



**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA

Fr. Mariusz Fuks, Pastor / email: pastor@weareolss.org

Seventh Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19

Love your enemies,
that you may be children
of your heavenly Father,
for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45

**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
1st Saturdays	10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

**SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Wednesdays	6:00 pm Daily Mass
Sundays	8:30 am Mass
Confessions	<u>30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment</u>

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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.

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna
DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Barbara Trudeau, Marie &
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Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Doris Adams, Carol
Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth
McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub)
Shepard, Lenda Morris, 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**

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

02/18/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of Carolyn
Sailors Williams*

02/19/23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the repose of the soul of Allan Altamirano

02/20/23 - Monday: No Mass

02/21/23 - 5:30 PM -Tuesday:

*For RCIA Catechumens, Candidates
and Team*

02/22/23 - 7:00 AM & 7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday:

02/22/23 - 5:00 PM - Wednesday, at St. Francis of Assisi

02/23/23 - 8:00 AM Thursday:

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Ford

02/24/23 - 8:00 AM Friday

For the grace of healing for Corazon Castro

02/25/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday:

Pro Populo / For the People

02/26/23 - First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the grace of healing for Corazon Castro

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



"But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE

Our readings from Leviticus and from Matthew today explore an especially difficult challenge: how to respond to injury and humiliation. Leviticus teaches that, in order to be holy, God's people must refrain from grudges or revenge. In Matthew, Jesus teaches that we must first avoid actions that continue an escalating cycle of retribution. Jesus advocated a creative non-violent resistance, a response that both refuses to accept being humiliated and keeps open the possibility of reconciliation. For his listeners, turning the other cheek or walking the second mile were ways to throw the oppressor off-balance. They expose the harm being done, and sustain one's personal dignity. When Jesus follows with his next teaching, "love your enemies," he points to what might be a long journey of forgiveness toward those who hurt us. At these times, we might remember that Jesus, in his suffering and death, followed a similar path.

TEMPLE OF GOD

When Paul writes "you are the temple of God," note that he uses the plural form of "you." He was speaking about the community at Corinth as a temple. For Paul, a temple is where God dwells. God abides, and is active within, the shared life of the community. Paul speaks at length about the divisions within the Corinthian community. These divisions were seen as a defilement of God's temple.

We encounter divisions in our own Church today, sometimes accompanied by a troubling lack of humility and charity. Often the conflicts revolve around establishing markers of true discipleship, with some emphasizing personal faith and morality, and others emphasizing justice and the Church's social teachings. Perhaps the Spirit, active in the temple of our shared life, points toward Jesus' command "love your enemies." Perhaps we best exhibit discipleship in the charity we extend, and our capacity for dialogue, with those who disagree with us or who are unkind to us.

THE SERMON

Today we conclude the series of Sunday Gospel passages from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew's chapters 5–7. Having proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom, Jesus extensively described to his new community what life is like in this new realm, and the inner dispositions needed to enter into it. He exposed hidden places of the heart, especially those places that needed to be healed.

The Sermon is a huge challenge for us today. The Sermon pushes against our attempts to compromise what God summons us to be and to do. It challenges our deep desires to see ourselves as virtuous, and to resist God's desire to transform us. It reminds us that we are both loved by God and in need of God's help. As we anticipate the season of Lent, consider prayerfully reading the Sermon as a whole. We are invited to carefully explore our deeper motivations, to allow God to uncover and to heal our fears and our wounds.

TODAY'S READINGS

Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18
Psalm 1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13
1 Corinthians 3:16–23
Matthew 5:38–48

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 church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at religiously@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Parish Office 912-882-4718

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 11, 2022 ~ May 14th, 2023, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religiously@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 refugee 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; Tom Jenkins or Norberto Caez at KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming a usher, please contact parish office at 912-882-4718

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Ashes

There are three major Biblical traditions concerning ashes: repentance, mourning, and mortality, and they are interrelated. Repeatedly throughout the Bible we encounter the use of ashes (often together with sackcloth) as a penitential practice. A similar practice is seen when someone is in mourning or distress. And ashes are a metaphor for human life, which is seen as brief and destined to end in death:

Ashes are the result of fire, the complete burning of something that was alive. They are ephemeral; the slightest puff of air can send them away into nothingness. It is easy to see how ashes came to symbolize fleeting human life or the humility of repentance.

Ashes can represent other things as well. For example, ashes are often used to fertilize our gardens and fields. Ash is therefore necessary to bring about and nourish life.

