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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— OCTOBER 22, 2023 —

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21c

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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 30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment



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, 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

The enemy within

Who's your worst enemy? Not knowing a single thing about your life, I can make a pretty good guess. It's not your boss, your mate, your rival, or that fifth-grade teacher who always had it in for you. No, our own worst enemy is usually ourselves. Who knows better how to sabotage us, where our weak spots are, how to really make us pay for our mistakes?

We eat or drink too much: Whose fault is that? Can't blame the cook or the bartender. We gamble our money away, at the track or at the mall in senseless purchases. Are you going to bring a lawsuit against the casino or retailer? If you smoke, don't exercise, neglect your sleep, work too much, play too much, can't control your temper or your mouth, mess up your marriage or your relationship with your parents, kids, friends, or coworkers, is that somebody else's problem? Did God do that to you? Did the devil?

The media is always supplying us with a "Great Satan" to be worried about. Some foreign nation has it in for us. Some religious group—or the atheists!—are trying to nab our government or our children. Some corporation with the word *big* in front of it is going to wipe out our savings. Some special-interest group (environmentalists, pharmaceutical folk, scientists, the health care industry, the other political party, city hall) is trying to pull the wool over our eyes. Be careful, America: There are enemies everywhere.

But isn't it true, folks, that the one force in your life most likely to do you serious harm is you? Something as simple as not brushing your teeth regularly could cause you a world of hurt, sooner or later. Who's in charge of brushing your teeth these days? Are you still blaming Mom for that pain in your gums?

Cyrus, friend of Israel

Israel has plenty of enemies in recent times, but that's nothing new. Biblically speaking, Israel always had some big power to fear. There was Big Egypt, Big Assyria, Big Babylon, Big Persia, Big Rome. The "Great Satan" has many names and faces but generally one ambition: to exploit a good thing. Truthfully, Egypt just wanted the cheap labor of an enslaved population. But once Israel became a landed population, the bait was even more tempting. The Promised Land was actually a very promising piece of real estate. Somebody else always wanted those ports, that river, those fertile hills and plains flowing with milk and honey—and money.

Yet in two stories this weekend, separated by some five centuries, we hear that the Great Satan out there is not the problem, is not the enemy we should be afraid of. Isaiah tells us that Cyrus, the great ruler of the Persian Empire, was no enemy to Israel. Astonishingly enough, Isaiah claims that Cyrus is a friend of God no less. When Cyrus sweeps into Babylon with his armies and becomes the new owner of the formerly Babylonian franchise, Israel is in exile there, wondering what will become of their community.

And what becomes of them is freedom. Cyrus tells them, and all the exiles Babylon took, to go home if they want. They can return to their homeland, their God, and their religion, just as before. All they have to do is pay the usual tribute of vassals and not set up a rival government to Persia. Those are pretty good terms to get from your conqueror, who could just as easily make your life a lot harder than the last conqueror did if he so chose.

Yet many—most Israelites, in fact—don't take Cyrus up on his offer. If we take the phrase "faithful remnant" seriously, only a very small portion of the exiled population goes home. Before exile the nation of Judah boasted a community of 75,000 citizens, 25,000 in Jerusalem alone. But 1,500 people returned to Jerusalem when Cyrus opened the gates of Babylon, and only 4,500 would return in the next decade. Evidently freedom's just another word for something more to lose, in many people's minds. They'd have rather stuck with present conditions than risk that difficult and perilous journey back home.

Then came Cesar

Granted: Emperors do what's best for their empire, not what's best for the people they conquer. Persia was looking out for Persia's best interests in the freeing of exiles, pursuing the policy that people are easier to control when they are reasonably content. And being a religious bunch, Persians also believed that the gods are happier when being worshipped by their own people on their own soil. Cyrus wanted the Temple in Jerusalem up and running because it was good for Persia, not for Israel. And evidently this was a good policy: Persia remained in charge for a good two centuries.

