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Fr. Mariusz Fuks, Pastor

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” - Jn 14:6-7

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.

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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**



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To add a name to the prayer list please email office@weareolss.org

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The house that faith built

"The right tool for the right job," my father used to say, handling his toolbox as lovingly as if it were a bassinet full of babies. Certainly it helps in any task to be clear on the goal and the steps to be taken to reach that end. You can't make a soufflé with a sledgehammer. But assemble the right ingredients, put them into the proper relationships, and you can anticipate wonderful results.

In 1 Peter, we hear a remarkable invitation to come to Jesus as "a living stone." The modern religious imagination balks at first: Nothing is less animate than a rock. But think like Michelangelo and realize that a stone contains a world of possibilities. The stone carver has a bag full of tools to chisel this rock to fit precisely into the space in a wall where it can be most useful. Each stone builds on the integrity of the whole until an edifice arises in which it plays a crucial supportive part. The humble stone is a single note in a Bach concerto. It is an incidental character in a Broadway cast. It is one sentence in *David Copperfield*. But put all the notes together, all the actors, all the sentences, and you have a masterpiece. This is the organic and vital house that faith built, and we don't have the Body of Christ without it.

The spiritual house

Chosen, royal, priestly, and holy. These are the attributes of the stones that comprise the church. We aren't part of this story by accident. Each one of us in the assembly has been *chosen* to be here, invited to the house of faith in some way. Many of us were invited first by our parents, who saw to our Baptism and religious education. Later, other mentors in the faith arose who shepherded us to the point of religious understanding and moral formation we now enjoy. Perhaps now we ourselves are issuing the invitation to family, friends, and community by our own example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Our membership in the church makes us part of a *royal* family. The royal house of David entered into a sacred covenant with God once and for all to lead the people of God forever. This promise was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus and is the heritage of the church.

We are a *priestly* people. Obviously not all of us are ordained to sacramental ministry, but all are sacramentally anointed for the service of God from our present position in the household of faith. Together we are windows and doorways to the sacred for others. We are load-bearing walls meant to share burdens and shoulder responsibilities. We are arches and cathedral ceilings that reach heavenward. We are paving stones others can pass over as they make their way toward religious understanding. We are bridges over troubled waters in the lives of those who suffer. Each one of us is as anointed for our particular role as the priest who stands at the table of the Lord.

Finally, our lives are intrinsically *holy*. If the church teaches that life is a gift from God profoundly sacred, that sanctity of being includes you and me. It necessarily cannot exclude you and me! This holiness is both a gift and a responsibility: the unmerited condition of participating in divinely inspired life, as well as the mandate to live as if that were true. These four characteristics are the essence of the structure that contains us and the contents of the space we likewise enclose and create.

Many rooms

Jesus used architectural imagery before the epistle writers when he described the house of his Father as a mansion with many rooms or an estate encompassing many dwellings. If the epistle writer's description of the spiritual house focused on its material composition and internal unity, the image Jesus uses expands the notion outward and forward.

I find it amusing that a television series years ago chose as its fantasy plot line what might happen if hell filled up and the condemned souls started escaping. No one has ever worried about a similar soul glut in heaven, but evidently it's not an issue anyway. The reign of God has plenty of accommodations for those who make their way there. The "way," of course, is most significant. Jesus defines himself as *the way* in response to an inquiry by Thomas, who always likes to have matters of faith concretized and tangible. If we embrace Jesus as our way, we will find our reservations in order when we arrive at our final destination.

The implications of multiple dwelling places in heaven have led to an exhaustive list of jokes on the subject, featuring the Jewish heaven, the Protestant heaven, the Catholic heaven, and so on. If you want to use any of these as your homily story on Sunday, just make sure the assembly gets the message that the reign of God itself is no joke.

Stone by stone

Some believers find it difficult, even a bit painful, to compare the sublime spiritual edifice of Peter's letter to the complexity we call church today. Has church history followed the path of the Holy Spirit in the selection of materials that have led us to Roman Catholic Christianity in all of its institutional facets? Short answer: not perfectly. Decisions had to be made early about the direction the institution would take. In the first reading from Acts, we get the message that many of those decisions were grounded in practical factors as much as spiritual ones. The original streamlined authority of the 12 apostles worked fine until they found themselves grossly overextended. The families of widows needed to be fed. Somebody needed to make sure there was no favoritism in the daily distribution. Either they would have to do it, as they did everything else, or they could make a ruling and relinquish some of their oversight.

