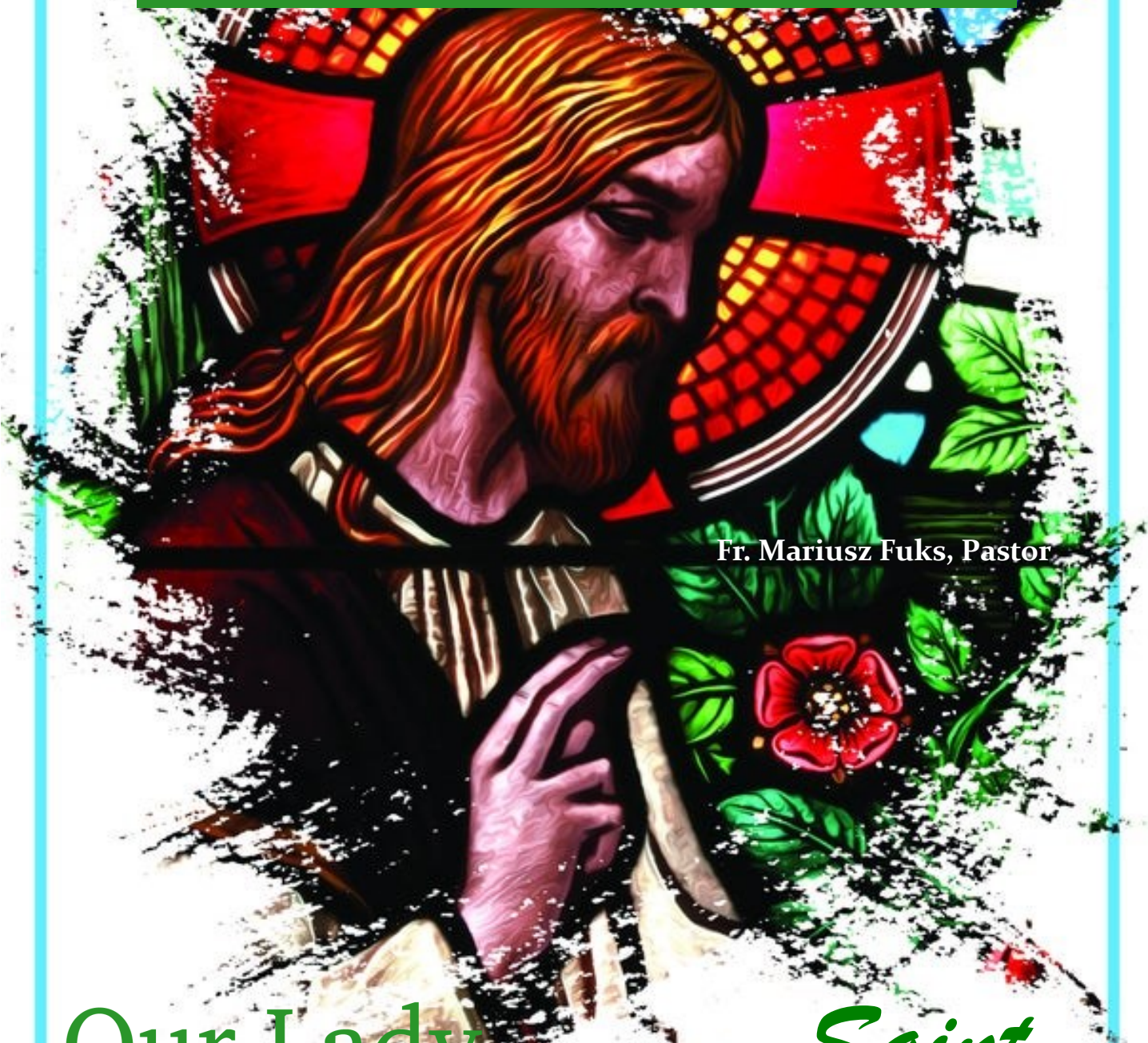


13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow
after me is not worthy of me." - Mt 10:37-38



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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

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.

I pledge allegiance

Loyalty is a quality we value highly. We want our friends to be loyal. We expect our families to be. We hope for some modicum of reliability from bosses or employees. In fact, every meaningful relationship involves loyalty to be viable. We pledge allegiance to the flag, acknowledging our citizenship. We support our parish financially as a sign that we're members who value what happens here. We "like" certain brands, books, groups on our Facebook page as our personal testimony of their worth. We cheer for our team, follow our favorite band, wear the T-shirt of the cause we care about.

This coming week we celebrate Independence Day, a festival of flag-waving and fireworks through which we declare our pride in the nation that provides us so many liberties. We who "belong" as U.S. citizens are deeply grateful that we do. We know that many around the world would be just as eager to belong to this story because of all the freedoms and opportunities it provides. How our nation grows that belonging sensibly, safely, and justly remains a problem to be solved and worth pondering on this Independence Day.

Pledging allegiance and choosing loyalties is also the theme across the passages for this Sunday. A woman of influence and means informs her husband that she'd like to make an investment in a certain Hebrew prophet. As a citizen of Shunem, this is an irregular alliance. The husband's consent is not recorded, but seems beside the point. The woman has made up her mind to remodel the house to make room for a seer she hopes to have as a frequent guest.

In another century, Saint Paul assures us that our Baptism unites us not only with Christ-life but also with Christ-death. Here's an allegiance we might not knowingly be pledging. Loyalty to Christ provides astounding benefits, including resurrection from the dead and newness of life. But we get there by way of surrender, un-spelled-out suffering, and death to self-will. You have been warned.

Do we need more persuading? Jesus tells his disciples plainly: No love can be higher than your love for me. Not even family love—a teaching that upsets most of us terribly, since we really do love our families and hold this bond as quite sacred. Even dearer: We're told we can't hold our own lives as more precious than the loyalty we owe to Jesus.

How can such loyalty be expected of us? Truly, we'd much rather build an addition on the house for a prophet than to embrace this un-stinting surrender to Jesus! Once surrendered, however, we find all other allegiances easily rearranged. Jesus is Lord. For the Christian, every other flag flies lower.

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Related scripture links

Yesterday, today, and forever: *Heb. 13:8*

Double portion granted to Elisha: *2 Kings 2:9-12*

Elisha stories: *1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-13:21*

Efficacious word of God: *Isa. 55:10-11*

The source of all truth: *John 8:31-32, 14:6, 17-18, 15:26, 16:13, 17:17-19, 18:37-38*



WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Gn19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday: Independence Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

First Friday is July 7th.
The signup sheet is in the Narthex. Come and spend some time with Jesus.



The offices will be closed on July 4th. All correspondence will be answered on Wednesday.

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 **FOR** 
4TH OF JULY

SFOA News:

July 9th at 0800: Come and listen to the Pre-mass 4th of July Holiday music presented by the HARPSICHORDS

There will be no pancake breakfasts in July and August. We will resume September 3rd.

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

07/01/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
Birthday Blessing for Nicki Rahn
07/02/23 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of soul of Josephine Russo
07/03/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
07/04/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM
God's Blessings for Alicia Rogers
07/05/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Michelle Purcell
07/05/23 - Wednesday in SFOA 6:00 PM
07/06/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock
07/07/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Harold Rogers
07/08/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
For the repose of the soul of Judith Garza, Candelario & Consuelo Guajardo and Roberto & Mercedes Garza
07/09/23 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Birthday Blessings for Lynn Crews
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Birthday Blessing for Stetson Shepard

FIND OUT ABOUT THAT “CATHOLIC STUFF” AT RCIA

Are you married to a Catholic and wondering what all that “Catholic Stuff” is about? Have you ever wondered why your Catholic spouse “has” to attend Holy Mass on Sunday? Why does Saturday Mass “count” for Sunday worship? Why aren’t statues of Saints idols? Answers to these and many of your questions are in the RCIA class. Plan now to join us on Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30pm in the Social Hall.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for everyone who: 1) Is not baptized, has no formal religion, and is interested in the Catholic faith. 2) Is baptized in another Christian faith and has questions about the Catholic Faith or is interested in becoming Catholic. 3) Adult baptized Catholics who have no religious education or Sacraments. 4) You, if you want to share your Catholic faith with others as a team.

WHEN IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the normal way to join the Catholic Church from other denominations. Classes begin on Thursday August 3rd at 6:30PM in the Social Hall. Tell your friends and join us in helping others understand the rich history and love in God’s church.

HOW IS RCIA ORGANIZED?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process has four stages: Pre-catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification & Enlightenment, and Mystagogia.

In the Pre-catechumenate or inquire period common questions are addressed, relationship develop and we begin to learn about one another. Inquirers are encouraged to bring their questions to the table for discussion. This period lasts as long as the inquirer needs.

The Catechumenate period (about 13 weeks) and focuses on the seven Sacraments. This period helps the inquirer understand the Catholic Faith and prepares them to live the Faith.

The Purification & Enlightenment period (about 6 weeks) takes place during Lent. It focuses on helping the inquirers, and the congregation, examine the effect of sin in their lives. Mostly it helps prepare them for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Mystagogia period is the last stage of the process (about 7 weeks) and focuses the Neophyte (newly initiated) on the EASTER JOY. This period has them reflect on the process and look to the future. It begs them to answer the question—How will I serve Christ’s mission in my new life? This period reminds the whole church that life in Christ constantly calls us to grow and look for new ways to live the life of grace, personally and together.

Call Ray Meaux at 912-552-4647 for mor information

To register for classes complete the RCIA Registration form on our website: weareolss.org under the Newcomers heading.

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| JUNE 25, 2023 | JUNE 26, 2022 |
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| COLLECTION- \$ 7,400.50 | COLLECTION - \$ 7,151.50 |
| MAINTENANCE - \$ 217.00 | MORTGAGE - \$ 1,415.00 |

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| JUNE 25, 2023 | JUNE 26, 2022 |
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