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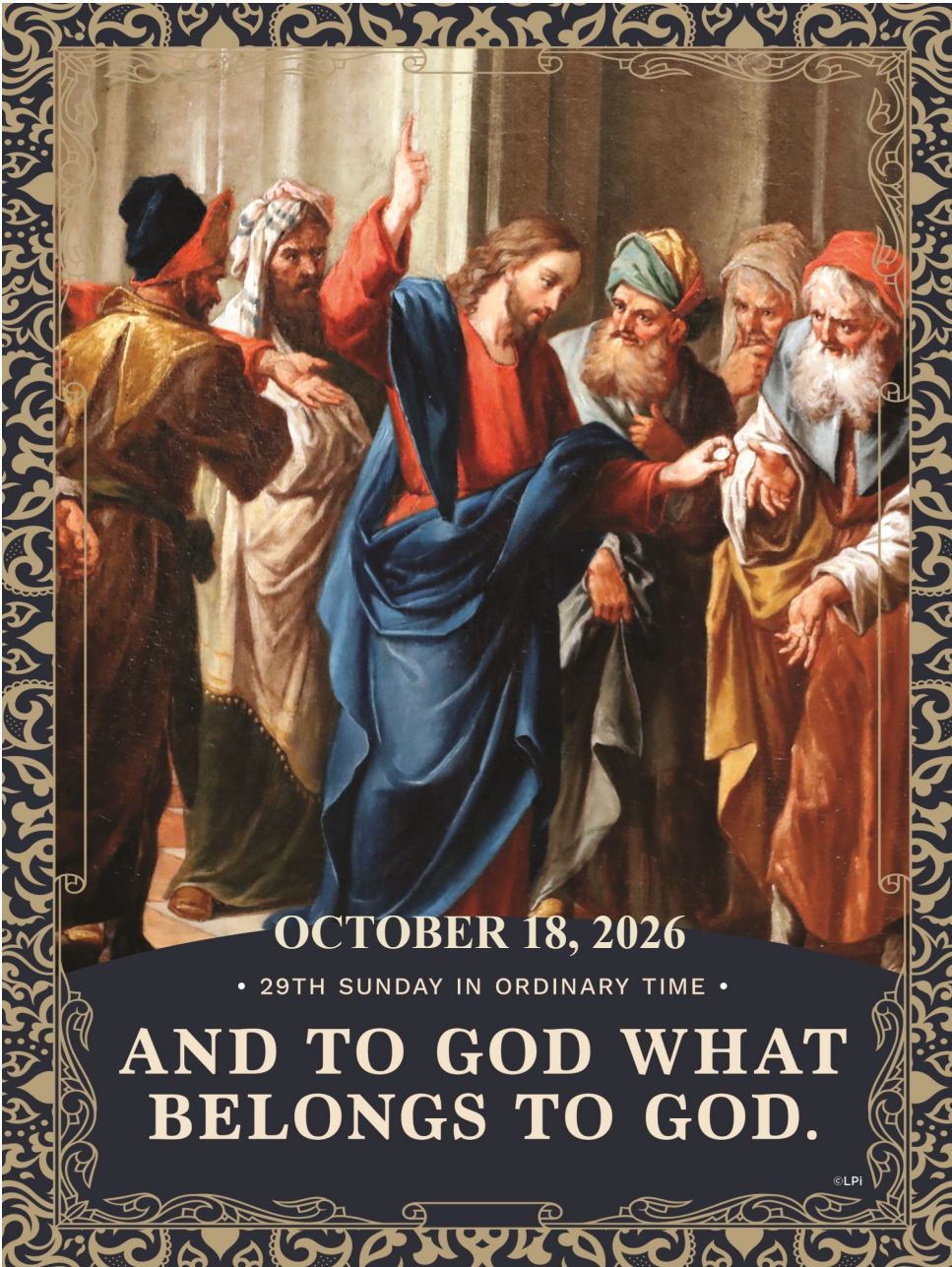
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OCTOBER 18, 2026

• 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**AND TO GOD WHAT
BELONGS TO GOD.**

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OFFICE HOURS & PHONE

Monday / Thursday 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Church Office: 912-882-4718
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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.

