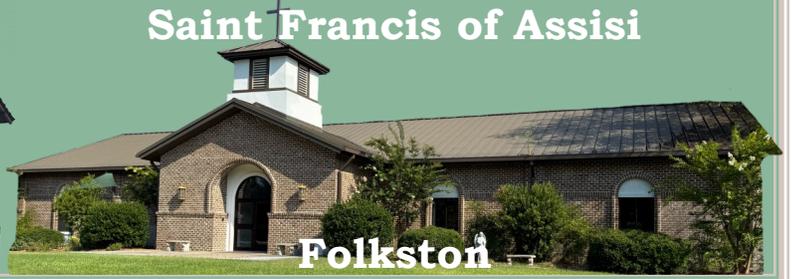


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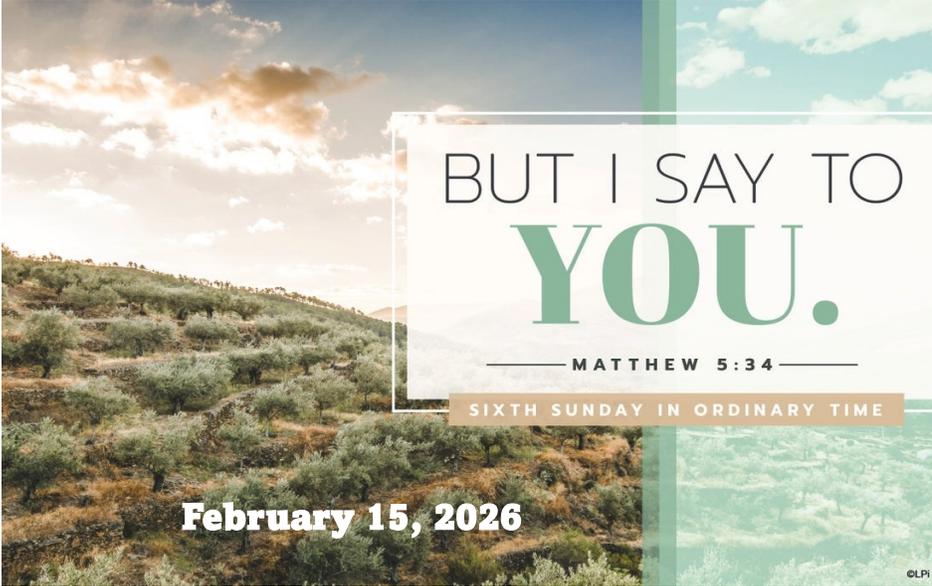
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15, 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

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*

02/16/26 - Monday - NO MASS

02/17/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass at OLSS

02/18/26 - Ash Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Michael T. Boyle*
7:00 PM Mass at OLSS

02/19/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Jenny Ford

02/20/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Timothy & Matthew Ford*

02/21/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Jim Walsh*

02/22/26 - I SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Joseph Lang*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

*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 for at least four months. 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**

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

THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

My 85-year-old mother is addicted to cop shows and courtroom dramas. She's not an active lawbreaker herself, mind you, but she loves to invest her evenings in following criminals down their morally darkened paths outsmarting clever law-enforcers and heavily-degreed legal counsels by slipping through loopholes in jurisprudence and all but disappearing behind the wall of their crimes in triumph - until the end of the hour, that is, when some infinitesimal fact comes to light, condemning the guilty and vindicating the innocent. The disturbing thing is, I'm not sure which my elderly mother enjoys more: that justice is finally served, or that the perp almost got away with it! Many of us have a morally ambiguous relationship to law. We love having plenty of laws nailed into place to protect us and our property from other people. At the same time we play fast and loose with the laws that inconvenience us. Tax laws, traffic laws, and municipal laws are only three kinds of rules some of us are comfortable breaking if we think we can get away with it. Most of us are pleased to defend the rule of law until a particular facet of it gets in our way, and let's presume that we churchgoers are the law-abiding segment of the population! Some folks have far less respect for the rules than we do.

