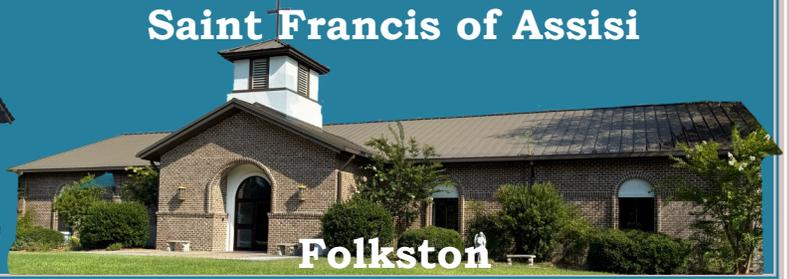


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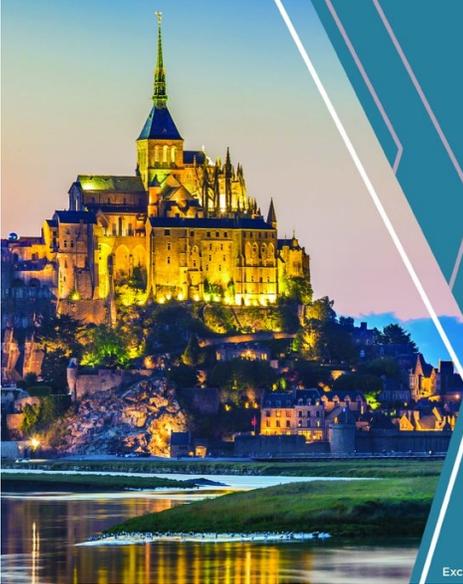
Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Marys



Folkston



February 8, 2026

**5th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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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

02/07/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

02/08/26 - V SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
*For Clement & Debra Valot on their
51st Wedding Anniversary*

02/09/26 - Monday - NO MASS

02/10/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass at OLSS

02/11/25 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Barney Panfil*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
Special Intention

02/12/25 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Holy Souls in Purgatory*

02/13/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Patricia Carrero

02/14/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Andrew Whitlock*

02/15/26 - VI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*

*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.

Mary Panfil

**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.



COVENANTS IN FLESH AND BLOOD?

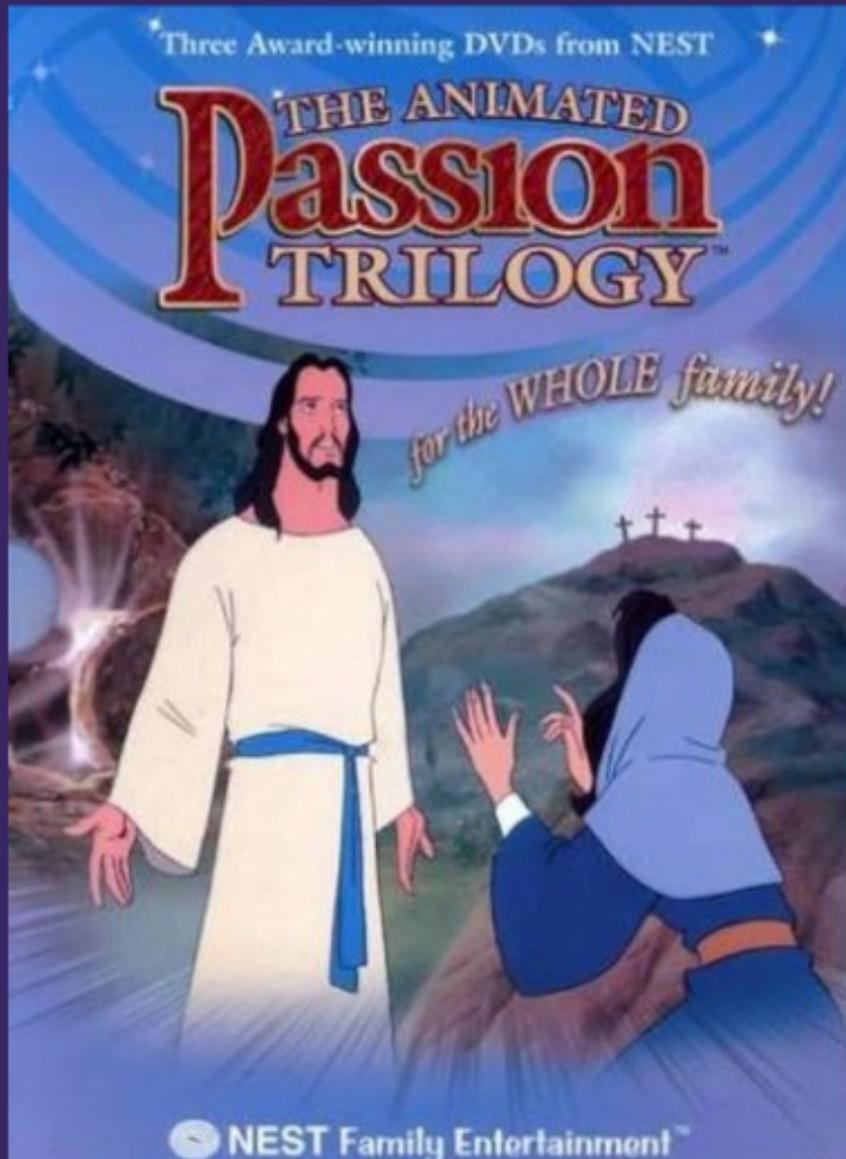
Legal promises are mostly made of paper. The party of the first part agrees to X and the party of the second part reciprocates with Y. It's all very clean and tidy. Everyone knows what's expected of them. The contract is binding until it expires or the terms are broken or the page is torn up. When people breach these kinds of promises, the consequences are also mostly composed of paper, this time, the monetary kind.

