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Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

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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
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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**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
Birthday Blessing for Veronia Dominici
02/19/23 - **First Sunday of lent**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the healing grace for Corazon Castro
02/20/23 - Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with Lenten
Mission Conference
02/21/23 - Tuesday: 7:00 PM Mass with Lenten
Mission Conference
For the repose of the soul of Doug Benton
02/22/23 - Wednesday: 7:00 PM Mass with Lenten
Mission Conference
For the healing grace for Corazon Castro
02/22/23 - Wednesday: NO MASS at St. Francis of
Assisi in Folkston
02/23/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM
02/24/23 - First Friday: 8:00 AM at the Historic Chapel
Special Intention
02/25/23 - First Saturday Devotions: 10:00 AM
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Kathy Weatherhold*
02/26/23 - **Second Sunday of Lent**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9



FIRST SUNDAY OF Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

At that time Jesus was
let by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

JESUS' MODEL OF FAITHFULNESS

Ashes and gardens, failings and faithfulness, death and life. As we enter into Lent, we are invited to turn our thoughts, hearts, and lives toward God and God's ways, to turn away from the death of sin, which separates us from God, and to embrace the gift of life offered in Christ, now and into eternity. Eve and Adam listened to the serpent rather than God who had given them a garden filled with beauty and abundance. On the contrary, Jesus stood firm in the face of temptation. This Lent, we ponder the choices we make in our daily lives, trust in God's mercy as we repent from sinfulness, and strengthen our commitment to discipleship, following Jesus' model of faithfulness.

TURN AWAY FROM SIN

Lent is a season in which we resolve to turn away from sin and turn toward Jesus. Turning away from sin requires us to admit that we miss the mark and fail to live as God desires. The first Sunday of Lent always includes a gospel account of Jesus facing temptation in the desert. Notice that it is not generic temptation Jesus meets, nor do we. Our temptations are personal, areas of particular weakness, situations in which, like Eve and Adam, we may rationalize and give in to sin rather than holding firm to what we know is right and just. Jesus gives us a model for meeting temptation: draw on the wisdom and truth found in sacred scripture and the teaching tradition of the Church to know what we must do or not do. Be strong and know that the Lord is with you as you resolve to be faithful.

TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY

"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." The refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm gives voice to our conviction that God is good and reminds us that we can trust in God's mercy as we face our sin, seek forgiveness, and resolve to avoid sin in the future. The more deeply we grow in relationship with Christ, the more sure of God's love we become. Rooted in this love, we can admit our failings and trust that God always desires to be close to us, drawing us into abundant life. Lent is a good time to seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation. We can take heart in the assurance that forgiveness awaits our repentant heart.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]
Matthew 4:1-11

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 religioused@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 religioused@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

WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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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



Make plans to join your family and friends as your Knights of Columbus present their annual **Lenten Friday Fish Fry!** 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



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 the church website or Camden County High School Website. You can also contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net for application.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Please help feed our community! If you can bring one item or two items to help support the pantry it would be greatly appreciated.

Items needed: PB&J, Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna!

It's never too early to plan for next school year! We are currently looking for CCD teachers for our 2023-24 school year. Please consider joining our team. Contact Bryant or Kristie Shepard for additional information.



THE 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.

OLSS COMPARI-

FEBRUARY 19, 2023	FEBRUARY 20, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 7,252.50	COLLECTION - \$ 5,578.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 660.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 245.00

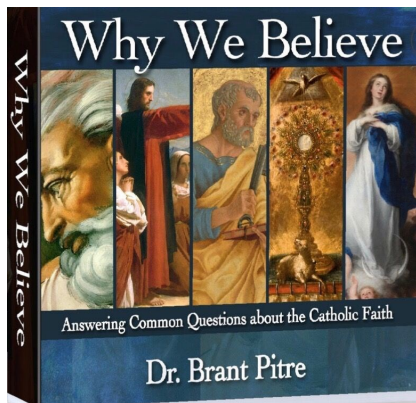
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FEBRUARY 19, 2023	FEBRUARY 20, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 905.00	COLLECTION - \$ 810.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 537.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 475.00

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
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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 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.”

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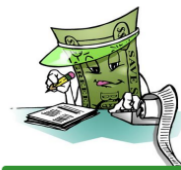


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