



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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

SAINT MARYS, GA

Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission



FOLKSTON, GA



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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
30 Minutes before Mass
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
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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

09/13/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Josephine Russo*

09/14/25 - 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*

09/15/25 - Monday: NO MASS

09/16/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM Adoration follow by Mass

09/17/25 - Wednesday:

8:00 AM Mass at OLSS

+ *Bruce Trainor*

5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

09/18/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ *Josephina Artega & Ana Arancibia*

09/19/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ *Pedro Medina & Ernesto Batista*

09/20/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ *Andrew Whitlock*

09/21/24 - XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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

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.

Larry Millard, Missy Capers

Jude Pappas

Jose Nieves, Peg Hudock, Larry Mourey, Fran Schneider, Joe Flynn, Yates & Mary Harrill

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



**BRIAN BORIA,
SEAN CREO,
BRITTANY HUGHES,
SHANE MILLER,
KAMDEN OLSEN,
ALEX FRANQUES,
ROBERT FRANQUES JR**

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

ULTREYA!



St. Francis of Assisi Folkston,
Monday September 15, 2025 at 6pm.
Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring A Friend to Christ!



THE SIGN AT THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH

Teachers should know more than their students. I think most of us hope that the people who are training us in any capacity have more expertise than those whom they are mentoring. But we've probably all taken courses in which we found out that our teachers were posers, or we've held jobs in which our supervisors had less expertise than we did.

Nicodemus has such a credibility gap. He's a teacher of the people, a member of the Sanhedrin. Yet after hearing Jesus, Nicodemus realizes he's discovered a teacher who knows more than he does. And when Jesus tells him that the way to all truth includes being "born again," Nicodemus misunderstands him, imagining an impossible second physical birth.

Nicodemus should not have been so uncomprehending: Judaism itself expected a second birth from those attracted to its teachings. The fact that Nicodemus questions this image implies that he's not been doing his homework.

Yet there's something redeemable about Nicodemus. He keeps coming back to Jesus even though under cover of darkness, afraid to be known as a disciple. He may be ignorant, but at least he knows that he does not know - which puts him far ahead of the unthinking mobs in the streets. Jesus tells him that second birth means that he has to start over, from scratch, a new beginning, and Nicodemus is prepared to try. This puts him head and shoulders above the multitudes who listen to Jesus politely for an afternoon, chalk up the experience as amusing or interesting, and return to their routines.

Those who stay, like Nicodemus, will have their ignorance challenged, their understanding broadened. They'll learn that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. They'll come to know that Jesus doesn't come to judge and condemn the world, but to rescue it. Those who hang around for the long haul will come to experience the sign at the center of great mystery: the cross of Christ. They will come to appreciate that a second birth is also a form of death to the old way of seeing and believing and behaving. The cross changes everything. It makes the strange specter of death into an ally toward fuller, more abundant life.

Saint Paul, the best posthumous pupil Jesus ever had, seemed to be born again in a single encounter with the Risen Lord. He perceived how humility leads naturally to glory, how death is the doorway to life. Paul, who, unlike his fellow Pharisee Nicodemus, probably never met the human Jesus nor saw the cross of Jesus, unpacked its tremendous significance and confessed his allegiance to its great saving mystery. If Nicodemus had been born again, he might have crept out of the shadows and become a memorable teacher of the faith. We might be reading his letters to the church today.

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 relregioused@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

BEARING OUR CROSSES WITH JOY

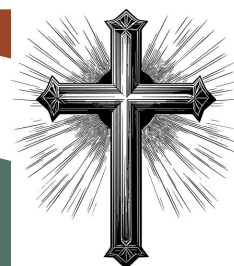
We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. A number of examples come to mind: a time of financial burden, a chronic illness, chronic pain, a particularly difficult season of parenting, the seemingly endless busyness of everyday life... the list could go on and on.

As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How am I supposed to keep a smile on my face when my teenager contradicts every word I say? How can I be happy about the fact that my paycheck is never enough? How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. Afterall, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

The one idea that can bring peace to all of our hearts is the fact that He understands us. Whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can draw real comfort from that, from His compassion, empathy and understanding. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

Who knows, we may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or we may realize we can finally endure them without complaint. We may remember more and more to offer them up for our own soul or for our children's salvation, or for the poor souls in purgatory. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).





MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 09/13	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins	Darlene Logan Ron Logan James Pappas
Sun 09/14	Ray Maux Greg Lockhart	Samuel Dominici Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez	Robert Capello Clyde Miller Mike Recore John Nevins
Tue 09/16	Karen Hill		
Wed 09/17	- _____ -		
Thu 09/18	- _____ -		
Fri 09/19	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 09/20	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dennis Foster
Sun 09/21	Brian Benton Lucia Feijo	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway Ken Sylvester

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025	SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 10,831.22	COLLECTION - \$ 8,579.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,989.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,275.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025	SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 1,840.00	COLLECTION - \$ 910.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,010.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 622.00

Feast Day of Our Lady Star of the Sea will be celebrated on Saturday, September 27 after 5 PM Mass in the social hall. Everyone is invited to attend, dinner will be served.

Please RSVP the office 912-882-4718
or email - office@weareolss.org



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 !

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PARISHIONER

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 - Pastor

