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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
 Thursdays
 Fridays
 Saturdays
 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
 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



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### Lift up your hearts

God's ways are not our ways. God's thoughts are not like ours. You can say that again—and Isaiah does, insisting that the divine perspective is as up, up, and away from ours as heaven is from Earth. Given that chasm, we're not going to figure out the divine will by doing the math or weighing the scales or applying pure reason.

The only way we're going to see things God's way is to "seek the Lord while he may be found"—to seek communion with the Holy One. To do that we have to empty ourselves of our "scoundrel" ways and "wicked" thoughts. In doing so we provide a place for God's thoughts and ways to enter and inhabit us.

Sound easy? Try letting go of your way of thinking and doing before you answer. Consider the last time you passed judgment on another person for not behaving as you would or for not responding in the way you think is appropriate. It's very, very hard for us not to insist on "our will being done" - at least on Earth, and very possibly even in heaven. So often we create God in our own image by presuming that God shares our values. Of course the goal is always that we share God's values. But it's all too human for us to get that backwards.

### **Kingdom Values**

Matthew's gospel presents Jesus as the great teacher of Kingdom values. Jesus provides a constant stream of examples of how Kingdom reality differs from the worldly way of seeing and doing. The last will be first, and the first last. The exalted one is humbled and the humble exalted. Tax collectors and prostitutes barge into heaven ahead of the righteous. Mourners will laugh, and the hungry will be fed. In the atypical terms of the Kingdom, loving our enemies and blessing our persecutors is better than killing and damning them. To save our lives, we're given to understand, we have to be willing to lose them.

Children's stories often feature backwards places you can only get to by falling down a rabbit hole, passing through a mirror, or tumbling through the back of a closet. In these alternate universes the rules are upside down and you have to learn a whole new way of thinking in order to survive. Maybe that is why we have to become like children to belong to the kingdom of heaven. Children alone seem willing to be elastic about reality, less fated about the rules and more willing to throw them out in favor of a whole new way of seeing and being.

The whole story of Jesus in Matthew is about turning worldly thinking upside down. The genealogy of Jesus that begins the gospel includes five unlikely women; that it includes women at all defies the pattern of ancient genealogies. A humble couple gives birth to a baby who is promptly worshipped by foreign kings. What are the chances of that happening in your neighborhood? John the Baptist, a teacher of righteousness, announces the coming of one who promises the way of forgiveness.

Do moralists normally make way for advocates of blanket amnesty? Jesus can select anyone to be his followers, yet he chooses fishermen, a tax collector, a political agitator, and a known thief to be his closest circle. Why not go directly to Jerusalem and select educated and fervent disciples like Saint Paul at once: those who could comprehend the message, had stout hearts, and would enact the mission without a lot of handholding?

Jesus doesn't make the choices that seem obvious to us. And he doesn't operate in a way that seems to have interior consistency. In his great Sermon on the Mount, he defines the Ten Commandments more broadly and heavily than any contemporary teacher. And yet, conversely, his harshest criticisms fall on those who focus on the jots and tittles of the law. Jesus is criticized for not observing fasts or keeping a perfect sabbath as typical holy men do. He seems to be having way too much fun dining with sinners. Jesus is clearly for reconciliation, but hardly a peacenik. The sword will attend those households that embrace him, dividing family members from each other rather than uniting them in sweetness and light.

### **Worldly Justice vs Kingdom Justice**

If anything is sure to annoy the average religious person, it's how Jesus claims that Kingdom justice is meted out. Matthew clearly aimed the story of the landowner and the workers hired at various hours at the trouble in his community between lifelong Jews who came to Christianity and the "newbies" to salvation, those undeserving Gentiles. Many were convinced that there should be some kind of tiered reward structure.

Today, the designations are different but the sense of religious entitlement persists. Catholics should have some perpetual advantage over other Christians, just as Christians should over those of other faiths, and certainly over nonbelievers altogether. If we're doing the hard work of moral living and making all the sacrifices of keeping lust and greed in check, we want to know there's payback for that. People who are not notorious sinners should get into first-class heaven. Late-blooming converts with criminal pasts should not be admitted past the foyer, if at all.

The error in this thinking -not thinking as God does nor conformed to divine ways - is that we're keeping the commandments as a means of earning heaven: We want to get paid! If we adopted the Kingdom perspective, however, we would do good because of the inherent goodness of participating in God's ways. We would celebrate the hour, any hour, when our sisters and brothers joined us in that great work and shared our happiness.

### We lift them up to the Lord

During the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer we are invited to "lift up our hearts" because "the Lord is with us." That is an appeal to be uplifted emotionally -there is reason for rejoice - but also an invitation to "seek the Lord where he may be found": above our ways and thoughts, up, up, and away from the worldly perspective we normally inhabit. Lifting up our hearts gets us up above the crass thinking of quid pro quo. We may even see the Kingdom from there.

