

July 5, 2026



Our Lady  
Star of the Sea  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street  
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*Saint*  
*Francis of Assisi*  
*Catholic Mission*

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**14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest”**

**Matthew 11:28**

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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<br>07/06  |                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tue<br>07/07  | SFOA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall                                                                                                     |
| Wed<br>07/08  | SFOA Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall<br>OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8<br>OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - RE Double Room |
| Thu<br>07/09  | OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - RE Room # 5<br>OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 4<br>OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - RE Room #8  |
| Fri<br>07/10  | OLSS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church                                                                                            |
| Sat.<br>07/11 | OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 4:00 PM - Social Hall                                                                                                 |
| Sun<br>07/12  |                                                                                                                                                    |

## 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

07/04/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass  
+ *Jim Samoska*

07/05/26 - XIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)  
*Pro Populo ? For the People*  
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
+ *The Soroco Family*

### 07/06/26 - Monday: NO MASS

07/07/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

07/08/26 - Wednesday:  
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS  
*Birthday Blessing for Sister Josephine Mary*  
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA  
+ *Jan & Helena Kuchta*

07/09/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass  
+ *Kathy Cade*

07/10/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass  
+ *Andrew Whitlock*

07/11/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass  
+ *Zygmunt Niksa*

07/12/26 - XV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)  
+ *Franciszek & Maria Oblazny*  
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)  
*Pro Populo / For the People*

## DO WE TRUST IN GOD

There's a saying in Haiti that sums up many conversations there: Life is hard, but God is good. Coming from a community that's among the poorest on the planet, it's a statement of faith that inspires wonder. We tend to scramble our theology with our personal experiences: When things go well, we say we're blessed. When things go awry, we're tempted to curse God, to feel cheated, or at least to ask, "Why is God doing this to me?"

To distinguish our circumstances from our theology is rare. To testify that God remains good, no matter what happens here on Earth, is a higher order of fidelity. The Hebrew prophets operated on this level when, in the midst of war, economic upheaval, national depravity, or crushing humility, they forecast peace, prosperity, renewal, and restoration. In the moral testing that each generation faces, the prophets continued to proclaim that God would be good, no matter what the nation stooped to or was beset with. Do we, in our times, trust in the goodness of God? Do we refuse to despair when the economy falls apart, when violence lingers in the news, or when our national leaders display all the moral formation of 2-year-olds? Because that is what our faith requires of us. The fact is, religion isn't something we do only in church; it's how we live in the midst of our families, communities, and generation, with all the nastiness, broken dreams, and dreary prognoses we encounter therein. Religion has to do with the choices we make whether employed or unemployed, well or sick, alone or ensconced in interdependent relationships. As religious educator Adele Gonzalez points out in her book named after the Haitian saying above, none of us has the luxury to talk about God apart from our life experiences. We are "home in the middle of everything, in the middle of IT," Gonzalez says. So what do we believe, in the middle of IT? That's the only creed worth professing. If we speak a mere rehearsed formula after the homily and live another reality entirely when we return home, our faith has lost its integrity. Does God remain "good" after Mass or simply become irrelevant outside of this hour? When Jesus invites us to approach him with our burdens, that means we're welcome to bring to him our total and true selves. Jesus is with us in the realities of every hour, not only in the golden singularity of the sacramental moment. We're not asked to set down our pack of troubles outside the church door, rest an hour, and then reassume the burdens of life alone once more. When life is hard, in the middle of IT, Jesus accompanies us to demonstrate that God is, now and always, relentlessly on the side of good.

**SAMUEL DOMINICI**



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

*Why do you like altar serving, and what about altar serving makes you closer to Christ?*

I like being able to assist the priest at mass. Realizing that I assist the Priest as he consecrates simple wine and simple host into the Body Blood Soul and Divinity of Christ the savior of the world is what bring me closer to Jesus at mass.

*Who is your favorite Saint and why?*

My favorite Saints are St Benedict of Nursia and St. Pope Pius X. Ever since I was 6 I had a great devotion to St. Benedict. I always wore a St. Benedict medal wherever I went. My second favorite saint is St. Pope Pius X. I remember having to do a book report on him in 5th grade and ever since then he kind of stuck with me and followed me around everywhere I went. I am considering St. Pope Pius X as my Confirmation Saint in 2 years.

