



Our Lady Star of the Sea

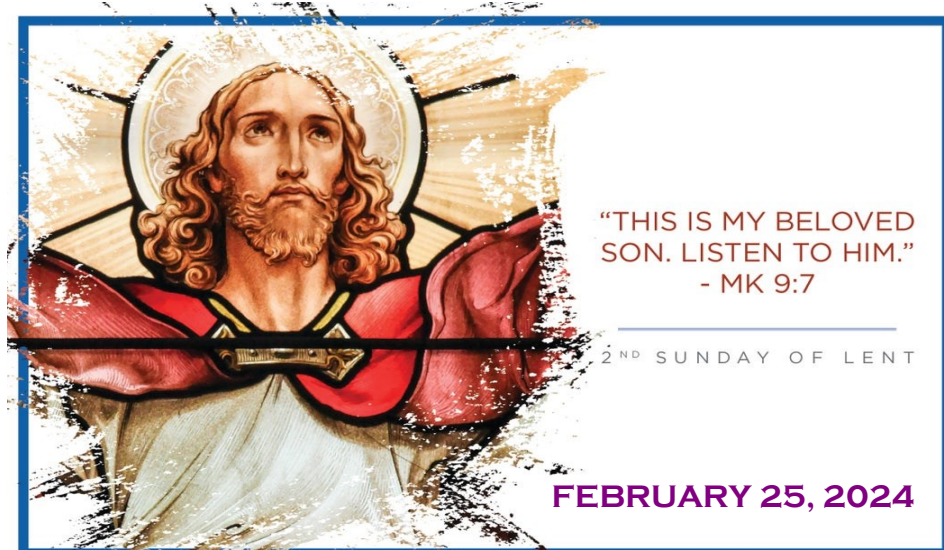
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA



"THIS IS MY BELOVED
SON. LISTEN TO HIM."
- MK 9:7

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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

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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

02/24/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
+ Kay Sullivan

02/25/24 - **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)
*In thanksgiving for Allen and Susie Rule's
40th Wedding Anniversary*

02/26/24 - **NO MASS**

02/27/24 - **Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass**
+ Andy Zoumas

02/28/24 - **Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS**
+ Judy Oakley

02/28/24 **Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at SFoA**
+ Jan & Helena Kuchta

02/29/24 - **Thursday 8:00 AM Mass**
+ David Bliton

03/01/24 - **Friday 8:00 AM Mass**
Special Intention

03/02/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
Pro Populo / For the People

03/03/24 - **First Sunday of Lent**
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Genemary Oberlin, Ludwika Glod, Maria Klikuszowian, Chuck Schafer, Christine Thornton, Missy Capers, Charles Davis, 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 Avides, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Denis McShane, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, 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, 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, Frank McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Rhonda Peterson, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Claire Walsh

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL;
OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG**



March 1st

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9 AM to 9 PM

During this time of Lent make sure you reserve some time to be with our Lord.

Please sign in the list in the narthex in order to secure that every hour someone is present with our Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

SFOA - 6:00 PM

OLSS - 6:30 PM



THE COSMIC BOTTOM LINE

Children have it easy when it comes to obeying authority. They know the drill: Adults are in charge, do what they tell you. When adults collide, what Mom and Dad say trumps the older sibling, the neighbor, the teacher, and the stranger. While it's no fun being on the last rung of the pecking order, it simplifies life enormously to do as you're told.

Life gets messier as we grow older. In no time, it seems, we're confronted with two or more compelling sources of authority. In high school it's the all-important peer group vs. the parental units. Then comes the college professor vs. traditional understanding. The church and the world set up another conflict of values and priorities. Before you know it, there may be dozens of competing authorities vying for your loyalty. Parents, spouses, and bosses create an arena of demands that may run up against your inner authority: "to thine own self be true." Throw God on top of that pile, and the weight of authority can make you feel like a pancake at the bottom.

Clean lines of allegiance are rarely experienced when we leave childhood behind. Abraham's struggle at Mt. Moriah is a perfect example of having to choose between mutually compelling but entirely opposed loyalties. As a father, Abraham's natural love for his son is paramount.