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 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturday 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

Maria Klikuszowian, William Rissler

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
+ *Catherine Cavalier*
- 10/11/26 - XIX 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*
- 10/12/26 - Monday: NO MASS**
- 10/13/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Communion Service
- 10/14/26 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS
NO 5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
- 10/15/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM - Communion Service
- 10/16/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM - Communion Service
- 10/17/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Joseph & Jean Hodges*
- 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)
+ *Henry Klaassens*

POWER, POWER WHO'S GOT THE POWER

The media is full of it. Power, that is, demonstrated in images of clenched fists, men with guns, the natural world exploding, politicians open-mouthed with rhetoric, dollar signs gleaming, and the bragging rights of corporations. There's more power to be viewed in ads for the shiniest car, the sexiest lips, and the new pharmaceutical that'll change your life. If power's a subject that doesn't interest you, turn off the TV, power down the computer, throw away the papers, and chase the rest of the family out of the house. Even then, you're left with your interior dialogue. You don't think that's about power?

Who has the power makes all the difference daily: Is it you? The boss? Your spouse or kids or parents? Is it all the infernal people in this traffic jam ahead of you? The police or city hall? Wall Street or Washington? Is it the weather? God or the devil? Is it your bad habits or your greatest passions? Are you in charge of what happens next?

Ancient Israel believed that all power and authority resides in God, and they believed it the same way we do: mostly with lip service. There's an old Arab saying: Trust in God, but tie your camel. God has the power, but don't trust him too far. Because Israel professed that God had the power, it was shocking when the ruler of Persia ended up being the one to unlock the gates of Babylonian captivity. Pagan Cyrus on God's payroll?

The surprises don't end there. When Jesus is asked if it's lawful for Jews to pay taxes to hated Caesar and Rome, he doesn't say no. By "lawful," of course, is meant Mosaic law; Roman law demanded it. Tribute rendered to Caesar, like that paid to the Temple, seemed to imply allegiance or worse, a sacrificial offering to the god Caesar pretended to be. How could Jesus defend such a practice?

He doesn't. Jesus remains entirely neutral on the subject of Roman political control of Israel. It's the burning issue of his day, and he never directly addresses it. The disciples nag him for seats of authority in the coming kingdom right up to the night before he died, and it's one of the first questions on their lips after the Resurrection: So, when are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel? Jesus lives in an occupied country, is condemned and executed by a foreign power, and yet the closest he comes to addressing the matter is an almost friendly chat with Pilate on the nature of power during his trial. For those who exercise real authority, over life and death, in this world and the next, what happens to the spare change doesn't amount to much.



Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

"Hold fast to the memory of our father and brother, Francis, for the praise and glory of Him who made him great among us and glorified him in the sight of the angels."¹

Saint Francis, the poor man of Assisi, is a powerful model for us in building a world and culture that is authentically pro-life. This 13th century saint was a visionary of the radiant goodness of human life.

Early in Saint Francis' conversion, he was riding through the countryside and came across a person suffering from leprosy. Despite being repelled by the appearance and smell, he came down from his horse and kissed the hand of the leper, who returned his kiss of peace, filling Francis with joy. He could see the invaluable dignity of every person, even amidst utter poverty, the disfigurement of disease, and the stain of sin.

Saint Francis is well-known for his radical imitation of Christ and his love for all creation. This is evident in his prayer, "The Canticle of the Creatures," which praises God for all He has created: the sun, moon, and stars; wind, water, and fire. Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself. This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

Strikingly, Francis uttered his "Canticle" while lying half-blind on his deathbed. In welcoming "Sister Death," Francis could no longer physically see the beauty of creation, yet still he praised God for the created world around him.

Oftentimes we, too, are blinded to the goodness of life. Our vision may be blurred by hardships such as poverty, fragility, or suffering, all of which Saint Francis experienced in his earthly life. In the



face of such challenges, Saint Francis is a powerful intercessor, opening our heart and eyes to the gift of life even in the most trying circumstances. Francis had a particular devotion to the Lord's own vulnerability—in the manger, in the Eucharist, and on the Cross—highlighting God's presence in the most defenseless among us.

Pope Leo XIV has decreed that for 2026 "a special Year of Saint Francis shall be proclaimed, in which every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, shall become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace."² The taking of innocent human life through abortion, assisted suicide, and other acts of violence destroys peace in our world.³ We are called to be witnesses of peace by boldly proclaiming the dignity of the human person and working for the protection of all human life.

In this Year of Saint Francis, may he help us to see the beauty of life in all of creation, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us. Together, let us pray for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

"Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command."⁴

- Saint Francis' "Prayer before the Crucifix"

¹ Angelo Cardinal De Donatis, "Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, by which a special Jubilee Year is proclaimed, with associated Plenary Indulgences, 16.01.2026," (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

² Ibid.

³ Pope Leo XIV, "Address to Participants in the 'One Humanity, One Planet' Conference," January 31, 2026 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2026).

