



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission
FOLKSTON, GA



REPENT, AND
BELIEVE IN THE
GOSPEL. - MK 1:15

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
8:00AM at Historic Chapel

**First Friday Eucharistic
Adoration**
9:00AM - 9:00PM

OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE

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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

- 02/17/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
Pro Populo / For the People
- 02/18/24 - **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Jan & Helena Kuchta*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *For the repose of the soul of Clara M. Howard*
- 02/19/24 - **NO MASS**
- 02/20/24 - **Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass**
For God's blessing necessary graces, perseverance in moments of suffering for Ludwika
- 02/21/24 - **Wednesday 7:00 AM Mass at OLSS**
+ *Anna Marie Watson*
- 02/21/24 **Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at SFoA**
- 02/22/24 - **Thursday 8:00 AM Mass**
For God's necessary graces for Joseph
- 02/23/24 - **Friday 8:00 AM Mass**
For God's blessing necessary graces, especially at the moments of struggle and despair for Maria
- 02/24/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
+ *Kay Sullivan*
- 02/25/24 - **First Sunday of Lent**
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
In thanksgiving for Allen and Susie Rule's 40th Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ludwika Glod, Maria Klikuszowian, Chuck Schafer, Christine Thornton, 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 Avilles, 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**



Funeral Mass for
David Bliton will be
celebrated on Saturday
February 24, 2024 at
10 AM at
Our Lady Star of the Sea.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent
SFOA - 6:00 PM
OLSS - 6:30 PM





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 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22

Time: 5-6:30 in the Parish Social Hall

ULTREYA

Monday, 2/19 at 6pm in the OLSS Social Hall

The Cursillo Ultreya (pronounced Ul-trey-a) is the monthly meeting for all current Cursillistas and those interested in the Cursillo. As its name implies, the Ultreya (meaning onward), is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly. The Ultreya is a lively event including refreshments, music, prayer, a witness speaker, and spiritual reflection. It is held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm alternating between OLSS and St. Francis of Assis in Folkston. Spouses and/or potential candidates of the Cursillo are always welcome!! POC: Janine Curry (561) 779-6305 or Lynn Crews (912) 276-0104

The Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship



is now available for all Catholic high school seniors who attend Camden And Charlton county highs schools.

The scholarship is also available to Catholic high school seniors that home schooled. The application can be found at the Camden County High School website (wildcat.camden.k12.ga.us) under guidance & school counseling. Point of contact for further information is Sally Caez at atcaez@tds.net or 912-552-1155 (cell)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT Post-Abortion Healing Weekend

April 5-7, 2024
Near Augusta, GA

For more information:
912-306-0406

stephaniemay135@gmail.com
rachelsvineyard.org

All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON - OF LENT

More theology wars are likely to be fought over the meaning of Christmas than the substance of Lent. While many Christians gear up to do battle every December against an interesting assortment of enemies—Santa Claus, Rudolph, Frosty, the retail industry, and the term “X-mas,” just for starters—nobody seems to have energy left over to take on the secular foes of the Lenten season. Perhaps that is because there aren’t any. Or at least no one has yet figured out how to make a buck off Lent, so it remains a bland nonissue in most public spheres.

If the onset of Lent remains a tranquil, commercially unnoticed event, that doesn’t mean it’s not as prone to misunderstanding and misinterpretation as its glitzier cousin in purple mantel. There is a reason for this season, too, and it’s not to make Catholics feel bad for 40 days. The focus of this season is not the size of our sacrifice in fasting, prayer, and alms, nor frankly is it the agony of Jesus’ own ordeal in the final week. A clue to the reason for our observance of this season can be found in the overlooked second reading from 1 Peter. Lent is the time when we remember God’s benevolent patience.

Think about it. God waited for Noah to build an ark before the great flood began. How long does it take to construct such a thing? God had already had it up to here with the human race. The mortal experiment had turned out to be a tragic failure. The record of Genesis is clear on the bottom line: “The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the Earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the Earth, and it grieved him to his heart” (6:5-6). God had made up the divine mind. There was no ambiguity about what God would do.

And yet, God waited. God waited on a single faithful family of eight members, waited through the procurement of gopherwood and the pitch to seal it, 300 cubits long, 50 wide, and 30 deep. God waited for the food supplies to be gathered and stored. And God waited for every last animal, two by two, to get on board.

And then, for 40 days and nights, the heavy rains came, washing the Earth clean of its cruelty, dishonesty, and indifference. When Noah and his family emerged from that lifeboat, the world was a better place than when they had left it. Once again we are being given a space of time in which to get on board the lifeboat and return to the world renewed.

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 relgioused@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 relgioused@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 sacramenta 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

*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.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 11, 2024	FEBRUARY 12, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 9,844.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,784.50
MAINTENANCE \$ 1,386.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 9,671.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 11, 2024	FEBRUARY 12, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 1,130.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,265.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 470.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 709.00

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

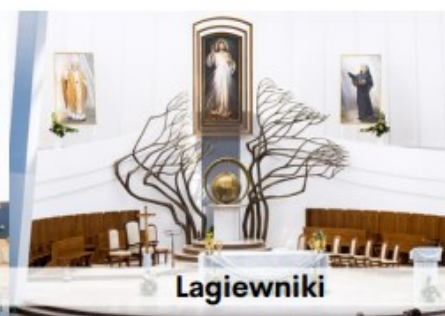
2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REPENT.

We're not served well in our appreciation of the word *repent* by the many films featuring some be-frosted priest or Puritan shaking a cross in people's faces and demanding, "Sinner, repent!" Repentance doesn't necessarily require falling on our knees and beating our breasts, though sometimes that may be the appropriate response—as it was for skeptical Thomas, when the resurrected Lord whom he'd doubted stood before him. Basically, to repent means to change course. That can mean movement if we've been standing still, or stopping if we've been in frantic motion. It can mean changing our minds or our hearts, our direction or our behavior.

The word has several important root meanings. The earliest is the Hebrew word *t'shuvah*, meaning "return." It's a crucial concept to prophets like Amos, Hosea, and Jeremiah. Their fellow citizens have wandered far from God's ways, and it's time for them to return home. The rabbis tell a story of a young man who falls in with a bad crowd and winds up far from home, destitute and ashamed. His father sends word for the son to return. "I cannot," the young man replies, "It is too far." Too far in distance, surely, but also in moral stature. His father responds: "Come as far as you can, and I will come the rest of the way."

This story reminds us how our failures put us at a distance from those whom we love, from the community of faith to which we belong. Yet love is willing to share the journey toward reunion and reconciliation. We return to God, and God returns to us.

If *t'shuvah* is the Old Testament word for repentance, *metanoia* is the New Testament Greek term that carries a similar meaning. John the Baptist first issues the call to change direction, signaled by baptism in the Jordan. Jesus uses this term when he invites his listeners to change their dispositions—to turn their hearts and lives around—in response to his teaching. Our word repentance carries the additional meaning of expressing regret for past actions and attitudes—along with the expectation that real change is forthcoming. In addition, the word conversion means turning around, implying a reorientation of intentions and actions. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we include the stipulation of "making reparation" for what we've done or failed to do that has caused harm.

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