



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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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



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

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.

*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.

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

09/20/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Andrew Whitlock*

09/21/25 - 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)

09/22/25 - Monday: NO MASS

09/23/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM Adoration follow by Mass

09/24/25 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Josephine Russo*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

09/25/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *James Gendron*

09/26/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
Mark Buonicenti

09/27/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Jim Walsh*

09/28/24 - XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *George Francis McCulley*

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



Our Lady
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Blessings on

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

THANK YOU OLSS CATECHISTS

K	Samantha	Gomez	5th	Larry	Wilkins
K	Saige	Stokes	5th	Kristie	Wilkins
1st	Veronica	Dominici	6th	Chrissy	Bundrick
1st	Eloisa	Szyp	6th	Anita	Harrill
First Comm	Natalia	Sepulveda	Conf 1st yr	Janine	Curry
First Comm	Jennifer	Hutchinson	Conf 1st yr	Vincent	Gomez
3rd	Khristine	Barefoot	Conf 2nd yr	Jason	Dominici
3rd	Leslie	Perez	Conf 2nd yr	Brian	Benton
4th	Alissa	Andrews	OCIA	Ray	Meaux
4th	Morgan	Farrell	Perm Sub	Giovanna	Chock
			Substitute	Micky	Nieves

On this Catechetical Sunday, we want to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the Catechists who give of their time to teach the adults and youth of our parish. They spend hours preparing lessons and teaching the truths and wonders of our faith. Please take a moment to pray for each of our teachers, and their students.

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Robert Bellarmine (patron saints of Catechists), Pray For Us !!

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.

Lucy Attner, Laurie Dominici, Bret Winkler

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

Don't Fall for this Immigration Scam!

Scammers claiming to be from Catholic Charities are targeting clients seeking immigration legal services.

Here's how it works:

- The scammer reaches out on WhatsApp, text, email, or social media, offering immigration assistance.
- They say they're from Catholic Charities.
- They ask for personal information such as your Social Security number or address.
- They request payment over Zelle or other digital payment platforms.

Do Not Respond or Provide Information!

Instead:

- Immediately contact Catholic Charities to report the fraud.
- Save the messages but do not engage.
- If you have provided financial information, report the scam to your bank/credit card company.

Contact Catholic Charities of South Georgia at 912-233-1877 online at www.ccsoga.org or in person at 502 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA, 31401.

The Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) also offers resources to identify and prevent immigration services fraud. Call their national office at 301.565.4800 for local assistance.

LEARNING THE NEW MATH

Pedagogy is an ugly word to use at the start of a homily. Better to talk about the way we learn and how it shapes what we learn. It's Catechetical Sunday, not exactly a church feast but a significant feature on the landscape of religious understanding. It's a time to remind ourselves that when it comes to religious education, none of us ever graduate. Religious education gets pegged as something that happens to parochial school children or in Confirmation classes. It's something new parents are forced into to get their kids baptized. Certainly religion teachers and DREs offer a tremendous service to our community in their careful presentation of the faith.

But have you considered how the presider is also a catechist, as is the preacher? Liturgy is the most important catechism of the church because it's the one everyone learns just by showing up. We learn by saying our part and attending to the responses. But we also learn from songs, gestures, the movement of the action from the Sign of the Cross to the Act of Contrition, from word to sacrament, from responsorial psalm of praise to silent prayer of thanksgiving after Communion. While the homilist's primary motive is not catechetical, a little "stealth catechesis" once a while doesn't hurt.

Liturgy and sacrament are great teachers. So is the moral life as a whole. Practice makes perfect, and even those of us who aim much lower than perfection still learn a lot from every attempt we make to love better, forgive more, fear and judge less, be more generous. Environment shapes our learning, too. Remember all the posters in your early classrooms? The alphabet and numbers running colorfully around the room? Catholic environment is composed of words of grace and images of holiness. If you doubt it, try putting a crucifix in every room of your home. Erect a small prayer shrine in a corner. Post your favorite scripture verse on the fridge.

Of course it's good to make conscious choices for adult learning, too. Read a Catholic book; for suggestions, check out the catholicsread.org website or visit the nearest Catholic bookstore. Attend a retreat or parish workshop. Join a faith-sharing group. Subscribe to a Catholic magazine, paper, or news site. Find out what the bishops really said; don't settle only for media reports.

Is a commercial for religious education necessary? Yes, and biblical. We know that when it comes to how grace operates in the world, God doesn't add things up as we do. A duplicitous steward may show more spunk than a disciple of Jesus. If we want to learn the new math, we had better do our homework.

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

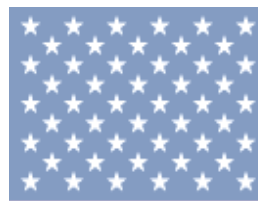
THE CLEVER CROOK

The parable in today's Gospel is another one with a surprise ending. The crooked steward is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus did not condone dishonesty. He just wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" If all you can think of is to throw some change in the monthly collection for the poor, you're not being very clever. Most parishes have organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Imagine what you would do to help someone you loved who was laid off or on disability leave. Do you love Jesus enough to help the poor in his name? Do you ever think of praying for the poor? Not just a quick response to one of the Prayers of the Faithful for the homeless, but actually taking time to pray for those who are unemployed or with jobs that don't pay enough to support a family. Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Even the leaders with whom we disagree could use more guidance from the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

Tim Schmitt

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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
Tue	Karen Hill		
Wed 09/24	- _____ -		
Thu 09/25	- _____ -		
Fri 09/26	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 09/27	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Landon Wilkins Evan Gomez Colton Wilkins Bryant Shepard	Dave Costa Diane Costa Dennis Foster Greg Glaz
Sun 09/28	Ray Meaux Lucia Feijo	Evan Gomez Joaquin Gomez Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway John Nevins Mike Recore

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 16,331.22	COLLECTION - \$ 6,973.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,760.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 405.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 915.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,266.07
MAINTENANCE - \$ 143.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 539.00

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 !

GRANDMA CLAIRE'S



IT'S OUR ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT
EXTRA SPECIAL GOODIE BAGS THIS MONTH
SOUL CAKES AND MORE !!!

COME EARLY FOR PHOTOS AT 5 PM IN COSTUME

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

- ALL COSTUME MUST BE OF RELIGIOUS NATURE;
THIS IS NOT A HALLOWEEN PARTY

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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

