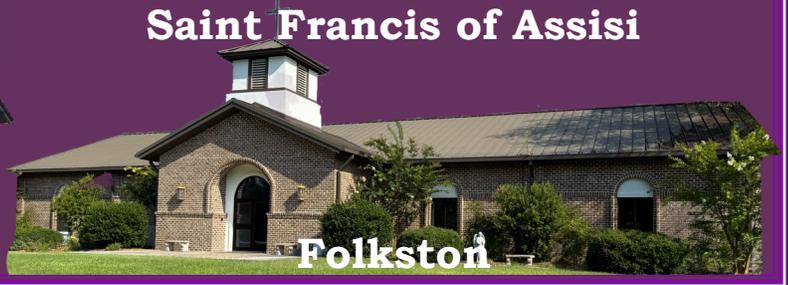


Our Lady Star of the Sea

Saint Francis of Assisi



Saint Marys



Folkston



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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

02/28/26 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
Blessings for the children & grandchildren of the Ford / Wyatt Family

03/01/26 - II SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Richard Johnson*

03/02/26 - Monday - NO MASS
03/03/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary
5:40 PM Mass at OLSS

03/04/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Blessings for the children & grandchildren of the Ford / Wyatt Family
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Billy Edward Hicks*

03/05/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Cathy Tilford

03/06/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Elizabeth Holman*

03/07/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

03/08/26 - III SUNDAY OF LENT
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Cynthia Simmons*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Gerri Piszcz*

*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 join us for our Parish
Lenten Mission

Christ-Lock: Identity Theft No More!

A Parish Mission directed by
Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

MARCH 8-10

Sunday - 6:00 PM

Monday - 6:00 PM

Tuesday - 5:00 PM



Sunday Evening's Talk: "Where is your faith?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on how Faith is way of knowing and seeing as God Himself knows and sees the world He created. The evening concludes with an invitation to venerate a 1 st class relic of St. John Paul II – a piece of the blood-soaked white sash he wore on the day he was shot in St. Peter's Square.

Scripture for Reflection: Luke 8:22-25

Monday Evening's Talk: "Good Anger or Bad Anger?"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the emotion, the virtue and the sin of anger in light of the polarized culture we live in. The evening concludes with an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal.

Scripture for Reflection: Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32

Tuesday Evening's Talk: "Take away the stone!"

Fr. Bill's preaching focuses on the power of the Risen Lord to heal us and make us participants in God's great rescue mission of mercy. The evening concludes with a prayer of renewal followed by the Apostolic Blessing for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence (the usual conditions apply).

Scripture for Reflection: John 11:33-44

The 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Faith, Hope, Charity will begin this weekend. Our parish goal for **OLSS is \$43,968.00** and for **SFOA is 4,824.00**

With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help thousands in our diocese each year; education of our children and seminary students, evangelization and Christian initiation, ongoing formation for our clergy, and more. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.

What started with a widow's decision, that it was time to let go of her departed husband's clothing, concluded this month with nine large boxes and two large tubs of new and gently used clothing being donated by the parishioners of SFOA & OLSS to Folkston Park Nursing Home. The residents and staff want to convey a big THANK YOU! to everyone who donated!



Climb every mountain

The Lenten terrain keeps changing. Last week, we crossed a desert. This week, we scale a mountain. No one said the journey of faith would be easy. But neither were we warned that this level of athleticism would be required. Is the spiritual path really as challenging as the metaphors would make it seem? The answer is—hopefully. If we're doing it right, we ought to be flexing some serious spiritual muscle.

The church has long used the language of journey and movement to describe the life of faith. The notion that our time on earth is a pilgrimage en route to the Beatific Vision is older than Dante, more traditional than Pilgrim's Progress. Luke's gospel was the first Christian story to be structured around the journey theme, tracing the ministry of Jesus as a long road between Galilee and Jerusalem, the epicenter of Judaism. The format worked so well that Luke employed it for Acts, too, transcribing the way of the early church from Jerusalem to Rome at the heart of the ancient world.

