

Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

02/10/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
 Mr. Luean Phonwiang & Ms. Wong*
 02/11/24 - 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)
*For God's blessing upon
 Masterson Family*
 02/12/24 - NO MASS
 02/13/24 - Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass
For the RCIA group
 02/14/24 - Wednesday 7:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Birthday blessing for Conor Van Horn
 02/14/24 Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at SFoA
 02/14/24 - Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass at OLSS
 02/15/24 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
For God's necessary graces for Joseph
 02/16/24 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass
 02/17/24 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Pro Populo / For the People
 02/18/24 - First Sunday of Lent
 8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
*For the repose of the soul of
 Jan and Helena Kuchta*
 11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
*For the repose of the soul of
 Clara M. Howard*

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

Legion of Mary: A lay organization to help the world by active works and prayers and to serve Jesus through Mary. Contact Maureen Van Horn 912-322-8672 or MaureenVanhorn@tds.net

In the leper's defense

So here you are, moving through life cheerfully in the midst of family, community, career. And one day you wake up with a mark on your skin. It itches. Maybe in a day or two it starts to peel, crack, bleed, or ooze. The hairs around the affected patch whiten or fall out. People start pointing and whispering, falling silent when you come near. Then the priest comes to your house and declares you unclean. With that single word, it's the end of the world as you know it.

Unclean means you can't live at home anymore. You say good-bye to your family. You can't live in town anymore, so you take a blanket and supplies and make a tent in the hills with a view of your old house. Your front door is just a small dark spot from here. People come and go there.

But not you. You can't provide for your spouse anymore, can't care for your kids. You wonder how long before they make plans that don't include you. Charitable folk sometimes carry old bread and maybe spoiling vegetables to the edge of town and leave it there—for you or for the other lepers, whoever gets there first. You're still itching, oozing, and hoping this thing will clear up on its own. It's not like you can see a doctor; and with a poor diet and this harsh environment, chances are the condition gets worse before it gets better.

And then Jesus comes to town, and you remember hearing amazing things about him, and so you decide to take the chance and force an audience when he comes close to the edge of the community. "You can make me clean," you insist. "If you want to," you add. And he does. And he says, "Don't tell anybody. Just see the priest to pronounce you cured." What would you do?

Not telling is simply not possible, it seems to me. Even if Jesus asks you, not telling that you've gotten your life back—your health and family and home and livelihood—is out of the question. When the news is this good, you simply have to tell. You have to shout, sing, dance, and do performance art describing what happened. You have to occupy the village square for the next five years and deliver the story from the top. It has to become a fixture in your identity: the lady or guy who got cured of leprosy by Jesus. And this is what the gospel writers mean by proclaiming the kingdom of God. If this good news comes to you, if your life is restored and renewed as a result of meeting Jesus, you'll talk about it. You have to. You have no choice.

FASTING -

Refraining from food and drink for religious purposes. Biblically, it implied not eating or drinking from morning till evening.

The Catholic Church defines **fasting** as one full meal a day, with two additional breaks. Catholics observe a eucharistic **fast** and abstain from food and drink one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. They also **fast** annually on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday if in good health and between the ages of 21 and 59.

WHY DO WE FAST?

Why **fast**? Our survival requires us to eat and drink. When we refrain from these most basic activities, it reminds us that "we do not live by bread alone." **Fasting** provides us with an opportunity to affirm our faith in God's providential care.

Fasting as a spiritual practice falls into the category of sacrifice. As in other acts of religious sacrifice, **fasting** takes something away from us. **Fasting** stirs us to contemplate justice - many in this world go without food - and motivates us to pray in a deeper, richer way. Because we don't want to do it, **fasting** is regarded as a penitential practice: We do it in reparation for sin, ours and the world's.

When you think of everything **fasting** can do - encourage fidelity and humility, awaken the spirit of justice, enhance prayer, assist those who are tempted - the question becomes: Why *not fast*?

WHY IT MATTERS

When we're self-sufficient, it's easy to forget that God is our ultimate source of life and hope. **Fasting** is a visceral reminder to trust in God. **Fasting** helps us to detach from worldly things not because they are bad but to remind us that God is the source of all gifts.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "**Fasting** and abstinence . . . help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (2043).

THE SPIRIT OF OUR FASTING

Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are ancient spiritual practices that foster humility and charity. In the words of fifth-century Doctor of the Church Peter Chrysologus: "When you **fast**, see the **fasting** of others. If you want God to know you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give."

The first time you hear it, it's disconcerting: "Ma'am (or Sir), there's some dirt on your face." No one wants to be thought careless in matters of hygiene! But after a few years, wearing ashes in public on Ash Wednesday seems almost natural. It invites opportunities to witness to what you believe as you explain it's no accidental smudge on your forehead but a deliberate decision: to be marked with the knowledge of what your mortality really means.

Ashes are an ancient sign of mortification. Often associated with the wearing of sackcloth a harsh woven-hair fabric used for grain bags. Any occasion that warranted the expression of grief, penitence, or supplication might involve scattering ashes, rolling in them, or smearing them on one's person. Such reverse adornment defined the humble spirit of the wearer, and both men and women might employ this sign in times of self-denial. In addition, the shaving of the head or beard might accompany such gestures, and fasting as well. Anyone reluctant to be signed with ashes annually might consider the alternatives!

The prophets recommended such signs when the evil of the times required it. Daniel himself adopted prayer, fasting, sackcloth, and ashes during the period of Israel's exile. In the gospels Jesus reprimands unrepentant Jewish cities by comparing them to pagan cities that would have long ago donned sackcloth and ashes in shame for similar crimes. The message is clear: A definite outward sign of penitence is a bold first step in the actual conversion of the human heart.

So Catholics begin the annual season of their repentance by adopting the mark of ashes. I say "begin": 40 days of fasting, prayer, and charity is expected to proceed from there. Many have noted that Jesus accuses the Pharisees of hypocrisy when they stand on street corners bearing the signs of fasting for all to see. Instead Jesus advises his disciples to wash their faces and anoint their heads while fasting. That is to avoid the temptation to be seen as doing good-and to be rewarded on the spot by the good opinion of others.

In a social climate impressed by the appearance of piety, it would be best to hide such signs. Modern culture, however, is more dazzled by bling, than by the rosary dangling from your rearview mirror. The effect of ashes serves more to remind oneself "that we are dust, and to dust we shall return." With the urgency of mortality clinging to us in every hour, it's wisdom to heed the call each Ash Wednesday not to waste any time but to "repent, and receive the Good News."



OLSS MASSES:

7:00 AM & 7:00 PM

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

SFOA MASS:

5:00 PM

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Missy Capers, Charles Davis, Beverly Nevine Maria Dale, 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, Donald Koski, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avelles, 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, 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**



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



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

SHROVE TUESDAY

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.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 4, 2024	FEBRUARY 5, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 10,756.60	COLLECTION - \$ 9,364.27
MAINTENANCE - \$ 2,666.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 11,941.77

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 4, 2024	FEBRUARY 5, 2023
COLLECTION - \$ 1,840.00	COLLECTION - \$ 4,578.27
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,348.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,064.00

Thank You for your support

PREPARE FOR LENT

Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: **fasting** and almsgiving. —

Saint Augustine

There's something about it that makes sense, Lent. You give something up, and everything's more joyful. —*Elaine Stritch*

When my stomach hungers from **fasting**, it is a reminder of the spiritual hunger my soul experiences at every moment of my existence. —

Bishop Robert Baron

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"Kids Dinner & A Movie Night"

Presents "The Passion Trilogy" An animated Lenten Special for kids. Saturday February 17th 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.