⁴ Armstrong, Regis J., O.F.M. Cap., J. A. Wayne Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv., and William J. Short, O.F.M., eds., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents – The Saint* (New York, NY: New City Press, 2001), 40.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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
Tuesday 10/20	Karen Hill		
Wednesday 10/21	Karen Cataldi		
Thursday 10/22	Bonnie Carr		
Friday 10/23	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Saturday 10/24	1. Mary Ann Moore 2. Caroline Neff	Samuel Dominici	Saulo Capulong Dennis Foster James Pappas James Marcin
Sunday 10/25	1. Carolina Rodriquez 2. Eugene Sanchez	Samuel Dominici Evanisto Gomez John M Hopkins	Carl Boria John Nevins Clyde Miller Mike Recore

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 10/18	Susan Price - LaSalla Jennifer Pfeffer
Sunday 10/25	Butch Crews Mary Fouraker

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 10/19	Diane Costa, David Costa, Ginger Foster, Dennis Foster, John Nevins
Sunday 10/25	Dennis Conlon, David Bowman, Donna Ponteliona, Roberto Garza, Robert Capello



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.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 10/19	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 6:30 PM - Rm #5 SFOA - Ultreya - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Tue 10/20	SFOA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - The Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall
Wed 10/21	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 10/22	OLSS - Ladies Auxiliary - 9:00 AM - Double Rm 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 10/23	OLSS - Women's Book Club - 9:00 AM - Double Rm OLSS - Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 PM - Church
Sat 10/24	OLSS - St. Joseph the Worker Meeting - 10:00 AM - RE Double Rm
Sun 10/25	

Diocesan Priests' Retreat – October 19–23

Next week, October 19–23, all priests of the Diocese of Savannah will gather for their annual spiritual retreat with Bishop Stephen Parkes.

We kindly ask you to keep all our priests in your prayers during this special time of spiritual renewal, reflection, and prayer. May the Holy Spirit strengthen our priests in our vocation and renew their hearts so that they may continue to serve God and His people with faith, love, and dedication.



faith, hope, charity

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	\$ 31,039.29	\$ 12,928.71
SFOA	\$ 4,824.00	\$ 5,710.00	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 11, 2026	OCTOBER 12, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 9,688.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 8,177.22
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,755.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 860.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 11, 2026	OCTOBER 12, 2025
COLLECTION - \$ 1,532.00 	COLLECTION - \$ 974.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,280.00 	MAINTENANCE - \$ 8,261.00

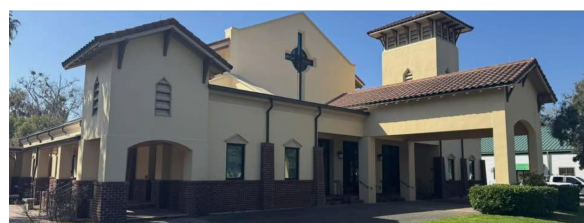
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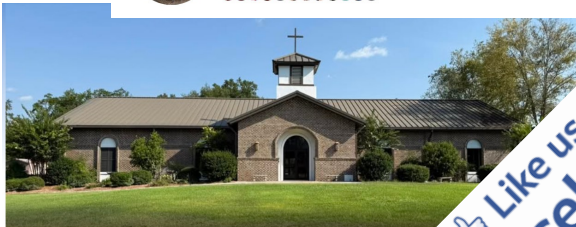
We kindly ask everyone to avoid driving or parking vehicles on the church lawn. Vehicles can damage the grass and, more importantly, break the underground pipes and sprinkler heads of our irrigation system, resulting in costly repairs. Thank you for helping us take care of our parish property!



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Saint Francis of Assisi

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We will be passing out Spooky to be Hungry Bags the weekend of Oct 17th /18th, 2026.
We have seen a substantial increase in customers utilizing our pantry.
Please help if you can.
Please return bags by Oct 24th and Oct 25th 2026.

Needed items (unexpired): 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

NOTE: The month of September we had 120 Families receiving Food Bags at a cost of \$22.50 per bag with an approximate monthly expenditure of \$2,700.00. 120 families equals 120 cans of Bean, Corn, Peas, Black Beans, Fruit. In addition, 120 Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Muffin Mix, Noodles, Toilet Paper, Soap and lastly 240 Boxes of Mac N Cheese and 240 Cans of Tuna. Needless to say, your help is greatly appreciated!!!



**November 4th
November 13th**
9:00 am

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School **OPEN HOUSE**

Whether you are already part of our SFXCS family or exploring our school for the first time, we invite you to experience the warmth, faith, and sense of community that make our school such a special place.

And, on November 4th, join us for 8:00 am Mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, followed by the Open House event and Campus Tours.

- ✓ Classroom visits
- ✓ Student-led campus tours
- ✓ Meet our Administrators
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Prospective students are highly encouraged to attend with their families!

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