



Our Lady
Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saint Marys

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission

Folkston

May 24, 2026

• PENTECOST SUNDAY •

**FILLED WITH
THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

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WHAT'S GOING ON ?

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

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



Mon 5/25	SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS
Tue 5/26	SFOA Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS Homily Continued - 6:00 PM Social Hall
Wed 5/27	SFOA Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - RE Double Room
Thu 5/28	OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - RE Room #5
Fri 5/29	OLSS Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room #8
Sat. 5/30	
Sun. 5/31	

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.

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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

- 05/23/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ Joe Majka
- 05/24/26 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Pro Populo / For the people*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*
- 05/25/26 - Monday: [SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS](#)
- 05/26/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass
- 05/27/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
God Blessing for Ford & Wyatt Families
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Marian Jarski*
- 05/28/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Andrew Whitlock*
- 05/29/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Charlotte Mullins*
- 05/30/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ Pro Populo / For the People
- 05/31/26 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Marian & Roma Jarski*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Kathy Cade*

A TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION

Among the readings we don't hear this weekend is the passage from Ecclesiastes 3 about the appointed time for everything. It would be a good one for Pentecost because it explores how transformative the simple motion of time can be. One minute we're born, and before long we die. One moment we're weeping, and in time we'll laugh again.

This idea is pertinent to Pentecost because in this past Easter Season of marvels, everything has been revolving swiftly for the disciples. For a time they're huddled in the upper room, behind locked doors, fearful of discovery. Then Jesus appears and brings his incomparable peace. Before long he's gone again, taken from their sight. So the disciples return to the upper room to pray and to wait for an event they could scarcely anticipate.

The upper room is a sort of cocoon of transformation for the friends of Jesus. It's the place Jesus first shares the mystery of bread and wine as his Body and Blood on Holy Thursday night. It's also where he washes their feet and impresses on them the importance of service. Just as food becomes Eucharist and teachers become servants, so, too, in this room fear becomes hope and frightened students become fearless evangelists.

This past Lent I attended the Chrism Mass in the Diocese of Stockton. Bishop Stephen Blaire spoke movingly about the integrity of what we believe: how the gospel events we memorialize through the liturgical year are of one piece and point to one great truth. In recognition of this vital integrity, the series of transformations that emerge from the upper room are no mere coincidence. We, the disciples of Jesus, enter that room to discover who we are and who we're called to become. Then we emerge to express that identity to a world in need of the illumination of such witnesses. Is there any doubt that the "upper room" of our present experience is the hour of Eucharist itself?

It's here that we learn, as the first disciples did, how to be church. Here we come to confess "that we have sinned through our own fault," and to give glory to God, and to profess our faith. Here we announce the Good News of scripture and pray for the needs of our world and remember the great self-offering of Jesus and share in the meal that makes us bearers of his life. From here we pour out into streets around the world and speak in every language about what we know to be true—including and most especially the language of action. Pentecost was not meant to be once-upon-a-time. When we appreciate what the Spirit of God has made of us, it's Pentecost again.

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.

Frank Willis Jr. Ludwika Glod,
Maria Klikuszowian

Larry Mallard, Trish Danos Trahan

Helen Black, Kathryn McShane Potts

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 05/23	Bryant Shepard Lucia Feijo	Isaac Dominici Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Greg Glaz James Marcin Ken Sylvester Caroline Neff
Sun 05/24	Judy Buchanan Ray Meaux	John M. Hopkins Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Dean Sjostedt	Saul Capulong Carl Boria Mike Recore Clyde Miller
Mon 05/25	Greg Lockhart	Evan Gomez Landon Wilkins Nathaniel Eddy Isaac Dominici John M. Hopkins Samual Dominici Dean Sjostedt Waylon Hopkins Joaquin Gomez Bryant Shepard Stetson Shepard	WE NEED USHERS FOR MONDAY MASS
Sat 05/30	Caroline Neff Bonnie Carr	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	James Marcin Don Petrine Ken Sylvester David Bowman
Sun 05/31	Brian Benton Lucia Feijo	Evan Gomez Nathaniel Eddy Samuel Dominici Joaquin Gomez	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Robert Cappello Carl Boria

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

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/24	Butch Crews Jennifer Pfeffer
Sunday 5/31	Contact Lynn Crews for info

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 5/24	Dennis Conlon, Larry White, Kathy White, Mary Jane May
Sunday 5/31	Trish Jenkins, Julie McKeown, Renee Gentle, Chrissy Bundrick



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. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve 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.





