

September 6, 2026

Our Lady  
Star of the Sea  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street  
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*Saint  
Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Mission*

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault  
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have  
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15



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### OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:00 AM  
(except on Holy Saturday)  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM

### OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday ..... Service  
Tuesday ..... 8:30 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 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

### SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass  
or by appointment

**Holy Mary**  
30 minutes prior to Mass  
**First Fridays Mass**  
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel  
**First Fridays Eucharistic Adoration**  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



“PEOPLE SHOULD  
EAT AND DRINK  
AND ENJOY THE  
FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR,  
FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.”

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13

**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY!**

## 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 / SERVICE SCHEDULE

09/05/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Lena Preioni and + Dorothy Cade*

09/06/26 - XXIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

+ *John Morrissey*

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

*Pro Populo / For the People*

**09/07/26 - Monday: NO MASS**

09/08/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary,  
Communion Service

09/09/26 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS

**NO SERVICES AT SFOA**

09/10/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

09/11/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Daily Mass

+ *Jean Willingham*

09/12/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Renee Sheree*

09/13/26 - XXIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

*Pro Populo / For the People*

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

+ *David Bliton*

September 6, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 18:15-20

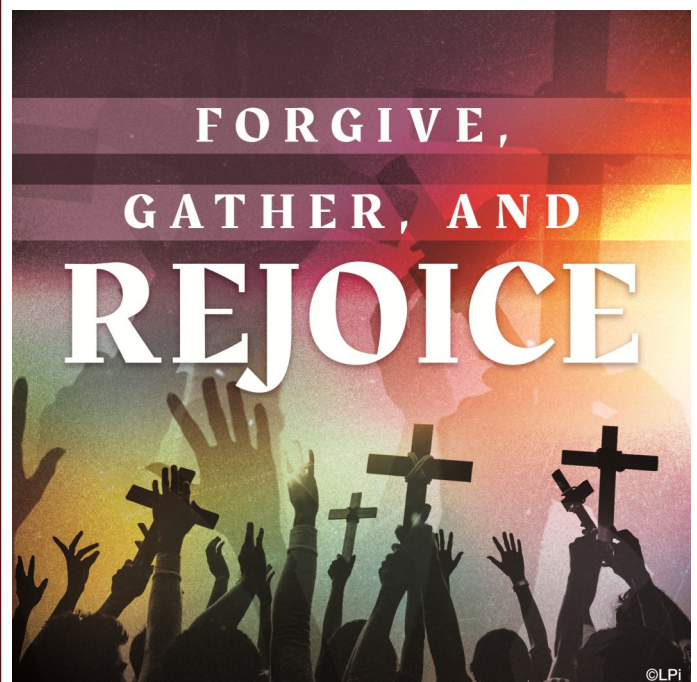
A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily *together* with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated. So when Jesus says, "**Go and tell your brother his fault,**" He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "**If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,**" we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

*Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.*

— Father John Muir







## OLSS Feast Day

## Parish Picnic!

**September 27, Noon to 5 PM**

*Plan now to join other parish families for food, fun, and fellowship! We'll enjoy all the traditional picnic foods and games – including a dunk tank (featuring Fr. Mariusz, of course!), a bouncy house, sack races, and more.*

*Don't miss it!*



### "THE HOMILY CONTINUED"

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

"The Homily Continues" Adult Bible Study meets every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM in the social hall. A light dinner is served from 6-6:30 PM. The video presentation by Dr. Bryant Pitre begins at 6:30.

*Learn your faith through the Mass.*

- Dig deep into the readings for each Sunday Mass
- Follow along with the study guide and transcript
- See the Old and New Testament connections like never before every single week.

These presentations will help you bring home the gospel message every Sunday from Father and help you to live it more fully.

Pope Leo has declared 2026 a special Jubilee Year honoring St. Francis of Assisi—a year dedicated to spiritual renewal, peace, and embracing the humility and simplicity that marked the life of St. Francis.

St. Francis of Assisi Mission will celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 4, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Parkes at 5:00 PM.

*All are warmly invited to join in this beautiful celebration.*

A dinner will be provided after Mass. To assist with planning, you must register to attend the dinner. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex, and a \$25 check per person made out to St. Francis must be included with your registration. Checks will be cashed only if you do not attend after signing up.

Please come and celebrate the Year of St. Francis with us as we honor

his legacy of faith, simplicity, and peace.



## YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 10, 7:00 AM - 2:00 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/ holiday items/ electronics/ etc.**

**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!*



# faith, hope, charity

## 2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Thank you to those who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, please consider helping us reach our goal. The envelopes are available in the Narthex.

|      | GOAL         | TOTAL GIVEN  | AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL |
|------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| OLSS | \$ 43,968.00 | \$ 30,871.29 | <b>\$ 13,096.71</b>             |
| SFOA | \$ 4,824.00  | \$ 4,886.00  | <b>GOAL REACHED</b>             |

*"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."*  
2 Corinthians 9:7

### OFFERTORY UPDATE

### OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| AUGUST 30, 2026                                                                                                 | AUGUST 31, 2025              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| COLLECTION - <br>\$ 7,444.00 | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 7,934.22  |
| MAINTENANCE - <br>\$ 889.00  | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 1,065.00 |

### SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

| AUGUST 30, 2026                                                                                                 | AUGUST 31, 2025            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| COLLECTION - <br>\$ 1,095.00 | COLLECTION -<br>\$ 770.00  |
| MAINTENANCE - <br>\$ 510.00  | MAINTENANCE -<br>\$ 324.00 |

## ORGAN FUND

**NEED TO RAISE \$ 130.000**

**WE HAVE RAISED \$ 47,775.**



You can also make donation by scanning this QR Code

We need 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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|                  | Lectors                                | Altar                                                                  | Ushers                                                             |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat 09/05</b> | 1. Caroline Neff<br>2. Mary Ann Moore  | Bryant Shepard                                                         | Ronald Logan<br>Darlene Logan<br>Kenneth Sylvester<br>James Marcin |
| <b>Sun 09/06</b> | 1. Hunt Thornhill<br>2. Eugene Sanchez | Joaquin Gomez<br>Evanisto Gomez<br>John Michael Hopkins                | Clyde Miller<br>Carl Boria<br>Robert Cappello<br>David Bowman      |
| <b>Tue 09/08</b> | Tricia Jenkins                         |                                                                        |                                                                    |
| <b>Wed 09/09</b> | Karen Cataldi                          |                                                                        |                                                                    |
| <b>Thu 09/10</b> | Gene Niksa                             |                                                                        |                                                                    |
| <b>Fri 09/11</b> | Richard Foy                            |                                                                        |                                                                    |
| <b>Sat 09/12</b> | 1. Johanna Wyatt<br>2. Gene Niksa      | Colton Wilkins<br>Landon Wilkins<br>Waylon Wilkins                     | Donald Petrine<br>James Pappas<br>Dante Russo<br>Saulo Capulong    |
| <b>Sun 09/13</b> | 1. Lucia Feijo<br>2. Tricia Jenkins    | Joaquin Gomez<br>Vince Gomez<br>John Michael Hopkins<br>Evanisto Gomez | Keith Danos<br>Colleen Danos<br>David Bowman<br>John Nevins        |



## 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.

Craig Connor

Greg Glaz

Mary Jane May

Laurie Weiler

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

## Everyday Stewardship

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

Tracy Earl  
Welliver,  
MTS



## SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>09/06 | Lynn Crews<br>Kathleen Rodgers        |
| Sunday<br>09/13 | Lewart Simmons<br>Susan Price-Lasalla |

## COUNTERS SCHEDULE

|                 |                                                                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>09/07 | Diane Costa, David Costa, Ginger Foster,<br>Dennis Foster, Diana Schneider |
| Sunday<br>09/13 | Trish Jenkins, Renee Gentle, Larry White,<br>Kathy White, Roberto Garza    |

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## WHAT'S GOING ON ?

|                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon.,<br>09/07   | <b>Happy Labor Day!</b><br>OLSS - Women's Book Club - 6:30 PM - Count Room                                                                                                                                                            |
| Tue.,<br>09/08   | SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall<br>OLSS - The Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall                                                                                                                                 |
| Wed.,<br>09/09   | SFoA Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall<br>OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8<br>OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Double Room                                                                                       |
| Thurs.,<br>09/10 | OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 9:00 AM - Count Room<br>OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room #4<br>OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room #5<br>OLSS - OCIA - 6:00 PM - Double Room<br>OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - Room #8 |
| Fri.,<br>09/11   | OLSS - Women's Book Study - 9 AM - Double Room<br>OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Main Church                                                                                                                                |
| Sat.,<br>09/12   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Sun.,<br>09/13   | OLSS - CYM - 8:00 AM - RE Building<br>OLSS - RE Classes - 9:15 AM - RE Building                                                                                                                                                       |



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**CALLED BY NAME**

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG CATHOLICS

Bishop Parkes asks parishioners to submit the names of unmarried young men and women, high school age or older, who may be called to priesthood or consecrated life, or who show the gifts to become faithful Catholic leaders in any vocation. You can submit a name at [www.savannahvocations.org/calledbyname](http://www.savannahvocations.org/calledbyname). Thank you for encouraging someone to follow God's call.

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