But as the longtime servant of God, obedience to the divine word is second nature to him. Can he sacrifice his son to satisfy the demands of God?

It's a terrible story, a nightmare of moral knots that even theologians have trouble untying. We know that Abraham makes the theologically right choice in submitting to God. But we can neither love nor comprehend the man who would make this choice. Nor can we approach the God who would request this choice with anything other than fearful apprehension.

We much prefer the integrated love that Jesus asks of us: to love God and one another, and to serve God through our mortal commitments. Life decisions can divide our hearts and cause us anguish. Let God not be blamed for the cleft! The integrity of Jesus' teaching, in fact, provides a window through which to view the Transfiguration. In the hour when Jesus manifests his glory, Elijah and Moses appear on the mountain.

The prophetic tradition and Mosaic Law sometimes spoke with a united voice and at other times pulled Israel in opposite directions. Is God's Law etched in stone or on hearts? Was Israel God's only concern or were all nations God's people? When the voice from heaven spoke, judgment was rendered: "Listen to my Son." The polarizing forces are reconciled and surpassed in the God of flesh and blood.

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GET READY FOR TRANSFORMATION

Seeing familiar things differently is not easy. This is no more evident than in family relationships. Your spouse is changing, as are you. Yet you expect the dynamic between you to remain the same as always. A renegotiation of terms may feel like a betrayal. Babies become toddlers, and children become teenagers and then adults. But the parents' vision of them may be frozen at a more primitive and dependent stage. In the same way, parents are the ones who are there for us, reliable as rocks. Until the time that they become elderly and frail, and unexpectedly dependent on us to care for them.

If lifelong friends suddenly develop new opinions or speak their minds more freely, our jaws may drop and we may wonder if we ever really knew this person we've always known. Technology creeps into the workplace bit by bit, and one day we realize our profession today is not the same as the one we entered. Everything is changing; that's the nature of being. But since most changes happen under the surface over long periods, we don't always see transformation coming until it hits us right between the eyes.

My friend tells me that his mother was a big talker, a huge personality, and his father like wallpaper in a room. In later years when his father became too infirm to remain at home, he was moved to a nearby nursing home. There he became boisterous, witty, the life of the party!

In the same way, a teenage cipher might become almost anyone once out from under the family influence. Or the geeky character in a movie may be redefined as the hero once circumstances turn apocalyptic, drawing the inner hero forth.

When the disciples first ran into Jesus, they certainly saw him as a remarkable figure. What he was saying and doing was amazing enough for them to walk away from business as usual and head off into a life full of unknowns. But after a while, even bold proclamations and public healings must have come to seem normative to this gang. What would it be like, we might wonder, to yawn in the presence of a miracle?

But Jesus always had a few surprises left in store. The event we call Transfiguration is representative of all those breakthrough moments when followers of Jesus suddenly "get" who he is for them in new and life-changing ways. Some scholars believe this event describes a vision Peter had long after Easter, when he began to understand who Jesus is and always was in their midst: the one about whom the Law and Prophets foretold, a brilliant guiding star leading us to the heart of the mystery of God-with-us. This Lent, we're changing, maybe in ways that are quiet and unseen for now. Who Jesus is for us may be changing too.

Alice L. Griffin

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 18, 2024	FEBRUARY 19, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 13,431.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,252.50
MAINTENANCE \$ 507.50	MAINTENANCE - \$ 660.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 18, 2024	FEBRUARY 19, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 790.00	COLLECTION - \$ 810.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 495.57	MAINTENANCE - \$ 475.00

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

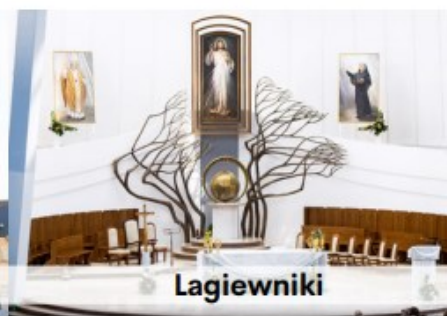
2 Corinthians 9:6-7



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
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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: March 1, 8, 15, and 22

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

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 caez@tds.net or 912-552-1155 (cell)

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