

Our Lady Star of the Sea

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"I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN. WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE
BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON
EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN." —MT 16:19

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays No Daily Mass
Tuesdays 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,
 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass
 (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays 10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions
 Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
 1st Fridays 8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of
 the Blessed Sacrament
 1st Saturdays 10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Daily Mass
 Sundays 8:30 am Mass
 Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron Carr, Doris A. Adams, Doris Thomas, Ron McBee, Cheryl Burke, Hailey Moody, Joseph and Deborah Mroz, Felicia Fink, Lee Blais, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Peggy Schwarting, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Cathy Mulcahy, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartrand, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna Pethel, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Sherri Lynn Jokic, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avilles, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG

Binding and loosing

Who do we say Jesus is? Identifying Jesus has never been as easy as it looks. Walk into any Catholic church and the most prominent image will be his: either as suffering Savior or triumphant Lord. It will be clear to any alien from outer space that whatever happens in this context has to do with this person, whoever he is. But the question of who precisely he is remains the one to answer. Even believers spend a lifetime taking stabs at addressing it, with greater or lesser accuracy.

We know what the Creed says: “We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God, from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father.” That is a long sentence, a theologically complex one, and it is only the first one that seeks to identify Jesus in our profession of faith. It claims that Jesus is “one,” unique in history, and that he is “Lord,” to be revered. He is “Christ,” the anointed of God, as well as “Son of God,” the special and personal claim that God is his only Father. “Eternally begotten”? There was never a time when the Son of God was not, or when the Christ came into being. “Not made”—Jesus is not simply a creature like us, not a product of the divine imagination but “one in Being with the Father,” sharing God’s very life and substance.

Unpacking our profession

Who else do we, the church, say that Jesus is? This astounding statement: “Through him all things were made.” By this we understand that Jesus, the man of history, also stands outside of history as the Christ, present at the creation of the world. For our salvation “he came down from heaven”—this is a big comedown, what Saint Paul describes in Philippians as emptying himself of divine privilege and entering into slavery.

He was born of a mother and became flesh, like the rest of us. And he suffered, died, and was buried in a way most of us would shudder to consider. Just as his birth came about through a woman with a name, Mary, so too his crucifixion was due to a man, Pilate. There is something so specific, time-bound, and purposeful about these two namings.

They are the only two people who appear in our Creed apart from Jesus himself. These two names represent all the human choices throughout history that give birth to Jesus, or put him to death, in every generation. Individuals do that. It doesn’t just happen.

According to holy scripture he rises, ascends, and returns to his rightful place with his Father. He will preside over the great judgment, and the Kingdom he once announced is his everlasting. That is who we, the church, say that Jesus is. But saying isn’t believing, and believing isn’t behaving as if it’s true. The difference between believing with our heads and behaving with our lives can be a huge chasm. Like Peter, we can come up with the theologically correct answer “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” and still get it all wrong in the ways that matter.

The man with the keys

Two people get the keys handed to them in this Sunday’s readings. The first is a fellow named Eliakim, who is named the successor to Shebna, master of the palace in Jerusalem. He gets the responsibility of admittance to the king’s presence, a position of great trust because the king is vulnerable to his servant’s judgment. We care more about the second recipient, Peter, who receives the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Keys mean access—just ask anyone who’s lost theirs to describe how immediately helpless they feel. Peter is granted a share in the divine power to open and close doors to the reign of God itself. What a staggering authority is his!

“Binding and loosing,” as this authority is described, are technical rabbinical terms. First they refer to exorcism and the binding of demonic power. Jesus took charge over a lot of demons in his time and expected his disciples to do the same. The other forms of binding and loosing had to do with membership and excommunication, respectively, and juridical decision-making in general.

These last categories of binding and loosing pretty much describe our present understanding of the magisterium of the church, its teaching authority over its membership. Binding and loosing, saying yes and saying no, opening and shutting the gates, is a divine privilege and an awesome responsibility.

We, too, share the responsibility

Traditionally, the church understands the unique selection of Peter as rock and master of the keys through apostolic succession and the historical papacy. But biblical scholars also note that the powers of binding and loosing are given to the church as a whole through Peter its representative.

Not all of us legislate, administer sacraments, and absolve sins, of course. But we do make moral discernments, welcome or forbid others to our community, and offer or deny forgiveness to those who seek it from us. We judge and administer judgment a thousand times a day in acts of acceptance and rejection. Whether we intend it or not, we are participating in the binding and loosing of our sisters and brothers, as well as of the demons that inhabit our own hearts. If that idea intimidates us or gives us pause, it should. We admit or deny the reign of God breaking into time in every hour by our choices.

If we read a little further on in Isaiah's story of Eliakim, the palace gatekeeper, we discover that eventually he lost the position of authority he had been given. He had been fixed "like a peg in a sure spot." But a later note is added ominously to chapter 22: "The peg fixed in a sure spot shall give way, break off and fall, and the weight that hung on it shall be done away with; for the Lord has spoken." We don't know exactly what Eliakim did to lose his sacred trust. But we are forewarned that we are held responsible for how we use the keys.



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ADORATION 9am - 9pm

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 SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 08/26/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
Healing for Kelly Langham
- 08/27/23 - XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
Birthday blessing for Terri
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
*For the repose of soul of
Rebecca Santos Matias*
- 08/28/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 08/29/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
- 08/30/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM
*For the repose of the soul of
Matthew & Timothy Ford*
- 08/30/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA
- 08/31/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
Blessing for Cynthia Vidal
- 09/01/23 - First Friday - Historic Chapel
8:00 AM Mass
For the repose of soul of Patricia Neff
- 09/02/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Blessings for the Conrad Family
- 09/03/23 - XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Birthday blessing for Flor Constantino
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
*For the repose of the soul of
Stanislaw & Janina Kuchta*

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.

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 Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-882-4718

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

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Ray Meaux at 912-882-2343

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 September 10, 2023 ~ May 12th, 2024, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

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. For more info Contact Norberto Caez- KofC@weareolss.org

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 sacramental 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



VIRTUS Training

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saint Marys, GA

August 26, 2023

9:00 am – 12:00 pm



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VIRTUS Training

St. Stephen, First Martyr Church
Hinesville

September 9th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm



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Registration for our 2023-24 Religious Education is now open online on our website. Please go to <https://weareolss.org/pparish-life/education> to complete the registration form.

Father's angels are now accepting donations for their **garage sale**. We have the trailer and are accepting your used working treasures!

Drop offs accepted Monday through Friday 9-2 daily . Weekends by appointment only ! Yard sale Saturday September 9th all day!

This is the Angel's biggest annual fundraiser and past proceeds have gone to new tables and chairs in the social hall, new flooring in the social hall, dvd players for all RE classrooms, landscaping in front of our church, Mary's Grotto, it supports the birthday cakes for our senior centers, kid's movie night, and so much more! You can help by donating to this year's yard sale!
Thank you !

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 20, 2023	AUGUST 21, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 7970.50 	COLLECTION - \$ 6,046.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 80.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 5,680.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 13 & 20, 2023	AUGUST 21, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 1,375.00	COLLECTION - \$ 780.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 555.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 305.00

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