**ONE NATION
UNDER GOD**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Route



MONDAY MAY 25,

**St. Marys Intracoastal Gateway Marina,
100 Ready Street St. Mary's Georgia, 31558**

Walk with Jesus. Pray for the nation. Follow the journey. The 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is an invitation to realign our lives, communities, and country under the sovereignty of Christ. It's a call to build unity through prayer, and to let Jesus, present in the Eucharist, renew and heal the heart of our country, one soul at a time. As pilgrims on this route, we walk with Christ so that His love might draw our nation back to Him.

**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier of the Diocese of St. Augustine FL, will bring the monstrance from Fernandina Beach to the St. Marys waterfront. He will transfer the monstrance to Bishop Parkes of the Diocese of Savannah GA, at the waterfront. Join us for a procession from the St. Marys Waterfront past the historic chapel to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. Overflow parking is available behind St. Marys Elementary School on Ready Street.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Join us for the celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving. Overflow parking is available behind St. Marys Elementary School on Ready St.

**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
RECEPTION**

A reception will be hosted in the Our Lady, Star of the Sea Social Hall and under the tent outside of the social hall on the parking lot. Please bring a picnic blanket for overflow seating on the parish grounds and in the park across the street.

**8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
GEORGIA MARTYRS PRESENTATION**

The Georgia Martyrs will be beatified on October 31, 2026. Fr. Pablo Migone will share the story of the martyrdom of Friars Pedro de Corpa, Blas, Miguel, Antonio, and Francisco in the Main Church

**9:00 PM - 7:30 AM
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.



faith, hope, charity
2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

I ask you to prayerfully consider your participation in the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. In doing so, you participate in the Church's evangelization efforts, advance Catholic Education, and provide for the formation of our future priests, among many worthy activities. As a Church firmly rooted in our Eucharistic belief, it is our great privilege to assist in strengthening families, faith, vocations, and formation for future generations.

Bishop Stephen D. Parkes

Parish	Targets	Pledge	Paid on Pledge	Pledge Balance	One-Time	Total Given	% of Target	# of Families	# of Donors
OLSS	\$ 43,968.00	\$ 6,064.50	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 3,603.90	\$ 21,030.59	\$ 23,491.19	53.43	480	90

Parish	Targets	Pledge	Paid on Pledge	Pledge Balance	One-Time	Total Given	% of Target	# of Families	# of Donors
SFOA	\$ 4,824.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$ 2,786.00	\$ 2,786.00	57.75	38	16

I am a sports fan, and perhaps you are one, too. I don't follow all sports, but those that I do follow usually involve a team. There is something about a team of individuals coming together for the goal of victory that is compelling. A team is only as good as the sum of all its players. If you have all the right talent at the right positions, great things can happen. What is hard for a fan to watch is a team that has great talent but fails to achieve its goals because some players choose not to give their all to the team. Selfishness, apathy, or immaturity keep some from giving fully of themselves. The hopes and dreams of a team and fan base are dashed even though they had all they needed to be the best.

A parish is a lot like a team. Those in a parish community work together to achieve goals that ultimately lead others to Christ. We come together to give of ourselves to advance the mission of the parish. When we all are committed to fully giving our gifts and talents, fulfilling our position in the Body of Christ, then our hopes and dreams of transforming the world around us can become reality.

However, when we sit out on the sidelines, we hurt our team. When we hold back and choose not to give of ourselves, we diminish what is truly possible for our parish community. I believe God always provides our parishes with what they need to be fruitful and vibrant. His gifts to us exist in each other. If you think your parish could be so much more, than perhaps this week you should call your pastor or other pastoral leader and say, "Put me in coach!"



