

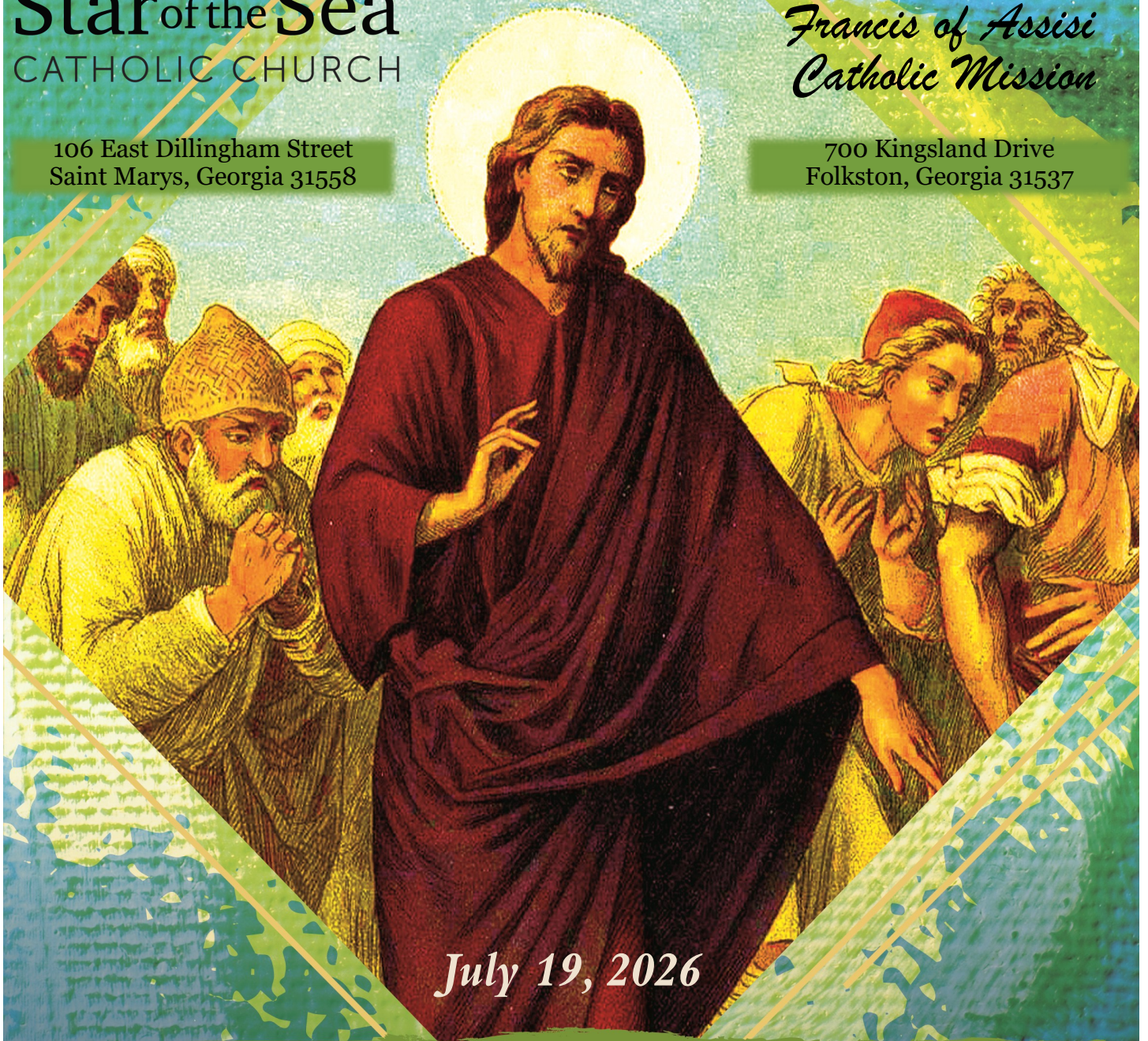
Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
Saint Marys, Georgia 31558

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

700 Kingsland Drive
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July 19, 2026

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat along with them.**

**Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say
to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning; but gather the wheat into my barn. Mt. 13:29-30**