As Luke would have it, the Good News of Jesus Christ conquered the world in two giant steps: first Palestine, then the Empire itself.

It seems so simple the way Luke tells it. But we know that the gospel must actually confront the world in three giant steps: first Jerusalem, then Rome, and finally the individual human heart. That last step, it turns out, is the biggest one of all. That is where the leap of faith meets its greatest obstacle: me. Or you, as the case may be. The sinner, by any other name. Which is one reason why the season of Lent is so vital to the church. It limbers us up to take that breathtaking leap beyond the self. Some of us may need a personal trainer to get in shape.

Spiritual growth

Many of us, it must be admitted, are not on a spiritual journey much of the time. We are spiritually parked, as it were: in the pew where we always sit, or stuck in neutral in the same old habits of sin.

Oh, our sinfulness is pretty run-of-the-mill, nothing to get excited about. We're greedy, lazy, selfish, and judgmental. And, of course, dishonest, because we rarely admit that we're greedy, lazy, and so on. Not even in the confessional, when you get right down to it. Most of our habits of sin may seem too tiresome to mention. But they are obstacles to the spiritual life all the same, because they keep us from embracing the exuberant fullness of the love of God urgent to be expressed in every moment of history.

Being spiritually parked, we don't "walk by faith," so we don't grow in faith either. Instead, we acquire sacraments and accumulate prayer hours as if they were so much religious flab; not all calories are created equal, as we know. We may grow fat with pious practice, but that's not the same as achieving spiritual strength. Strength comes when religious practice translates into grace-in-action. In order to get somewhere, obviously, we have to go somewhere. As easy as that is to understand, it is not always so easy to do.

The time-honored practices of Lent - fasting, prayer, and almsgiving - jump-start the heart muscle. Fasting is a great foundational exercise: Get hungry, somewhere in your well-fed American life, and know how small, fragile, and vulnerable you are! Hunger puts us on the ground floor of humility, that indispensable virtue. It teaches us to be still and know who God is - and who we are - by displacing us from the center of power and sufficiency.

Self-knowledge moves us next to prayer, which opens communication between God and us. Prayer is a two-way street, of course; we don't do all the talking. Our newfound skill of humility ought to enable us to do some thoughtful listening, and our prayer should be richer and more productive than usual. Finally, as the movement of the Spirit in us grows more agile, we will naturally be led to share.

Generosity is not an afterthought to fasting and prayer, but the direct response of knowing how deeply loved and provided for we are. Trusting in God, we can give ourselves away with greater freedom than ever. Money, time, skill, presence - we have more than we need, and furthermore, we know why it came to us in the first place.

Transfiguration

Climbing that Lenten mountain with Jesus seems like a lot of hard work. But what do we encounter at the summit of the spiritual mountain? Something called Transfiguration. It means we see what was always there, but hidden before. We see truly. We see as God sees. This new vision is given to those who are willing to go there to get it. It won't come to us if we don't climb the mountain. It won't come to those who are spiritually parked and waiting for enlightenment to be handed out the drive-thru window like a happy meal. Eucharist does not come in fast food varieties. Eucharist is slow food. It takes a lifetime of remaining steadfast on this journey to absorb it completely.

But if we want a preview of coming attractions, if we want to know where this life is leading us, if we want what the disciples got on top of the mountain, we can have our glimpse of Transfiguration. It is a sustaining vision that can lend us courage in our most difficult hours. It is a privileged view that can teach us what no preacher can say better. The Transfiguration reveals the God in the flesh, and the glory in the humility. Transfiguration reminds us that Christ is hidden in surprising places, and that is why we fast, pray, and give alms. Christ is hiding right now in the poor ones. If we want to see him there, we have to take this path and climb this mountain.

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.

Frank Willis Jr.

