



Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE HOLY SITE FOR THE
2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA



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Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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.....6:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
30 Minutes before Mass
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

07/12/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass

Pro Populo / For the People

07/13/25 - XV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

+ Arleta Dawson

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ Marguerita Maldonado

07/14/25 - Monday: NO MASS

07/15/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM Adoration follow by Mass

07/16/25 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Mass at OLSS

+ Anthony Petty & + Sister Pauline Oetgen

6:00 PM Mass at SFOA

07/17/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ Almut Haswell

07/18/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

Lisa Wheeler - Birthday Blessing

5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

07/19/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ Andrew Whitlock

07/20/24 - 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)

+ Charlotte Mullins

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

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. 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

THE LITTLE PACT OF MERCY

Mercy is in danger of becoming an antique word. We live in a tough world where cynicism is the protective wrapping around many hearts. Hostility toward the enemy and suspicion of the stranger are the norm. Our bitterly partisan culture encourages us to be vitriolic toward competing ideas and those who hold them. It's acceptable and even fashionable to be rude, self-promoting, and other-denying. The more hysterical the public rhetoric is, the farther it travels and the more popular it becomes.

We must oppose this trend. Christians can't afford to toss their hats in the ring with intolerance, arrogance, and downright cruelty. When hysteria rules, we must remain good stewards of our words and emotions and where they lead us. Spraying unbridled passion about self-indulgently is incompatible with the baptismal vocation. We're called to surrender our lives for others, not trample them underfoot if they oppose our point of view.

Why is that important? Because demonstrating mercy toward the neighbor is an imperative of our faith. Eternal life hangs in the balance when we choose to exercise or deny compassion. The great commandment obliges us to love God and neighbor. And if we want to quibble about the definition of neighbor, we only have to listen to the parable of the Good Samaritan again. "Good Samaritan" has become a metaphor for do-gooding; that's unfortunate. The Good Samaritan is not a philanthropist spreading money around on his favorite causes. No, the Samaritan is not a charitable guy in the traditional sense. He's a brave man who crosses clear social lines to rescue the wrong person: his enemy. A man who hates him. A man to whom he owes nothing, neither kindness nor sustenance. Chances are the fellow in the gutter would have let the Samaritan bleed to death had the roles been reversed. The Samaritan doesn't weigh that probability very heavily when making the decision to help. Most of us can't get our minds around what the Samaritan does because we can't even offer an ideological opponent common courtesy, never mind spending time, money, and genuine compassion on the suffering of a perceived foe. We have little practice with sympathy, much less empathy. The modern model is to be sarcastic, distant, and unconcerned. "Not my problem, not my job" is the mantra. Many of us don't even want to hear about the plight of undocumented immigrants, or gay bashing, or the continued effect of racism and sexism, even when it operates in our church assemblies. The Good Samaritan remains a rather lonely fellow. Yet the advice of Jesus is plain: "Go and do likewise."

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jose Nieves

Leslie Danyelle Perez

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



**BRIAN BORIA,
SEAN CREO,
BRITTANY HUGHES,
SHANE MILLER,
KAMDEN OLSEN,
ALEX FRANQUES,
ROBERT FRANQUES JR**



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Boys: Always looking for new altar boys and experienced altar boys servers. For more information contact Jason Dominici at olssaltarservers@weareolss.org

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

OCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church email ocia@weareolss.org

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at relgioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: Fostering friendship in our faith community! Open to all women, ages 18 – 108! Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall. Funds generated at our Annual Christmas Bazaar are used to provide college scholarships, support the Youth Ministry and Vacation Bible School. We also provide prayer blankets for anyone who is ill or in the hospital – contact Darlene Logan (225) 772-2797 or Tricia Jenkins (912) 552-5683 for a blanket or additional information.

The Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, It has grown to support refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men.

