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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

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

03/02/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

Pro Populo / For the People

03/03/24 - **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

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

+ Marian Kuchta

03/04/24 - **NO MASS**

03/05/24 - **Tuesday 5:30 PM Adoration & Mass**
+ Sloan Mattingly

03/06/24 - **Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS**
Grace of healing for Kelly Langham

03/06/24 **Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at SFoA**

03/07/24 - **Thursday 8:00 AM Mass**

+ Alfred Meunier

03/08/24 - **Friday 8:00 AM Mass**

+ Wong & Leon Phonaing

03/09/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**

Birthday Blessing for Evelyn Meaux

03/10/24 - **First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

+ Stanislaw & Janina 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**

FREE HELP! Do you need help around the house? In your yard? Putting things away or in the attic? Whatever it is we're here to help. The teens annual **Walk by Faith** Service retreat will be **Sat. March 23rd**. They will come to your home to help you with your needs. Please email **religioused@weareolss.org** to get your name on the list and schedule a time for a small group to come to your home.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

SFOA - 6:00 PM

OLSS - 6:30 PM



GETTING THE LAW RIGHT

In Torah commentaries rabbis always point out the unequal proportions of the Decalogue. The first four Commandments (concerning our obligations to God) take up 10 extended verses, while the ensuing six (about mortal relationships) occupy a half dozen clipped lines. It should be noted that in Jewish tradition the Commandments are numbered differently. Because the two forbidden “covetings” at the end are combined as one prohibition, the first four Commandments are counted as follows: 1. God alone is the God of Israel (vs. 2-3); 2. Idols and images are forbidden (vs. 4-6); 3. False oaths using God’s name are forbidden (vs. 7); 4. The sabbath must be kept holy (vs. 8-11).

God’s singularity, as well as the holiness of the divine name and the day of rest, are clearly weighted with more significance than the obligations we have toward one another: parents, neighbors, and fellow citizens. In Hebrew, in fact, the weightiest Commandment is the one regarding the sabbath day, if sheer word power is the measure. To get the sabbath right paved the way to getting everything right.

That is why the use Jesus made of the sabbath was the most shocking part of his ministry. He used the sabbath for the sake of his neighbors and fellow citizens - even strangers and outsiders!

He used God’s day for the welfare of people. It turned the traditional understanding of the Law inside out and on its head.

If we listen to the responsorial psalm of the day, we hear a refrain that echoes through the Psalms, not to mention the books of law, prophecy, and wisdom. God’s law is perfect. You can trust it. You can bet your life on its clarity and purity. Many righteous people resonate with that idea. Submitting yourself to the dictates of law—whether the laws of the land or God’s laws or interior convictions—is a most uncomplicated way to live. It removes ambiguity and indecision from the picture because, in a sense, you don’t have to decide at all. You just have to obey.

The icon of that submission, of course, was the Jerusalem Temple. There, lawgivers rendered their judgments on individual cases. There, sacrifices on behalf of the nation were judiciously performed. There, offerings were made and taxes were collected to serve as ballast against sin. When Jesus made his assault against the Temple, which he did tout de suite in John’s gospel, he challenged the traditional understanding of Law altogether. And when his motives were questioned, Jesus declared that he was replacing the great institution of the Temple with himself. Of course no one understood him, nor would they have believed him. An incarnate law changes everything.

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THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THIRST

AN INTERESTING CONTRAST presents itself in our two big Bible stories this week. On the one hand we’ve got the grumbling nation behind Moses: reasonably thirsty, yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who’ve been recently delivered from a generation of slavery, miraculously led across a divided sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the Sinai wilderness. You’d expect a little show of faith from these people, an air of courtesy mixed into their request for water. But all we see is an ugly, snarling mob of ingrates.

