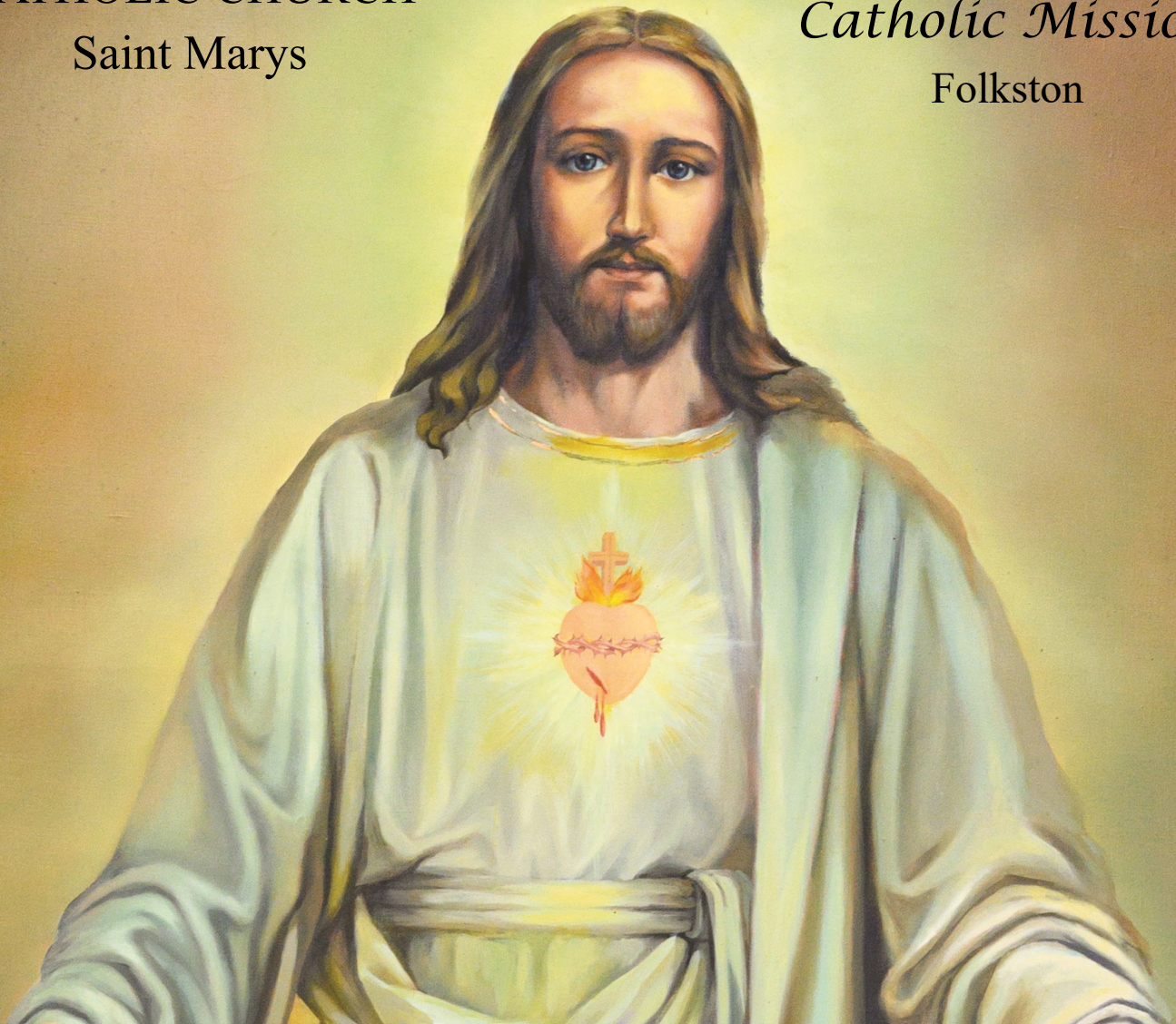


Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saint Marys

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission
Folkston



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

May 3, 2026

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM

(except on Holy Saturday)

Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS

SCHEDULE

Monday No Service

Tuesday 5:30 PM

Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS

SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS

SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Holy Rosary

30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass

8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays from 5:00PM to 6:30 PM



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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.