The biblical people of Israel contracted a series of divine promises made of increasingly more binding materials: commandments written in stone and a kingdom that ran through a particular family's bloodline. Ultimately God sealed a covenant with the nation as a whole. Circumcision marked the spot in flesh and blood. Wherever these people went, God would go with them - even into exile. This people-covenant was best expressed through the figure of Isaiah's faithful servant, who was summoned to act as a "light to the nations." The servant embodied the nation's calling to be the radiant light that would serve as a beacon to the whole world, drawing everyone into God's promises.

People-covenants are harder to dispose of than the paper kind or even those chiseled in stone like the Decalogue. A covenant in flesh and blood is like the child in a faltering marriage whose reality and rootedness in a home beg to differ that the marriage-commitment never happened. Sacraments teach us how to understand sacred covenants: What God binds together cannot be dissolved by ripping up a page or writing a check. Baptism unites you with God through death and life to eternity. Eucharist makes you one with the life of Christ. Marriage and holy orders are both people-covenants which are lasting and true. None of these promises are small matters, which is why Christians take them very seriously.

Saint Paul, schooled in Pharisaic arguments based on law, had counted heavily on covenants made of words. In his new life as an apostle of the gospel, he deliberately relinquished his dependence on smart-talk and put all his confidence in the sign of the cross. For him the cross was the greatest of all covenants made in flesh and blood. There is no way to shred or annul this promise. You can't buy it off with any substance the world values. God has staked God's claim on the world in the body and blood of God's Son. If you eat this bread and drink this cup, you renew the bond that Christ-life has on you. The church is a people-covenant to which the nations look for divine light.

Kids Lenten Movie Night



Saturday, February 21st

Pizza for dinner, drinks and treats!

Doors open at 6:00 pm *Movie starts at 6:30 pm*

912-882-4718

Call church office for more info. Ages kindergarten and up.

**SFOA SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE:
FEBRUARY 15th and 22nd**

The residents of Folkston Park Nursing Home have very limited resources. Purchasing the replacement of worn out clothing with new is out of reach for many of them. We will be collecting new and clean, gently worn men and women’s clothing to address the needs of our less fortunate neighbors, some who receive the Eucharist regularly from St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

Suggested items are *Sweat Pants with elastic waistbands, *Sweat Shirts, pullovers and those with a zipper front, *Coats & Jackets, *Shirts, *Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve Tee Shirts, *Blue Jeans, *Shorts, *Socks, *Woman’s Leggings, *Non-Slip Shoes & Slippers, and *Bath Robes.

Men and Women’s, new and clean, gently worn items, sizes Large – XXXL will be appreciated. Monetary donations will not be accepted. A table and collection boxes will be set-up in the narthex of St Francis of Assisi Church the weekends of February 15th and 22nd. Thank you, in advance, for your consistent generosity.