We can now begin to see how appropriate a symbol ashes are for the season of Lent. For Lent is not only a time of repentance, of sorrow for our sins. It is a baptismal season of preparation for the new life of our catechumens and of recalling the new life of our own baptism. We start Lent in ashes, and end it in Easter. What will the ashes mean to you this Lent?

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8th grade – College Diocesan Youth Conference – DYC – April 21-23, 2023

Guest Speakers for the DYC this year include Fr. Agustino Torres and Mari Pablo. The conference is a great way to experience the joy of living our faith with other Catholic teens, listen to some great speakers and to get closer to Christ. ALL TEENS are encouraged to attend. Registration will be available at CYM meetings, 8th grade RE Class, or by contacting Chrissy Bundrick (912) 552-7783 or email ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SFoA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 12, 2023	FEBRUARY 13, 2022	FEBRUARY 5, 2023	FEBRUARY 6, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 7,784.50	COLLECTION - \$ 11,622.50	COLLECTION - \$ 1,265.00	COLLECTION - \$ 560.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 9,671.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,532.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 709.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 657.00

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 \$10 per person and \$40 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 24,
March 10, 17, 24, and 31
Time: 5-6:30
Place: Social Hall

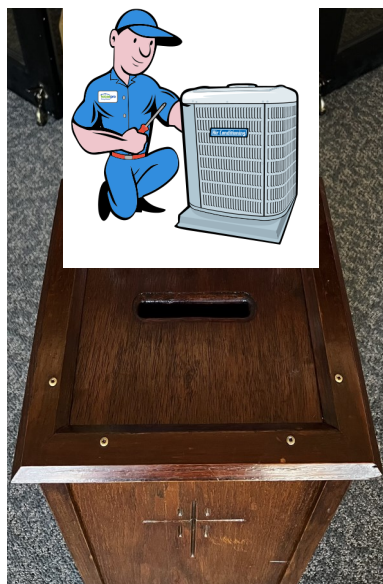


MASSSES:

7:00 AM &
7:00 PM - OUR
LADY STAR OF
THE SEA

5:00 PM -
SAINT FRANCIS
OF ASSISI

OUR AIRCONDITIONING UNIT IN THE MAIN CHURCH BROKE DOWN, IT WILL COST A LOTS OF MONEY TO REPLACE IT, ONLY WITH YOU FINANCIAL SUPPORT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DO IT. THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MAINTENANCE FUND, ALSO IN THE NARTHEX WILL BE PLACED OUR WOODEN BOX FOR COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THIS URGENT PROJECT. THANK YOU



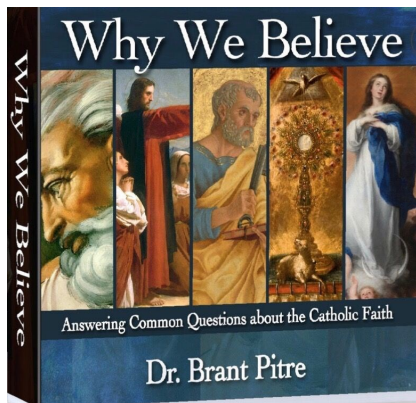
The Ladies Auxiliary is offering scholarships to deserving Catholic High School seniors from class of 2023. The scholarship is open to any catholic student residing in Camden or Charlton Counties and attending OLSS, St. Francis of Assisi, or Kings Bay Chapel. You can find the application on Camden County High School site. You can also contact at caez@tds.net for application.



The English word "Lent" means "Spring Season", a time for new growth or renewed life and fresh beginnings. As Catholics, Lenten season is traditionally the time we promise to give up something that is meant as penance, that will deepen our faith while we grow closer to God, A regrowth or new beginning of sorts.....However do we have to give up something? How about we do something? Lent is a great time to deepen your faith experience and grow closer to Christ.

Join us Tuesday nights beginning February 7th after Mass at 6:30PM for our 8-week Lenten bible study **"Why We Believe"** We will begin at the beginning with the existence of God and walk step by step through the foundations of faith. Along the way we will explain: Does God Exist? Is Jesus God? Did Jesus claim to be God? Peter and the Papacy? Did Jesus establish the Catholic Church? How Did We Get the Bible? Is the Eucharist Jesus' Real Presence? What does the Bible teach about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist? Why Confess to a Priest? Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead? Where is Purgatory in the Bible?

