

July 12, 2026

**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
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*Saint
Francis of Assisi
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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AS HE SOWED,
SOME SEED FELL.**

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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



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

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE OCIA
2026-2027 SESSION BY
AUGUST 1, 2026**



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

07/11/26 - 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

07/013/26 - Monday: NO MASS

07/14/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

07/15/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Leslie Ann Harber*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Wladyslaw & Anna Kuchta*

07/16/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
Felicity Beck

07/17/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Christine Berarad*

07/18/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Bruce Trainor*

07/19/26 - XVI 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

SIT WITH THE MYSTERY

Storytelling is a time-honored occupation. We may not sit around the tribal campfire anymore to hear what the bards have to say, but we do plop onto the sofa in front of the TV, fire up Netflix on the computer or tablet, or read an old-fashioned novel in bed - with or without an e-reader. That is curious behavior, of course, because there are far easier ways to get information. As a comedian once said: "I took a speed reading course and read War and Peace in 20 minutes. It involves Russia." Those who actually read the 1,200 pages of War and Peace - or even stop a few hours to enjoy the movie - are looking for more from Tolstoy than a synopsis of the plot.

When Jesus approached his teaching Straightforwardly - in the Sermon on the Mount, in proverbs, or in direct answers to questions - he showed himself capable of getting right to the point. So why did he more frequently choose to linger and tell so many parables? It wasn't a time-efficient means of getting the catechetical job done. Many parables can be reduced to a simple sentence: God forgives sinners. God expects us to be generous. But in parable form the long story stands in for the short thesis, and happily so. The story sticks in the memory longer, adhering to the heart or to the gut better than an admonition alone would do.

Yet the longer we sit with a parable, turning it over in our minds, the more facets we uncover. Ambiguities and inconsistencies surface that trouble our desire for simplicity. We want a yes-or-no answer, a God whose rules are easy to understand and which match our sense of justice and order. What we often get with parables is a God who doesn't add up neatly, a framework for justice that challenges more than it comforts.

When the disciples ask Jesus why he prefers this teaching method when it is so imprecise, he replies that mystery is the intended result. Those prepared to stop, ponder, and listen will hear. Those looking to chalk up another commandment with which to bludgeon their neighbor or keep their children in line will be disappointed.

Wisdom teachers across the ages might agree, whether Native American elders passing on ancestral myths or gurus offering their tight little koans. The easy answer turns out to be no answer at all. If you're not willing to sit with a mystery, you don't get to pierce its secrets. The seed that goes down into the rich soil must burrow a long way, roots pushing through the Earth and incorporating water and minerals to achieve the eventual return to the surface. Only then will the shoot produce its fruit.

JOAQUIN GOMEZ



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 enjoy altar serving because it allows me to help my community and improve my connection with Christ due to me being involved with mass more than the average Catholic does.

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

My hobbies include reading, creative writing, helping my community, and gaming. The future, to me, looks like being a productive member of society and hopefully contributing something useful to the world.

Who is your favorite Saint and why?

My favorite saint is Saint Patrick, because of his heritage, and he is the patron saint of engineering

Congratulations, Stetson Shepard!

Our parish family joyfully congratulates Stetson Shepard on being officially accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Savannah. We are very proud of you and grateful for your generous response to God's call.

As you continue your journey of discernment and formation for the priesthood, be assured of our prayers and best wishes. May the Lord bless you abundantly, strengthen you each day, and help you remain faithful to His voice. May your years of formation be fruitful, and may you always cling to Christ, following wherever He leads.

Congratulations, Stetson! May God continue to guide and bless you.



OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 5, 2026	JULY 6, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 10,159.00	COLLECTION - \$ 13,393.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 3,737.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,070.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 5, 2026	JULY 6, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,695.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,305.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,015.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,325.00

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.

George Hollum

Frank Willis Jr. Ludwika Glod,
Maria Klikuszowian

Mike Perry

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 07/11	1. Caroline Neff 2. Gene Niksa	Isaac Dominici, Joaquin Gomez, Samuel Dominici	Dennis Foster Dante Russo James Pappas
Sun 07/12	1. Tom Jenkins 2. Lucia Feijo	Evan Gomez, Landon Wilkins Isaac Dominici Dean Sjostedt	Dave Bowman Robert Cappello Clyde Miller, Carl Boria
Tue 07/14	- _____ -		
Wed 07/15	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/16	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 07/17	Richard Foy		
Sat 07/18	1. Gene Niksa 2. Richard Foy	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ken Sylvester David Costa James Pappas David Bowman
Sun 07/19	1. Greg Lockhart 2. Brian Benton	Issac Dominici John M Hopkins Samuel Dominici Nathaniel Eddy	Mike Recore Saulo Capulong John Nevins Robert Cappello

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 07/13	OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 6:00 PM - RE Double Room
Tue 07/14	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall
Wed 07/15	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 07/16	SFOA - Hands in Hands - 1:00 PM - Folkston Nursing Home OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 8 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5
Fri 07/17	OLSS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church
Sat. 07/18	OLSS - St. Joseph the Worker Men's group - 8:30 AM - Social Hall

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**Parents,
Religious Education starts soon!!!**

There are a few changes/reminders that you need to be aware of.

- * RE begins AUGUST 23.
- * RE classes are for Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- * CYM is for high school students who have already made their Confirmation.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE
COMPLETED ONLINE (www.weareolss.org)
Ministries Tab - Religious Ed

*****BEGINNING THE 26/27 RE SCHOOL YEAR,
ALL SACRAMENTAL
CLASSES (FIRST COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION) WILL REQUIRE TWO
CONCURRENT YEARS OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION.**

**REQUIRED CLASS ATTENDANCE WILL BE
DISCUSSED AT PARENT MEETINGS.*****

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/12	Tricia Jenkins, Larry White, Kathy White, Patty Sullivan, Denis Conlon
Monday 07/20	Diane Costa, David Costa, Diane Schneider, Roberto Garza

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/12	Lewart Simmons, Susan Price-LaSalla
Sunday 07/19	Jennifer Pfeffer Mary Fouraker

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