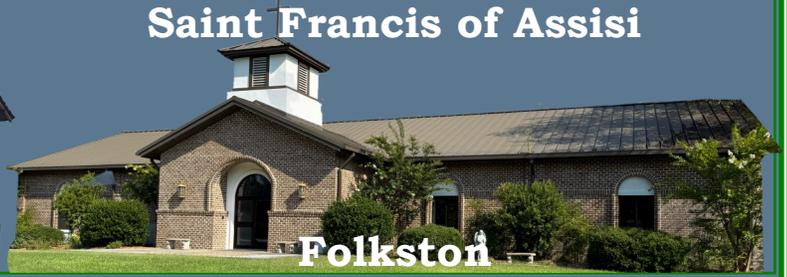


Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Marys



Folkston



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
- Mt 4:19

January 25, 2026

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Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM 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

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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

- 01/24/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
God's grace of healing for Lilly Vidal
- 01/25/26 - III SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ Antonio Franzese
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro populo / For the People
- 01/26/26 - Monday - NO MASS
- 01/27/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass at OLSS
- 01/28/25 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ James Nelson
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
God's grace of healing for Jim Samoksa
- 01/29/25 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 01/30/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ David Bliton
- 01/31/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
God's Blessing for the children & grandchildren of the Ford and Wyatt Family
- 02/01/26 - IV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Holy Souls in Purgatory

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,
Jim Samoska, Larry Millard**

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

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

A Pilgrimage Done at Home

This year, we are offering the opportunity for everyone in our parish community to participate in preparing for the Dominican Friars' Rosary Pilgrimage! Beginning January 31st, 2026, on the last Saturday of each month, a rosary and its pilgrimage novena prayer will be prayed before Mass. Isaac Dominici will be leading it with the help of the Altar Boys for the next nine months. On September 26th, 2026, Isaac will carry the intentions of our congregation to the Pilgrimage's closing at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Prayer cards with the Novena Prayer will be available in February in the narthex. For any questions or further information, please ask Isaac or any of our Altar Boys. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. St. Dominic, pray for us.



DARKNESS GIVES WAY TO LIGHT

If you have ever seen the Sea of Galilee at sunrise, you would never have wanted to leave it. I woke up in Tiberias every morning for a whole week one summer, and the golden light on the water was so lovely it rendered me speechless. The rising sun actually turned the normally bright blue sea into a shimmering pool of liquid gold. It was like waking to the dawn of creation each time. Belief in a benevolent and beautiful God was beyond question in that favored place. Each time I rose to see that magnificence, I wondered: How did they do it? How did Peter and Andrew, James and John walk away not only from their families, their boats, their livelihood, and their secure futures but also leave the side of that gentle, majestic, and maternal sea?

The whole region of the Galilee is unquestionably the most blessed part of Israel in terms of natural resources. No wonder the Gentiles, from the time of the Assyrian invasion in Isaiah's lifetime until Roman rule (when Herod Antipas built Tiberias to honor the emperor), chose to hunker down and trade by the sea rather than venture south into the dusty desert where Jerusalem stood on its lonely hill of Zion. The Jews of David's city might disparage Galileans for being culturally goyim, non-Jewish, just as the folks of nearby Nazareth were considered ne'er-do-wells. But citizens of Galilee knew the truth: Their territory flowed with the biblically promised milk and honey, while Jerusalem flowed mostly with the blood of Israel's prophets.

When Jesus left Nazareth he might have headed due south and intercepted his destiny in the heart of Jewish territory expediently. Instead he took the short northern route to the seaside, into the rich mix of commercially crucial Galilee. The renewed Jewish presence there was only 100 years old and would last another century. Even today Christians and Muslims outnumber Jews in many northern cities - the point being that Capernaum was not the obvious choice, Galilee not the most desirable breeding ground for a Jewish prophet intent on religious reform. If Jerusalem was and is the boiling point of all things God-related, then Galilee was a rather tepid place to begin.

But not for Isaiah. The seer from nine centuries earlier envisioned the redemption of this region "degraded" by the Gentile presence. While Messiah-watchers might focus on pivotal Jerusalem or even Davidically significant Bethlehem, only careful students of prophecy would think twice about some northern fishing and farming towns. Yet in Galilee Jesus reaps the images of his parables, works the bulk of his miracles, and harvests his 12 closest followers. Maybe only folks who've walked in darkness can appreciate the light when it dawns.

WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY

We would like to extend a personal invitation to you to attend our Ladies' Lenten Bible Study held on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. Our Ladies' Bible Study is a time of fellowship, fun and learning – growing through the sharing and understanding of God's word.

When Women are equipped with the knowledge of God's truth, the world is transformed one woman at a time.

The book chosen for this study is Lent: A season of drawing closer to God.

By: Love God Greatly

When: February & March

Where: Religious Ed. Building

Times: Tuesdays-6:30-8:00PM

Fridays- 9:00-10:30 AM

For more information or to register, please contact

Eileen Lang @

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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 County 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.

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

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.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 1/26	OLSS Knights of Columbus 6:00PM - RE Building Double Room
Tue 1/27	SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM - Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued - 6:00PM RE Room #8
Wed 1/28	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 1/29	OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM - RE Room #5 OLSS OCIA 6:00PM—RE Double Room
Fri 1/30	OLSS Adoration 5:00PM - Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo 5:00PM - RE Room #5
Sun 2/1	SFoA Pancake Breakfast 9:30AM - Social Hall OLSS Donut Social 12:00 PM - Social Hall

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 18, 2026	JANUARY 19, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 14,475.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,409.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 600.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 355.000

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 18, 2026	JANUARY 19, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,192.00	COLLECTION - \$ 875.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 625.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 162.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 01/24	Richard Foy Gene Niksa	Bryant Shepard	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dennis Foster _____
Sun 01/25	Judy Buchanan Lucia Feijo	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici John M. Hopkins	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Roberto Garza Ken Sylvester
Tue 01/27	Karen Hill		
Wed 01/28	Richard Foy		
Thu 01/29	_____		
Fri 01/30	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 01/31	Elisabeth Sepulveda Bryant Shepard	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dante Russo Saul Capulong
Sun 02/01	Judy Buchanan _____	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Carl Boria Robert Cappello

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 1/25	Butch Crews Jennifer Pfeffer
Sunday 2/1	Kathleen Rodgers Lynn Crews

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 1/26	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan
Sunday 2/1	Teresa Davis, Julie McKeown, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle



Rosary at Historical Chapel

In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Legion of Mary is having a rosary at the historical chapel at 4:00 P.M the weekends of Jan.31/Feb 1 and Feb 7/8.

Weather permitting, we will have the rosary at the Rosary Garden located behind the chapel. Please try to attend to honor Our Blessed Mother.

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3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:18-19

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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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