

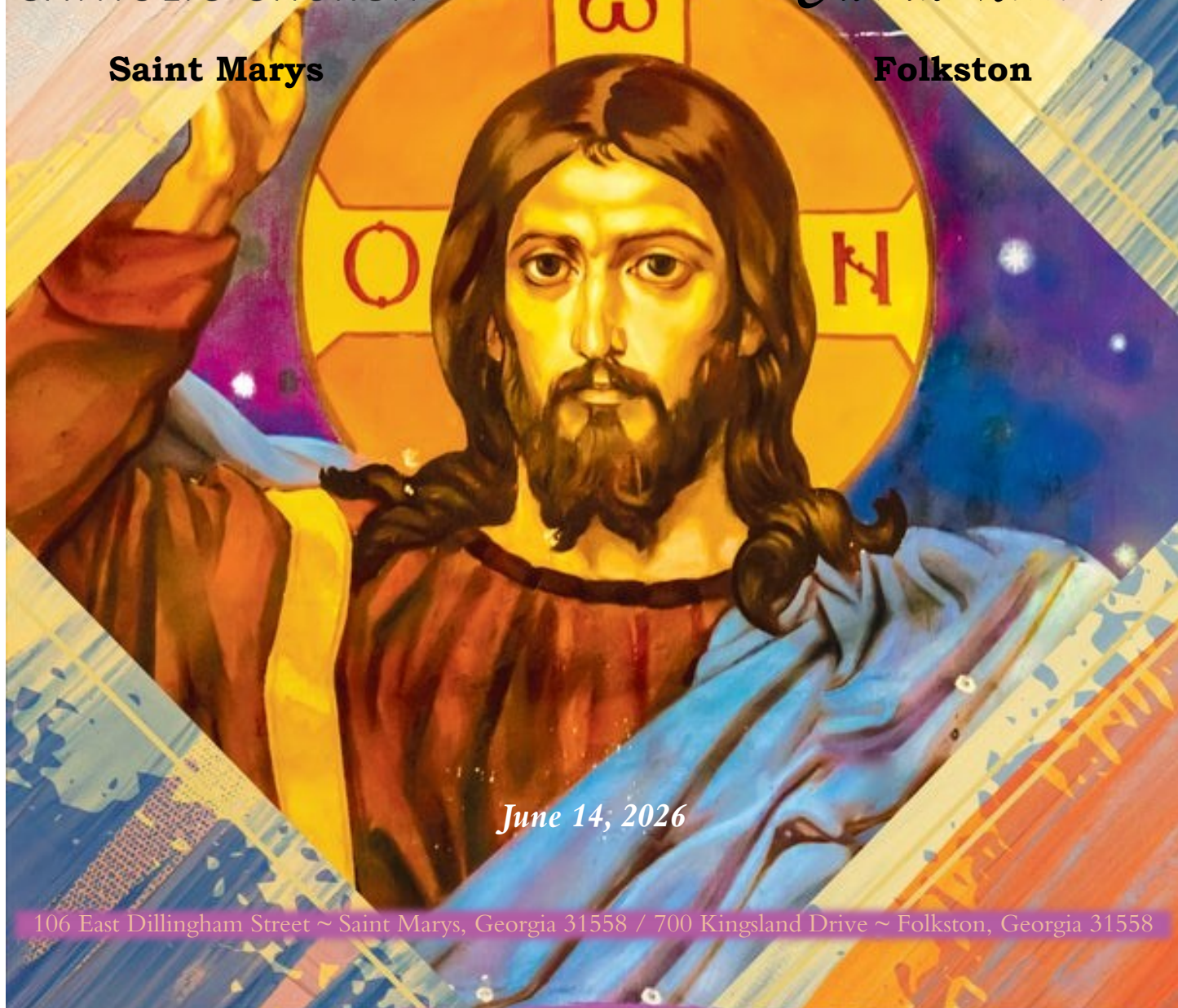
Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Saint Marys

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

Folkston



June 14, 2026

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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost
you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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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



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|---------------|--|
| Mon 06/15 | SFoA - Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall |
| Tue 06/16 | SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall |
| Wed 06/17 | 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 06/18 | OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - RE Room #5 SFoA - Hands in Hands - 1:00 PM - Folkston Nursing Home |
| Fri 06/19 | OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church |
| Sat. 06/20 | |
| Sun 06/21 | |

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

06/13/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Harry Lewis*

06/14/26 - XI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
God Blessing necessary graces for Alex & Gaby

