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

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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

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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.

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 was 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.

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.

RELATED SCRIPTURE LINKS

Canaanite challenger: Matt. 15:21-28
Light to the nations: Isa. 42:6; 49:6; 60:3;
Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:8
Holy nation: Isa. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6
Moses and God's glory: Exod. 33:18-23; 34:27-35
The nation itself is not pure: Isa. 6:5

CATECHISM LINKS

Universality of the message: CCC 59; 543;
604-605; 759
Restoration: CCC 601-603; 1509; 1825; 2447-2449
Priestly people: CCC 63-64; 709-710; 751-752;
1539-1540; 2810

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

- 06/17/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
Birthday Blessing for Julia Bautista
- 06/18/23 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
*For the response of the souls of
William Joseph and Ann O'Brian*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of soul of Andrew Whitlock
- 06/19/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 06/20/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Daniel Machado*
- 06/21/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM
*For the repose of the soul of
Lou Lambremont*
- 06/21/23 - Wednesday in SFOA 6:00 PM
- 06/22/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM
*For the repose of the soul of
Edward Murphy*
- 06/23/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM
Birthday Blessing for Jeff Van Horn
- 06/24/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Judith Lynn Miller*
- 06/25/23 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
*For the repose of the souls of William
Joseph, and Ann O'Brian*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Birthday Blessing for Earl Bautista

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One of our Ukrainian families is in need of finding an inexpensive car. If you have one to sell or donate please let us know.

From a Treatise on the Lord's Prayer by St. Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr
(Nn. 4-6: CSEL 3, 268-270)

Let your prayer come from a humble heart

When we pray, our words should be calm, modest and disciplined. Let us reflect that we are standing before God. We should please him both by our bodily posture and the manner of our speech. It is characteristic of the vulgar to shout and make a noise, not those who are modest. On the contrary, they should employ a quiet tone in their prayer.

Moreover, in the course of his teaching, the Lord instructed us to pray in secret. Hidden and secluded places, even our own rooms, give witness to our belief that God is present everywhere; that he sees and hears all; that in the fullness of his majesty, he penetrates hidden and secret places. This is the teaching of Jeremiah: Am I God when I am near, and not God when I am far away? Can anyone hide in a dark corner without my seeing him? Do I not fill heaven and earth? Another passage of Scripture says: The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, observing both good and wicked men.

The same modesty and discipline should characterize our liturgical prayer as well. When we gather to celebrate the divine mysteries with God's priest, we should not express our prayer in unruly words; the petition that should be made to God with moderation is not to be shouted out noisily and verbosely. For God hears our heart not our voice. He sees our thoughts; he is not to be shouted at. The Lord showed us this when he asked: Why do you think evil in your hearts? The book of Revelation testifies to this also: And all the churches shall know that I am the one who searches the heart and the desires.

Anna maintained this rule; in her observance of it she is an image of the Church. In the First Book of Kings we are told that she prayed quietly and modestly to God in the recesses of her heart. Her prayer was secret but her faith was evident. She did not pray with her voice, but with her heart, for she knew that in this way the Lord would hear her. She prayed with faith and obtained what she sought. Scripture makes this clear in the words: She was speaking in her heart; her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard; and the Lord heard her prayer. The psalmist also reminds us: Commune within your own hearts, and in the privacy of your room express your remorse. This is the teaching of the Holy Spirit. Through Jeremiah he suggests this: Say in your hearts: Lord, it is you that we have to worship.

My friends, anyone who worships should remember the way in which the tax-collector prayed in the temple alongside the Pharisee. He did not raise his eyes immodestly to heaven or lift up his hands arrogantly. Instead he struck his breast and confessing the sins hidden within his heart he implored the assistance of God's mercy. While the Pharisee was pleased with himself, the tax-collector deserved to be cleansed much more because of the manner in which he prayed. For he did not place his hope of salvation in the certainty of his own innocence; indeed, no one is innocent. Rather he prayed humbly, confessing his sins. And the Lord who forgives the lowly heard his prayer.

Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36 - 10:8
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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JUNE 11, 2023	JUNE 12, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 6,952.50	COLLECTION - \$ 6,007.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,630.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 2,115.00



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MAINTENANCE - \$ 954.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 472.00



Summer Meals

are available at no cost
to children 18 & under

at the following locations:

The curbside locations listed below will be distributed first come first serve because they are prepared in advance.

Curbside will be on Mondays and will include 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches from 10:30 a. m. – 1:00 p. m.

June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 10, 17

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6300 Laurel Island Parkway
Kingsland, GA 31548**

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205 Martha Drive
St. Marys, GA 31558**

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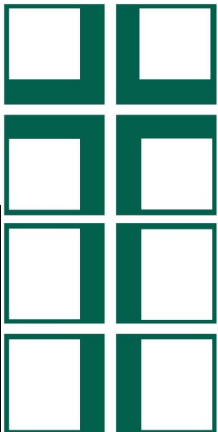


The Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus will prepare a Fellowship meal on Saturday June 24, 2023, after the 5:00 PM Mass. Smoked butt sandwiches, chips, watermelon, and drinks will be served at no cost. Will have different type of family games for people attending

ULTREYA!

Ultreya Monday June 19th at 6pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea (St. Marys)
Social Hall

“For when two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Mt. 18:20
We welcome all Cursillo - Cursillistas to gather with us for prayer, spiritual reflection and light refreshments. Whether you are Grouping or not, please Come. Be inspired by this months' dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and reflect on his Devine Love for us. We look forward to seeing you. DeColores



VIRTUS

Protecting God's Children

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 24, 2023 – Our Lady Star of the Sea CHURCH 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
July 23, 2023 – St. Francis Xavier CHURCH 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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. Childcare is not provided



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For those of you who don't have our app, just go to your Apple or Android app store. Search for "Our Lady Star of the Sea GA" The app allows you to keep up to date with happenings at the church, receive push notifications and many more features.



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