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*Catholic Mission*



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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The greatest among you must be your servant."  
- Mt 23:11

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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

## 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

**11/04/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil**  
*For the repose of the soul of*  
*Marty Van Horn*  
**11/05/23 - XXXI 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*  
*Andrew Kornas*  
 11/06/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**  
 11/07/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of Angel Garrido*  
 11/08/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS  
*For the repose of the soul of*  
*Elizabeth Ann Contreras*  
 11/08/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA  
*For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin*  
 11/09/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of Spencer Wolf*  
 11/10/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of*  
*Clara M. Howard*  
 11/11/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
*For the deceased members of*  
*Legion of Mary*  
**11/12/23 - XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)**  
*For the friends and caregivers of Mary*  
*Glasgow during her days of recovery*  
**11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)**  
*Pro Populo / For the people*



## The question of authority

For most of us, the moment comes when we are barely into our teens. Suddenly the grown-ups—who, up to now, have been omnipotent—are revealed to be what they are: mere mortals like the man behind the curtain in *The Wizard of Oz*. I remember when the realization dawned on me. My father was furious with my older sister, caught in the act of smoking and swearing. In the midst of his tirade, it occurred to me that my dad both smoked and swore. The cloud of authority around my father dissipated, and I saw for the first time that he was simply a man.

Hypocrisy is one of the easiest ways to unmask human authority. Another is abuse, when authority that is unjustly wielded has lost the moral high ground. We can add others to the list: cheating, public scandal, or the claim to power that has not come honestly. Those who accept the mantle of authority, however attractive, are soon burdened by its demands.

## Follow the Leader

Along with authority comes the role of leadership, and the matter of where those leaders are leading us. World governments play games of arrogance while people starve. Generals sow fields of landmines for generations of children to stumble across at play. Major corporations disdain the law, and thousands lose economic security as a result. One CEO boasted, “Money is the only way to keep score.” If money is the score card, then ordinary citizens are losing the game being played by those with deeper pockets.

Authority may also be misused at the local level. At the assisted living facility down the street, the treasurer cooks the books, cheating those with tightly fixed incomes of the beauty of a few flowers. A parent berates her 8-year-old all the way to dance practice, until the child wants only to disappear from view. Spouses withhold the tender word that is longed for, or take out their disappointments on the one person whose happiness is tied to their own.

## God’s authority has a face

Perhaps the worst abuse of leadership occurs when the person in authority presumes to speak for God. Malachi came down hard on the corrupt priests of Israel after the exile. The long-cherished homeland had been recovered, only to be endangered again. Blind and sick animals were being accepted for sacrifice, a deal with the devil for both the layman who got a useless animal off his hands and the priest who quietly pocketed his bribe. It was a disastrous arrangement of *quid pro quo*.

The sins of later scribes and Pharisees warranted an equally strong denunciation. These leaders burdened others with a law they themselves did not observe.

These leaders burdened others with a law they themselves did not observe. Oh, they were happy enough to wear religious finery and to enjoy places of honor. Titles like *teacher* and *master* scratched the itch of their vanity. If the priests in the time of Malachi jeopardized the welfare of their followers, these fellows weren’t even looking back to see if they had followers.

Mortals tempted by the trappings of leadership—or hiding behind them—forget the one element crucial to those who would lead: humility. It is especially dire when a religious leader makes that mistake, since he or she knows what the secular leader may not: that a leader is also first and foremost a follower. The divine source of all authority is out in front, guiding human history itself toward its fulfillment. For a religious leader not to know and trust in this is one of those sins that rates the name unpardonable.

## Humility and dirty hands

Saint Paul got it right—oddly enough, for a man given to boasting not only about his moral perfection but also his weaknesses. When it came to moral authority, he claimed his share against the Jerusalem leaders and detractors in the mission field alike. Nor was Paul shy about claiming the title of apostle. But he understood that, when it came to the divine authority of Christ, he was insignificant. All in heaven and on Earth bowed to that name (Phil. 2:10). The name of Paul, by comparison, was worthless. He insisted his followers not take his name as a badge of identity, or Apollos or Peter (1 Cor. 3:21-22.)

