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# Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fr. Mariusz Fuks, Pastor

*Saint*  
*Francis of Assisi*  
*Catholic Mission*

700 KINGSLAND DRIVE, FOLKSTON, GEORGIA 31537

## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31



## 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

#### Directory

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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	<b>30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment</b>

### 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 religioused@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 religioused@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



The pre-Mass music for Easter at **St Francis of Assisi** has been rescheduled for April 30th. Come early and enjoy.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the stranger could quote scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

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### EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

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### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

#### Neophytes

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass. Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community.

As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

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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

**04/15/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil**

*For the response of the soul of Ray Thek*

**04/16/23 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM - (St. Francis)**

*Birthday blessing for Barbara Schlag*

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

*For the response of the soul of*

*Michael Perry*

**04/17/23 - Monday: NO MASS**

**04/18/23 - 8:00 AM Tuesday Mass**

*For the repose of the soul of Susan Sanchez*

**04/19/23 - 8:00 AM Wednesday Mass**

*For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock*

**04/19/23 - 6:00 PM Wednesday Mass**

*at St. Francis in Folkston*

**04/20/23 - 8:00 AM Thursday Mass**

*Grace of healing for Kathleen Geary*

**04/21/23 - 8:00 AM Friday Mass**

*God's graces upon Chris Peterson*

**04/22/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil**

*For the repose of the soul of Martha Varga*

**04/23/23 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)**

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

*For the repose of the soul of Susan Feller*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;

Jn 10:1-10

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marie Stoner, Braeden Hormann, Christopher Clay Field, Barbara Danielson, Kathleen Geary, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Tim Gaskill, Cathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartard, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna Pethtel, 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**  
**[office@weareolss.org](mailto:office@weareolss.org)**



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. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS NO LATER THAN THE END OF APRIL.**

If you have any group photographs of activities, events, etc. that would be appropriate for the directory, please send them to the office. **PHOTOS DUE BY THE END OF APRIL.**



The Vacation Bible School Team needs your help in providing an awesome VBS program this summer for participating children. The items donated will be greatly felt throughout the week of VBS. You can also make a monetary donation, big or small, in cash or online through the VBS tile in the Church's Online Giving site. All donations need to be turned in by June 2nd.

Thank you for supporting the children! - VBS Team

3 Bottles of Chocolate Syrup	5 Gallons of Whole Milk	3 Boxes of Graham Crackers
30 Hershey Milk Chocolate Bars	4 Boxes of Nilla Wafer	4 Bags of Big Marshmallows
8 Packs of Juice Boxes/ CapriSuns	20 Boxes Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix	4 Bags of Pretzel Sticks
2 Fruit Trays	6 Boxes of Blue Jello Mix	4 Bags of Popped Popcorn
2 Bags of Assorted Candies	1 Big Bag of Mint Life Savers	3 Cans of Pizza Sauce
3 Cans of Cheese Sauce	4 Bags of Cheddar Cheese Slices	3 Pounds of Grapes
3 Big Seedless Watermelons	2 Loaves of Sliced Bread	1 Bottle of Vitamins (60 count)
1 Big Box of Gallon Sized Bags	1 Big Box of Snack Sized Bags	1 Big Box of Sandwich Sized Bags
2 Packs of Paper Bowls	2 Packs of Paper Plates	10 Sponges
2 Packs of Cups - 8 oz.	12 Tissue Boxes	5 Big Boxes of Small Band-Aids
2 Bags of Cotton Balls	2 Packs of Index Cards	3 Big Gift Bags
3 Modge Podge Bottles	50 Bubbles with Wands	50 Small Book Rings
2 Bags Medium Sized Red Tinsel Pom Poms	1 Bag of Small Erasers	50 Fan Paddles
2 Bags of Blue Marbles	4 Happy Birthday Balloons	Old Sleeping Bags

An updated list will be provided every week and can also be found online through the QR code below!







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

Council 1105 of the **Knights of Columbus** is holding the quarterly roadside clean-up on Saturday April 29, 2023, at 8:30 AM. Parishioners are invited to join the knights. The meeting place will be at the County Health Department 905 Dilworth Street. Please bring your own buckets, trash bags, gloves and pickers. Any questions please ask any Knight of Columbus before and after mass.

**All High School Seniors** are invited to attend the 11 AM mass at OLSS on 30 April 2023. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus Assembly 3391 will be honoring the students after the 11 AM mass. Any questions, please contact Norberto Caez or Sally Caez at [caez@tds.net](mailto:caez@tds.net) or (912)552-1155

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### OLSS

Target - \$32,858.00  
 Pledge - \$7,710.00  
 Paid on Pledge - \$1,950.00  
 Pledge Balance-\$5,760.00  
 One Time - \$24,130.15  
 Total Given - \$26,080.15  
 % of Target - 79.37  
 # of Donors - 111  
 % Participation - 29.29

### OLSS TO REACH OUR GOAL WE NEED;

**\$ 6,777.85**

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

CONGRATULATIONS

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### SFOA

**Target - \$3,896.00**  
**Pledge - \$0.00**  
**Paid on Pledge - \$0.00**  
**Pledge Balance - \$0.00**  
**One Time - \$4,218.10**  
**Total Given - \$4,218.10**  
**% of Target - 108.27**  
**# of Donors - 21**  
**% Participation - 52.50**



### OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 16, 2023	APRIL 17, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 10,448.50	COLLECTION - \$ 6,054.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,561.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 285.00

### SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 16, 2023	APRIL 17, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 635.00	COLLECTION - \$ 915.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 261.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,300.00

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