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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

OCTOBER 15, 2023

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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	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays	7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays	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	<u>30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment</u>



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Clifford Morris, Sheila Williams, Tess Rivera, Mary Glasgow, Ron Carr, Doris A. Adams, Doris Thomas, Ron McBee, Cheryl Burke, Hailey Moody, Joseph and Deborah Mroz, Felicia Fink, Lee Blais, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Peggy Schwarting, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Cathy Mulcahy, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartrand, Marguerite Paddock, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Sherri Lynn Jokic, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avides, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG

Time to Eat

Let's have a show of hands here: Who likes to eat? If you're sitting next to someone who didn't raise a hand, check their pulse! Eating is not just another physiological function we're obliged to perform, like blinking or swallowing or sleeping (or going to the bathroom). Eating is a cheerful obligation, a happy necessity. Most of us look forward to the next meal and build our daytime activities around the hours when we plan to sit down to eat.

And if there's something better than mealtime itself, it's table fellowship. Eating alone can be mechanical or dreary, but a shared meal is halfway to a party, even if it's over a bagged lunch of tuna salad. The activity of eating is itself an affirmation of life—eating together makes it a celebration of life as well. One makes it possible to live. The other provides a reason to live.

Of course that's why our Eucharist is the perfect symbol of our life in Christ. As we come together every week around this singular table, we affirm our life in Christ and we celebrate it. This is no meal to eat alone, standing up in a fast-food joint. Eucharist is slow food, a very deliberate meal as elaborately planned and prepared for as a holiday feast. You want to spend some time at this table, surrounded by brothers and sisters and friends. You want to savor this meal and let its significance sink down into your bones. You want to experience that holiday table feeling: that it's not only your body that's being fed but your spirit, too, is nourished by this happy combination of food and loving company.

Pull up a chair

Christians certainly didn't invent the idea of religious feasting. Even the most primitive religions included a big gathering around the shared kill. (A good rule of thumb: Always celebrate the gods when they feed you!) When the children of Jacob are getting their organized religion off the ground, setting up a calendar of religious feasts around the seasons of planting and harvesting are naturally part of the plan.

Passover was a combination of two earlier festivals: one to ensure the fertility of animal herds, which included a rite of blood, as well as an agrarian feast honored with unleavened bread. There was also a festival for the grain harvest (Weeks) and the summer harvest (Tabernacles). Desert lands with a long growing season, combined with early rains and late rains, make for several harvests a year. That means more reasons for feasting, and Israel wasn't shy about calling a party whenever there was food in abundance.

Is it any wonder that the language of feasting becomes religiously significant? Isaiah doesn't have to reach far to offer words of hope to his generation. In the prophetic hour when Israel will have reason to say: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!" the day is marked with rich food and choice wines.

When you think about it, how could you possibly throw a party without a feast? You might invite lots of guests, hire a band, arrange comfortable seating, decorate your rooms, and even provide party games. But if there's nothing to eat or drink, don't expect your guests to linger. Before too long, they're going to go out for some pizza. God's no fool, Isaiah tells us. When God throws a party, the best food in town is going to be on the groaning board.

Guess what the kingdom of God is like?

OK, it's no surprise that Jesus compares the reign of God to a banquet prepared by a king. It's a wedding feast, no less, which means delicious hors d'oeuvres, champagne, meat or fish, and the biggest darn cake you ever saw. This is the party to end all parties: Don't miss it!

Like I said, it's no surprise that the Kingdom Jesus describes is a banquet. What is a surprise is that it's a banquet no one seems to want to attend. What's wrong with these people? Everyone invited to the king's table seems to have made other plans. They simply refuse to come. So the king, flabbergasted, invites them again. Surely they misunderstood? This is a wedding feast for his son—it's going to be the event of the season! This time, some ignore the invitation, while others, most unpredictably, respond with violence. They beat up the messengers sent by the king; they even kill some of them. That goes well beyond stupid, beyond rude and ungracious. Their behavior is criminal.