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE		COUNCILS	
Saturday 5:00 PM (except on Holy Saturday) Sunday 11:00 AM		OLSS Pastoral Council Darlene Logan - President parishcouncil@weareolss.org	SFOA Pastoral Tina Baxter - President sfoaparish@weareolss.org
OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Monday No Service Tuesday 5:30 PM Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM		OLSS Finance Council Kevin Wagner - President financecouncil@weareolss.org	SFOA Finance Council Tina Baxter - President sfoaparish@weareolss.org
SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE Sunday 8:30 AM		Bulletin Editor: Fr. Mariusz Fuks	
SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday.....5:00 PM		OFFERTORY UPDATE	
OLSS CONFESSIONS Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM or by appointment		OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR	
SFOA CONFESSIONS 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment		JULY 12, 2026	JULY 13, 2025
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		COLLECTION -  \$ 9,960.00	COLLECTION - \$ 8,859.00
		MAINTENANCE -  \$ 1,792.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,598.00
		SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR	
		JULY 12, 2026	JULY 13, 2025
		COLLECTION -  \$ 1,110.00	COLLECTION - \$ 785.00
		MAINTENANCE -  \$ 907.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 343.00
		<i>“Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”</i> 2 Corinthians 9:7	





Dear Parish Family,

As Scott, our music director and I mentioned last weekend, our parish organ is reaching the end of its useful life. The estimated cost of replacing it is approximately \$130,000.

Many of you may remember that our current organ was acquired years ago from a church in Jacksonville that was replacing it with a new instrument. At that time, we were told that we might get a few years of service from it. Thanks be to God, it has faithfully served our parish for those years, but now it is becoming increasingly unreliable, and the time has come to begin planning for its replacement.

I have also recently received the estimate for replacing our parish sound system. The total cost of installing a new sound system is \$53,290.18. While this is also a significant expense, I am hopeful that this project will be funded through the Harvest of Hope Campaign, as it was included among the projects submitted for consideration.

This means that our immediate fundraising efforts can be focused primarily on replacing our organ.

I humbly ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation toward this important project. Every gift, regardless of its size, will help us move closer to our goal.

If you are unable to contribute financially, I ask something just as valuable: please pray for our parish. Pray that God will bless this endeavor, touch the hearts of generous benefactors, and help us provide a beautiful instrument that will continue to enhance the sacred liturgy for generations to come.

I firmly believe that, with God's grace and by working together as one parish family, we can accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your prayers, and your love for our parish.

Fr. Mariusz Fuks
Pastor



You can also make donation by scanning this QR Code

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

07/18/26 - 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*

07/20/26 - Monday: NO MASS

07/21/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass

07/22/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Jim Samoska*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Karol & Antonina Fuks*

07/23/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Lou Lambremont*

07/24/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Jean Hodges*

07/25/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

07/26/26 - XVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Jozef Klikuszowian*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Tom Reichling*

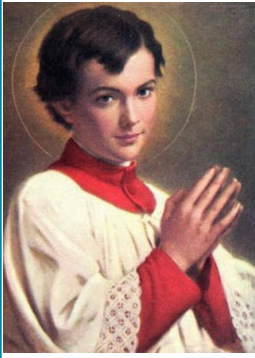
WHO'S TO BLAME ?

The wheat and the weeds grow up together: That is a succinct description of human history. Certainly it was true in Jesus' own biography. He chose twelve apostles to be his intimate associates, and was not one of them a sometimes negative presence? It may be unfair to single out one betrayer, however, when others would also desert, deny, grow skeptical, jostle for power, and make inquiries that prove there really is such a thing as a dumb question. The same gospel teaching is available to all disciples. How few receive it, and how rarely even they apply it.

Salvation history is acres and acres of weeds competing with the wheat for space, resources, and attention. Every Abel faces his Cain, and every David faces his own reflection in the mirror. Good and evil are rarely distinct characters in the story. Growing up in such close proximity, the wheat and the weeds frequently seem to be offshoots of the same stalk. Our task is not to separate out the bad elements in our society from the good ones but to acknowledge that all are tainted. We're each capable of monstrous choices - which also means we're equally capable of heroic ones. In the same way, the weedy parts of our past can still produce wonderful fruit. If we've suffered, it may make us more compassionate, gentle, sympathetic. If we've sinned, we can more easily forgive, offer guidance, encourage repentance in others. While we're fixated on weeding out the dark elements in the societal field, our gaze is too often turned outward, externalizing what's bad. The blame game implicitly exonerates us. Even if we find fault with ourselves, the blaming principle seeks to assign responsibility further: "He made me angry." "They raised me to be a loser." Don't most of our confessions begin or end with extenuating circumstances that render us technically pre-absolved?

If we surrender the impulse to blame and let God be "the source of justice" as Wisdom teaches, we find that God's justice is much kinder than our variety. That may be what we're most fearful of: that God won't punish our foes enough to satisfy us. How many movie villains, intent on taking down the hero, wind up hurtling into the evil trap they themselves had set? When we insist on divine vengeance, we're like those evil geniuses, teetering on the edge of our own hell.

