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OCTOBER 11, 2026

• 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**INVITE TO THE
FEAST WHOMEVER
YOU FIND.**

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE

Monday / Thursday 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Church Office: 912-882-4718
Office Email: office@weareolss.org

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.

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
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**
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



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.

Rachel Cloud McClellan
Edwin & Marguerite Durr

Maria Klikuszowian, William Rissler

Ed Smeder

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

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

**Due to the Beatification of the Five
Georgia Martyrs in Savannah on
Saturday, October 31, the 5:00 PM
Mass at OLSS is canceled to allow our
clergy and parishioners to participate in
this historic and joyful celebration of
faith.**



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

- 10/10/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Birthday Blessing for Judy Buchanan
- 10/11/26 - XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM MASS - (Saint Francis of Assisi)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM MASS - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Andrew Whitlock & Joan Sandquist*
- 10/12/26 - Monday: NO MASS**
- 10/13/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Mass
- 10/14/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ *Holy Souls in Purgatory*
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
- 10/15/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
Igaitte Schilke
- 10/16/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *James Gendron*
- 10/17/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Catherine Cavalier*
- 10/18/26 - XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM MASS (Saint Francis of Assisi)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM MASS (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*

WIDENING THE VISION

Most of us suffer a benign tunnel vision when it comes to our priorities: my family, my town, my nation, my religion, my dog. We're half-convinced the gospel somewhere says: "Charity begins at home." The most compelling argument for widening the window of our responsibility is because God makes that choice first.

Isaiah first - and often - challenges the insular view of salvation. That wouldn't have been popular. The children of Abraham enjoyed the legacy of being the chosen race, a priestly nation, a royal people, and so on. And it's good to be royal, as Mel Brooks-Louis XVI once declared. It's not an identity most would surrender lightly. The prophetic tradition of universality bumps hard up against the Mosaic tradition of singularity, bruising the national ego.

Yet Isaiah persists in presenting a future of divine blessings scattered across nations and races and tongues. God's favor is not only for Israel anymore. That rankled eighth-century B.C.E. Judeans every bit as much as it did the Jews of Jesus' time when he extended divine medical coverage to households of centurions, Canaanites, and Samaritans. Paul faced the same one-hand-clapping when he announced that Gentiles were being admitted into the Body of Christ. One wonders: Isn't being the beneficiary of God's saving power enough? Is it necessary to be the only ones that merit it? God's favor is a mighty fine thing to have, whether or not it's shared with others or with everyone!

God prepares the banquet on the holy mountain for everyone and destroys the veil of death for all with the same magnanimous gesture. God wants to supply what we need simply because we need it. That is about who God is, not about what you or I have earned. It's what makes the next part almost scary: Just because God may be generous to a fault with the divine invitation (at least to our eyes) doesn't mean everyone shows up at the table. Could anything be crazier? Why in the world would anybody pass up a deal like that?

The church supplies at least seven reason.

Pride: I don't need God or his holy gifts to get where I'm going. **Greed:** I'm too busy stockpiling my own cupboards to make that party. **Anger:** I didn't get what I wanted from God last time so he won't be seeing my face again. **Envy:** God has all the power and I don't! Who needs his friendship?

Laziness: How far is it to that banquet? I can't get there from here. **Lust:** Close the bedroom door and leave God out of this! **Gluttony:** Why should I leave this party to show up at that one? Many are called, but that's no guarantee they'll all show up.



October 10 - World Day to End the Death Penalty

“Sin is the failure to bother to care.”

Fr James F Keenan SJ

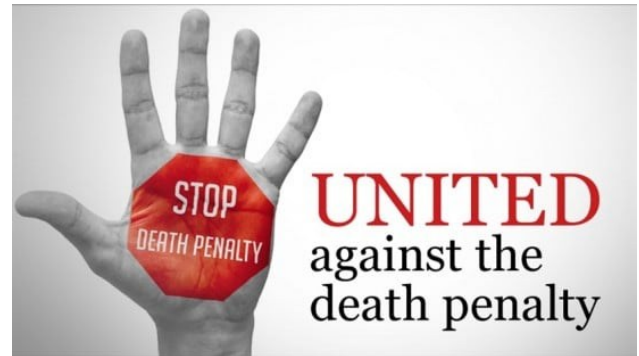
In 2025, Florida’s executions accounted for 40% of all capital punishment deaths nationwide. So far there have been 16 this year, and the next one is scheduled for October 13: they average one about every three weeks. Do you care? You should.