### **Related Scripture links**

Kingdom values: *Matt.* 5:3-12, 43-48; 9:13; 10:39; 19:30; 20:26-27; 23:11-12 Kingdom autobiography: *Matt.* 1:1-16; 2:1-12; 3:7-12; 4:18-22; 10:1-4; 11:2-19 Strange religious leader: *Matt.* 5:17-42; 9:14-17; 10:34-36; 11:18-19; 12:1-14

### **Catechism links**

Kingdom: CCC 440; 541-556

### **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

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

For the repose of the soul of

Ianthe Brathwaite

09/24/23 - XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM - (St. Francis) Pro Populo / For the people of the parish 11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea) For the repose of the soul of Barney Panfill

09/25/23 - Monday: **NO MASS** 

09/26/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass Blessing upon Jenny Ford

09/27/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM

Birthday blessing for Jonathan Murphy

09/27/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA

09/28/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass For the repose of the soul of Clodias John Meaux

09/29/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass

09/30/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Linda Starrett

10/01/23 –XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Blessing upon Louise Toth

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

Pro Populo / For the people of the Parish

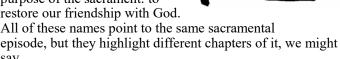
### The "Five C's" of Confession

The Sacrament of Penance, popularly called "confession" and recently redubbed the "Rite of Reconciliation," seems to have undergone a sea change in the last generation. But the difference is form, not substance. The name "Penance" focuses on what we must do to reform our lives.

"Confession" emphasizes the need

"Confession" emphasizes the need to be honest about what makes such change necessary.

"Reconciliation" underscores the purpose of the sacrament: to restore our friendship with God.



Here are the "Five C's" of the Rite of Reconciliation as described by Father Paul Boudreau: Conviction, Confession, Contrition, Compensation, and Correction. These steps haven't changed no matter what you call them. The first is *Conviction*: I admit I've done wrong. That's covered in the opening line of the Rite: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." You can use this formula or another suitable expression of owning the truth. *Confession* is how I hand over the actual matter of my responsibility: What did I do or fail to do that puts me at odds with God, others, or myself?

Contrition is next. Reciting an Act of Contrition is a time-honored way of expressing "a lively sorrow" for sin in your life. If you don't know this prayer by heart you can find it in any collection of Catholic prayers (see link below) and read it aloud at this time. Or express your regret in your own words. As you express contrition the priest offers the formula of absolution the church prescribes.

Compensation is where the priest "gives you a penance." If you stole something, you have to return it. If the offense is less tangible, you may be asked to spend time in prayer or in other ways demonstrate your good will.

Finally there's the matter of *Correction*. In the Act of Contrition we pray: "I firmly resolve with the help of thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin." With God's help we're not going to repeat this behavior. To strengthen this resolve we're going to avoid places, people, and patterns that initiated this behavior in the past. These steps to restoration are valid not only in the rites of the church but in any relationship where reconciliation is needed.

### Scripture

Matthew 26:27-28; Luke 1:76-79; 3:3; 5:20-24, 30-32; 6:37; 7:36-50; 15:1-32; 23:34; 24:46-47



### **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 religioused@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



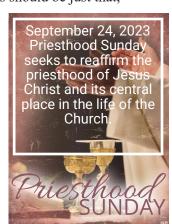
### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

Brothers and Sisters,

Other than priests and deacons, no one else is closer to the sacrifice of Christ on the altar than those ministering as altar servers. Serving at Mass is a unique ministry that requires dedication,

discipline, and devotion. Not only does a server assist the priest and deacon in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, but they also encounter Christ's sacrifice in a particular and personal way. Devoted altar servers play an important role for the entire Catholic community and, through their service, can help draw others to our Lord. Altar servers, in a very real and visible way, are an extension of the clergy at Mass. In general, our servers should be just that,

servants. They model Christ's words, "I came not to be served, but to serve." The altar server program is going to be revamped and there will be changes coming with new training in November. Questions? Please contact the Altar Server ministry leader at dominici.jason@gmail.com, or visit with him after Confirmation Class on Sundays in the RE Building.



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In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, & St. Maximilian Kolbe

Spiritual Director
Fr. Mariusz Fuks

## Your Pilgrimage Includes:

† Round-trip Airfare

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† 8 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First

Class Hotels as Follows: (or similar)

~ 2 Nights: Jun 25 - Jun 27: Warsaw

~ 2 nights: Jun 27 – Jun 29: Czestochowa

~ 4 nights: Jun 29 - Jul 03: Krakow

† Breakfast and Dinner Daily

† Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners

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## Sample Daily Itinerary

### Day 1, Mon, Jun 24: Depart for Warsaw

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s) to Warsaw. Your meals will be served on board.

#### Day 2, Tue, Jun 25: Arrive Warsaw

Upon arrival, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. You will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Following check-in at your hotel, your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass. Following Mass, enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Warsaw before retiring for a restful overnight.