Make that promise to "Do" something for Lent, and bring new life into your Catholic faith. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00PM so don't worry about dinner then enjoy an evening of fellowship while you discover how just reasonable, biblical, and beautiful the Catholic faith really is.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in St. Marys, GA is searching for a Music Director. The position is about 10 hours per week We are

blessed with a beautiful Baldwin Baby Grand Piano and a Lowrey Majesty Organ. Both instruments are in excellent condition. The Music Director is responsible for providing organ or piano accompaniment for services on Saturday Evening and Sunday mornings and other special occasions, as well as forming and directing choir and leading one midweek choir rehearsal. Flexibility in musical style (more traditional preferred). For more information and to apply for this position, please contact Fr. Marius at Pastor@weareolss.org



New Pictorial Directory! Pictures will be taken March 2 to March 7

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation! Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!) Please go to the following link to make an appointment.

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2250055825.1?schedule=ourladystaroftheseacatholicchurch>

*****IMPORTANT***** When on the website to schedule an appointment, an email address is required to go to the next page and confirm the appointment, so anyone who doesn't have an email address can use ours: office@weareolss.org.

If you would prefer to set up an appointment by phone, please call the office: 912-882-4718

Need Help at home?

CYM will be having their annual service retreat on March 11, 2023. We'd love to come and help you with things around the house: yard work, cleaning, organizing, minor repairs, painting, pressure washing, putting things in the attic, etc. Please call

(912) 552-7783 OR email your requests to ourladystaroftheseacym@gmail.com to get on the list for us to come to you home. We'd love to come help you and look forward to it. POC Chrissy Bundrick



**HELP
WANTED**



LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 25 - APRIL 1

6PM - 7PM

“The Holy Eucharist: Shadows and Fulfillment”

The Passover Lamb: The Holy Eucharist as Sacrifice (Sunday),
The Manna: The Holy Eucharist as Communion with God (Monday),
The Bread of the Presence: The Holy Eucharist as Real Presence (Tuesday),
The Eucharistic Sacrifice: Renewal of Calvary and Foretaste of Heaven (Wednesday).

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration at 6PM
with Confessions available.

Mass with Conference as Homily at 7PM
with Confessions available after Mass

Fr. Ben Cameron was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and grew up as a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in that city. During his junior high and high school years, he attended a small Christian school that was operated by a local Baptist church. It was in that non-Catholic environment, where his faith was often challenged, that he began to study the Catholic Faith. Fr. Ben is a 1991 graduate of Christendom College, a small Catholic liberal arts college in Front Royal, Virginia, where he became involved in a lay apostolate known as the Legion of Mary, which awakened his desire to share his Catholic Faith with others. Upon receiving his degree in Political Science and History, Fr. Ben planned a career in the political arena, but soon found that God had other plans. He joined the Fathers of Mercy in 1992, studied theology at Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 31, 1997. Fr. Ben has served as Vocation Director, Treasurer, Mission Director and Assistant General of the Fathers of Mercy during his priesthood.

He has served as a full-time parish mission preacher and retreat master (2000-2018), and as pastor of St. Helen's Parish, Glasgow, Kentucky, and its mission church, Our Lady of the Caves in Horse Cave, Kentucky (2018-2022).



Fr. Ben Cameron CPM
Fathers of Mercy



He is once again serving as a full-time parish mission preacher and retreat master.

The Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy was founded in 1808, originally under the title of the “Missionaries of France.” The community was founded for the purpose of re-evangelizing the French people after the Catholic Faith had been subjected to years of attacks and persecution during the French Revolution. It is now an exclusively American community. The Generalate of the community is located a few miles outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The primary apostolate of the Fathers of Mercy is to conduct parish missions and retreats, which are now given throughout the United States, Canada and Australia. During the mission, Fr. Ben will encourage and challenge the parish community to make a stronger, deeper personal commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church. His topic that he will speak on during this mission is the “The Holy Eucharist: Shadows and Fulfillment.”

STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS,
FRIDAYS
OF LENT
6:30 PM



Join us Tuesday, February 21st for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. All you can eat Pancakes & Sausage with lots of toppings. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, they will be available at the door.

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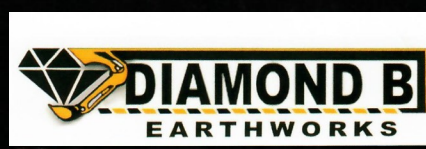
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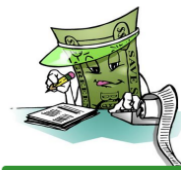


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