06/15/26 - Monday: NO MASS

06/16/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

06/17/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Jim Walsh*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
For God's Blessing for Jarski & Marlo Families

06/18/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Ann Thomas*

06/19/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Darryl Smith*

06/20/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Ron King*

06/21/26 - XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*

A HOLY NATION

A lot of folks are puzzled as to why Jesus asked his disciples not to go into pagan territory or to visit Samaritan towns on their first foray into ministry. Some scholars suggest that Jesus originally saw his role as narrowly provincial, and only later did he expand his vision when challenged by outsiders (most notably the Canaanite woman) to do so. Other scholars say it was Matthew and the Early Church that were thinking small and had to reconsider their horizons. Either way, the impression is that somebody made a mistake.

But perhaps Jesus meant what he said on that day and didn't need to reconsider anything. For the first mission, cleaning up the house of Israel may have been right on target. Israel, after all, was the holy nation, the kingdom of priests, the light set on a hill that would lure all nations out of the darkness. Israel's mission, according to centuries of prophecy, was to be the beacon. So it wasn't really narrow or nationalistic at all for Jesus to concentrate the original mission on the house of Israel. If you're going to get all those ships into safe harbor, start by refurbishing the lighthouse.

How Israel got to be holy

The Pentateuch tells the story of Israel's vocation to be a holy nation. God chose Abraham and Sarah to be the parents of a new people and called Moses to lead this people out of slavery into freedom. Those actions arguably made them special but not particularly holy. In fact, if you read the stories, you won't find a whole lot of evidence that this nation ever attained any outstanding merit in the sanctity department. What made Israel holy was not anything the people did, in the end. It was the very idea that God chose to dwell in their midst.

Holiness, like ritual impurity, was understood by the ancients to be a contagious phenomenon. When the Tent of the Presence was set up and the throne of the Ark in place, God's glory settled upon it in a way that was unusually particular for an omnipresent Being. God was the lamp on Israel's lamp stand, so to speak. So what was true of God became true for Israel. The nation communicated the light of God the way Moses returned from Mt. Sinai with a glory too bright to behold on his face.

So Israel became holy-by-association as a result of God's decision to pitch a tent and dwell at the center of the nation. This privileged proximity had its obligations, needless to say. The entire Law of Moses was put into place precisely to make it safe for the people to live in the constant presence of their God.

Just as the holy utensils used in sacrifice were not to be touched by anyone but the priests, under pain of injury or possible death, so too a nation abiding with the Lord had to keep itself clean and pure at all times. When circumstances led to periodic uncleanness, the persons involved were expected to remove themselves from the camp so as to keep the contamination to a minimum until the episode of impurity passed. If it didn't, of course, one might get very lonely on the outskirts of the community, but there was no recourse on the books for such an eventuality.

Dying for the unjust

Just as Israel was consecrated as a "holy nation" through no merit of its own, so, too, we Christians inherit salvation not because we're just but because God is. This is Paul's argument in Romans, and we'd be foolish not to take him up on the deal. He's making this point from the Jewish mindset about holiness and how it spreads from the indwelling God to the less-than-deserving nation. In the same way, it is understood that God's justification of less-than-deserving sinners in the Blood of Christ, while sufficient for our salvation, does not absolve us of the obligation to be just. But it sure doesn't rely on it. The work of salvation would go nowhere fast if it depended on humanity to be worthy of it. This is what makes reconciliation a divine enterprise. The task of forgiving sins is a lopsided business: We sin and louse up the universe. God saves us and restores what was lost. It's the same deal every toddler gets with the parental units: I mess up the house. You put everything back where it belongs. When Jesus makes his arrival into the house of Israel, the toddlers have been at it quite a while. Jesus sees sheep without a shepherd, vulnerable wanderers in the landscape of their vast ignorance. If salvation were to be merited, this nation would certainly be lost. And because this nation is the beacon destined to draw all others, it is here that the teacher must begin to teach, and the healer begin the process of healing. But Jesus doesn't intend merely to restore Israel to holiness by the old method of the Law: banning the suspiciously sick, leprous, demonic, and those who have had contact with the dead to the outskirts of the community. Instead, he sets about to restore them to wholeness and to the community. If it's shepherds that are needed, he's got 12 handy to begin to gather the fold back together.

The restoration continues

Look around you: The community is not yet whole.