### Day 3, Wed, Jun 26: Warsaw

Your day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass at St. James Church, iconic for its tower and square base. This church is where Helena Kowalska prayed extensively upon entering Warsaw. Also, it is where she confessed all that burdened her soul, and asked for the advice of Rev. James Dabrowski, which eventually resulted in the Saint entering the convent. Following this prayerful morning, your day of sightseeing begins. Your group will explore the Old Town, comprised of beautiful maze-like cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of Poland's successful rebuild following its destruction during World War II. Some of the sites will include the Market Square (the center of the city filled with restaurants, cafes and shops), the Barbican, defense-like structures that have been rebuilt following World War II, and the Warsaw Ghetto monument that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 during World War II. You will also take in the Lazienski Park, a beautifully landscaped park, the Chopin Statue (a large bronze statue of musician, Frederic Chopin), and the Royal Castle (the official residence of the Polish monarchs). In the afternoon, visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. This priest was a great personality of the Catholic Church and killed by communists in 1984. In 1987, Saint John Paul II visited here to pray in front of Fr. Popieluzko's tomb. Your tour of Warsaw will conclude by returning to the hotel for a delicious meal, followed by an overnight at your

## Day 4, Thu, Jun 27: Warsaw - Niepokalanow - Swinice Warckie - Czestochowa

This morning, you will enjoy breakfast followed by a transfer to Niepokalanow. This Franciscan Monastery is in the community of Teresin, and was founded by martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. This remarkable saint was arrested by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz, giving his life for the life of another prisoner. Next, visit the village of Swinice Warckie and visit the church of St. Casimir. This historically rich parish is the site of baptism for St. Faustina, and where she received her first Confession and first Holy Communion. Additionally, she and her family attended Sunday Mass and other services at this parish. After visiting this simple, yet elegant church, we will continue to Czestochowa where you will check-in to your hotel, enjoy a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

# Day 5, Fri, Jun 28: Czestochowa - Glogowiec - Basilica of Our Lady of Lichen - Czestochowa

This morning, after breakfast transfer to Glogowiec, the birthplace of Saint Faustina and the home where she grew up. After lunch we will continue to the Basilica of Our Lady of Lichen. The construction was funded by pilgrims' donations and it is one of the tallest, largest chuches in the world. Return to Czestochowa for dinner and overnight.

### Day 6, Sat, Jun 29: Czestochowa - Wadowice - Krakow

Today, you will awake in the home of the grandest pilgrimage shrine of Poland since the 14th century! You will begin your day with breakfast and Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Additionally, Saint John Paul II is said to have made frequent visits to this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. While here, you will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within.

Following your prayerful visit to the Chapel of the Black Madonna, you will continue on to Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). While in the small city of Wadowice, you will have the opportunity to visit the church where this beloved Saint was baptized, and attended Mass as a child. Continue on to Krakow where you will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before resting for the night.

### Day 7, Sun, Jun 30: Krakow - Zakopane - Krakow

After breakfast, you will drive through the mountains to the breathtaking, yet small and remote village of Zakopane. Take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent glory when you look out at the magnificent panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This architecturally distinct chapel was visited many times by the young, Karol Wojtyla (Saint John Paul II). As a young boy, Karol Wojtyla often used the walking paths surrounding the Jaszczorowka Chapel for prayer and reflection. After you experience this beautiful site that assisted in Saint John Paul II's holy journey, you will continue your tour to the colorful Krupowki Street. While on this street, you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the local bazaar before returning to Krakow. Enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring for the evening.

### Day 8, Mon, Jul 01: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The captivating beauty of this square is largely due to the fact that it has remained unchanged for almost 700 years. It contains a number of buildings that hold important historic value such as, the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Following your time in this longstanding square, you will make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral, and Coronation Chapel. These are among the most important sites in Poland as the Cathedral has been the coronation site of the Polish monarchs and has held numerous pieces of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classicist and Modern art. Also at this site, you will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Next, a short drive to Auschwitz, notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtakes the atmosphere as there were numerous unspeakable atrocities that occurred at this site. Additionally, while on this visit, you will have the opportunity to view the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. After this reflective day, return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and a restful overnight.

## Day 8, Tue, Jul 02: Krakow - Divine Mercy - Lagiewniki - Wieliczka - Krakow

On your last day of touring, depart after breakfast for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy that contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, as well as, the Saint's convent chapel and her Tomb. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divinity, which was visited by Saint John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass, have the opportunity to pray by a relic of Saint John Paul II. Continue to Wieliczka and visit Europe's oldest salt mine, which has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Return to Krakow for your farewell dinner and last overnight.

### Day 9, Wed, Jul 03: Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to the Krakow airport for return flights home.

\*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

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Anyone interested in the pilgrimage to Medjugorje next summer (May 29 - June 11, 2024) but has some questions and would like more information; there will a question-and-answer session on the pilgrimage after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, 9/30 in the social hall. If you are unable to make the meeting, please feel

free to call or email Chrissy Bundrick (912) 552-7783 – cbundric@camden.k12.ga.us If You or your family would like to sponsor a donuts social one Sunday, please let Fr. Mariusz know.