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

I love building Legos, reading, and being outdoors. I have always wanted to be a Benedictine monk/Priest since I was little and as I get older, I thought about discerning the priesthood and become a priest for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP).

## In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of our parishioner who have recently passed away, we pray that the Lord grant him eternal rest and console his families.



**Rodney Carlton Clark**

\* November 2, 1949

+ June 22, 2026

**Funeral Mass:**

**July 11, 2026 at 11:00 AM  
at OLSS**

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - OCIA



Are you feeling called to learn more about the Catholic faith?

We warmly welcome non-Catholics seeking a deeper understanding of the Church's teachings and a closer relationship with Jesus Christ to join our OCIA formation program

Please register for the OCIA 2026-2027 session by August 1, 2026.

## OFFERTORY UPDATE

### OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JUNE 28, 2026               | JUNE 29, 2025                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| COLLECTION -<br>\$ 7,560.00 | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 11,838.00 |
| MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 660.00  | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 495.00   |

### SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| JUNE 28, 2026               | JUNE 29, 2025               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| COLLECTION -<br>\$ 1,132.00 | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 2,187.00 |
| MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 488.00  | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 967.00  |

## 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.

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

**Mike Perry**

**John Morrissey, Rod Clark, Larry Mallard**

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 07/04 | 1. Richard Foy<br>2. Bonnie Carr     | Issaac Dominici<br>Joaquin Gomez<br>Samuel Dominici              | Ron Logan Darlene Logan<br>James Pappas<br>Dave Bowman        |
| Sun 07/05 | 1. Karen Jenkins<br>2. Judy Buchanan | Evan Gomez<br>John M. Hopkins<br>Joaquin Gomez<br>Nathaniel Eddy | Carl Boria<br>John Nevins Saul<br>Capulong Clyde Miller       |
| Tue 07/06 | Karen Hill                           |                                                                  |                                                               |
| Wed 07/07 | Richard Foy                          |                                                                  |                                                               |
| Thu 07/08 | Bonnie Carr                          |                                                                  |                                                               |
| Fri 07/09 | Elisabeth Sepulveda                  |                                                                  |                                                               |
| Sat 07/10 | 1. Caroline Neff<br>2. Gene Niksa    | Isaac Dominici,<br>Joaquin Gomez,<br>Samuel Dominici             | Dennis Foster<br>Dante Russo<br>James Pappas<br>Saul Capulong |
| Sun 07/11 | 1. Tom Jenkins<br>2. Lucia Feijo     | Evan Gomez,<br>Landon Wilkins<br>Isaac Dominici<br>Dean Sjostedt | Dave Bowman<br>Robert Cappello<br>Clyde Miller,<br>Carl Boria |

## SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

|              |                                        |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Sunday 07/05 | Lynn Crews<br>Kathleen Rogers          |
| Sunday 07/12 | Lewart Simmons,<br>Susan Price-LaSalla |

## COUNTERS SCHEDULE

|              |                                                                            |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 07/06 | Jon Preble, John Nevins, Ron Logan,<br>Mary Jane May                       |
| Sunday 07/12 | Tricia Jenkins, Larry White, Kathy White,<br>Patty Sullivan, Dennis Conlon |

**The Homily Continues: Tuesday night adult bible study will be taking a summer break till August 25th . Classes will resume Aug. 25th at 6:00 pm with hot dogs and snacks before the program. Have a great summer and see you in August!**

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## 800th Anniversary Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi



**On January 10,  
2026 His Holiness  
Pope Leo XIV  
established the  
Year of St. Francis  
of Assisi on the  
occasion of the  
800th anniversary  
of the saint's  
Transitus to  
Heaven.**

The initial planning  
of our Parish's  
celebration, leading  
up to and including his October 4th  
feast day Mass with Bishop Parkes, has  
begun. All parishioners of SFOA and  
OLSS interested in learning more and  
supporting the activities developing for  
the event are encouraged to come  
Monday night, July 6th at 6 PM to  
SFOA Social Hall. Everyone is  
welcome!

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