



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



• 16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME •

**“THERE IS
NEED OF
ONLY ONE
THING.”**

July 20, 2025

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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

07/19/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass

+ Andrew Whitlock

07/20/25 - 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

07/21/25 - Monday: NO MASS

07/22/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM Adoration follow by Mass

07/23/25 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Mass at OLSS

+ Mr & Mrs Joseph Hodges

6:00 PM Mass at SFOA

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

+ George Francis McCulley

07/25/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

07/26/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

Pro Populo / For the People

07/27/24 - XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

+ Arleta Dawson

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

+ David Bliton

*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

Dear Parish Family,

Please be advised that I will be away from the parish beginning July 28 until late mid of August. I will be taking this time to rest and recharge, while visiting my elderly mother. I humbly ask for your prayers during this period.



If there is any parish-related business you would like to take care of before I leave, please reach out or stop by the office this week. I'll be available and happy to assist with anything that may need attention before my time away.

Thank you for your understanding, and may God continue to bless you and our parish community of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Francis of Assisi.

Yours in Christ;
Fr. Mariusz Fuks
Pastor

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.

Fran Schneider

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

THE MYSTERY OF THE AGES, REVEALED

The quest for ultimate answers continues. Just visit the spirituality section of a bookstore, the self-help quadrant of Amazon, or the political blog of your choice. Fundamentalism, always the primary dispenser of definitive answers, is on the rise worldwide: in Christianity as well as Islam, in Buddhism and Judaism, too, and even - gasp! - in Roman Catholicism. Many of us want to know the secret to living a good life, that's all. We want to know how to be happy and avoid suffering. If there's a formula that's eluding us, we'd be glad to hear it.

Paul has such a formula, which many have heard and most dismiss: "It is Christ in you." Got it? That's it. Now just live it. But ay, there's the problem. Christ-in-you sounds great on paper. But how does that work at the supper table or in the work place - or in the unemployment line, as the case may be? Bringing Christ or being Christ everywhere we go isn't easy, considering how hugely incompatible many places are with what we imagine Christ-life to be.

So let's back up. Christ-in-you resembles another phrase we've heard before: God-with-us. And salvation history assures us God's been with us from the beginning. Consider Abraham under the terebinth of Mamre. Someday I'm going to open a retreat center called Terebinth: It will be a happy sheltering place where God shows up when you least expect it. The most vital lesson Abraham learns is that we don't have to go looking for God in exotic spiritual locations. God is content to show up at our place, wherever that is. You got a shack in the desert? God will be there around dinnertime. Be prepared to offer a spread, because we know how God feels about supper.

In a seemingly unrelated story, Jesus shows up in Bethany - also conveniently around mealtime. Like Father, like Son. And Martha pretty much does what Abraham did when she realizes the Holy Presence is here for dinner. She pulls out the stops, goes totally Martha Stewart in the kitchen. And Jesus doesn't criticize her for that. Chances are he can smell some pretty nice aromas coming from out back, and if the gospels are clear on anything, it's that Jesus likes to eat. Martha makes her mistake when she criticizes her sister for not putting on an apron. Martha's a fan of even-stein. She sees Mary's decision to plant herself at the feet of Jesus as an inferior choice. Assuming the posture of a disciple can never be a lesser choice to the service (diakonia) Martha finds most natural. How we arrive into the Holy Presence may find a different expression in each of us. As long as we all make it to the table, the Mystery of the Ages will be waiting for us.

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

THE BETTER PART

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son. So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord. And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner - maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tim Schindler

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY





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

WHAT'S GOING ON ?



Mon 7/21	SFOA - 6:00 PM - Ultreya - Social Hall
Tue 7/22	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall
Wed 7/23	SFOA - 4:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE Building
Thu 7/24	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Building OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE Building
Fri 7/25	OLSS - 5:30PM - 7:30PM - Eucharistic Adoration - Main Church



OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 13, 2025	JULY 14, 2024
COLLECTION -  \$ 8,859.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,306.00
MAINTENANCE -  \$ 1,598.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 765.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 13, 2025	JULY 14, 2024
COLLECTION -  \$ 785.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,195.00
MAINTENANCE -  \$ 343.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 258.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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
Tue 07/22	Karen Hill		
Wed 07/23	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/24	- - - - -		
Fri 07/25	- - - - -		
Sat 07/26	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard foy	Bryant Shepard	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Don Petrine Greg Glaz
Sun 07/27	Tom Jenkins Ray Meaux	Joaquin Gomez Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Mike Recore John Nevins



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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MILES P. HENDRIX, ESQ.
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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

