

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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Fr. Mariusz Fukś, Pastor

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

HE CURED MANY WHO WERE SICK. - MK 1:34

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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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



02/03/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
 Alfred Louis Meunier*
 02/04/24 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
 11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People
 02/05/24 - NO MASS
 02/06/24 - Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass
For the repose of the soul YiBing He
 02/07/24 - Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
For the repose of the soul of Buck Johnsen
 02/07/24 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFoA
 02/08/24 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
 02/09/24 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass
 02/10/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
 Mr.Luean Phonwiang & Ms. Wong*
 02/11/24 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
 11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For Gods blessing upon Masterson Family

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

Free of charge

We see a lot of things advertised with that four-letter word these days: "Free!" And we've grown wisely skeptical of such claims. We've all learned by now, sometimes bitterly, that there's no free lunch, no free subscriptions, and no free merchandise. (And nobody in Nigeria wants to wire a lot of money to your bank account!) Everything costs something, and if we can't see the price tag, even more reason to suspect we're about to be fleeced.

So when Saint Paul says he offers the gospel free of charge wherever he goes, we have good reason to doubt that. The gospel isn't free and doesn't even come cheap. The gospel cost Jesus the cross; cost many saints their martyrdom; cost Paul himself continuous turmoil. If Paul brought the gospel to his audiences for free, it's because he was making the down payments on their behalf every day.

And when we hear the Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed today, it may seem like it's free, or at least like cheap grace served fresh daily. It's not. Think of how Peter's mother-in-law was healed of a fever at the touch of Jesus' hand. Was that free? Instantly she felt compelled to service. Jesus, too, after being waited on by this grateful and generous woman, might have wanted to settle in after sunset to a little casual conversation with his friends.

But no: The whole town was brought to him with their diseases and demons. And if you think he got a day off after that, you'd be mistaken. The following morning, Jesus was up before dawn to pray, travel, preach, and heal. Did Jesus give it all away for free? He may not have charged each sick person, as a doctor would, but the cost to him was everything he had: time, comfort, space for family and friends. Eventually the ministry of Jesus cost him his security and his life.

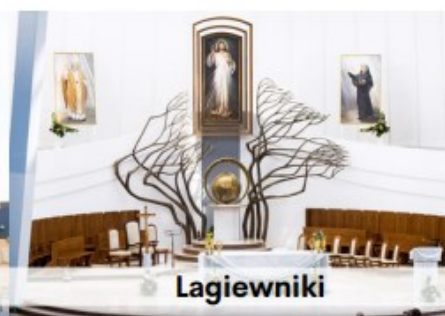
It's ironic, really, that the lectionary folks coupled this gospel passage about the exhausting ministry of Jesus with Job's lament: Isn't life on earth a drudgery? I don't think they meant to imply that preaching and teaching and healing are a drag. Or that Paul's contortionist attempts to be "all things to all people" for the sake of the gospel was hell on wheels. On the one hand, it probably was. And those of us who preach and teach and heal are sometimes really beaten down by these responsibilities. But where Job goes wrong is in his final summary: "I shall not see happiness again." We know the story: Job gets a happy ending, just as Paul receives his martyr's crown and Jesus has Easter morning. The gospel may not be free, but it's worth every penny.



Spiritual Director
Fr. Mariusz Fuks

Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- † Round-trip Airfare
- † Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- † 8 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)
 - ~ 2 Nights: Jun 25 – Jun 27: Warsaw
 - ~ 2 nights: Jun 27 – Jun 29: Czestochowa
 - ~ 4 nights: Jun 29 – Jul 03: Krakow
- † Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- † Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- † Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- † Wireless Headsets Where Needed
- † Assistance of Professional Local Catholic Guide(s)
- † Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- † Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- † Luggage Handling (1 Piece per Person)
- † Flight Bag & Portfolio of All Travel Documents



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Maria Dale, Nadine Barrini, Lily Vidal, Luke Brooks, Stan Wojnar, Chris Wojnar,

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

There is a 19th century folktale about a young fellow who went about town slandering the town's wise man. One day, he went to the wise man's home and asked for forgiveness. The wise man, realizing that this man had not internalized the gravity of his transgressions, told him that he would forgive him on one condition: that he go home, take a feather pillow from his house, cut it up, and scatter the feathers to the wind. After he had done so, he should then return to the wise man's house.

Though puzzled by this strange request, the young man was happy to be let off with so easy a penance. He quickly cut up the pillow, scattered the feathers, and returned to the house.

"Am I now forgiven?" he asked.

"Just one more thing," the wise man said. "Go now and gather up all the feathers."

"But that's impossible. The wind has already scattered them."

"Precisely," he answered. "And though you may truly wish to correct the evil you have done, it is as impossible to repair the damage done by your words as it is to recover the feathers. Your words are out there in the marketplace, spreading hate, even as we speak."

How interesting it is that we, as human beings, so quick to believe the bad that others say about someone; so accepting of the "news" contained in print and television tabloids, and so ready to assume the worst regarding another's actions, actually allow ourselves to believe that the evil "we" spread about someone won't really matter. Incredible that we can't seem to immediately and resolutely accept the fact that the gossip we speak can — and often does — significant damage to that person.

My friend, Paul Myers, says, "Gossip is like a fired bullet. Once you hear the sound, you can't take it back." That is what the man in the above story found out in a very disappointing, shameful moment of self-discovery. And it isn't just what we say about someone to others, but what we say to that person directly as well.

We've all been told that "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never harm me." We also know that is totally untrue. While a body will typically recover from a physical injury, the harm caused by direct insults can sometimes last a lifetime, and tear the self-esteem right out of a person.

On the other hand, kind, encouraging words can build a person's self-esteem, help him or her to grow and give them the impetus they need to do great, significant things with their lives. The choice regarding how we speak about or to someone is ours. It's called "free will."

Author: Bob Burg

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 28, 2024	JANUARY 29, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 11,655.50	COLLECTION - \$ 8,763.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 590.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,465.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 28, 2024	JANUARY 29, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 895.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,150.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 416.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 530.00

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Make plans to join your family and friends as your
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on the first six Fridays of lent leading up to Good Friday!
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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

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday Feb 13th 5PM till 8PM.
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This trilogy will touch every heart as the betrayal,
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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.