Who stands apart from the rest of us because of impurity or unworthiness imposed from the outside? We marginalize our sisters and brothers for a variety of reasons: economic or moral, racial or ethnic, because of how they speak or dress or how they got here among us to begin with. Most often it's the same vast ignorance that Jesus saw when he looked out over Israel that keeps us from becoming a whole community. We neglect the elderly, forget the sick, avoid the incarcerated, turn a blind eye to the unborn, blame the foreigner, are made uncomfortable by the mourner, and resent the presence and the message of the one who speaks for justice. Jesus still needs plenty of shepherds to bring the community together and to raise the light high enough for it to serve as a beacon for all.

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COLTON WILKINS



We are excited to introduce the Altar Servers to our community. These dedicated young men work tirelessly and faithfully, serving our Lord in the blessed sacrament. Over the next few months, we will be showcasing one every week.

Why do you like altar serving and what about it brings you closer to Christ?

I like being an altar server because I like traveling to different parishes to meet new people and visit many churches. Being an altar server is also fun because I get to spend time with my friends who serve alongside me.

The more I serve the more I want to be like Christ. Living a holier life by going to confession often and choosing to turn away from sin, and living out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that He taught us.

What hobbies do you have and what does the future look like for you?

I am an active member of 4-H, where I participate in a variety of activities and community service projects. I am also a member of a homeschool robotics club, where I help build and operate robots during competitions. When I grow up, I hope to become a mechanical engineer and work for Boston Dynamics, designing and developing advanced robots.

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.

John Morrissey, Rod Clark, Larry Mallard

**Frank Willis Jr. Ludwika Glod,
Maria Klikuszowian**

Charlie Broad, Clarence Taylor

Lee Dubose, Ed Durr

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 06/13 | Bonnie Carr Caroline Neff | Colton Wilkins, Isaac Dominici Landon Wilkins | James Marcin Dennis Foster James Pappas Don Petrine |
| Sun 06/14 | Lucia Feijo Judy Buchannan | Joaquin Gomez Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici Nathaniel Eddy | Keith Danos Colleen Danos Robert Cappello Saul Capulong |
| Tue 06/16 | Karen Hill | | |
| Wed 06/17 | Richard Foy | | |
| Thu 06/18 | Gene Niksa | | |
| Fri 06/19 | Elisabeth Sepulveda | | |
| Sat 06/20 | Gene Niksa Richard Foy | Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins | Ken Sylvester Dante Russo David Bowman Saul Capulong |
| Sun 06/21 | Carline Neff Greg Lockhart | Evan Gomez Samuel Dominici Joaquin Gomez Dean Sjostedt | John Nevins Carl Boria Mike Recore Clyde Miller |

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday 06/14 | Kathleen Rodgers, Lynn Crews |
| Sunday 06/21 | Butch Crews, Jennifer Pfeffer |

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

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| Monday 06/15 | Diane Costa, Dave Costa, Ginger Foster, Dennis Foster, Diana Schneider |
| Sunday 06/21 | Pauline Wentworth, Larry White, Kathy White, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle |





Savannah, GA — The Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, is pleased to announce that the beatification of the Venerable Servants of God Pedro de Corpa and his Four Companions – commonly known as the Georgia Martyrs – will take place on All Hallows Eve (October 31) 2026 in Savannah, GA. Cardinal Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto, will represent the Holy Father as Papal Legate and preside over the beatification liturgy. Out of the handful of beatifications to occur on American soil, this will be the first in Georgia and the first in the South.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

We are pleased to announce that we are organizing a bus trip to Savannah for the Beatification of the Georgia Martyrs on October 31st. We will be securing a bus similar to the arrangements made for Father Jared's ordination. If you are interested in attending, please notify the parish office. As with previous trips, a refundable \$50 deposit will be required to secure your seat.



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 | \$ 2,838.00 | \$ 3,226.20 | \$ 22,850.59 | \$ 25,688.89 | 58.43 | 480 | 93 |

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| SFOA | \$ 4,824.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$0.00 | \$ 2,786.00 | \$ 2,786.00 | 57.75 | 38 | 16 |

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JUNE 7, 2026 | JUNE 8, 2025 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| COLLECTION - \$ 11,165.00 | COLLECTION - \$ 10,736.00 |
| MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,559.00 | MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,675.00 |

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JUNE 7, 2026 | JUNE 8, 2025 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| COLLECTION - \$ 1,910.00 | COLLECTION - \$ 1,132.00 |
| MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,270.00 | MAINTENANCE - \$ 377.00 |

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