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 INTENTIONS

- 05/02/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People
- 05/03/26—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
8th birthday blessings for Adam
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Dorothy Cade
- 05/04/26—Monday: NO MASS
- 05/05/26—Tuesday: 5:00PM Adoration & Holy Rosary
& Communion Service
- 05/06/26—Wednesday: 8:00AM Mass at OLSS
+ Pauline Puchalsky
NO 5:00PM Mass at SFOA
- 05/07/26—Thursday: 8:00AM Communion Service
- 05/08/26—Friday: 5:00PM Adoration & Holy Rosary &
Communion Service
- 05/09/26—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
+ Sophie Niksa
- 05/10/26—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Lancelot Simmons Sr.

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE MAY 9-10, 2026

Bags will be passed out May 2-3, 2026. Please help us feed the community. Any donation is welcome!!

Needed items: cans of green beans, corn, peas, black beans, soup, tuna fish, spaghetti/spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, cereal, pancake/syrup, oatmeal, 1 lb. bags of rice, instant potatoes, boxes of macaroni & cheese, jiffy corn muffin mix, ramen noodles, saltine crackers, toilet paper, bars of soap.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish for at least four months. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Helen Black, Kathryn McShane Potts

Braedon Horman

Frank Willis, Jr., Paul Norton, Kathy Head, Matt Metty, Frank & MaryAnn Greco, Diane Harrell, Dr. Christopher Scuderi

Larry Mallard, Trish Danos Trahan, Gloria Creole, Jim Smoska

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PUR-
PORTING TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ**

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

**NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUESTED IN
THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!**

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



In today's selection from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that the nearly perfect community Luke told us about a couple of weeks ago, wasn't always ideal.

The contentious Hellenists and the Hebrews represented two distinct cultural strands within the community. The "Hebrews" considered themselves as the "natives" or originals. They spoke Aramaic, revered the Temple and practiced a carefully conservative religiosity. (Give me that old-time religion!) The Hellenists were Greek-speaking Jews, influenced by a wider world. Their families had settled outside the promised land and their culture — language, customs, religiosity — had been affected by that.

So, as happens, some of the Hellenists saw the Hebrews as too rigid, and the strictest Hebrews viewed the Hellenists as "cafeteria Jews."

This ongoing clash predisposed the Greeks to assume that the Hebrews disparaged them and overlooked their neediest people, leading them into that perennial practice of "grumbling." Long ago, hungry Hebrew refugees in the desert grumbled against Moses, and the imagination of the hungry tends to interpret current hardships as unfair and someone else's fault.

The apostles, wiser than they had been when they walked with Jesus, knew better than to offer a solution that would eventually bring on more grumbling. So they told the community — especially the grumblers — to meet and select seven "reputable" men to handle the situation by serving equitably at table while the apostles continued their important practice of preaching the good news to anyone with ears to hear. Grumblers, then, could hardly complain because they themselves had chosen the ones called to serve.

In today's Gospel, we hear God's solution to "unfair/not yet there." First, Jesus promises that the Father offers all anyone can need. There are mansions for everyone — Greeks and Hebrews, natives and immigrants, refugees and even those who cause harm to others. The hitch is that to arrive there, one has to travel along the way of Jesus.

Like Thomas, we disciples ceaselessly wonder, "What is that way?" Jesus' first reply does not feel all that helpful. "I AM the way, the truth and the life." We might imagine Thomas saying, "I ask for a road map and you give me a philosophy lesson!"

Jesus' second explanation is clearer and more challenging: "How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? I am in the Father and the Father is in me. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works."

That's it, clear and simple and demanding total commitment. Jesus, the one who has walked among them, healed, loved, sweated, gotten tired and hungry and even angry, he is the Incarnation, God's creating, sustaining Word made flesh. He invites disciples to be in him as he is in the Father.

