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SUNDAY

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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Greetings to all of the OLSS parishioners

Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of your weekly worship. It may take me a bit of time to settle in and become familiar with all of you and the worship space. Please take a moment to stop by and say hello at the end of mass. I will add my contact info at the bottom if you would like to reach out with any questions. I hope to add a choir and cantor training opportunity for willing parish members. I will be posting more in the bulletin as plans progress.

I have had many happy years of service in churches of many denominations, however my faith has always been Catholic. I am very blessed to be able to be a part once again of the celebration of Mass. I look forward to many joy filled celebrations to come here at OLSS.



THE COST OF LEADERSHIP

In a free society, people will always complain about their leadership. Whether we're talking about the president of the United States or the person in charge of the preschool program, the person in command is automatically a target for disapproval and disappointment. It's not a bad thing to hold our leaders accountable, as far as that goes. The real scandal is never who did what in the White House or the diocese. Rather, it's that rarely do those in seats of authority embrace full responsibility for "what they have done and failed to do."

Criticizing the leadership is our right, of course. But our responsibility is also to nurture, discern, and install good leaders—a task fewer of us seem as anxious to embrace. In the corridors of power, decisions are made that affect the future for all of us. Our government, our church, and our commercial enterprises must be guided by wise men and women invested in upholding the common good, not simply the status quo or the bottom line.

Enter Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is our annual opportunity to reflect on the role leaders play in our global and local communities. It's also a time to consider how each of us is obliged to contribute our own leadership to the pool of authority and not just to bellyache about the folks in charge.

PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKE

Leaders are people, not gods. Yet when the church appoints them or we elect them, we expect these anointed ones to perform beyond human limitations and imperfections. We anticipate their arrival into public service to be free from temptation and beyond mortal weakness. If they can't read the future, they better do a pretty good imitation of it for our benefit. Leaders are supposed to be better than we are in character, wisdom, and foresight.

And it's no mistake to expect a lot from leaders. After all, what does it mean to lead if *not* in ways of character, wisdom, and foresight? But when our leaders fail us, as they often do, we drag them from the pedestal of the superhuman and condemn them to the dungeon of the subhuman. In both instances, we fail those called to lead us. We do not give them the support and cooperation they need as mortals, nor do we offer them the compassion they deserve as sinners.

Recall the Pentecost street scene from Acts. Peter and the Eleven remind the Jerusalem crowds of how privileged a people they are, the nation that serves as a light to all nations. Yet they failed miserably in their calling when they put to death their own Messiah. What nation can be a light when it fails to illuminate its own darkness? As the story goes, 3,000 people within the sound of Peter's voice were cut to the heart by his words. "What are we to do, my brothers?" they pleaded. "Turn," he advised. "Turn around."

Peter knew well of what he spoke, having so recently repented his own ignorance in relationship to his Lord. If leaders and those led could embrace the mutual call to repentance and renewal, instead of the usual rounds of recrimination and protestation of innocence, perhaps we could move forward into the future more purposefully. There is no better leader than one who knows he/she is also a sinner.

WHERE DO WE FIND GOOD LEADERS?

When people hassle our local pastor about the church hierarchy's many failings in recent years, he always says, "So how many children did your mom send to the priesthood?" His point is direct but clear. Many Catholics, quite content to carp on the church's disappointment du jour, have never given equal time to contemplating their own call to leadership within the community of faith. And often the same people would actively discourage their children from exploring a religious vocation and, presumably, improving on the leadership pool for the future.

Many years ago, my parents refused to entertain the idea of me entering a religious order even though they pride themselves on their Catholic identity. My father actually called such a way of life a "waste." Many parents I talk to think nothing of actively prepping their children for med school, the law, or business. But they blush at the idea of inviting their children to think of a vocation to the church as if it's unfair to "pressure" them in these matters. The likely truth here is that all of us have learned to define success in worldly terms. A life of service is indeed a waste if the mortal goal is to make as much money as possible.