Calling all boys and girls from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Join us June 1st - 5th from 9-12 for our "Champions for Christ" Vacation Bible School. VBS registration is now online. Registration will end May 31st. Paper registration will be available after masses until the 31st and in the office. If you have any questions email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religioused@weareolss.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

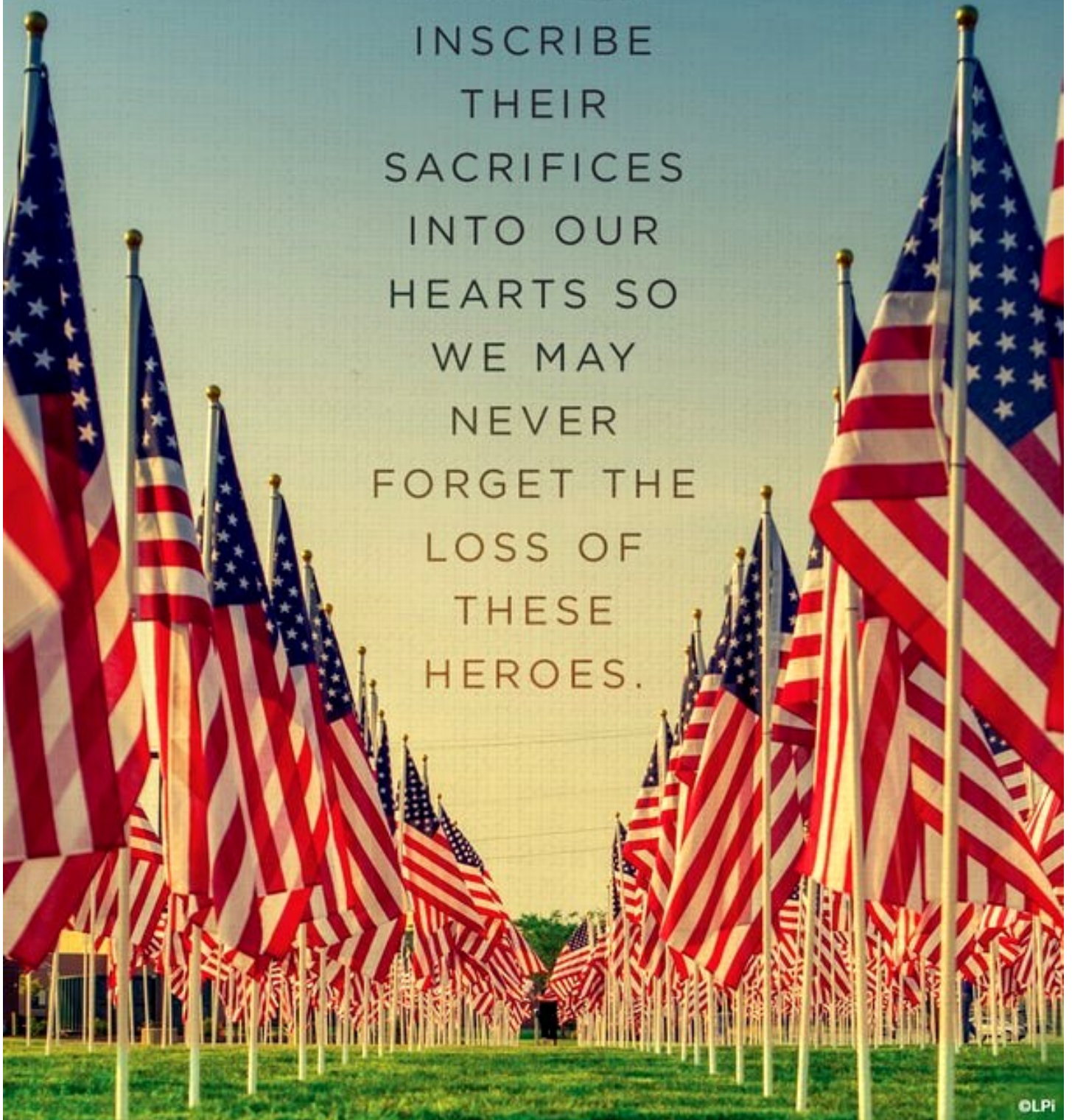
MAY 17, 2026	MAY 18, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 7,568.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,821.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 395.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 520.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

MAY 17, 2026	MAY 18, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 835.00	COLLECTION - \$ 815.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 588.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 140.00

MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY
FATHER,
INSCRIBE
THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
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BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING
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



Pentecost
SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

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