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PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”
- Jn 7:37b

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Fouraker, “Skipper” Boone, 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, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, 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, 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

A new kind of power

We live in a world in which power is the greatest and most valuable form of currency. People seek it, steal it, fight for it, and kill for it. The most heinous and desperate acts known to history come from the quest for power. Just consider what happens during the average election year, when votes are bought with bankrolls, and truth, integrity, and decency are cheerfully sacrificed in pursuit of the ultimate prize.

Those in power get what they want because it's theirs for the taking. Their voices are heard and their concerns are met. Compare this with the lives of the powerless, who don't even get what they need: food and housing, sanitary water, medical care, or a proper education. No one hears their cries, and their concerns aren't even widely known. The meek do not, in general, inherit the Earth—unless by that you mean that they live on the streets and sleep on the ground.

Because earthly power is so frequently used for selfish purposes, it's hard to remember that power is an attribute of God and consequently an intrinsic good. It was power that first ordered creation and it was power that brought life into being. The power of dominion was the first gift God bestowed on humanity in its infancy. It was supposed to serve our needs, not to motivate them. The world became quite a different place when power became the master and not the servant.

Jesus our model

To know what a Christian must do to engage power appropriately, we look to Jesus as our guide. No one had the potential to wield more power than he did. As King of Kings and Lord of Lords, his authority has no rival. Yet Jesus did not deem equality with God—a foregone conclusion—something to be clung to. No one had more power than Jesus, and Jesus chose to lay it down. For his friends. And for his enemies. In service to the needs of the whole world, simply because there was such a need and he was the only one with the power to meet it.

In an age when we use terms like “shock and awe” to describe the activity of military might, it's hard to look up at a crucifix and recognize that this is heaven's most powerful weapon against evil.

The cross is “shock and awe” in cosmic proportions. Love is affixed to wood and held up for the mockery of fools. The full force of human hatred is hurled in the direction of divine compassion. Jesus emptied himself of ultimate power so that it could serve the greatest good, now and forever. And 20 centuries later, people still walk by a cross without understanding its implications.

Later, in a quiet and private place, Jesus imparts the same power to his friends. He breathes his Spirit on them and gives them the ultimate authority: to forgive sins. This is the secret formula, this is the wondrous use of heaven's greatest forces: the forgiveness of sins. If you could do anything, if you had the power to move mountains or command armies or gather riches, would you use your grand sovereignty to pardon someone who offended you?

Powers come to the Church

The church is no stranger to power and its privileges. In fact, given the propensity to misuse power that human beings and their institutions struggle with, it's no surprise that religion is a frequent target for those who satirize the dark side of authority. The Bible is rife with instances in which religious leaders lead the pack in abusing their ability to control others and to call the shots. If we think we live in an age when religion has been sanitized and purified of darker motivations, it's time to reread the New Testament letters. There never was a perfect generation of believers, not even at the roots of the church.

Power is granted to the community of faith at Pentecost, and an astonishing authority it turns out to be. It arrives on a strong driving wind and in tongues of fire, and expresses itself in language that cuts through the Babel of the world's confused and duplicitous speech. What's amusing is the reaction of the crowd that first hears this clarifying tongue spoken: They presume the speakers are drunk. If truth is a drink, the first disciples are inebriated with it. The gospel they profess cuts through the fog of deceit, exposes hidden motivations, reveals the poison of prejudice and hatred, and insists on justice above all. The power of this new word heals bodies, transforms hearts, and fulfills its ultimate mandate in the forgiveness of sins.

If the church has a treasure, it's not in a Roman bank or in the beauty of its artwork, its land holdings, or the height of its global profile. The great wealth of the church is that it has been entrusted with the authority to reconcile the sinner. Imagine: The worst thing of which a human being is capable can be washed clean by a word. Evil can be transfigured by grace. The sinner can become the saint. If we listen to the stories carefully, we discover that the way to sainthood is always walked in the shoes of sinners.

Don't be afraid to seek this grace

Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins, and anyone who's spent an hour in catechism class has heard this statement. How curious then that the forgiveness of sins remains in a dusty corner of many church proclamations. Count the homilies and teachings you've heard or given - that highlight forgiveness as opposed to those that provide a litany of moral wrongdoing. If forgiveness is the message, why does it sound more like judgment in the mouths of religious leaders?

Forgiveness is not amnesty, not a pardon or a dropping of all charges because of a technicality. Nor does it mean that God is soft on crime or indifferent to the demands of justice. Yet it speaks volumes—in the clear tones of the language of Pentecost—that God uses absolute power to obtain not absolute judgment, but mercy for sinners. We who know ourselves to be sinners should run to this grace, flock to it. And church leaders should fight each other to be at the head of this line, to demonstrate their confidence in the value of this treasure. -Alice Camille

Related scripture links

Power of dominion: *Gen. 1:28*

Equality with God: *Phil. 2:5-11*

Lay it down: *John 15:13; Luke 23:34*

Died for the forgiveness of sins: *Matt. 26:28*

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

05/27/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

For the response of the soul of Geraldine Freudiger and Kathleen Wetherhold

05/28/23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

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

Healing for Michelle Yaxis

05/29/23 - Monday: NO MASS

05/30/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM

For the repose of the soul of Kenny Mock

05/31/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Lynn Klein

05/31/23 - Wednesday in SFOA 6:00 PM

06/01/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Blessing for Donna Perkins

06/02/23 - First Friday at Historic Chapel: 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock

06/03/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of James Hughes

06/04/23 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Birthday blessing for Celia McNease

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

For the repose of the soul of Ernesto Bautista

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. The following sessions have been added to the schedule:

June 11, 2023 – St. Francis Xavier CHURCH	1:00pm – 4:00pm
June 24, 2023—Our Lady Star of the Sea CHURCH	9:00am-12:00pm
July 23, 2023 – St. Francis Xavier CHURCH	1:00pm – 4:00pm

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>

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.

From the treatise Against Heresies by Saint Irenaeus, bishop

(Lib. 3, 17. 1-3: SC 34, 302-306)

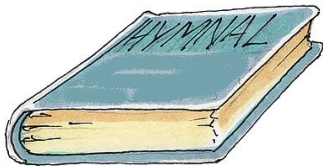
When the Lord told his disciples *to go and teach all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, he conferred on them the power of giving men new life in God.*

He had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and hand-maids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God's creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father's will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.



We will be replacing our Credo and Word and Eucharist books. Many of you dedicated these books in Memory Of or In Honor Of. If you would like those books back, please let the office know so that we can separate them from the others when the time comes..

Homeschool Mass of Thanksgiving

Welcoming all Catholic homeschoolers in the Diocese of Savannah for a Homeschool Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes.

Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 4 p.m. at St. Anne's in Richmond Hill, 10550 Ford Avenue

Please join us for a Homeschool Mass in thanksgiving for the opportunity and blessings of homeschooling. Graduating seniors will be recognized. Please contact Christina at homeschoolministry@stannerh.org if you have a graduating senior or with any questions. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner to follow. Considering home schooling? Please join us!



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MAY 22, 2023	MAY 22, 2022
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Philippians 4:13

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