This tension between Mission Control and local jurisdiction remains present in the 21st-century church, as it does in matters between federal and state government. The faithful often find it confusing to distinguish between unchanging doctrine and very changeable external structures. We may from time to time take down a non-load-bearing wall, so to speak, to make room for a worthier or more timely goal. This act does not mean the church itself is falling apart or losing its fundamental framework. Every house could use some maintenance from time to time.

—**Alice Camille**

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Stones as stumbling blocks: *Isa. 8:12-15; Rom. 9:33; 11:17*

A chosen race: *Isa. 43:20-21; Mal. 3:17; John 15:16; 17:24; Eph. 1:4-6*

A royal priesthood, a holy nation: *Exod. 19:6; Eph. 5:27*

David rules: *2 Sam. 7:1-29*

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

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

*For the response of the soul of
Alma Mullen*

05/07/23 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

Birthday blessing for Mary Glasgow

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

*Grace of healing upon Kieran
Gaughan Jr.*

05/08/23 - Monday: NO MASS

05/09/23 - 5:30 PM Tuesday - Communion Service

05/10/23 - Wednesday NO MASS

**05/10/23 - Wednesday NO MASS
at St. Francis in Folkston**

05/11/23 - Thursday NO MASS

05/12/23 - Friday NO MASS

05/13/23 - 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of
Andre Feeland*

05/14/23 - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Birthday blessing for Celia McNease

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

*For the response of the soul of
Eugene Russo*

There will be no Daily Masses from May 9 through May 18. Father will be away. The church will be open for prayer daily.

The directory photos are here. Please come to the office to pick up the pictures that you ordered.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA APRIL FINANCIALS

| | APR | FISCAL YTD | | APR | FISCAL YTD |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| COLLECTION | \$ 37,773.73 | \$ 372,993.28 | MAINTENANCE | \$ 16,784.50 | \$ 173,514.62 |
| BUDGET | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 300,000.00 | BUDGET | \$ 8,333.33 | \$ 83,333.30 |
| OVER/UNDER BUDGET | \$ 7,773.73 | \$ 72,993.28 | OVER/UNDER BUDGET | \$ 8,451.17 | \$ 90,181.32 |



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI APRIL FINANCIALS

| | APR | FISCAL YTD | | APR | FISCAL YTD |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|
| COLLECTION | \$ 4,455.00 | \$ 53,448.83 | MAINTENANCE | \$ 2,642.00 | \$ 27,390.90 |
| BUDGET | \$ 2,250.00 | \$ 22,500.00 | BUDGET | \$ 2,083.33 | \$ 20,833.30 |
| OVER/UNDER BUDGET | \$ 2,205.00 | \$ 30,948.83 | OVER/UNDER BUDGET | \$ 558.67 | \$ 6,557.60 |



GOOD SAMARITAN OUTREACH REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Elderly (65 and Over) | Adults (18 to 64) | Children (Under 18) |
| 24 | 97 | 50 |
| TOTAL FOOD BAGS TO FAMILIES: 68 | | |
| TOTAL PEOPLE: 171 | | |

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| APRIL 30, 2023 | | MAY 1, 2022 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION - \$ 10,964.50 |  | COLLECTION - \$ 7,272.50 |
| MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,190.00 |  | MORTGAGE - \$ 3,817.00 |

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| APRIL 30, 2023 | | MAY 1, 2022 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION - \$ 920.00 |  | COLLECTION - \$ 1,290.00 |
| MAINTENANCE - \$ 540.00 |  | MORTGAGE - \$ 1,392.00 |

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Target - \$32,858.00
 Pledge - \$7,710.00
 Paid on Pledge - \$2,380.00
 Pledge Balance-\$5,330.00
 One Time - \$26,500.15
 Total Given - \$28,500.15
 % of Target - 86.74
 # of Donors - 118
 % Participation - 31.13

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Paid on Pledge - \$0.00
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of Donors - 22
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