The king does what you might expect: He orders his troops to destroy the murderers and burn their city. But then he adds a move that is a little quirky under any circumstances and especially in this one. He's got all this food prepared: No use having it go to waste. He issues a new invitation, not to his reputed friends and valued citizens who failed to respond appropriately. This new invitation goes out to the sort of people who never get invited to parties. People on the streets, the sick, beggars, strangers from out of town, travelers just passing through, even the local riffraff. "Whoever you find," the king insists. "Just fill up my banquet hall." But there is one stipulation: whoever comes has to act like they're coming into the presence of the king. They have to be prepared with the best they've got, however little that may be. In the end, sad to say, it turns out to be a small party. Many are invited, but few are chosen.

You spread the table before me!

So let's be serious; let's not be stupid. Let's say yes to this invitation we have all received or we wouldn't be here this morning. We should understand and accept the responsibility of this royal invitation for what it is. This is a sacred meal set before us each week, a privileged seat at a unique table. We may not be on the original list of invited guests: For all we know, we could be the riffraff invited as a last resort! But whoever we are, we are invited and welcomed to this feast. All we have to do is come here every week, with bells on, and eat.

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Related Scripture links

Israel's liturgical calendar: *Lev. 23:1-44*

Early and late rains: *Deut. 11:10-15; Jer. 5:24*

Wedding feasts and behavior: *Luke 14:7-24*

Jesus likes to eat: *Luke 5:27-35; 6:1-5; 7:33-50; 9:10-17; 11:37-52; 12:37-48; 14:1-24; 15:23-32; 16:19-31; 17:7-10; 22:7-20; 24:29-32, 41-43*

Catechism links

Eucharist: *CCC 1322-1344; 1382-1405; 2042; 2177-2183*

Wedding feast: *CCC 545-546; 796*

Saint Francis of Assisi Announcement

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loudly for all to hear" Please join us for spreading Christmas cheer in nursing homes. We will be singing Christmas carols to the residents at the Life Care Center in Hilliard, FL on Dec 2nd from 2-3 PM and at Folkston Park in Folkston, GA on Dec 3rd from 1-2 PM. All voices and instruments welcome!



If interested, please contact either Roger Jaskot at mrroger4@outlook.com or Bill Tuthill at bill23nycomco@gmail.com ASAP so that we can schedule practices.

A community church cantata will be performing at the Saint Marys Methodist Church on December 16. We will have our first rehearsal this Sunday (October 15) at the Saint Marys Methodist Church from 3pm-5pm. All singers are welcome. We can provide you with further information at the rehearsal. If you have any questions prior to the rehearsal, you may contact: Nadia Chonko from the Saint Marys Methodist Church at 404-200-0659, Gary Smith from the First Baptist Church at 706-581-4427 or Tom MacArthur from the First Presbyterian Church at 912-552-2505.



IT'S SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY®

Spooky to be hungry food drive
Oct. 28-29
Bags to be passed out Oct. 14-15

Needed items: Cans of green beans, corn, peas, black beans, soup, tuna fish, 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

Please return bags on Oct. 28-29

4TH ANNUAL "COME AS SAINT" COSTUME NIGHT



October 21st at 5:00 PM In Social Hall

This is our Fourth annual "Come as a Saint" costume night. The children pick a Saint, do a little research and make their costumes (with some parenting help). Each one shares a short story of their Saint, we share the history of "soul cakes" and invite the kids to remember when they are out for Halloween it's not all about the treat ... and to not forget to offer prayers for those families as they go door to door. The kids learn what All Saints Day and All Souls Day is really about and they are encouraged to share those saintly costumes when they attend their school party and go trick or treating this year.

While putting their focus on our faith and traditions they are evangelizing to others who inquire about those unique costumes. We will enjoy a great evening of pizza, soul cakes, and the movie CoCo. Hopefully, Saint Marys, Georgia will have a few more Saints and Angels out there this Halloween. Sign up Today!

