



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



October 5, 2025

FAITH
THE SIZE OF A
MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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 INTENTIONS

10/04/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass

+ Pope Francis +Fr. Marvin Lefrois
+ Fr. John O'Brien

10/05/25 - XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

+ Michael P. Boyle

10/06/25 - Monday: NO MASS

10/07/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass

10/08/25 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ Joseph Majka

5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

10/09/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass

+ Timothy Ford & Matthew Ford

10/10/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

Dylan Ford

10/11/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

+ Ron King

10/12/24 - XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

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

+ Peg Maurin



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.

**Linda Nugent, Lithonia Simmons,
Wendell & Lucie Bryant**

**Cynthia Lewis, Jose Nieves, Peg Hudock,
Fran Schneider,**

Laurie Dominici, Bret Winkler

Larry Millard, Missy Capers

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



A LOVING SPOONFUL

Do you love enough? What standard might you use to determine the adequacy of your love? We might agree that love is more than a feeling. It's more than romance. It's more than a ring on a finger or what money can buy. On this Respect Life Sunday, the bishops urge on us a motto that is clever and clear (and originally uttered by Saint Francis de Sales): "The measure of love is to love without measure." The answer to our question, then, is that there is no such thing as loving enough.

We're presented with several wonderful slogans in the readings this weekend as well. "Harden not your hearts," the psalmist says. "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice," we hear in the instructions to Timothy. "Increase our faith," the apostles request - though it sounds more like a demand. Maybe all of these ideas are interconnected and stand together. If the measure of our love is infinite, then soft hearts are the best soil to receive that endlessly prolific seed and allow its roots to grow and spread. There can be no arbitrary shutoff point at which we've cared enough, shared enough, welcomed enough, trusted God enough, forgiven each other enough, as the gospel tells us time and again. Seventy-times-seven, anyone? Jesus asks for the moon in every teaching and expects his disciples to come up with the goods.

Not there yet? Of course you're not. No one is. But there's room for one more slogan: "The vision still has its time," as Habakkuk is told when his patience with his violent, self-destructing world reaches its limits. Habakkuk is like most of us sitting in front of the evening news, simply aghast at what's going on in the world and in human hearts around us. Why are people so cruel, bigoted, greedy, indifferent, or just plain stupid? And more to the point: Why doesn't God do something about it? Surely there's a breaker-switch up in heaven that could be thrown to stop these villains cold. We might be surprised, though, should such a switch be thrown, who gets frozen in their tracks. Are we quite sure we might not be among the chosen frozen?

God agrees with the prophet, by the way, that violence, ruin, and misery are the daily fare and that the world is a mess. The world God intended didn't originally include the culture of death with its myriad ways to hurt and cause harm. God had a "good" world in mind at the start of Creation. And the vision still has its time. That's why prophets, sages, and evangelists were urged to write it down, to hold the vision so that we don't forget where to aim that love-without-measure.

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 relgioused@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

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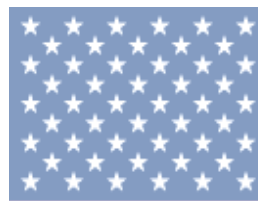
When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. You were not supposed to flaunt your faith in public. It probably had more to do with fear of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). All three readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. No servant expects to be praised by his master for doing his job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor—no problem; it’s part of the job of a disciple. If someone I know is in pain, I’m there to support them. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

So how do we get the strength and self-control to roll with the punches? Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross - you’ll find those gifts of faith, power, love, and self-control beginning to grow stronger inside. We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God’s promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God’s promise “will not disappoint” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Tim Schmidt

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Tue 10/07	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo—Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continued - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM OLSS - 6:00 PM - First Communion Parent Meeting - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 2
Wed 10/08	SFOA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE BUILDING OLSS - 6:00 PM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM
Thu 10/09	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Ladies Crafts - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 8 OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - RE BUILDING DOUBLE ROOM OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus— RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 5
Fri 10/10	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE BUILDING OLSS - 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church
Sat 10/11	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Baptism Class - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 8 OLSS - 3:30 - 6:30 PM - Pet Treats Sales - NARTHEX
Sun 10/12	OLSS - 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Pet Treats Sales - NARTHEX

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 10/04	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Don Petrine James Pappas
Sun 10/05	Judy Buchanan Greg Lockhart	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Ken Sylvester Clyde Miller
Tue 10/07	Karen Hill		
Wed 10/08	Richard Foy		
Thu 10/09	- _____ -		
Fri 10/10	Richard Foy		
Sat 10/11	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard	Dante Russo Dennis Foster Greg Glaz Don Petrine
Sun 10/12	Brian Benton Tom Jenkins	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici Landon Wilkins	Bob Cappello John Nevins Ken Sylvester - _____ -

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025	SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 9,730.22	COLLECTION - \$ 6,781.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 446.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 745.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025	SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 933.00	COLLECTION - \$ 846.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,031.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 199.00



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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