The Greeks arrive later, and finally the Romans in 63 B.C.E. Hebrew prophecy claims that God unbarred the gates before Cyrus, just as with Assyria and Babylon before him. It's reasonable to presume that God held open the door for these other empires to make their way as well. Perhaps this is why Jesus never raises his voice in protest against Caesar, and in fact essentially advises people to pay their taxes to Rome without quibble. "The coin of the realm" is not what interests Jesus. External politics is not a "kingdom issue" for him. "The Kingdom within" is what matters to Jesus, and that authority reigns only by personal invitation. You and I, so to speak, must open the gates and let in the king of glory.

Then came Cesar

If we want to be our own best friend, we should make sure we are first the friends of God. Opening the gates of our will to the sovereignty of the Ruler of the Universe is one way to make "Kingdom come" on this little piece of real estate we call our lives. Once God's in charge, we don't have to worry about the next would-be conqueror coming down the road. But no one can open the gates of your will but you. Like most things, if you don't make the wise decision, you have no one else to blame.

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Related Scripture links

Faithful remnant: *2 Kings 19:4; Isa. 10:20-21; 11:11-16; 28:5; 37:4; Jer. 23:3; Amos 5:15; Mic. 2:12; 4:7; 5:6-7; Zech. 8:6-13; Zeph. 2:7-9; 3:12-20*
Kingdom within: *Luke 17:20-21*
Opening the gates to the king of glory: *Pss. 24:7-10; 118:19-20*

Catechism links

God acts in history: CCC 302-308
Earthly kingdoms: CCC 2234-2246

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.

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**Spooky to be hungry food drive
Oct. 28-29**

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

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

- 10/21/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
Pro Populo / For the people
- 10/22/23 - XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
For God's blessing for Arleta Dawson
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For children with cancer
- 10/23/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 10/24/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
- 10/25/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM
- 10/25/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA
For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin
- 10/26/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass
*For Mary Jane & Wayne May on
50th Wedding Anniversary*
- 10/27/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass
- 10/28/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the souls of
Bob & Marg Wagner*
- 10/29/23 - 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)
For the repose of the soul of Steve Kornas

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

THANK YOU for your support

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 15, 2023	OCTOBER 16, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 8,474.50	COLLECTION - \$ 5,496.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 338.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 10,140.00

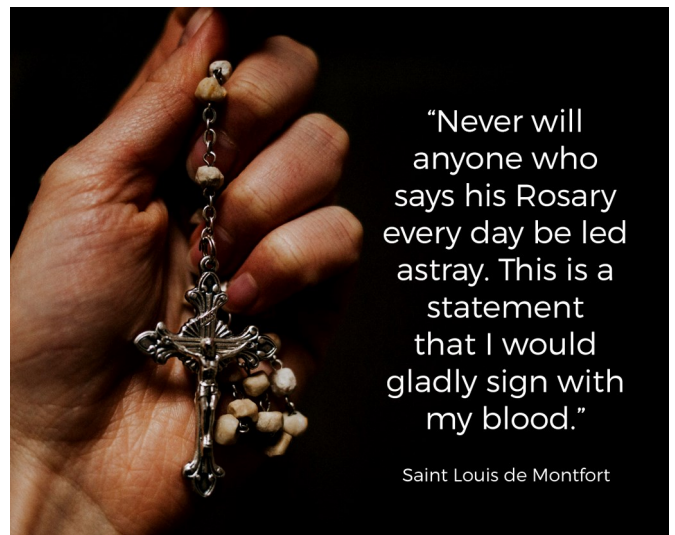
SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 15, 2023	OCTOBER 16, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 990.00	COLLECTION - \$ 960.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 280.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 319.00

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VIRTUS Training VALDOSTA/BRUNSWICK DEANERY

St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta
November 4th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



"Never will anyone who says his Rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood."

Saint Louis de Montfort



Old Town, Warsaw, Poland



Spiritual Director
Fr. Mariusz Fuks

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