

# Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street  
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**JANUARY 28, 2024**

Fr. Mariusz Fukś, Pastor

**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole  
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

### Directory

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## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Mondays** No Daily Mass  
**Tuesdays** 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,  
 5:30 pm Daily Mass  
**Wednesdays** 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass  
**Thursdays** 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass  
**Fridays** 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass  
**Saturdays** 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass  
 (except on Holy Saturday)  
**Sundays** 10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass  
**Confessions**  
 Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment  
 1st Fridays 8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel  
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Daily Mass  
 Sundays 8:30 am Mass  
 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

01/27/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
*For the repose of the soul of Nell Griffin Lane*  
 01/28/24 - Fourth 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*  
 01/29/24—NO MASS  
 01/30/24—Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of Barbara Danielson*  
 01/31/24—Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
*For the repose of the soul of John Waters*  
 01/31/24—Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFoA  
 02/01/24—Thursday 8:00 AM Mass  
*Healing for Tim Kelly*  
 02/02/24—Friday 8:00 AM Mass  
*Healing for Kieran Gaughan Jr.*  
 02/03/24—Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
*For the repose of the soul of Alfred Louis Meunier*  
 02/04/24—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)  
 11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
*Pro Populo / For the People*



## 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](mailto:dominici.jason@gmail.com)

**Catholic Youth Ministry:** For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at [relregioused@weareolss.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **OLSS PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The OLSS Pastoral Council is a body of committed parish members with varied perspectives, skills and talents. Acting as stewards of the parish, the Council's primary role is to act in an advisory capacity to Parish Pastor, in subject matter ranging from Parish operations, and long term facility plans, to daily church activities and functions. The Council members work together with the Parish Pastor and parishioners to build up a more dynamic and vibrant Catholic community which is characterized by faith, evangelization, worship and service.

The council is made up of 9 members elected by the parish. Members serve for a three-year term. Three new members are elected each year. The council meets once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Nominations will be taken through Jan.28, 2024. And can be dropped in boxes in the Narthex

You may nominate yourself or another parish member. If you are nominating someone else, please check with that individual before submitting the nomination to insure they are willing to serve. Voting will be held February 18, 19, 2024. Ballot boxes will be in the Narthex. New terms begin in March.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Whitlock at [whitlock3512@gmail.com](mailto:whitlock3512@gmail.com) or call 770 301-5609.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday Feb 13th 5PM till 8PM.

All you can eat pancake dinner with our famous toppings bar !

\$9 per or \$36 for family of 4 or more.  
Please call office to reserve your tickets now !  
Tickets are on sale in the Narthex.

Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their **Annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry**

on the first six Fridays of lent leading up to Good Friday! For only \$12 per person and \$48 for a family of 4 or more you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by the women of our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available!

Dates: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22  
Time: 5-6:30 Place: Social Hall

## Teaching with Authority

One of my favorite teachings from the epistles is almost a throwaway line from Colossians 3:21: “Fathers, do not nag your children, lest they lose heart.” That’s the old International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) translation from the breviary, anyway. My fondness for the verse surely betrays that I had a near bout of loss-of-heart myself. Relentless negativity does foster profound discouragement in children and other living things. Anyone who holds authority over others and seeks to do that justly must honor this reality.

And the larger truth is that sooner or later all of us find ourselves in positions of authority. Some will ascend to public office or law enforcement or church leadership. Others will stand at the heads of classrooms, boardrooms, and task forces. Some will be parents of children, and others doctors, employers, coaches, guidance counselors, spiritual directors, older siblings, or mentors. Sometimes it's a friend or even a stranger who turns to us for advice because we seem wiser than they are, at least in this one instance. How will we use the authority granted to us by their trust?

Moses was in the unenviable position of being the go-to guy for an entire nation. He was the lawgiver, the argument decider, the meal supplier, not to mention the direct mediator between God and the people. He carried this terrible burden for 40 years. And just before he laid it down at last, Moses predicted the arrival of a prophet like himself. This prediction from Deuteronomy 18:15 became the foundation for all messianic expectation to follow. The anticipated one later became known as the Teacher of Righteousness. In the gospels, when John sends his anxious question, “Are you the One who is to come, or should we look for another?”, this is the “one” he means. In the same way, when John is quizzed by the authorities, “Are you the prophet?” this is the intended reference.

The authority Jesus has at his disposal instantly arouses the same kind of curiosity. “What is this?” the crowds wonder. That unclean spirits respond to his authority makes him seem like a new kind of teacher, perhaps the Teacher to come. Of course this same evidence is what makes the religious authorities suspect Jesus is in league with the Prince of Demons. Go figure.

What Jesus understood—and what was clearly hidden from Pharisees, Sadducees, and others—is the proper use of authority. Use it to fight demons, sickness, ignorance, and sin! But don't wield it blindly, disproportionately, interminably, and without the measure of the poor soul in front of you. Don't cast a stone that's legally within your right to hurl when the defenseless creature in front of you needs forgiveness more than condemnation. A Teacher of Righteousness knows what to do with power.

## Related scripture links

Solomon's wives: *1 Kings 11:1-3*  
 Meribah, Massah (AKA Marah): *Exod. 16:25, 17:1-7;*  
*Deut. 6:16, 9:22, 33:8; Ps. 95:8*  
 The great theophany at Horeb: *Exod. 19:16-25, 20:18-22*  
 The new covenant: *Jer. 31:31-34*

## Catechism links

The great theophany: CCC 707-708; 751; 2085  
 Meribah: CCC 694; 2119  
 New Covenant: CCC 64-67; 368; 580; 715-716; 761-762;  
 1965-1966; 2713  
 The authority of Jesus: CCC 438; 581-582; 1673; 2173



The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Faith, Hope, Charity started the weekend of January 20 and 21. Our parish goal for **OLSS is \$39,662** and for **SFOA is \$5,434**. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Nadine Barrini, Lily Vidal, 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., Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, 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**

### 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 upcoming weekend encounters.

For **Women, Feb. 1-4, 2024**. For more information, please contact Chrissy Bundrick at 912-552-7783 or Janine Curry at 561-779-6305. Applications and more information are also available in or online at <https://diosavcursillo.org/>

## OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 21, 2024	JANUARY 22, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 6,794.50	COLLECTION - \$ 5,282.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 150.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 235.00

## SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 21, 2024	JANUARY 22, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 990.00	COLLECTION - \$ 735.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 365.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 590.00

**Thank You for your support**

### "Kids Dinner & A Movie Night"

Presents "The Passion Trilogy" An animated Lenten Special for kids. Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in Social Hall

This trilogy will touch every heart as the betrayal, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is told in a language children can understand. Features stories that captivate children while teaching spiritual truths:

**Worthy is the Lamb** Experience the Passion of Jesus Christ. Witness the fulfillment of ancient prophecies. Pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thy will be done." Feel the betrayal of Judas kiss. Endure the trial and crucifixion as Jesus willingly submits. Rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus death and resurrection provides pardon for our sins.

**He is Risen** Learn the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sorrow and despair at the Lords crucifixion become complete joy and love in the disciples behold their resurrected Master three days later. The events of the real story of Easter teach of the atonement and resurrection, providing hope to Christians around the world.

### The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus taught His followers about the day of His Second Coming through short stories, called parables. The Kingdom of Heaven presents some of the parables including the Sower and the Seed, the Wheat and the Tares, and the Ten Virgins. Each story teaches how to live our lives as we look forward to His return.



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