



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 12, 2025

YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED
YOU.

— LUKE 17:19 —

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 8:00 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

Saturday 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

10/11/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
+ Ron King

10/12/25 - 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

10/13/25 - Monday: NO MASS

10/14/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Communion Service

10/15/25 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Communion Service
NO 5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

10/16/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

10/17/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Communion Service

10/18/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass

10/19/24 - XXIX 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



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.

**Pat Gaskill, Penelope Edward - Conrad,
Jude Pappas**

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

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

Laurie Dominici, Bret Winkler

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



We will be passing out
Spooky to be Hungry
Bags the weekend of
Oct 18 - 19th, 2025.

We have seen a substantial increase in customers utilizing our pantry. Please help if you can. Please return bags by Nov 1st - 2nd, 2025. Needed items: Cans of Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Black Beans, Soup, Tuna Fish, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Pancake/Syrup, Oatmeal, 1 lb. bags of rice, Instant Potatoes, Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese, Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix, Ramen Noodles, Saltine Crackers, Toilet Paper, Bars of Soap

Notice:

Next week, all priests of the Diocese of Savannah will be away on their annual priestly retreat. There will be no daily Masses in our parish that week.

Communion Services will be led by Deacon Paul at the usual Mass times.

Please pray for our priests during their retreat and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

TEN WERE CLEANSED, WERE THEY NOT?

Happy thanksgiving! OK, so it's not that special occasion, not just yet. But in the context of our Eucharist (which as we all know means "thanksgiving") every day we find a reason for gratitude. In the scheme of our lives, too, we have many reasons to be grateful - though we don't always focus on them. Things that are wrong and need attention take up a lot more space in our field of vision. Think about it. In every hour probably a thousand things go stupendously north while one tiny detail goes south and that one acts like a magnet for our energies. In this one hour, if your heart kept beating, your lungs functioned admirably, and your senses are not impaired, you probably didn't notice. But if your heart skips a beat or you sneeze or your vision gets blurry, it's the loud blip on your radar. Wellness never gets applause, but pain becomes the immediate fulcrum of our experience. If we paid all the bills this month, nobody throws a party for us; we don't even get a note of congratulations from our creditors. But if the light bill didn't get covered, we're bound to attract attention, maybe even find ourselves sitting in darkness later tonight. The nerve of these people not to remember how good we usually are!

Because the negative attracts more attention than the positive, we're better at prayers of petition than those of thanksgiving. We race to God when things fall apart - and may forget to return when everything's running smoothly. If you have relatives you only hear from when he needs a handout or she needs a shoulder to cry on, you may feel ambivalent about answering the phone when their number comes up. It would be nice if the office complainer or parish critic would also acknowledge when praise is in order. I've noticed whenever there's a prayer service involving writing down sins or healing intentions on a piece of paper, everyone gets busy with their pencils right away. But if we passed the basket around at the offertory this weekend and asked for an offering of thanks for what's gone well in the parish (or diocese or church as a whole) in the last year, would folks be as quick to compose elaborate lists?

Jesus scores 10 for 10, every single time: That number comes to him for healing; that same number goes away with restoration in the bag. One practically falls over his feet racing back to say thank you. What were the excuses of the other nine? We can hear them from here: Oh, look, now it's raining! Guess I lost my old job for good. And jeez, look who's welcoming me home, it's that Margaret woman . . .

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

MIRACLES OF FAITH

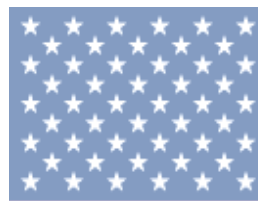
Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the Lord in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.

Tim Schmitt

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 10/13	OLSS - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - CYM MINISTRY CLEAN UP OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ultreya - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Tue 10/14	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo—Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continued - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Wed 10/15	SFOA - 9:00 AM - Men's Cursillo - SOCIAL HALL OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM #8 OLSS - 6:00 PM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Thu 10/16	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Ladies Crafts - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM #8 SFOA - 1:00 PM - Hands in Hands - Folkston Park Nursing Home OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM 5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Fri 10/17	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE BUILDING CLASSROOM #5 OLSS - 5:30 - 7:30 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Main Church
Sat 10/18	OLSS - 3:30 - 6:30 PM - Pet Treats Sales - NARTHEX
Sun 10/19	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Breakfast Social - SOCIAL HALL OLSS - 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Pet Treats Sales - NARTHEX OLSS - Donut Social - 12:00 PM - SOCIAL HALL



On the 3rd THURSDAY of each month, 1 - 3:30 PM, the ladies of **SFOA PARISH** brighten up Folkston Park Nursing Home by bringing Joy & Friendship to the residents... while polishing their nails! The response to these visits has been so positive that HANDS-IN-HANDS is adding the 3rd SUNDAY, 1 - 3:30 PM, each month, starting October 19th, Both the 3rd Thursday and 3rd Sunday are looking for parish volunteers. Experience and a commitment to every month attendance is NOT necessary... just a desire to bring a smile to a neighbor by giving them some time, a little color and conversation.

If interested, please call or text Susan Tuthill at 845 541-2464, or email your name & contact info to ClayArt31537@gmail.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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 - _____ -
Tue 10/14	Karen Hill		
Wed 10/15	Richard Foy		
Thu 10/16	- _____ -		
Fri 10/17	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 10/18	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Dave Costa Diane Costa James Pappas Dante Russo
Sun 10/19	Hunt Thornhill Karen Jenkins	Evan Gomez Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Steve Galloway Joyce Galloway Carl Boria Clyde Miller

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 5, 2025	OCTOBER 6, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 10,360.33	COLLECTION - \$ 11,261.03
MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,483.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 4,414.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 5, 2025	OCTOBER 6, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 1,420.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,216.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,337.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,213.00

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RED MASS
 OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Members of the legal community and all public officials are cordially invited to join Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of Savannah, in prayer and fellowship for those responsible for the administration of justice.

Open to people of all faith traditions.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025 at NOON
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Reception to follow.

Please RSVP to Maggie Blanc at
 mblanc@diosav.org or 912-201-4126



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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

