



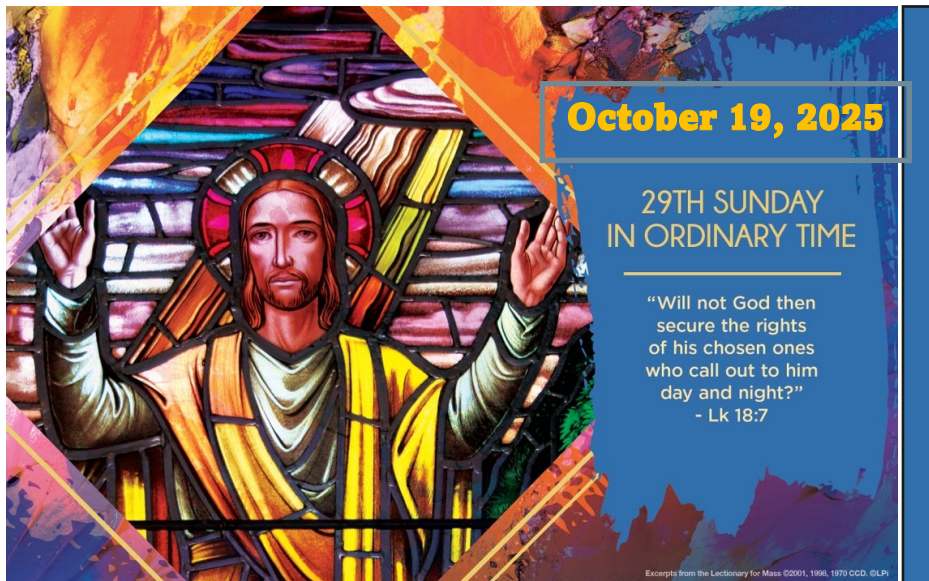
Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE HOLY SITE FOR THE
2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

SAINT MARYS, GA

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

FOLKSTON, GA



October 19, 2025

29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?"
- Lk 18:7

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1996, 1970 CCD, GLPI)

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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

10/18/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
Pro Populo / For the People

10/19/25 - XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Grace of healing for John Davant
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ David Bliton

10/20/25 - Monday: NO MASS

10/21/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass

10/22/25 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Mass
Carol Dickman
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

10/23/24 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
Stephen Warren - 23rd Birthday

10/24/24 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ Andrew Whitlock

10/25/24 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ Guisto Family

10/26/24 - XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ John Pasuit

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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**

Lithonia Simmons, Wendell & Lucie Bryant

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

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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

CONSIDER THE SOURCE

We call scripture the “word of God.” That’s a grand claim. If God said it, or wrote it, such an idea carries a great deal more currency than if you or I take the credit for it. We may be smart on a good day; God is the very author of Wisdom and remains the source of truth through all eternity. That’s the difference. It’s considerable.

Today’s passage from 2 Timothy is celebrated in Dei Verbum, Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. This document tells us how Catholics understand the Bible, especially how it acts as revelatory source and inspired text for us. All scripture is inspired and useful, it declares. All. This includes what we dismissively refer to as the Old Testament - which was, to the writer of Timothy, what he meant by scripture to begin with. So the story about doddering old Moses getting a little help from his friends in the task of prayer is at least as useful for our consideration today as the parable - or the psalm. Bible scholar Raymond Collins even wrote a book called Preaching the Epistles for those brave enough to do that on a Sunday. When it comes to the word of God, we often operate from a false sense of biblical hierarchy.

Furthermore, this much-cited passage from Timothy tells us how scripture is useful: It equips us for the good work we’re called to do, for our vocation to discipleship. So when we consider the three old men literally holding down the fort in spiritual warfare against Amalek, that helps us to appreciate how our faith-sharing groups, Rosary before Mass, and monthly adoration crowd contribute vitally to the life of the church. Reflecting on our confidence in God’s fidelity - as the psalmist does - enables us to step out in faithful action more boldly. When Jesus tells a story about the need for a tireless commitment to prayer (scholar Mary Ann Getty calls Jesus “Our Prayin’ Lord” in Luke’s gospel), it’s a wake-up call to take the injunction to pray unceasingly more seriously. All of that is inspired advice, full of the breath of God waiting for us to exhale it into the world.

Proclaim this word whether convenient or inconvenient, we’re told in Timothy. But which word, just the letter itself? Hardly. It’s the divine word we’re exhorted to proclaim - and proclamation obliges us to more than mere profession of it. It’s not enough to say, “Oh yeah, the Bible is God’s word, I believe it.” Good for you; proclamation, however, involves trumpeting this message far and wide in speech and lived example. And proclamation is not just Father’s job, as some of us were raised to imagine. Don’t forget: When it comes to doing God’s will, even Moses couldn’t do it alone.

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

PERSEVERANCE

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. She was lucky her adversary didn't pester the judge, too; he might have gone the other way. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further. He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that? "Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Not that we can prove all that we believe in a scientific way, but our faith should be realistic; after all, God made the world, so God should know how it works. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt, forgives him when he is sorry, and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people. So we can convince others of our faith by showing them examples of love, forgiveness, and encouragement.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. That may be what he was thinking when he says that proclaiming the word can sometimes be inconvenient. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority.

Paul lastly mentions teaching. He probably was referring to teaching the Hebrew scriptures and how they were fulfilled in Christ. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home. What the children see (or don't see) at home has a much greater effect than a few hours a week in a classroom.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 10/20	OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ultreya - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Tue 10/21	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - Social Hall OLSS - 6:00 PM - Homily Continued - RE BUILDING DOUBLE CLASSROOM
Wed 10/22	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 10/23	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 10/24	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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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	Saulo Capulong John Nevins Carl Boria Clyde Miller
Tue 10/21	Karen Hill		
Wed 10/22	Richard Foy		
Thu 10/23	- - - - -		
Fri 10/24	Richard Foy		
Sat 10/25	Elisabeth Sepulveda Richard Foy	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dennis Foster Greg Glaz
Sun 10/26	Judy Buchanan Ray Meaux	Joaquin Gomez Evan Gomez Landon Wilkins	Bob Cappello John Nevins Saulo Capulong - - - - -



THANK YOU CYM



OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 12, 2025	OCTOBER 13, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 8,177.22	COLLECTION - \$ 8,775.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 860.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,110.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 12, 2025	OCTOBER 13, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 974.00	COLLECTION - \$ 7,251.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 8,261.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 434.00

The CYM teens spent their day off from School completing a ministry project - cleaning out the church attic. 12 teens knocked it out in under two hours. Thank You for your hard work, its one of many ways to put your Faith in Action !
Thank You

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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