On the other hand we meet the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty, too, or she wouldn’t be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched midday hour. She also has reasons to be unpleasant: It’s hot, there’s a strange man hovering over her destination, and what’s worse he’s a traditional enemy to her community. Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling the stranger “sir” and demonstrating, once more, a delightful spunk that is the signature characteristic of a biblical hero. Whereas the nasty mob around Moses repels us—we don’t want to be in the midst of these people more than necessary and are grateful they remain an anonymous sea of hostility—we find ourselves befriending the woman of Samaria. We want to know her name.

We’d like to follow her home and find out what happens to her after her privileged encounter with Jesus. We know in general terms that the fates of the participants in these two stories couldn’t be more distinct. The nation behind Moses, ever wielding a blade of mistrust that could wind up in their leader’s back, gets their spring of water and miraculous rescue once more. But does it change anything? Won’t they be just as angry, aggrieved, and thirsty again tomorrow? The rock at Horeb provides them with water for a day, or a week. Still the place remains defined by the spirit of the people: Massah and Meribah, quarreling and testing. In the deepest and most real sense, the community remains parched and unsatisfied.

By contrast watch what happens to our heroine of Samaria. She leaves her bucket unfilled by the well, no longer in need of the kind of water that lasts a day. She leaves her grievances by the well, too, running back to the community that has judged her behavior in the past with news too good to withhold. Living water has changed her, turning a notorious woman into a reliable witness. Once defined by a wearily eminent marriageability, she’s redefined in a sterling new relationship as the first apostle to the Samaritans. Thirst is not a bad thing, we realize. It can lead straight to our heart’s desire.

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 25, 2024 | FEBRUARY 26, 2023 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| COLLECTION \$ 9,442.59 | COLLECTION - \$ 10,309.50 |
| MAINTENANCE \$ 292.50 | MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,890.00 |

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | FEBRUARY 26, 2023 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION \$ 1,145.00 | COLLECTION - \$ 1,355.00 |
| MAINTENANCE \$ 2,375.00 | MAINTENANCE - \$ 410.50 |

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

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support in the journey of strengthening our parish community. Recently, we invested over \$140,000 in replacing the broken air-conditioning units in our church, ensuring a more comfortable worship environment.

As our beloved church and surrounding buildings reach respectively 14 and more years mark, we anticipate additional maintenance needs. We've identified crucial areas, such as leaking Air-Conditioning unit in our Office building, a faltering Sound system, and impending necessity of the new roof for the church (not the tile part but the flat parts of the roof) These challenges remind us of the importance of collective support.

In light of these upcoming expenses, I kindly ask for your generosity towards the second collection that each month is dedicated to our building fund. Your contributions will not only address immediate needs but also fortify the foundation of our spiritual home for years to come.

We are going to change the name of our Building Maintenance to Building Preservation. This will cover such things as replacing the air conditioners, fixing the roofs, fixing the damages done from water damage, etc. Please continue to use the blue envelope marked Building Maintenance until the envelopes are changed for next year.

Online Giving - It has come to our attention that some of you are unaware that the second collection envelopes are also online. If you prefer to contribute, please know that all envelopes that you have are also online. Additionally, the online giving for Grounds and for the Ukrainian families has been discontinued. If you contributed to Grounds, please change that to Building Maintenance. If you contributed to the Ukrainians please change that to Good Samaritan.



faith, hope, charity

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

UPDATE

| | GOAL | TOTAL GIVEN | AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL |
|------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| OLSS | \$ 39,662.00 | \$ 12,060.30 | \$ 27,601.70 |
| SFOA | \$ 5,434.00 | \$ 820.00 | \$ 4,614.00 |



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

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: March 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. Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in your church community

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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2024
Spring Cursillo Encounter

St. Anne Catholic Church
2000 Kay Circle – Columbus, GA
19 – 20 April, 2024

Registration Forms & instructions
available online at:
[www. https://diosavcursillo.org/](http://www.diosavcursillo.org/)

Let the Fire of Friendship Fall

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT
 Post-Abortion Healing Weekend

April 5-7, 2024
 Near Augusta, GA


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