

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 2, 2026

• 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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MOVED WITH PITY
FOR THEM.**

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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



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OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		<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> <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i>
JULY 26, 2026	JULY 27, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 7, 661.00	COLLECTION - \$ 6, 804.67	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 670.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 180.00	
SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		
JULY 26, 2026	JULY 27, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 1,280.00	COLLECTION - \$ 870.00	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 690.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 120.00	

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

08/01/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Andrew Whitlock*

08/02/26 - 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)
+ *Nancy Wood*

08/03/26 - Monday: NO MASS

08/04/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass
+ *Karol & Antonina Fuks*

08/05/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Mark & Alyssa Brock
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ *Hamp Jenkins*

08/06/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
Jeffrey Mayer

08/07/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
Dante Russo 101 Birthday Blessing

08/08/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Timothy Ford*

08/09/26 - XIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Marian Kuchta*
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

NEITHER ANGELS NOR PRINCIPALITIES

Certain scripture passages can make us feel rather foolish. Listening to the prophet today we realize we've all been thirsty - and yet have, at times, obstinately and self-destructively refused to "come to the water." More often than we'd like to admit, we've squandered our resources on "what is not bread" and can't hope to sustain us. "The hand of the Lord feeds us," the psalmist insists; that doesn't imply that you and I come to the table of plenty to be fed. Imagine being one of the 5,000 gathered before Jesus at that fateful hour by the Sea of Galilee. Your stomach is growling after a long day of teaching, and food is freely being offered around. Would you pass the basket without taking something from it? What an absurd choice that would be! Yet we do these things and some even more ridiculous. Because the banquet of God's word is before us, full of rich fare, and we may ignore it. The sacraments are offered lavishly for our help week after week, and we may say: later. The community of faith gathers with its centuries-old deposit of faith, and we may choose to be lone rangers on the God-quest.

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Paul asks. Not the deep life-crisis; not a worldly threat; not cosmic powers; and not even death. The only thing that can separate us from Christ is self-will - a thing that Paul does not mention in his list of dangers. Christ will not separate himself from us, but we can choose to separate ourselves from Christ, and it's a relatively simple uncoupling.

"The only thing that burns in hell is self-will": So asserts the *Theologia Germanica*, an anonymous 16th-century document emerging from the same spiritual movement that produced the mystical theologian Meister Eckhart. Hell doesn't have many fans these days, at least in its popular rendering as an eternal fiery torment. But when self-will pits itself against God's will, we're about to get burned, no matter what you care to call it. Jesus chose his Father's will above his own and is now united by that common will for all eternity. When we separate ourselves from Christ, we're making a far different choice. That demonstrates the remarkable autonomy of human freedom: You and I can do what even angels and principalities can't do, what even death is unable to achieve. Jesus puts his very life in our hands, but we can refuse it. He passes the basket of plenty, but we can decline the invitation. He offers us love that's stronger than death, but we can, if we insist, look elsewhere.



DINNER WITH BISHOP PARKES

FOR YOUNG MEN
DISCERNING THE
PRIESTHOOD

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

REGISTER AT
[SAVANNAHVOCATIONS.ORG](https://savannahvocations.org)

Dinner with Bishop Parkes

Young men who are open to learning more about the priesthood are invited to a special evening with Bishop Parkes and priests of the Diocese of Savannah on Saturday, August 8, from 4:30–7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The evening will include Holy Hour, dinner, vocation stories, and an opportunity to ask questions about discerning God's call.

Learn more and RSVP at savannahvocations.org/events



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to provide you with a brief update on our Organ Fund. As of today, thanks to the generosity of a few donors, we have received **\$20,250** toward our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed and supported this important project.

My hope is to raise at least 40 to 45% of the estimated \$130,000 cost before signing a contract with the company that will build our new organ. I humbly ask for your continued prayers and financial support. Every gift, no matter how small, brings us one step closer to making this project a reality.

Thank you for your love, generosity, and faithful support of our parish. Your care for our parish family and its future is deeply appreciated. Together, with God's help, I know we can accomplish this goal.

Fr. Mariusz Fuks
Pastor



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this QR Code



**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.*****



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?