Jude Pappas, Ellen Walker,
Trish Danos Trahan

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

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



**SFOA STATIONS OF
THE CROSS 6:00 PM**

**OLSS STATIONS OF
THE CROSS 6:30 PM**

TAKE THE RISK OF FAITH

Salvation history properly begins in chapter 12 of Genesis. The proto-history of the earlier chapters supplies an artful presentation of the downward spiral of human moral disintegration. From the perfect joy of paradise we move through original disobedience to murder in one generation. Alienation from God and each other is complete after the deliberate construction of a tower meant to bridge the gap. The irony of Babel has a theological twist: We can't get there from here, not through our own devices. Having forfeited communion with the Creator, we now must wait on God to construct the bridge. Alert to the movement of Incarnation, we're not surprised when God chooses to begin that construction in human flesh. A fellow named Abram gets a seven-fold blessing from a God he doesn't know, apparently for no good reason whatsoever. Abram is a fallible soul, a gambler enticed by the thrill of an unseen and uninsured promise. So long as the promise is matched by prosperity, he's content to follow through as God's man.

When his own security is on the line, however, Abram is just as quick to trade his beloved wife to ensure his freedom - or sleep with the maid if it simplifies his objectives.

Abram's character is brilliantly disclosed in his famous debate with God over Sodom's fate. He's humble, courteous, even fawning as he makes his case—and he pushes the argument to surprising limits with all the aggressiveness of a skilled lawyer. The thing to remember here is that God likes Abram, really delights in him as a partner in the foundational chapters of humanity's salvation. God appreciates Abram just as Jesus later speaks highly of the unjust steward, and in recognition of the same rare quality: genuine pluck. Abram becomes Abraham, father of nations, because he has the guts to do it, to take the risk. God in turn accepts this stunning faith in the unseen and credits it back to him as righteousness. It's almost comic that future believers will focus on storing up righteousness because they imagine it keeps them safe and dry from risk. Yet as the story goes, God can manufacture righteousness from stones if need be. What God looks for in a partnership is rare and wonderful nerve.

Later key partners will demonstrate this trait: Moses marching Abraham's cantankerous children across the desert landscape or Elijah staring down 400 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. No wonder when Jesus is revealed as the Divine Son he's standing in the company of these noteworthy gamblers, who risked life and limb to unroll the great work of salvation. If we want to join their partnership, the one thing we can't do is play it safe.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 3/02	OLSS - 6:30 PM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5
Tue 3/03	SFoA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continues - Social Hall
Wed 3/04	SFoA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 OLSS - 6:00 PM - Hospitality - Religious Ed - Classroom 5 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - Religious Ed - Double Room
Thu 3/05	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Classroom 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - Religious Ed - Double Room
Fri 3/06	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Lenten Book Study - Religious Ed - Classrooms 4 & 5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - Men's Cursillo - Religious Ed - Classroom 8 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 3/07	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ministry Fair - Social Hall
Sun 3/08	OLSS - 12:00 PM - Ministry Fair - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Lenten Mission

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 3/01	Lawanda Jones Art Fouraker
Sunday 3/08	Lewart Simmons Susan Price-LaSalla

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 3/01	Dennis Conlon, Robert Cappello, Bill Tobias, Roberto Garza, Donna Ponteliona
Monday 3/09	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 02/28	- _____ - Mary Ann Moore	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Don Petrine James Pappas
Sun 03/01	Ray Meaux Brian Benton	John M. Hopkins Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez	Keith Danos Collen Danos Ken Sylvester Carl Boria
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Thu 03/05	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 03/06	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 03/07	Elisabeth Sepulveda Mary Ann Moore	Bryant Shepard	Dave Costa Diane Costa Greg Glaz Dennis Foster
Sun 03/08	Hunt Thornhill Lucia Feijo	Issac Dominici John M. Hopkins Samuel Dominici	Mike Recore Clyde Miller John Nevins Robert Cappello

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OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 22, 2026	FEBRUARY 23, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 5,131.00	COLLECTION - \$ 13,212.11
MAINTENANCE - \$ 2,401.08	MAINTENANCE - \$ 265.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

FEBRUARY 22, 2026	FEBRUARY 23, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,240.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,178.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 588.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 456.00

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*2nd Sunday
OF LENT*



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

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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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Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor

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