The use of the death penalty says much more about the “State” than it does about the prisoner. The European Union does not admit countries with the death penalty. Most western countries have ceased using the death penalty because it does not protect society. The catechism was revised in 2018 to explain that government execution is “inadmissible, because it (attacks) the dignity of the person.” Addressing Vatican ambassadors in 2022, Pope Francis said that since the death penalty is neither a deterrent, nor does it render justice to victims, it only fuels the thirst for vengeance. No matter how serious is the crime committed, there is always the option for life without parole to safeguard the public.

We are a people whose faith is rooted in forgiveness, in mercy. And we pray daily to “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.” That “as” carries a lot of weight. Christians have the duty to recognize and declare forgiveness in certainty that rehabilitation and atonement are possible. Thomas Aquinas said that justice without mercy is cruelty. Without the hope of rehabilitation, when a state prioritizes punishment over redemption, then law devolves into cruelty. Some OLSS parishioners and friends have been attending Florida execution vigils for the last year. Here is what a few have to share:

When unbelievably horrific crimes are committed, we are traumatized, grief stricken and outraged at the callousness and mercilessness of it. Everyone demands justice. The State has the obligation to remove the perpetrator from society. However, when the State enforces the death penalty, we are traumatized all over again, in a different way. In an insidious way. We are hardly aware when it happens. We become desensitized when another human being is killed. Subconsciously we may become callous and merciless ourselves. This is one reason why I believe we must abolish the death penalty. - TS

Attending an execution vigil was a profoundly moving experience. It was moving to be united with others who passionately believe Thou Shall Not Kill. Ringing the bell [heard in the execution chamber] truly felt like a proclamation of ‘Not In My Name’ to the State. - DV



During a vigil, we pray for the victim's soul, the victim's family, those who will administer the poison, and for the man being put to death. We are reminded that killing does not end killing. We are called to be merciful. Only love and mercy can change our world. - TD

I have always opposed abortion, but I supported the death penalty until I attended my first vigil. They dragged an old man out of his wheelchair to kill him. It is barbaric. When the vigil protester started blasting out the songs "Another one Bites the Dust" and "Sha Na Nah, Good-bye" at the time of death, it was obvious that the execution brings out the worst in us and just hangs it out for everyone to see. We are all guilty when the state uses the death penalty, because we are the state: a government of the people, by the people and for the people. I realize that opposing the death penalty is the ultimate test for a right-to-lifer like me. - KH

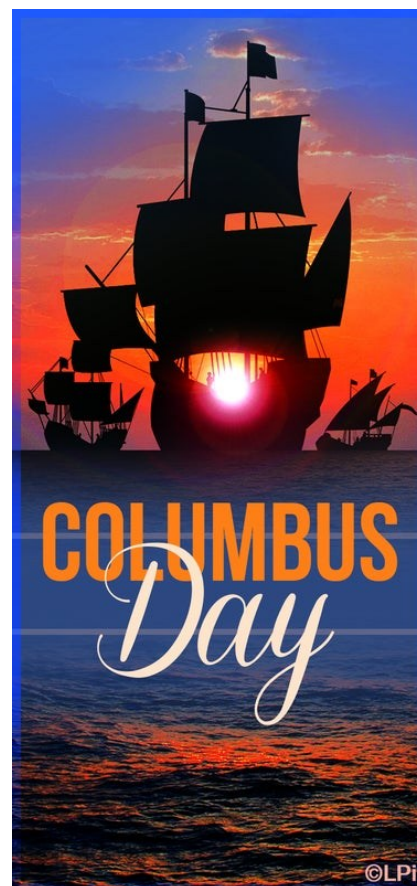
The dignity of human life makes the death penalty inadmissible. Attending an execution vigil supports the dignity of life. Justice needs to be tempered with mercy. The vigil is prayerful, solemn, and deeply moving. Prayers are offered for the inmate, the victim, and the extended families. - EK

November 13 FSU's is holding a free day-long International Human Rights and Death Penalty Symposium in Tallahassee. You can register to attend in person or virtually. After an afternoon film screening and panel discussion of The Window on Death Row, Sr Helen Prejean will give the ending keynote. It's a rare opportunity to see this faithful companion to dead men walking.

If you are led to attend a vigil, please contact the church office and leave your name and number. We'll get back with you. We invite you to join us in the most radical embrace of the right to life to end in a natural death.

