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Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
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Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*



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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2023

**"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37**

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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

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



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Buddy Miller, Albert Matthews, 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

How should we live?

Everybody who goes to church knows the basic rules of Christian living. Of course, often as not, they default to the Hebrew code when asked to describe them, but that's another issue entirely. At least they're in the right ballpark - the Bible—and not offering up civil law. This does not imply that churchgoing folks can recite the Ten Commandments in order, obviously. But at least they know what's in them, more or less. The litany most groups produce when asked to list the Commandments sounds like this: Don't lie, don't cheat, don't kill, don't fool around, obey your parents, and go to church. Well, close enough. But no cigar.

The crucial part that often gets left out in this reconstruction of our responsibilities is the absolute obligation we owe to God. It's not just about doing what God wants, or not doing what God hates; rather, it's surrendering ourselves to God without reservation. No other power should have dominion over us. No other loyalty should supersede this primary allegiance. Our daily decisions should revolve around God's will just as our whole week should center on the celebration of the Christian Sabbath, our little Easter. Either we belong to God or we don't. Just as you can't be a little married, you can't give a tithe of yourself to God.

Obligations to God and others.

I don't want to say forget the Ten Commandments: Now more than ever our society seems to need these bright stripes painted down the center of the road so we know which lane we're in, moral or immoral; there seems to be a surprising amount of confusion about which is which. But those who settle on merely maintaining their lane aren't ensured of arriving at their destination. We need maps, too; and most of all, we need to have a specific destination in mind. We can't just mosey on down the road of life without a clear sense of where we're headed. The Ten Commandments can remind us what to do and not to do on a minimal level, but they are no substitute for knowing where to go.

The laws of Moses established a very clear goal of living in right relationship. That included the fundamental relationship to God honored in prayer, worship, and obedience. But it didn't end there. Right relationship necessarily included family members, the neighbor, and the stranger. When all members of society were in right relationship to each other, the *shalom* of God would be shared by all. Consequently, when any of these relationships were ignored or abused, conflict and violence were guaranteed.

Hebrew law wasn't rocket science. It was a highly practical approach to building a community of justice and peace. Show hospitality to the foreigner: the alien in want is an unstable element in your midst. Take care of the needy woman and her children.

Otherwise, the needy turn to begging and crime, spread sickness, and can't contribute to society in a constructive way. Don't extort money from a poor person just because you can. When the rich oppress the poor, class rivalry develops and tensions magnify until the eventual social explosion.

The religious shorthand for all of these obligations is: If the poor cry out, God will hear them, and bad times will swiftly follow. Even if you prefer to subtract God from the equation, as a global prescription the logic holds true.

Jesus frames law in terms of law

It's been pointed out many times that biblical law is mostly a codification of the way the world works. God doesn't command us to do or not to do things because of arbitrary divine whim. Divine law, in other words, is not instituted to keep God happy, but to keep us happy. "Don't lust after your neighbor's spouse" isn't a commandment because God doesn't like that sort of thing. If you start making eyes at your neighbor's spouse, all hell will break loose regardless of what God thinks about it.

Divine law, properly understood, isn't about God being a Cosmic Control Freak in regard to the way God would like us to behave. These commandments are presented as gifts, "lamps to our feet," guiding principles for our happiness. Can we acknowledge that God really loves us, for a change? That everything God does is for love's sake and not to keep us in line like the Big Cop in the Sky?

In the century before Jesus, rabbis were already recasting the laws of Moses in terms of an overarching law of love. This was not a "new" understanding: The law of love is as old as the *Shema* of Israel recorded in Deuteronomy and quoted by Jesus in today's passage. The second half of the formula espoused by Jesus comes from Levitical law. Altogether what's new about the Greatest Commandment is not the ideas or the wording but the combination of two earlier instructions into a unified theory about the relationship between God's law and God's love.

We know from our own experience that it does make all the difference whether we act out of fear or love; whether we are motivated by militant obedience to fixed principles or a genuine desire to do what's best for the whole human family. The stickler and the altruist may perform the exact same service because of their convictions. Still, most of us would rather dine at the house of the altruist. Love creates a better ambiance than regulation every time.

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People of Love

Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke often of “the beloved community,” a society bound by mutual caring and concern rather than court orders and mandates. Saint Paul seems to have used similar principles in providing himself as an object lesson for how he expected his house churches to behave. His love was infectious; his example created offspring who likewise loved their way into the imagination of their greater society.

If we are serious about evangelization, we might set aside the goal of posting our rules and policies in public places. If we embody the community of whole-souled love of God and neighbor, our fellow citizens, always hungry for love and hope, will be attracted to us like moths to the brilliant flame.

Related Scripture links

Law as guiding light: *Ps. 18:29; 119:105; Prov. 6:23*
Shema Ysrael: *Deut. 6:4-5*

Love your neighbor: *Lev. 19:18; see also James 2:8*

Catechism links

Sins against the neighbor: CCC 1867

The Decalogue: CCC 707-710; 1961-1964; 2056-2074

Jesus and the law: CCC 577-582; 1824; 1965-1974

The Great Commandment: CCC 2052-2055; 2083

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.



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

10/28/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of
Bob & Marg Wagner*

10/29/23 - XXX 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)
For the repose of the soul of Steve Kornas*

10/30/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**

10/31/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
*For the repose of the soul of
Ruben Messina*

11/01/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS
*For the repose of the soul of
Dorothy Harber*

11/01/23 - Wednesday 7:30 PM at OLSS

11/01/23 - Wednesday 5:00 PM Mass at ASFOA
For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin

11/02/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM Mass
Birthday blessing for Ren Bautista

11/03/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass
Birthday blessing for Hilary Van Horn

11/04/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Marty Van Horn*

11/05/23 - XXXI 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](tel: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](tel: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](tel: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](tel: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](tel:912-882-4718)

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through sacramenta 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](tel:912-322-6857)

THANK YOU for your support

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 22, 2023	OCTOBER 23, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 7,819.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,314.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 340.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 205.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

OCTOBER 22, 2023	OCTOBER 23, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 780.00	COLLECTION - \$ 980.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 475.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 365.00

PROMISE To Protect  **Pledge** To HEAL

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling raffle tickets for Christmas quilt on 4&5 and 11&12 November before and after each mass.

The proceeds are for the Church maintenance fund. Drawing for quilt will be on 19 November 2023.

OLSS LADIES AUXILIARY
Holiday Bazaar
NOVEMBER 18
9am-7pm



ALL SAINTS DAY

MASSES ON ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1

8:00 AM AT OLSS

5:00 PM AT SFOA

7:30 PM AT OLSS



MASSES ON ALL SOULS

NOVEMBER 2

8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

AT OLSS

ALL SOULS DAY

**Friday
November 4th**

**9:00 Am
9:00 Pm**



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