

Our Lady Star of the Sea

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PALM SUNDAY OF
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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

Palm Sunday - My Will Be Done

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. That might sound odd, considering how the disciples fall asleep while Jesus is in distress. I suppose I could identify with them as they show weakness when Jesus needed strength. But I am really comforted by Jesus' words. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39), I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it's comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father's will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Thy will be done." But how often do we still take the easy way out? Ever hear someone tell a lie or spreading gossip that hurts a person's reputation? We can choose to do nothing (the easy way) or gently reproach the other with a simple question, "What would Jesus do?" When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it's none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done"?

Luke's Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, "When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father's will. Our temptations continue every day as we face frustrations, desire for things we can't have, unanswered prayers, or our own weaknesses. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what we think is best, at least remember to say, "Not my will, but yours be done."

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The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost.

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Treasure from Tradition

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

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Encounter with the Cross

The journey of Lent brings us to an encounter with the cross. During Lent, we have been led more deeply into questions at the heart of our faith: Who is God? And who are we, the Church? The Gospel of Matthew indicates that, in the crucifixion, God's true nature is most fully revealed in Jesus. In Jesus, God is the self-emptying One, who embraces humility and suffers rejection, as Paul tells the Philippians. God's power is redefined, present not in coercion and violence, but in Jesus' unbounded love. We the Church can learn who we are, the followers of the Crucified One, when we bear crosses that offer life and hope to the world. We more fully become the Church when we empty ourselves by sharing in others' sufferings, rejecting violence, and taking risks for justice and reconciliation. Like Jesus, we may reveal God's power as compassion and mercy.

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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

04/01/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of
Tom Ganaham*

04/02/23 - Palm Sunday of lent

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

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

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock

04/03/23 - Monday: NO MASS

04/04/23 - Tuesday:

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of
St. John the Baptist in Savannah -11:00 AM

04/05/23 - Wednesday: NO MASS

04/05/23 - Wednesday: NO MASS at St. Francis
in Folkston

04/06/23 - Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM

04/07/23 - Good Friday:

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

04/08/23 - Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM

04/09/23 - Easter Sunday

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

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

Have you ever wondered what you should do with your palms after Easter? Traditionally, the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service come from burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance when the custom was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes and put dust and ashes on one's head.

We will have a burn barrel for any old palms you may have. The barrel will be available throughout the month of April.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Danielson, Kathleen Geary, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Tim Gaskill, Cathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartard, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna Pethtel, Jennifer Moran, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avelles, 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
office@weareolss.org**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;

Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,

12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass)

Lk 24:13-35



We would like to thank Chrissy Bundrick, Susan Sartain and Sue Lockhart for their membership in our Pastoral Council. They have served for quite a few years and are now stepping down. Their replacements: Patty Annunziata, Natalia Sepulveda and Dominic Deluca will be wonderful additions for our Pastoral Council

OLSS PASTORAL COUNCIL /from left to right/

Bill Whitlock - President
 Dominic DeLuca
 Natalia Sepulveda
 Jennifer Hutchinson
 Patricia Annunziata Tricia Jenkins - Secretary
 Ron Logan
 Jason Dominici
 Josh Masterson Vice President



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.

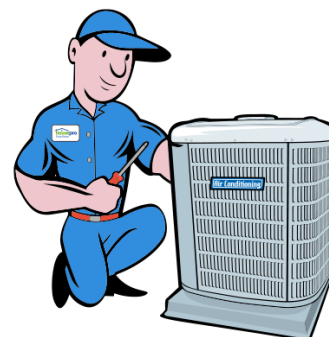
SFoA Easter Sunday we will have special pre-mass music so come early and enjoy.

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



The Ave Maria Assembly will be selling Hog n' Bones smoked Boston butt tickets for \$30.00 each from 15 April 2023 to 14 May 2023. Tickets will be sold at the Narthex before and after each mass.

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
OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY



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



Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in St. Marys, GA is searching for a Music Director. It Is paid position. 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 our office at office@weareolss.org or Fr. Marius at Pastor@weareolss.org

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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One Time - \$22,016.90	One Time - \$3,743.10
Total Given - \$22,941.90	Total Given - \$3,743.10
% of Target - 69.82	% of Target - 96.08
# of Donors - 103	# of Donors - 17
% Participation- 27.18	% Participation- 42.50

TO REACH OUR GOAL WE NEED;

OLSS - \$ 9,916.10

SFOA - \$ 152.90

Every dollar counts in reaching our goal this year. Please consider donating to ACA

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MARCH 26, 2023	MARCH 27, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 8,891.50	COLLECTION - \$ 6,136.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 238.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 135.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MARCH 26, 2023	MARCH 27, 2022
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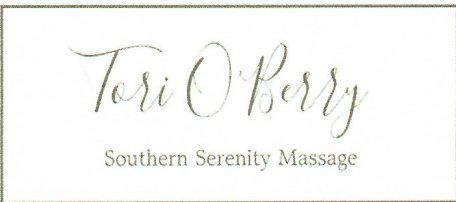
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