Suicide Prevention Training

You are invited to a free Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training on Thursday, 26th February 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Christ Church Camden, 250 Lake Pointe Drive, in Kingsland (Flyer attached). QPR is a practical, evidence-informed training that equips everyday people to recognize signs of emotional distress, ask supportive questions, and connect someone to help. Much like CPR prepares you to respond in a medical emergency, QPR prepares you to respond with clarity and compassion when someone may be at risk. Lunch will be provided, and all adult community members are welcome. To maintain a supportive and interactive learning environment, this training is limited to 30 participants. If we reach capacity, you may join the waitlist, and we will contact individuals in the order received if a space becomes available. Should community interest exceed capacity, we will schedule a second session and notify waitlisted participants first.

Registration is required by 23rd February 2026. To register or request more information, please email ipe2@tds.net and include “QPR” in the subject line.

**Free QPR Training
Lunch & Learn**
Lunch Provided

Ask a Question, Save a Life
Learn how to recognize and respond to family, friends, or colleagues who might be at risk for suicide

Date: Thursday, 26th February 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Christ Church Camden
250 Lake Pointe Drive
Kingsland, GA 31548



WHAT IS QPR

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The Homily Continues

”Adult Bible study meets every Tuesday night at 6pm in the social hall. Lite dinner served from 6-6:30 pm. Video presentation by Dr Bryant Pitre begins at 6:30.

- Learn your faith through the Mass.
- Dig deep into the readings for each Sunday Mass
- Follow along with the study guide and transcript.
- See the Old and New Testament connections like never before every single week.

Come join us as we enter into ordinary time, this is a great time to start!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER *with toppings bar!*

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
hosted by Father's Angels



Tickets are \$9.00 each
Family of 4 or more \$36.00

What is “Shrove Tuesday “
& why do we eat pancakes ?

It started when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent around A.D. 600. He told St. Augustine of Canterbury, a founder of the Christian church in southern England, to enforce those same fasting rules in England. When the tradition spread throughout Europe, people in France followed the trend. They made waffles, crepes and a dessert many know as king cake to utilize their dairy products.

So Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2026 Shrove Tuesday will fall on March 17th . Shrove Tuesday is a reminder that Christians are entering a season of penance and was originally a solemn day.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes.

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolize four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation

Flour ~ The staff of life

Salt ~ Wholesomeness

Milk ~ Purity.

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.



WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 2/9	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ladies Auxiliary - Religious Ed - Double Room OLSS - 6:30 PM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5
Tue 2/10	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continued - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Communion Parents Meeting - Religious Ed - Double Room
Wed 2/11	SFoA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - Religious Ed - Double Room
Thu 2/12	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Classroom 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - Religious Ed - Double Room
Fri 2/13	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - Men's Cursillo - Religious Ed - Classroom 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Adoration Main Church
Sat 2/14	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Baptism Class - Social Hall
Sun 2/15	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Social - Social Hall OLSS - 12:00 PM - Donut Social - Social Hall

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/8	Lawanda Jones Susan Price LaSalla
Sunday 2/15	Kathleen Rodgers Anna Kidd

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/8	Teresa David, Robert Cappello, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza, Donna Ponteliona
Sunday 2/15	Diane Costa, Dave Costa, Patty Zawislak, Julie McKeown, Chrissy Bundrick

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 02/07	Gene Niksa Richard Foy	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Diane Costa Dave Costa Don Petrine James Pappas
Sun 02/08	Judy Buchanan Tom Jenkins	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Nathaniel Eddy	Clyde Miller John Nevins Mike Recore Ken Sylvester
Tue 02/10	Karen Hill		
Wed 02/11	Richard Foy		
Thu 02/12	- _____ -		
Fri 02/13	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 02/14	Mary Anne Moore - _____ -	Landon Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins	Dennis Foster James Pappas Saul Capulong - _____ -
Sun 02/15	Greg Lockhart Ray Meaux	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Dean Sjostedt	Roberto Garza Carl Boria Robert Cappello Clyde Miller

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 1, 2026	FEBRUARY 2, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 11,543.00	COLLECTION - \$ 11,639.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 9,541.65	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,986.12

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 1, 2026	FEBRUARY 2, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,245.00	COLLECTION - \$ 945.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,692.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 986.00

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- Mt 5:13a, 14

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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
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Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor

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