

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” - Mt 16:26-27

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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 Avides, 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

Imperfect, vulnerable - and chosen

The gospel, as we know, hit the ground as a story in process. Believers proclaimed it for three decades and more before anyone thought to write it down. Writing, of course, makes a story more fixed and inflexible, and a written work takes on an aura of instant infallibility by virtue of being in print. Mark's effort—the first to make the canon—is famous for being short and sweet. Its historical primacy makes every little addition and subtraction in Matthew's version most significant. The only reason to write a second gospel is to correct or augment the first. It is clear to scholars that Matthew felt Mark's story was inadequate in several ways and hoped to supersede it with his own extended version of events. This isn't to suggest that Matthew felt Mark was mistaken. But in the ensuing time between the first and second gospel, the community of Christian disciples had faced developments Mark could not have suspected would need addressing. Also, Matthew noted how Mark's silences and brevity left gaps for would-be believers to fall through. His intention was to build safety nets to prevent attrition due to weakness or confusion.

In last week's gospel account of confessing the identity of Jesus, for example, Matthew adds "Jeremiah" to the many guesses his disciples say others are making. No doubt Matthew privately regarded this guess as a pretty good one. Jeremiah was the prophet of long-suffering, put to death by his countrymen for speaking the truth in an age that preferred the comfortable lie. Throwing Jeremiah's name into the pool of guesses reminds Matthew's audience that the Passion Jesus speaks of directly after this event is by no means an anomaly in the history of salvation. John the Baptist criticized powerful people boldly, and Elijah performed wondrous deeds. Jeremiah relentlessly proclaimed a shattering new understanding of the nation's covenant with God, of which his fellow citizens would have no part.

The clowns of God

What were the Hebrew prophets? However you might choose to describe them, *successful* is not a word you would employ. All of them, from Amos in the eighth century to Malachi after the exile, were spectacular failures in their efforts to persuade a nation to conform to the will of God. Only Jonah had a 100 percent return on his prophetic investment—and he was a work of fiction, no doubt created in a moment of wistful fancy by a prophet with a significantly humbler success ratio. If prophets were doomed to failure by profession, it is no wonder that Jeremiah laments so passionately the call that ensnares him. A vocation to futility is not a desirable fate.

Jeremiah feels duped, a laughingstock, deceived by the very God in whom he trusts. No cheated lover feels more pained or ridiculous than he does as he proclaims the message that earns only derision and contempt. Any of us who attempt to do good and are returned evil know this feeling. Try talking about social justice at a dinner party of hardened hearts.

Preach the gospel of compassion to bigots, or recommend forgiveness to the self-righteous and judgmental. You, too, can be an object of laughter, mocked by all.

And yet, what is the alternative? To refuse to speak the gospel of truth is to feel the fire creeping through your bones, scalding your heart. It is unendurable. Love turns to self-destruction if it is not expressed. If you love God, then duped or not, you will say what you know and do what you must.

Offering the living sacrifice

Consider the scene. Peter has just made his great confession, which has earned him the keys to the Kingdom. All the disciples had recognized Jesus as "truly the Son of God!" after he stilled the storm at sea. Wouldn't you think this is a choice moment in which to reveal the coming hour of Passion? And you would be wrong. No sooner does Jesus predict what's on the horizon than Peter sees fit to dress him down for it. Peter's operating out of loyalty here, of course. He will not see Jesus humiliated or defeated. He cannot conceive of harm coming to the leader he loves and reveres.

But Peter is also making a mistake. He's thinking in simple, mortal terms of how success and failure are measured. He would much prefer that Jesus would gain the whole world rather than lose his life. And we all think this way, both in the church and outside it. We want our parishes to grow and expand in size, wealth, and popularity. We want to be liked, applauded, and appreciated. We want others to agree with us and support us. We don't want adversity. We avoid, at all costs, the cross.

Jesus calls this attitude "Satan." It is an adversarial spirit to the mind of God. When we hope for tangible, material signs of success, we are setting up a rival to God in our hearts. Peter had no idea how close to the precipice he stood on the day Jesus sharply drew him back.

The renewal of the mind

Interestingly, Jesus doesn't ditch Peter after this encounter. He doesn't snatch back the keys and give them, say, to James or John. Nor is there any indication in prophecy that God abandons the ever-lamenting Jeremiah for his complaints about the prophetic process. Perfect service was never the point, it seems.

What's more desirable is the willingness to be continually formed and transformed closer to the will of God, as Saint Paul recommends. And Paul should know. He did his fair share of complaining about the trials of the mission trail, and he made some spectacular mistakes. But he also knew how to pivot from the wrong mind-set to the renewed one, keeping his gospel definitions flexible. Only the clowns of God learn how to tumble so gracefully.

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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 SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

09/02/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

Blessings for the Conrad Family

09/03/23 - XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

Birthday blessing for Flor Constantino

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

For the repose of soul of

Stanislaw & Janina Kuchta

09/04/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**

09/05/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass

For the repose of the soul of

Jan & Helena Kuchta

09/06/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of

Marian Kuchta

09/06/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA

09/07/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass

For the repose of the soul of

Jozef Klikuszowian

09/08/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass

Special Intention

09/09/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Pro Populo

09/10/23 - XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

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

Birthday Blessing for Maureen Van Horn

JUST IN TIME FOR FALL CLEANING OF YOUR GARAGE

If you want to get rid of your unnecessary stuff that been sitting in your garage, now its the time.



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 9am-2pm daily .**

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 !

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

St. Stephen, First Martyr Church
Hinesville

September 9th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm



diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org
stephaniemay135@gmail.com

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.





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.





“The Ladies Auxiliary and the Knights of Columbus will prepare a Fellowship Meal on September 23, 2023, after 5:00 PM mass at the Social Hall. The meal will consist of Spaghetti Dinner, dessert, and games.”

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 27, 2023	AUGUST 28, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 7,076.50 	COLLECTION - \$ 8,272.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 535.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 320.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 27, 2023	AUGUST 28, 2022
COLLECTION- \$ 1,400.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 830.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 410.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 545.00

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**