- Celinda Perry

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Saturday 10/10	1. Lucia Feijo 2. Johanna Wyatt	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	David Costa Diane Costa Donald Petrine David Bowman
Sunday 10/11	1. Tommy Jenkins 2. Greg Lockhart	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici	Clyde Miller Robert Cappello Carl Boria John Nevins
Tuesday 10/13	Tricia Jenkins		
Wednesday 10/14			
Thursday 10/15	Gene Niksa		
Friday 10/16	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Saturday 10/17	1. Mary Ann Moore 2. Elisabeth Sepulveda	Landon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Waylon Wilkins	Ronald Logan Darlene Logan James Marcin Dante Russo
Sunday 10/18	1. Tricia Jenkins 2. Judy Buchanan	Joaquin Gomez Evanisto Gomez Isaac Dominici	Clyde Miller Mike Recore Robert Cappello David Bowman



WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 10/12	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 6:30 PM - Rm #5
Tue 10/13	SFOA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - The Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 6:00 PM - Double Rm
Wed 10/14	SFOA - Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - Rm #8 OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - Double Rm
Thu 10/15	OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 9:00 AM - Double Rm SFOA - Hands in Hands - 1:00 PM - Folkston Park Nursing Home OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - Rm#4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Rm#5 OLSS - OCIA - 6:00 PM - Double Room
Fri 10/16	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 9:00 AM - Double Rm OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Church
Sat 10/17	
Sun 10/18	OLSS - Social Donut - 12:00 PM - Social hall



Throughout the month of October, every Wednesday at **St. Francis of Assisi**, we will have a Holy Hour beginning one hour before Mass, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

During this time of Eucharistic Adoration, we will also pray the Holy Rosary, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in a special way during the month traditionally dedicated to the Rosary.

Please join us for this beautiful time of prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.



SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 10/11	Kathleen Rodgers Lawanda Jones
Sunday 10/18	Susan Price - LaSalla Jennifer Pfeffer

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Sunday 10/11	Teresa David, Julie McKeown, Patty Zawislak, Chrissy Bundrick, Renee Gentle
Monday 10/19	Diane Costa, David Costa, Ginger Foster, Dennis Foster, John Nevins



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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 doing it. The envelopes are available in the Narthex.

	GOAL	TOTAL GIVEN	AMOUNT NEEDED TO REACH THE GOAL
OLSS	\$ 43,968.00	\$ TBA	\$
SFOA	\$ 4,824.00	\$ TBA	GOAL REACHED

"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

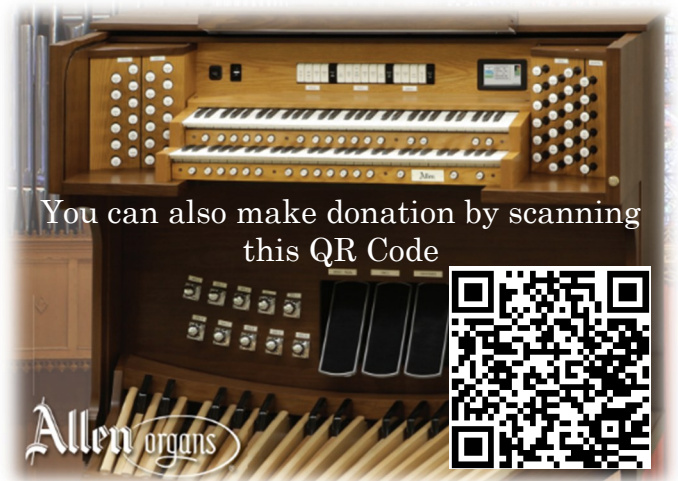
OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 4, 2026	OCTOBER 5, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 10,272.00	COLLECTION - \$ 10,360.33
MAINTENANCE - \$ 3,719.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,483.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 4, 2026	OCTOBER 5, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,475.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,420.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,022.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,337.00

ORGAN FUND
NEED TO RAISE \$ 130.000
AS OF TODAY WE RAISED \$ 54,765.25



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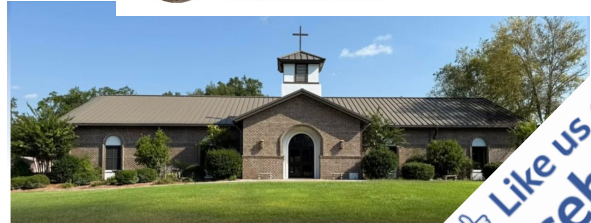
We kindly ask everyone to avoid driving or parking vehicles on the church lawn. Vehicles can damage the grass and, more importantly, break the underground pipes and sprinkler heads of our irrigation system, resulting in costly repairs. Thank you for helping us take care of our parish property!



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Saint Padre Pio



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"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."
Pope Pius IX