If we want good leadership in the church, we have to pray for it, yes. And we also have to challenge ourselves to be such leaders and to groom such leaders in our midst fearlessly. In the same way, if we want just government, character-building educators, ethically minded business leaders, we have to take our leadership into dialogue with city hall, the public schools, and the marketplace. Do we inadvertently talk in opposition to such groups in our assembly, in careless dismissals of the "rich and powerful," as if such folk are intrinsic enemies to the gospel? Or do we run faith-sharing groups, days of recollection, and other faith formation opportunities geared precisely for the special needs of such leaders? Some of these folks are Catholic and are already sitting in our pews. Others aren't but might be looking for a community to support their values and partner with them in the ongoing process of moral discernment.

I'AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

The preacher often serves as the gatekeeper of the assembly. This is the voice they hear beckoning them with words of life. The prophetic challenge, the call to moral living, words of encouragement and consolation all come to the faithful on Sunday morning. If anyone is charged with the responsibility to raise up leaders in every aspect of our society, it's the one who issues the proclamation of the gospel every week. Parents have to do their part. So do teachers and mentors and employers and politicians. But who has the distinct advantage of having all of these people together in one room each week? Not to mention a microphone in hand? Jesus gets to be the gate; we just have to make sure the gate is opened and the invitation is issued. Let's invite everyone not simply to dissect our leadership but to divert some of this energy into providing the leadership we'd like to see. Behind every genuine leader is the next generation of leadership, watching and learning and imitating. - **Alice Camille**

HIS MASTER'S VOICE

The RCA company was one of the first to develop the phonograph, or, as they called it, the Victrola. Their logo was a dog sitting next to an old-style phonographic speaker with his ear cocked and



listening. RCA's selling point was that the sound of their phonograph was so true to life that the dog would be able to recognize his master's voice.

How good are you at recognizing the voice of the Lord in your life? Does it come through loud and clear, or is it distorted by the noise and franticness of your life? Are there too many other competing voices of work and worry and family and commitments for you to hear God's words to you? Or are you able to hear those whispered words of God in and through your work and family and daily living? In today's gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says his sheep know his voice and follow him. They are not fooled by the voices of strangers calling out but stay close to the Lord. That takes attention and listening, something that often seems in short supply in modern life. Make time to listen to the words of Jesus - in the gospel, in the Mass, and in your daily life. Come to know and recognize his voice so you won't be fooled but saved. - **Tom McGrath**

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

04/29/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

For the response of the soul of Martha Varga

04/30/23 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

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

For the response of the soul of

Susan Feller

05/01/23 - Monday: NO MASS

05/02/23 - 8:00 AM Tuesday Mass

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock

05/03/23 - 8:00 AM Wednesday Mass

God's graces upon Karen Ford

05/03/23 - 6:00 PM Wednesday Mass

at St. Francis in Folkston

05/04/23 - 8:00 AM Thursday Mass

For the repose of the soul of Matthew Ford

05/05/23 - 8:00 AM First Friday Mass at Historic Chapel

For the repose of the soul of Kyran Gaughan

05/06/23 10:00 AM First Saturday Devotions

05/06/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil

For the repose of the soul of Alma Mullen

05/07/23 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

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

Healing for Kieran Gaughan Jr.

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

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn

10:22-30

Wednesday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/

Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn

14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn

14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt

2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

(1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18



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



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.

The **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah.

The following session has been added to the schedule in your Deanery:

April 29th – 9:00am – 12:00pm at St. William Church on St. Simons Island

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration can be found at virtusonline.org

A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.

No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Target - \$32,858.00
Pledge - \$7,710.00
Paid on Pledge - \$1,950.00
Pledge Balance-\$5,760.00
One Time - \$24,590.15
Total Given - \$26,540.15
% of Target - 80.77
of Donors - 114
% Participation - 30.08

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\$ 6,317.85

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Target - \$3,896.00
Pledge - \$0.00
Paid on Pledge - \$0.00
Pledge Balance - \$0.00
One Time - \$4,638.10
Total Given - \$4,638.10
% of Target - 119.05
of Donors - 22
% Participation - 55.00

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 23, 2023	APRIL 24, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 5,928.50	COLLECTION - \$ 6,838.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 525.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 110.00



SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 23, 2023	APRIL 24, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 1,225.00	COLLECTION - \$ 775.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 446.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 150.00



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