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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 I
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday M

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 4:00 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 WEEKLY SESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA DAILY CONFESSIONS

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DIFFERENT SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK
CHECK INSIDE

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

03/23/24 - **Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM**
Pro Populo / For the People

03/24/24 - **Palm Sunday**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ David Bliton

03/25/24 - **Monday: NO MASS**

03/26/24 - **Tuesday: NO MASS AT OLSS**
CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
IN SAVANNAH AT 11:00 AM

03/27/24 - **Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS**

03/27/24 **Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at SFoA**

03/28/24 - **HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Mass with**
Procession to "Garden of Gethsemane"

03/29/24 - **GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM**
Veneration of the Cross

03/30/24 - **EASTER VIGIL: 8:00 PM**

03/31/24 - **EASTER**
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Wladyslaw & Anna Kuchta

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

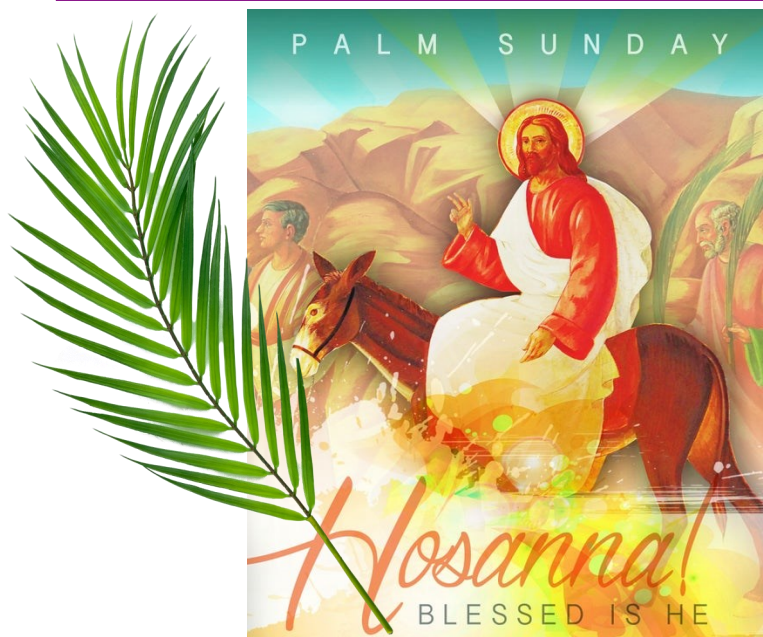
Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

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THE MEAL IN THE MIDDLE

The Passion narrative is so enthralling on its own terms it can be difficult to keep in mind that it is not simply a drama about the death of Jesus. Gospel stories are deliberately told in a way that always invites us to find our place in the story. When Mark invented the gospel genre he made it consciously interactive, modernly speaking. Scholars point to his “sandwiching” technique of folding one story between the halves of another, deepening the contrast between characters and their choices. So *we, too, must choose*, Mark says with each comparison.

Never is that more apparent than in the Passion account, where marvelous characterizations offer early church members—and modern ones, too—the opportunity to decide whether courage or cowardice will mark their own discipleship. The Last Supper narrative becomes the gateway through which the stories surrounding it are illuminated. The heroic self-offering of Jesus stands between bitter tales of betrayal and denial.

On one side of the Supper an unnamed woman pours away nearly a year’s wages with the perfumed oil she uses to anoint Jesus. She reaps no personal reward for this action, but for her courage, prophetic insight, and self-sacrifice Jesus declares that her memory will become part of his gospel for all time. Quite an astonishing recognition!

Compare her response to Jesus on that night with that of one of his 12 closest followers. Judas, who shares the indignation of others present at this “display” and “waste,” leaves directly to make a devil’s bargain with the chief priests over the life of his teacher. Which disciple will we be: the anonymous woman of wise action or the celebrated follower who does his evil under cover of darkness?

On the far side of the Last Supper is Peter’s denial. While Judas’ betrayal simply hastened the arrest of Jesus that was already in the works, Peter’s disavowal of Jesus was indescribably personal and pivotal. Barely an hour earlier Peter had sworn that his faith in Jesus could not be shaken. Yet he slept through Jesus’ agony in the garden and did not awaken to the superficiality of his loyalty until it was three times too late.