Our ministry works to share our faith and Gods love through events such as our children's dinner & a movie night with a message, our quarterly adults movie night fellowship nights, delivery of birthday cakes monthly to all our senior homes in Camden County, and so much more within our parish.



ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS !!! Mandatory training will be held on Saturday November 4th at 10 AM in the RE building. If you are a current altar server and wish to remain one please contact the altar server ministry lead at dominici.jason@gmail.com, so we can build a list of all current servers. We will also have a mandatory Altar Server training in the spring after 1st Communion to welcome our newest Altar Servers to the team!



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

- 10/14/23 - 5:00 pm **Saturday Vigil**
Birthday Blessing for Zoey Bautista
- 10/15/23 - **XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Birthday Blessing for Blake Shepard
- 10/16/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 10/17/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
For the repose of the soul of Ruben Messina
- 10/18/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Aniela Łętowska
- 10/18/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA
For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin
- 10/19/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
For the repose of the soul of Aniela Łętowska
- 10/20/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass
Birthday Blessing for Carson England
- 10/21/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Pro Populo / For the people
- 10/22/23 - **XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the people of the Parish

October 1, 2023



Dear Friends in Christ, Today I am announcing a special Called by Name campaign to help identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who could be future leaders in our Church. As you know, our diocese has a great need for “more workers for the harvest.” Not only do we need more Priests and Sisters, but also faithful lay disciples who will serve as leaders in our parishes. We need the entire Church to identify these future leaders so that we can offer support and encouragement as they encounter Christ and discern their vocations. For a young person, the correct discernment of their vocation may be the most important decision they make in their entire life! Called by Name Sunday will take place on the weekend of October 21/22, 2023. On this day, I am asking for two things: 1) For Young People For those of you discerning your life’s vocation, be open to God’s call to the priesthood or religious life. God’s calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous and open to His call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. Do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy you and He will give you the grace to live that life with great joy! 2) For All Parishioners I invite you to think deeply about the youth and young adults in your parish who you believe could be faithful leaders in the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Savannah. These young people do not necessarily need to desire to become Priests or Sisters; we also need leaders in the vocation of marriage. They need to desire Jesus Christ! They need to desire to bring others to Him. Please submit the names of at least one (but hopefully several!) faithful young people you know. You can use the envelope provided at Mass or online at savannahvocations.org. If you submit the name of a person under age 18, please include the names of his or her parents. This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully so that it will bear much fruit throughout the diocese. I also ask you to join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders for the future of the Church! May we meet each day in our prayers and Rejoice in the Lord always!

In Christ

+ Stephen D. Parkes

Most Reverend
Stephen D. Parkes
Bishop of Savannah

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 Jason Dominici at dominici.jason@gmail.com

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 relregioused@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

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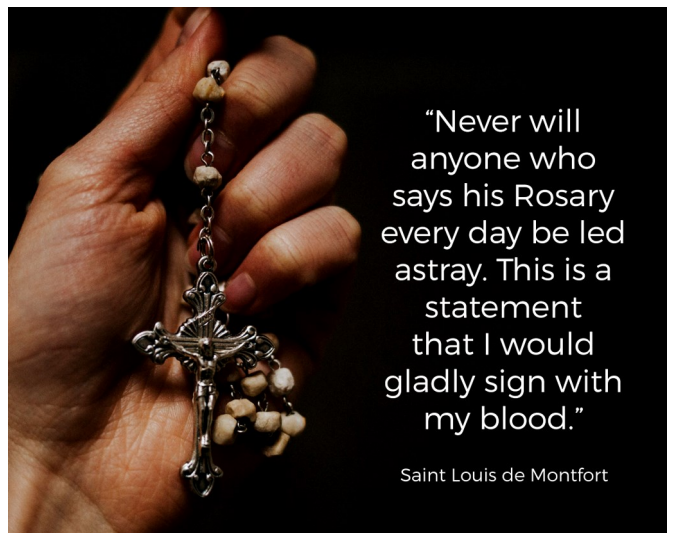
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