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please church office at 912-882-4718

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach, and much more. We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks for more information - 912-322-6857

Legion of Mary: A lay organization to help the world by active works and prayers and to serve Jesus through Mary. Contact Maureen Van Horn 912-322-8672 or MaureenVanhorn@tds.net

GIVING FROM THE HEART

One message that is central to Hans Urs von Balthasar's writing is that love is giving of oneself and receiving from the other. God, in all three Persons of the Trinity, gives of Himself, both within the community of the Trinity and to us, His creation. He gives selflessly, not counting the cost to Himself, even to the point of laying down His life on the Cross, giving of Himself perpetually in the Eucharist, and abiding with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Balthasar says, "Jesus' gift of self becomes the model for our imitation" (Mysterium Paschale, 111). We are called, by God's grace and in imitation of Him, to give of ourselves, both back to God and to our neighbor.

We are called to love God with our whole heart, being, strength, and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves, often giving more than we feel capable of giving. We are called to give from this deep place, in a way that pulls us out of ourselves and causes a beautiful ache, and frequently even pain, yet a great joy when we reach out to others from our heart.

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan in today's Gospel shows us not only who our neighbor is but also what it means to love our neighbor.

The Samaritan was traveling down the road, undoubtedly journeying somewhere, when he saw a man on the side of the road, robbed, beaten, and near death. The Samaritan laid aside his plans and paused his journey in order to care for the injured man, generously pouring his own oil and wine over the man's wounds and bandaging them, perhaps with a strip of cloth ripped from his clothing. He lifted him onto his animal and walked to an inn where he cared for the beaten man all night until he was stable then paid for his continued care, promising to return. The Samaritan gave generously, sacrificing his own plans and giving of his time and resources to help the beaten man. Undoubtedly his heart was aflame as he poured himself into caring for this man.

Love is a pouring forth of ourselves, a giving to God and our neighbor from the heart. When we imitate God by loving in this way, reaching out from deep within and giving selflessly, He transforms our hearts.

Loving this way is a challenge. I am often running into issues that make me want to pull back and limit my generosity. Frustrations, annoyances, and inconveniences regularly make me want to just get through the moment rather than thinking about someone else or looking to God. But pulling back in that way makes us close in on ourselves, whereas generously being there for God and others as our Lord does, and asks us to do, expands our heart to give and receive even greater love.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?



Mon 7/14	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ladies Auxiliary - Social Hall
Tue 7/15	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continued - Social Hall
Wed 7/16	SFOA - 4:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE Building
Thu 7/17	SFOA - 1:00 PM - Hands in Hands - Folkston Nursing Home OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Building OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE Building OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - RE Building
Fri 7/18	OLSS - 5:30PM - 7:30PM - Eucharistic Adoration - Main Church
Sun 7/20	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Social OLSS - 12 Noon - Donut Social - Social Hall

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 07/12	Richard Foy	Isaac Dominici	James Pappas Dennis Foster Greg Glaz Darlene Logan
Sun 07/13	Ray Meaux Hunt Thornhill	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Bryant Shepard	John Nevins Clyde Miller Diana Schneider Ken Sylvester
Tue 07/15	Karen Hill		
Wed 07/16	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/17	- _____ -		
Fri 07/18	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 07/19	Judy Buchanan Karen Hill	Bryant Shepard	Dante Russo Ron Logan Darlene Logan - _____ -
Sun 07/20	Ray Meaux Karen Jenkins	Evan Gomez Issac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway Robert Cappello Carl Boria



OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 6, 2025	JULY 7, 2024
COLLECTION -  \$ 13,393.00	COLLECTION - \$ 12,399.00
MAINTENANCE -  \$ 4,070.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 4,156.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 6, 2025	JULY 7, 2024
COLLECTION -  \$ 1,305.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,300.00
MAINTENANCE -  \$ 1,325.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,017.50



YARD SALE

Saturday, September 13th, 7 am - 2 pm

Father's Angels are accepting donations for our annual yard sale!

We are in need of gently used items:

*furniture/tools/household items/toys/books
holiday items/clothes in good condition/ etc.*

**Drop Offs: Monday-Friday 9 am-2 pm
Call 912-322-6857 for large item pickup**

*Proceeds are used for senior center outreach,
kids movie nite, and special projects to benefit the parish.
Father's Angels thank you for your continued support!*

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 PARISHIONER

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The Parish Choir Needs You!
 Our church is in need of more singers, no experience necessary, just the love for music and community! We are looking for more singers for Saturday's Vigil mass and Sunday's 11AM Mass. Rehearsal are Wednesdays nights. See Scott for more details. All are Welcome !

BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz

