

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Fr. Mariusz Fuks, Pastor

Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
Saint Marys, Georgia 31558

Lent

MARCH 26, 2023

*Jesus cried out
in a loud voice,
“Lazarus,
come out!”*

John 11:43

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

700 Kingsland Drive
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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.

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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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	30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment

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 religiously@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 religiously@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; 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



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THE NEW LIFE TO COME

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. They did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother's illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—he overturned it. Lazarus' death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, “Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.” In this moment, the world was given a sign of the new life to come through Christ, the Risen One.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

There really is no way around it. Eventually, we will grapple with the death of a loved one, a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. As we mature, we also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Sunday readings this Lent have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. We have acknowledged and perhaps heightened our thirst for the Lord and have committed ourselves to walk in the light of God's grace. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the resurrection and the life.

COME TO BELIEVE

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, “I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow, happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12–14

Psalms 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8

Romans 8:8–11

John 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

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

- 03/25/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil
*For the repose of the soul of
Lisa McAllister*
- 03/26/23 - Fourth Sunday of lent
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Birthday Blessing for Loretta Benton
- 03/27/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 03/28/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
*For the repose of the soul of
Concepta Gaughan*
- 03/29/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass
Birthday Blessing for Keith Rahn
- 03/29/23 - Wednesday: 6:00 PM Mass at St. Francis
in Folkston
- 03/30/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Joseph Geraci
- 03/31/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Eduardo Bautista
- 04/01/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
For the repose of the soul of Lisa McAllister
- 04/02/23 - Palm Sunday
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Tim Gaskill, Cathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartard, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna Pethel, Jennifer Moran, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avilles, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., Bruce Giegerich, David Bliton, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, "Skipper" Boone, Micky Nieves, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Mary Angela Morrissey, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Ianthe Brathwaite, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Barbara Trudeau, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Doris Adams, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

To add a name to the prayer list please email

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



From Saint Francis of Assisi



SFoA Palm Sunday Join us for our Pancake breakfast (bring dish to share) and Easter Egg hunt for the children. Easter Egg Hunt will be after pancake breakfast. Empty plastic Eggs are in cartons in the vestibule this Sunday to be returned by April 1st or 2nd. Feel free to decorate plastic eggs if you feel creative with paint, stickers, markers, or tattoos.

SFoA Easter Sunday we will have special pre-mass music so come early and enjoy.

BURN

**DIOCESAN
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CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 21-23, 2023
WARNER ROBINS**

**8th grade –
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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 !



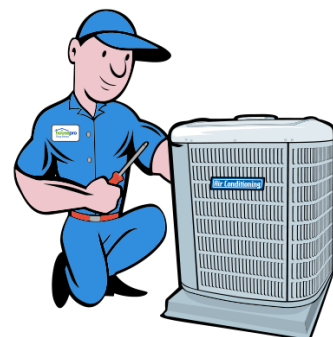
Dates: March 31
Time: 5-6:30
Place: Social Hall

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.



If you were unable to get your picture taken for our directory, please provide the office with a picture so that you can be included. We will submit all pictures to the printer for inclusion. If you have any group photographs of activities, events, etc. that would be appropriate for the directory, please send them to the office.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING FUNDS FOR THE CHURCH AC UNIT. IT WILL COST AROUND \$57.000 TO REPLACE IT, THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ALREADY HELP WITH DONATIONS. THE UNIT WAS ORDERED AND THE WORK WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS ALL THE PARTS ARRIVE.



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

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Savannah
Tuesday April 4, at 11:00 AM

THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON TUESDAY APRIL 4th AND WEDNESDAY APRIL 5th



Come explore the Wilderness with St. John the Baptist! Student Registration is open online through our Church website. You can turn them in with payment during RE hours. Contact Veronica at 706-614-8757 for any questions



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Total Given - \$21,274.40	Total Given - \$3,603.10
% of Target - 64.75	% of Target - 92.48
# of Donors - 97	# of Donors - 15
% Participation- 25.59	% Participation- 37.50

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OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 19, 2023	MARCH 20, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 6,092.50	COLLECTION - \$ 6,335.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,287.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 810.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 19, 2023	MARCH 20, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 875.00	COLLECTION - \$ 835.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 320.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 316.00

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