Jesus tells us it's not for the servant to tell the householder how to tend his weedy field. When we allow God to be God, we're also freed to be simply ourselves. Deprived of divine responsibilities, we no longer have to decide who's righteous. We can also enjoy the benefits of God's remarkable clemency.



Attention Parents!

You are warmly invited to the New Altar Server Parent Meeting on Sunday, August 2, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the 8th grade classroom. If your son is interested in becoming an altar server, join us to discover the sacred responsibilities, faith formation, and careful safety measures that prepare our newly called boys to assist the priest in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For enrollment or any questions, please contact Jason Dominici at olssaltarserver@weareolss.org. May this meeting inspire a deeper devotion to serving God's Holy Church.

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.***

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**





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 it because I have a chance to serve Christ up at the altar, I am also closer to Christ in the tabernacle. "

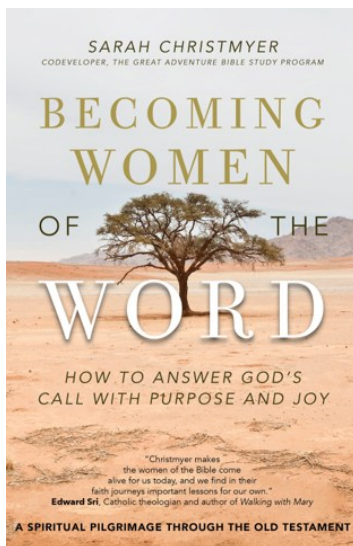
What hobbies do you have and what does the future look like for you?

"I like building things, and I can see my Self as a Dominican friar or an engineer one day. "

Who is your favorite Saint and why?

I have 3 favorite Saints. St. Dominic because he lived a life of penance and because I have a pen pal who is a Dominican Friar. I am also doing the Rosary Pilgrimage in our parish with the Dominicans in DC.

St. John Vianney Because he was brave enough to hide a priest in the woods when they were being persecuted during the napoleon wars. St. Juan Diego because I have a huge devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and I have a huge replica of the tilma from Mexico above my room altar.



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The women God called to bring his chosen people into the world were ordinary women who struggled with emptiness, oppression, infertility, and loss- yet who found strength and hope in God.

Each Chapter of Becoming Women of the Word highlights the spiritual legacy of one or more women in the Old Testament. Their world was vastly different from ours, yet they faced the same questions we do: when we can't feel God's presence, where do we find help? When our world is collapsing, where is God? Why should we trust him? How can we trust him? The Author simply and clearly draws from the lives of these women important principles that help us to trust-even as we struggle with doubt.

For Example:

- Through Eve, we learn to hold on to God's promise even when we fail.
- Sarah reminds us to wait on God's timing to make us fruitful.
- Miriam, the sister of Moses, shows how to lead by example.
- Ruth and Esther challenge us to see womanhood as a gift.
- Hannah and Judith inspire us to trust God even in matters of life and death.

These unforgettable portraits create a colorful mosaic of faith, encouraging us to mine God's Word for spiritual treasure and to pass on the gift.

When: Beginning September 7th & 11th

Time: Monday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 pm) and again on Friday mornings (9:00 – 10:30 am)

Where: in the OLSS Religious Education Building.

To sign up and for more information, contact Eileen Lang via email Elang8484@gmail.com or call 732-489-1124. The deadline for sign up is August 23rd to ensure we have time to order materials.

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.

John Morrisey

George Hollum

Ludwika Glod, Maria Klikuszowian

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 07/18	1. Gene Niksa 2. Richard Foy	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ken Sylvester David Costa James Pappas
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
Tue 07/21	Karen Hill		
Wed 07/22	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/23	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 07/24	Richard Foy		
Sat 07/25	1. Bryant Shepard 2. Caroline Neff	Waylon Wilkins Issac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Dennis Foster Dante Russo James Marcin Saulo Capulong
Sun 07/26	1. Hunt Thornhill 2. Judy Buchanan	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Landon Wilkins Dean Sjostedt	Clyde Miller Carl Boria David Bowman Mike Recore

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 07/20	OLSS - Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Tue 07/21	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall
Wed 07/23	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 07/24	OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5
Fri 07/25	OLSS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church
Sat. 07/26	

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16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"The Son of Man will send his
angels, and they will collect out of
his kingdom all who cause others
to sin and all evildoers. They will
throw them into the fiery furnace,
where there will be wailing and
grinding of teeth. Then the
righteous will shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their Father."

- Mt 13:41-43a

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COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 07/20	Diane Costa, David Costa, Diane Schneider, Roberto Garza
Sunday 07/26	Pauline Wentworth, Julie McKeown, Robert Capello, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 07/19	Jennifer Pfeffer Mary Fouraker
Sunday 07/26	Butch Crews Lawanda Jones

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