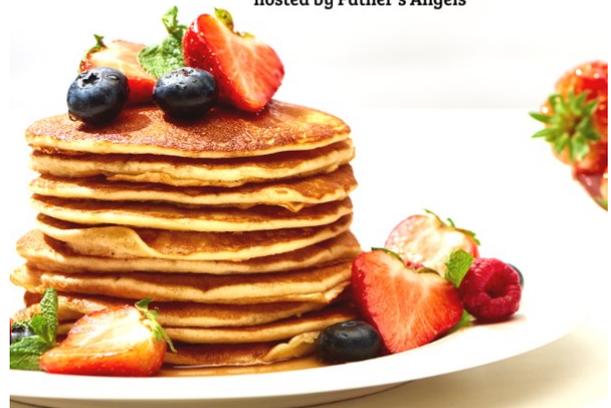
So we become glued to serials like *The Sopranos*, *Damages*, *Breaking Bad*, or any story where the moral lines are vague between the good guys and the bad ones. Like my mom, we're attracted to stories that confess a disconcerting truth: We're all ready to break the law given the right set of circumstances. Perhaps we've convinced ourselves that most laws are neither good nor bad but arbitrary. If a given law crosses our sovereign free will or basic self-interest, we might be willing to look the other way and "break bad" - just this once.

Biblical law was established to be a different kind of law altogether from what folks were used to. The Hebrew word for law is more like "guidance" or "instruction" than a line drawn in the sand. Divine law wasn't viewed as negatively prohibitive or punitive but positive and helpful. The point wasn't to constrict human freedom but to keep people safe, happy, and at peace.

A red light isn't meant to make you late for an appointment, after all - even if it does just that; it's intended to keep you and your neighbor from plowing into each other at an intersection. Law was deemed such a cheerful thing in Israel that psalms were written to praise the joy of living lawfully. God's gift of law is evidence that God is serious about wanting to preserve the happiness of the community so favored. When Jesus extends the laws as deep and high as you can conceive, is this his way of making life harder - or simpler than ever?

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

UNDERSTANDING LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST TOWARD EASTER

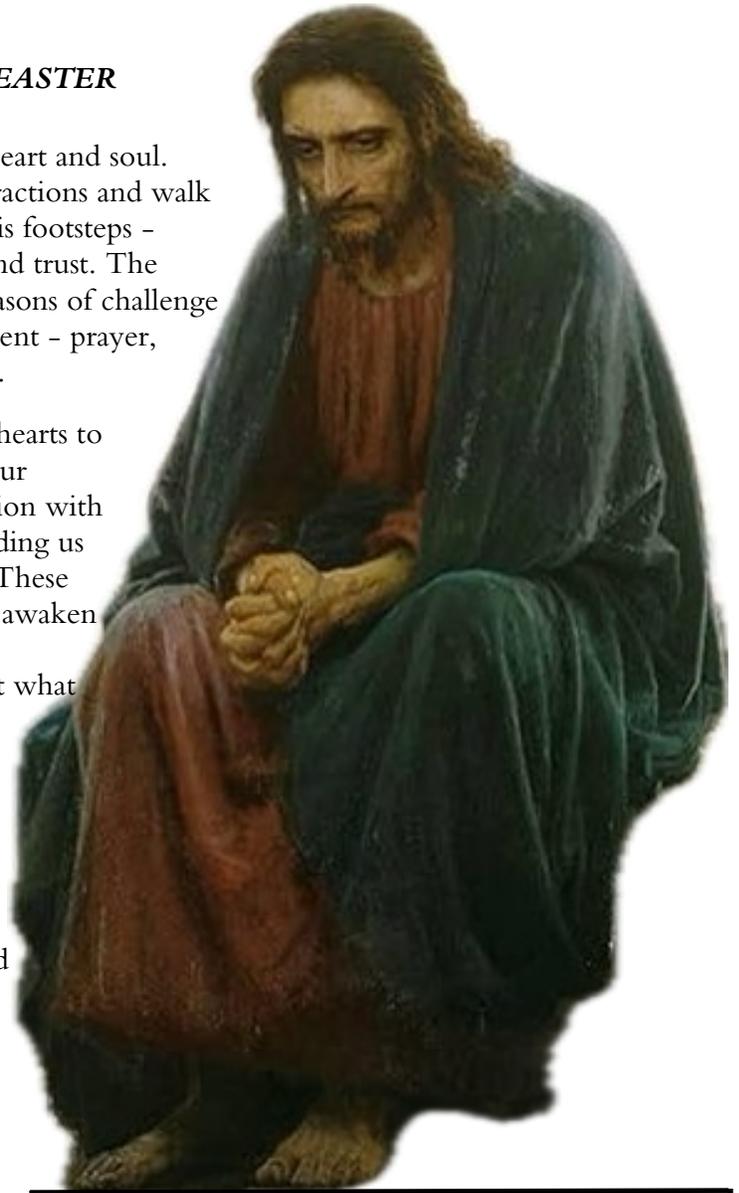
Lent is a sacred season, a time set apart for renewal of heart and soul. Each year, the church invites us to step away from distractions and walk with Christ in a deeper way. For forty days, we trace his footsteps – entering the desert with him, learning to listen, pray, and trust. The sacred journey mirrors the rhythm of our own lives: seasons of challenge that prepare us for a new life in God. The practices of lent – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – are not burdens, but pathways.

Prayer deepens our friendship with God, opening our hearts to his voice. *Fasting* teaches us that we are not ruled by our appetites, but created for something greater – communion with God himself. *Almsgiving* lifts our gaze outward, reminding us that love of neighbor is inseparable from love of God. These disciplines work together to form us, to free us, and to awaken us to the life of grace already present within us. Lent is not simply about what we “give up”. It is about what we receive: mercy, forgiveness, and renewal.

By offering small sacrifices and acts of love, we allow God’s Spirit to reshape our hearts. In this way conversion becomes not a single act, but a daily turning – away from sin and toward Christ.

We do not walk this road alone. The entire church journeys together, nourished by Scripture, strengthened by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Saints who have gone before us. Even in our struggles, God is near, leading us through the desert to the joy of Easter morning.

Ultimately, Lent prepares us for the Resurrection. By walking the way of the cross with Jesus, we come to know more fully the life that only he can give. And when Easter dawns, our Alleluia rings out with deeper joy because we have been renewed and heart and spirit. May this Lent be a season of grace for you, a time of prayerful return to the Lord, and a journey that leads you into the radiant light of Easter.



Lent is rich with symbols that help us live out this season of renewal. The most visible sign is the **ash cross** traced on our forehead on Ash Wednesday. It reminds us of our mortality - “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” and of our call to repentance. The liturgical **color purple** is used in churches throughout length, symbolizing penance, humility, and preparation. In some parishes, crucifixes and statues may be veiled in the final weeks, creating a sense of longing and anticipations for Easter joy.

Another central devotion is the **Stations of the Cross**, traditionally prayed on Fridays during Lent. By reflecting on Christ’s Passion step-by-step, we learn to unite our own sufferings with his and see the depth of his love. Many Catholics also embrace **simplicity and silence** during Lent - reducing entertainment, quieting daily noise, and creating space for God’s voice. Acts of service and charity flow naturally from this spirit, reminding us that Lent is not just about discipline, but love of neighbor. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** holds special importance, offering grace and renewal as we have returned to God’s mercy.

The church teaches that Catholics in good health are to observe the following rules for **fasting and abstinence**. From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: *“Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is required from age 18 until age 59. It’s permits one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat binds Catholics from age 14 and older.”* Together these symbols and practices point us toward the heart of Lent: a season of turning back to God, and preparing to celebrate the Resurrection with renewed faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY



MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM - OLSS

5:00PM - SFOA

7:00PM - OLSS

**REMEMBER
THAT YOU
ARE DUST**

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In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of our parishioners who have recently passed away, we pray that the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their families.



Joseph Jackson McCranie III

* January 24, 1939

+ January 17, 2026

Funeral Mass:

**February 23, 2026 at 11:00 AM
at SFOA**



Mary Rose Panfil

* May 28, 1931

+ February 9, 2026

Funeral Mass:

**February 26, 2026 at 11:00 AM
at OLSS**

OLSS STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM



SFOA STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:00 PM

All are welcome on Friday nights in Lent to come together and pray the Stations of the Cross. We'll start on February 20th at 6PM and, afterwards, share a lite, Lenten covered dish dinner. Plan to attend and bring a friend or neighbor!

Stay home when sick



As we continue through this season when many illnesses are spreading in our community, we kindly ask all parishioners to please be considerate of others. If your child is coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or simply not feeling well, please do not bring them to church. If you are feeling unwell - especially if you have a persistent cough, fever, or other symptoms - please remain at home and take the time you need to recover.

Staying home when sick is not only a responsible choice, but also an act of Christian charity toward the elderly, children, and those with weakened immune systems among us. Let us care for one another by protecting each other's health. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry on the 1st - 6th Fridays of lent leading up to Good Friday! For only \$12 per person you can enjoy fried (or baked) Pollock fish, French Fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, grits and a drink or for \$5 you can have a Home Made Grilled Cheese sandwich, Apple Sauce, French Fries and a drink; along with a number of tasty desserts prepared by our Ladies Auxiliary. To-go meals will also be available!



Dates: February 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 5-6:30 Place: Social Hall



The Southeast Georgia Ultraya will meet on Monday, February 16th at St. Francis of Assisi in Folkston from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cursillistas and friends are invited to attend! The evening will include prayer, a witness talk, small group sharing, and fellowship. Brunswick stew will be served. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of faith and community!

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Harvest of Hope Goal	\$410,818.00
2025 Appeal Goal	47,644.00
Total Pledge	491,618.51
Paid on Pledge	193,135.46
Pledge Balance	298,483.05
One Time Gifts	79,024.67
Total Given (Cash)	272,160.13
Total Towards Goal	570,643.18
% to Campaign Goal	138.90 %
# of Household	428
# of Donors	181
% Participation	42.29



HARVEST of HOPE
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HARVEST OF HOPE
PROGRESS REPORT AS OF
02/12/2026

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Harvest of Hope Goal	\$48,104.00
2025 Appeal Goal	4,711.00
Total Pledge	90,385.80
Paid on Pledge	38,037.79
Pledge Balance	52,348.01
One Time Gifts	9,005.71
Total Given (Cash)	47,043.50
Total Towards Goal	99,391.51
% to Campaign Goal	206.62 %
# of Household	32
# of Donors	43
% Participation	134.38

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 2/16	SFOA - 6:00 PM - Ultreya - Social Hall OLSS - 6:30 PM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5
Tue 2/17	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Pancake Dinner - Social Hall
Wed 2/18	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 2/19	SFOA - 1:00PM - 3:30 PM - Hands in Hands Folkston Park Nursing Home OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Classroom 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - Religious Ed - Double Room
Fri 2/20	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 OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Fish Fry - Social Hall SFOA - 6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross OLSS - 6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
Sat 2/21	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Kids Movie Night - Social Hall

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/15	Kathleen Rodgers Anna Kidd
Sunday 2/22	Lewart Simmons Art Fouraker

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 2/15	Diane Costa, Dave Costa, Patty Zawislak, Chrissy Bundrick, Renee Gentle
Sunday 2/22	Pauline Wentworth, Larry White, Kathy White, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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
Tue 02/17	Karen Hill		
Wed 02/18	Richard Foy		
Thu 02/19	- _____ -		
Fri 02/20	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 02/21	Mary Anne Moore Karen Hill	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Greg Glaz Don Petrine
Sun 02/22	Karen Jenkins, Greg Lockhart	Evan Gomez, Samuel Dominici Nathaniel Eddy	Keith Danos Collen Danos Mike Recore John Nevins

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 8, 2026	FEBRUARY 9, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 9,420.25	COLLECTION - \$ 17,141.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 6,529.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,120.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 8, 2026	FEBRUARY 9, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,180.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,010.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 300.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 352.00

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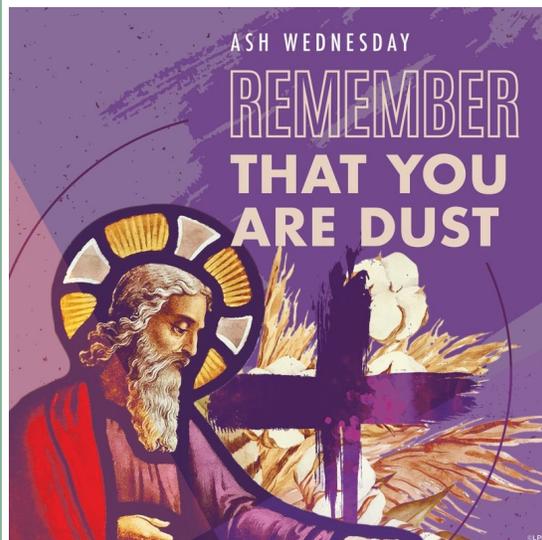
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Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

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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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