Jesus goes on to say, "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do and greater." Those works? Jesus raised the dead, turned water into wine, healed the sick and fed thousands. Yet, about none of those things did he ever say, "Do this (in memory of me)." In the Gospel of John, the only time Jesus told his disciples to do what he did was when he washed their feet — which, in John's Gospel, summarized the meaning of the Last Supper and the whole of Jesus' life.

Serving one another in humble love is the way we are to practice our holy priesthood. Peter tells us that we are "living stones" being built into a spiritual home, a new temple.

Are we there yet? No, and we won't be until the end. "There" happens when all is one in Christ and in the Father, and as long as there is life, we are on the way.

The good news is that we now know the way. Jesus showed us the way to grow in a relationship with God that draws us irresistibly into loving others, serving them, feeling their need and responding with all we are and have. This is the way, the only way. This is what Jesus meant when he broke the bread and invited his disciples to repeat his way of giving everything for others. Sure, we will get tired, see the imperfections and grumble along the way. But even in those moments we are on the way.

When we contemplate this, we realize that being on the way is really another expression of being there.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Tue 5/5	SFoA Ladies Cursillo 9:30AM—Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued—6:00PM Social Hall
Wed 5/6	SFoA Men's Cursillo 9:00AM—Social Hall OLSS Legion of Mary 5:30PM—RE Room #8 OLSS Hospitality 6:00PM—Social Hall OLSS Men's Bible Study 6:30PM—RE Double Room
Thu 5/7	OLSS Ladies Cursillo 5:30PM—RE Room #5 OLSS OCIA 6:00PM—RE Double Room
Fri 5/8	OLSS Adoration Communion Service 5:00PM—Main Church OLSS Mens Cursillo 5:00PM—RE Room #8

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 26, 2026	APRIL 27, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 7,079.00	COLLECTION - \$ 9,463.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 600.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 535.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

APRIL 26, 2026	APRIL 27, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,170.00	COLLECTION - \$ 825.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 910.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,905.00

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday, 5/4	Diane Costa, Dave Costa, Ginger Foster, Dennis Foster, Mary Jane May
Sunday 5/10	Teresa David, Renee Gentle, Chrissy Bundrick, Bill Tobias, Kathy Brown

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/3	Lawanda Jones, Art Fouraker
Sunday 5/10	Lewart Simmons, Susan Price-LaSalla

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 05/02	Richard Foy Bonnie Carr	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dennis foster Greg Glaz
Sun 05/03	Lucia Feijo Tom Jenkins	Landon Wilkins Golton Wilkins Waylon wilkins Nathaniel Eddy	Keith Danos Colleen Danos John Nevins Mike Recore
Tue 05/05	Karen Hill		
Wed 05/06	Richard Foy		
Thu 05/07	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 05/08	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 05/09	Jim Moore Caroline Neff	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Saul Capulong Ken Sylvester Don Petrine Dante Russo
Sun 05/10	Hunt Thornhill Brian Benton	Isaac Dominici John Michael Hopkins Samuel Domini- ci Dean Sjostedt	Robert Cappello John Nevins Clyde Miller Carl Boria

THE BUS IS FILLING UP!

Our Seminarian, Jared Miller, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 6, in Savannah. We are now taking reservations for those who wish to take the bus. The bus will leave OLSS at 7:00AM. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. A \$50 deposit is required to reserver your seat; it will be refunded when you board the bus. Those who do not show up will forfeit the deposit. Please keep Jared in your prayers.



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St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route

In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage announces its theme—One Nation Under God—as a nationwide call to renewal, unity, and mission rooted in the Eucharist. The 2026 Pilgrimage will travel the Eastern Seaboard along the Cabrini Route, beginning in St. Augustine, Florida, and concluding in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The first stop in Georgia will be Monday, May 25, 2026 at the dock on St. Mary's Street West at 5:00PM. From 5:00PM—6:00PM there will be a EUCHARISTIC PROCESION to Our Lady Star of the Sea. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held at OLSS from 6:00PM—7:00PM, followed by a reception in our Social Hall & on our grounds from 7:00PM—9:00PM. This will be followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady Star of the Sea. For additional information on the pilgrimage, go to the website: <https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

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