



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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

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Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



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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 - 8:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 AM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 8:00 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

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

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 Minutes before Mass
or by appointment

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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

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

07/27/25 - XVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ Arleta Dawson
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ David Bliton

07/28/25 - Monday: NO MASS

07/29/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM Adoration follow by
Communion Service

07/30/25 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
NO 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA

07/31/24 - NO Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

08/01/24 - NO Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

08/02/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ Wayne May

08/03/24 - XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ Yvette Salutillo



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;

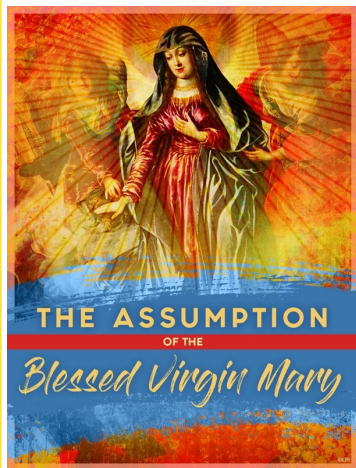
1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You 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



AUGUST 15
 SOLEMNITY OF THE
 ASSUMPTION OF
 THE BLESSED
 VIRGIN MARY
 HOLY DAY OF
 OBLIGATION.
 MASS AT SFOA -
 9:00 AM
 MASS AT OLSS -
 6:00 PM

Dear OLSS & SFOA Parishioners,

Please be advised that Fr. Mariusz will be away from the parish beginning July 28 until late mid of August. Father will be taking this time to rest and recharge, while visiting his family in Poland.

Keep him in your prayers. If you need any assistance during this time please contact our parish office



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.

**Mary Ann Greco, Ed Piwowar, Jim Walsh,
 Sharonda (Shawn) Salser**

Fran Schneider

Jose Nieves

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

A SURVIVAL KIT FOR MORTALS

Asking for help is a curiously difficult thing to do. Once we're no longer kids, we take a distinct pride in being self-sufficient. Back in college I remember signing a lease on a basement apartment for the summer. It was a bargain: only \$12 a week. But it came with a plumbing problem: Each time it rained, the water flooded up to my knees. Needless to say, the mold was acute. Mushrooms grew in the bathroom. But I would not complain to the absent landlords nor would I dream of asking my parents for a bailout. I was going to live with my choices, even if the consequences were insanely undesirable.

We joke about being unable to ask for directions while hopelessly lost. We allow debt to grow over our heads but refuse to call the financial counselor. Our marriages chill to the point of freezing, but we don't seek the assistance of couples counselors. We're lonely but won't leave the house. We know we're drinking too much but won't visit AA. We're unwell but won't see a doctor. We sin and don't go to Confession. Pride keeps us from taking a single step out of the misery in which we find ourselves mired.

So we can understand how the folks in Sodom and Gomorrah got in way over their heads and didn't have the sense to cry for mercy. Abraham, who didn't even live in those cities, was the only person willing to make the case for their pardon, for the sake of the innocent. He asked and asked, bargaining God down on the number, and God relented each time.

Abraham, however, never asked for fewer than 10 innocents. He relied on the goodness of others too much, and so two cities wound up in ruins. If only someone in Sodom had been asking, too! If only one person on each block would seek mercy for our modern cities, perhaps fewer of them would suffer social degradation and ruin. Maybe we should have designated Prayer Watch reps in each neighborhood to guarantee the safety of the populace.

Ask, Jesus says, and you will receive. The problem lies in that too many of us refuse to ask. Pride won't allow us to admit there's a problem or that it's our problem and not someone else's. Pride won't take the risk of appearing weak, foolish, or wrong - yet mortality ensures that we're frail, lacking in knowledge, and error-prone. We deny our nature when we deny these things, and we put ourselves in jeopardy - and the people we care about most in jeopardy, too - when we refuse to ask for the help we need. Don't settle for a snake when what you really need is a fish.

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

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want.

Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tim Schmitt

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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This 12-week study is centered on finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life. Each weekly theme will be offered on Wednesday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 pm) and again on Friday mornings (9:00 – 10:30 am) in the OLSS Religious Education Building. Beginning on September 10th & 12th.

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 22nd to ensure we have time to order materials.





Our Lady Star of the Sea

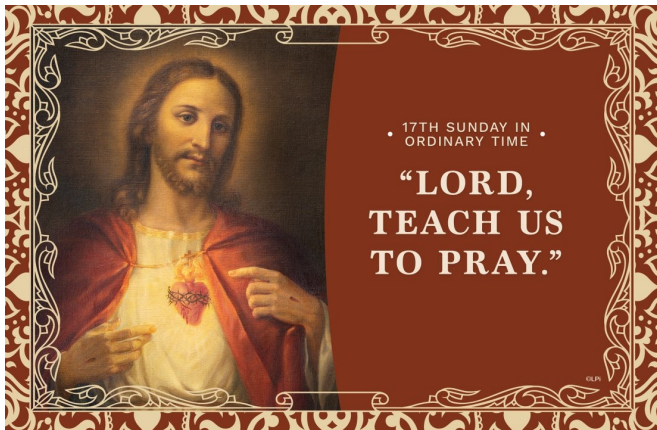
CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 29 - August 24 Liturgy Schedule

Monday July 28	Tuesday July 29	Wednesday July 30	Thursday July 31	Friday August 1	Saturday August 2	Sunday August 3
No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	8:00 AM Mass	No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	5:00 PM Vigil Mass	SFOA Mass 8:30 AM OLSS Mass 11:00 AM
Monday August 4	Tuesday August 5	Wednesday August 6	Thursday August 7	Friday August 8	Saturday August 9	Sunday August 10
No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	8:00 AM Mass	No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	5:00 PM Vigil Mass	SFOA Mass 8:30 AM OLSS Mass 11:00 AM
Monday August 11	Tuesday August 12	Wednesday August 13	Thursday August 14	Friday August 15	Saturday August 16	Sunday August 17
No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	8:00 AM Mass	No Service	SFOA Mass at 9AM OLSS Mass at 6PM	5:00 PM Vigil Mass	SFOA Mass 8:30 AM OLSS Mass 11:00 AM
Monday August 18	Tuesday August 19	Wednesday August 20	Thursday August 21	Friday August 22	Saturday August 23	Sunday August 24
No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	8:00 AM Mass	No Service	5:30 PM Communion Service & Adoration	5:00 PM Vigil Mass	SFOA Mass 8:30 AM OLSS Mass 11:00 AM

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 7/28	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - Social Hall
Tue 7/29	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall
Wed 7/30	SFOA - 4:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE Building
Thu 7/31	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE Building OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE Building
Fri 8/01	OLSS - 5:30PM - 7:30PM - Communion Service, Eucharistic Adoration - Main Church



OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 20, 2025	JULY 21, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 6,871.00	COLLECTION - \$ 9,129.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 365.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,045.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 20, 2025	JULY 21, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 1,025.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,065.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 246.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 570.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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
Tue 07/29	Karen Hill		
Wed 07/30	Richard Foy		
Thu 07/31			
Fri 08/01			
Sat 08/02	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard	Dave Costa Diane Costa Greg Glaz Don Petrine
Sun 08/03	Tom Jenkins Karen Jenkins	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway Robert Cappello Robert Garza



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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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