Mark inserts another nameless character here to underscore Peter’s plight—and ours—in the young man wrapped in a linen cloth who runs away naked from the dangerous hour. The cloth suggests the attire of the baptized; that it is swept away by a grasping hand reveals that outward signs of faith mean nothing if they are not also deeply internalized. Those who leave the side of Jesus in the critical hour are truly naked and vulnerable. Mark asks us to contrast all of these images with that of Jesus, sitting at supper, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” Take it, and never forsake it.

PROSTRATION -

Lying face down in a ritual expressing humility, reverence, and submission. Used in the liturgy of ordination, it is also the posture assumed during the entrance ritual on Good Friday when priests and ministers proceed in silence and then reverence the altar before all assembled with a full **prostration**.

WHY IT MATTERS

Postures are powerful. We say much without saying a word. Genuflection and kneeling demonstrate respect. The Asian kowtow—kneeling while touching forehead to the ground—is a deeper display of reverence. The rare full **prostration** symbolizes total submission to God alone. The ultimate **prostration** of Jesus on the cross brings about our salvation.

From the *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*: This act of **prostration** [on Good Friday], signifies both the abasement of “earthly man” and also the grief and sorrow of the Church.

WHAT IS HUMILITY?

Humility is just about the exact opposite of everything you see in the world nowadays! To discover the essentials of humility, you have to experiment with self-emptying. Humility recognizes that everything comes from God and belongs to God. Therefore, to God alone go all praise, honor, and glory. When you begin with God and not with yourself, your perspective on reality does a dramatic shift. God’s will comes first. “Not my will, but yours be done,” as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane.

When you choose the perspective of a humble heart, you become aware that your proper orientation as creatures should be one of obedience - that is, attentive listening - to God’s call. It’s precisely the attitude of obedience that led to the salvation of the world, as Saint Paul tells us: “[Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” Paul explains that humility means putting other people ahead of yourself, thinking of their needs rather than yours. That is so countercultural, jaws will drop whenever you attempt it.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Easter Sunday 3-31-24 Simple “Easter People” Potluck Breakfast and then Egg Hunt following Mass in the Social Hall

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

The next VIRTUS class will be April 20, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 12: PM in the Social Hall. You must pre-register at virtusonline.org.

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 relregioused@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 relregioused@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

MARCH 17, 2024		MARCH 19, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 9,580.50	↑	COLLECTION - \$ 6,092.50
MAINTENANCE \$ 927.50	↓	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,287.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 17, 2024		MARCH 19, 2023
COLLECTION \$ 980.00	↑	COLLECTION - \$ 875.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 352.00	↑	MAINTENANCE - \$ 320.00

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM
Mass at
SFOA 11:00
AM Mass at
OLSS

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM
Mass with
procession to
"Garden of
Gethsemane"
following

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM
Stations of
the Cross
7:00 PM
Veneration
of the Cross

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM
Mass
EASTER
SUNDAY
8:30 AM
Mass at
SFOA
11:00 AM
Mass at OLSS

**Next mandatory altar server training is
Saturday, May 18th, 2024 10AM**

ATTENTION YOUNG MEN!

Altar Boys today can trace their roots, or genealogy, to the order of 'Acolyte', a ministry reserved only for men and those that were going to be ordained priests. The diocesan Bishop may permit the liturgical functions of the instituted Acolyte to be carried out by an Altar Boy. Although you are not ordained, you are commissioned by your parish Priest. You help spread the Gospel and the love of Christ through your actions and words. This privilege is a special honor that bestows many graces upon you and all of those you serve.

The primary role of the Altar Boy is to assist the Priest and Deacons at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. New Altar Boys must meet these requirements:

Have received their First Holy Communion.

Be mature enough to understand the ministry and responsibilities.

Understand the disciplines and requirements of the Roman Liturgy.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Boy, please e-mail Jason Dominici at Dominici.jason@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Beverly Newvine, Carol Murray, Avett Hoffman, Kathy Crews, Reeney Adams, Louis D'Agstino, Rhond D'Agstino 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 Marx, 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

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	GOAL	TOTAL GIVEN	AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL
OLSS	\$ 39,662.00	\$ 19,321.30	\$ 20,340.70
SFOA	\$ 5,434.00	\$ 3,420.70	\$ 2,013.30

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