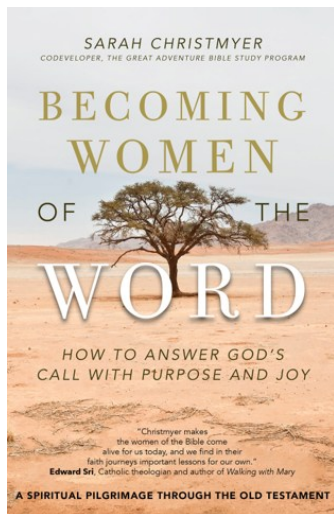
Every part of the holy sacrifice of the Mass is rich with significance and purpose. Altar serving challenges me to become more familiar with the parts and order of the Mass, revealing ample mysteries of the beauty and love of Our Lord to enter into. As is common in our faith, the more we understand something, the more we are amazed by it.

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

I enjoy competing in science bowl and fancy myself a reader of the spiritual classics and the lives of the saints (in reality, I hardly read as I never make time for it). I desire to desire the will of God for my life and if it is his will I would love to be a consecrated religious priest. Otherwise, I would like to become a mechanical engineer.

Who is your favorite Saint and why?

Aside from the Queen of all saints, two of my favorite saints are St. John Paul II and St. Louis de Montfort. I would consider St. John Paul II a sort of spiritual father to me because his life has been a huge inspiration for me as it is epically full of the love of God and Our Lady. He inspired me to read True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis, which now is my second favorite book and the center of my spirituality.



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.

Mike Perry

Margaret Norton

John Morrissey

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 08/01	1. Mary Ann Moore 2. Bryant Shepard	Evan Gomez	Ronald Logan Darlene Logan David Bowman
Sun 08/02	1. Judy Buchanan 2. Greg Lockhart	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici John M. Hopkins	Keith Danos Collen Danos Saulo Capulong Clyde Miller
Tue 08/04	Karen Hill		
Wed 08/05	Richard Foy		
Thu 08/06	Gene Niksa		
Fri 08/07	Richard Foy		
Sat 08/08	1. Cariline Neff 2. Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard	Dennis Foster Don Petrine Saul Capulong Greg Glaz
Sun 08/09	1. Hunt Thornhill 2. Brian Benton	Joaquin Gomez John M. Hopkins Isaac Dominici Evan Gomez	Carl Boria John Nevins Mike Recore Dave Bowman

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 08/02	Art Fouraker Lynn Crews
Sunday 08/09	Kathleen Rogers Lewart Simmons

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 08/02	Dennis Conlon, Ginger Foster, Dennis Foster, Patty Zawislak, Pauline Wentworth
Sunday 08/09	Teresa David, Chrissy Bundrick, Richard Foy, Renee Gentle, Robert Capello



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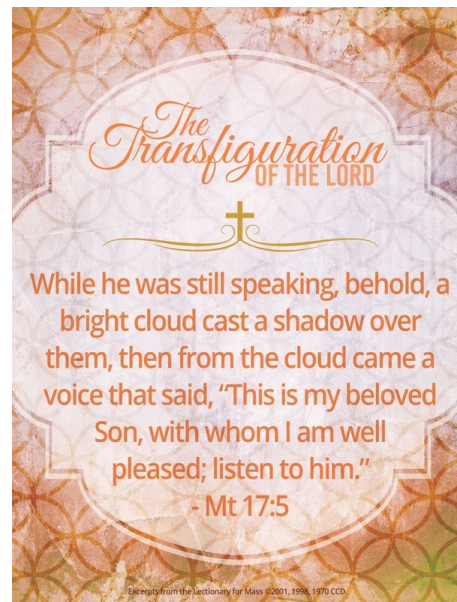
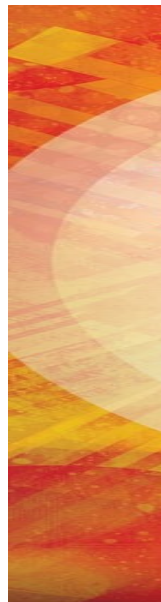
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WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Tue 08/04	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall
Wed 08/05	SFoA Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS - Hospitality - 6:00 PM - Social Hall OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - RE Double Room
Thu 08/06	OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5 OLSS - OCIA- 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Fri 08/07	OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church
Sat. 08/08	OLSS - Baptism Class - 10:00 AM - RE Room #8
Sun 08/09	SFOA - Pancake Breakfast - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Donut Social - 12:00 PM - Social Hall



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