student who attends OLSS, St. Francis of Assisi/Folkston, or St. Francis of Assisi/Kings Bay and will be graduating from Camden or Charlton Couty High School in 2026 and will be attending a college/university, technical college or trade school. This scholarship is based on involvement in your church and community. Applications are posted on the CCHS website, weareolss.org and hardcopies are available in the OLSS office. The completed application packet must be submitted NO LATER than March 29, 2026. For more information, contact Tricia Jenkins (912) 552-5683.

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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

diosav.org/gold-and-silver

912-201-4068

RSVP BY JANUARY 31

BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY 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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