Paul knew the rules by which wisdom teachers of the ancient world operated. He knew the rights of an apostle: to eat and drink, to enjoy the company of a wife, and to earn his keep by his teaching (1 Cor. 9). But Paul declares he “would rather die” than exercise these rights, for the gospel came freely and undeservedly to him. So he worked at a trade to refrain from burdening the fledgling churches, and did not demand any privilege while in their midst.

## Authority and the Church

Some scholars suggest that Matthew’s gospel was written as a handbook for church leaders. If this is so, then the many passages excoriating religious leaders must have hit their intended audience like a pie in the face. Even Peter, the keeper of the keys, does not get off the hook, so no one is exempt from the warning. All of us who represent religious authority—and here we mean parents to their children and teachers to their students, as well as pastors to their assemblies and any who claim the names Catholic and Christian in public—are responsible for how we present the face of God to others. If we are phonies, self-righteous, unforgiving, or out-and-out creeps when we don our religious hats before others, then we have identified God with those traits. Sowing that kind of minefield before the religious innocence of others is something none of us wants to answer for.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Brian Lewis, Tammy Gabrinetti, Maureen Heath, 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

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## How should we prepare for Holy Communion? Is fasting still necessary?

Liturgical practices have changed in the last generation. It's fair to wonder what's going on with communion these days. In parishes around the country, I see everything from the reconstruction of altar railings to people falling on their knees at the front of the communion line. Folks cup their hands in the throne-like gesture taught in communion prep classes these days, or perform casual host grabs that seem almost unconsidered.



So here's the present teaching. Yes, the communion fast is still in force. Details are important here: 1) Water never breaks the fast, so don't dehydrate to prove your devotion. 2) The fast from food and drink besides water is one hour before reception of the Eucharist. 3) Sick and elderly people only need fast for fifteen minutes before communion. Caregivers accompanying such people may follow the same guidelines. 4) Sick persons may take medicine and non-alcoholic liquids unrestrictedly.

In Canon Law, seven regulations apply to proper reception of communion. The fast as outlined above is one. Anyone who's received First Eucharist is obliged to receive at least once annually, preferably during the Easter Season—the so-called "Easter duty." Receiving in the context of Mass is "most strongly recommended"—again, with exceptions for the sick and homebound, or communities with no access to a priest.

A fourth regulation concerns those conscious of having committed grave sin. Such a person should seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving communion. If this isn't possible, making an act of perfect contrition suffices so long as the person resolves to go to confession as soon as it is possible.

Frequency of reception is a concern for many older Catholics. Current rules are that as long as you receive during Mass, you can go to communion more than once daily. The only exception is in the instance of *viaticum* (literally, "on the way with you"). Someone in danger of death should receive communion outside the context of Mass even if they've already gone to Mass and received earlier that day.

The seventh regulation is the least well known. A Catholic may receive Eucharist from a non-Catholic minister in whose congregation Eucharist is valid when it's "physically or morally impossible" to do otherwise. Such occasions include danger of death or other "serious need"; persons who are "unable to approach their own minister"; "persons in prison or under persecution"; "persons who live at some distance from their own communion." The canon ends with the significant words: "this is not an exhaustive indication of such cases."



## 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](mailto:dominici.jason@gmail.com)

**Catholic Youth Ministry:** For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at [relregioused@weareolss.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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

## **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!

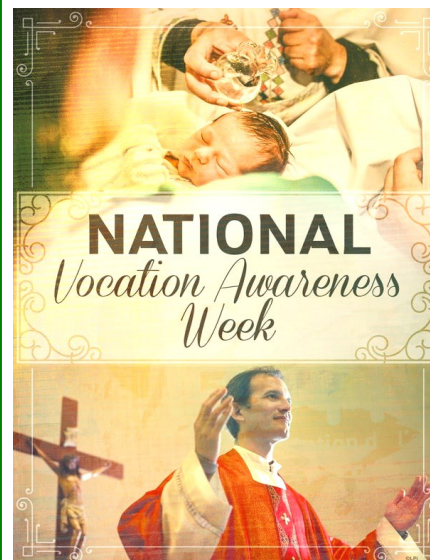


If interested, please contact either Roger Jaskot at [mrroger4@outlook.com](mailto:mrroger4@outlook.com) or Bill Tuthill at [bill23nycomco@gmail.com](mailto:bill23nycomco@gmail.com) ASAP so that we can schedule practices.



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**



"O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give the men and women You call the light to understand Your gift and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your priestly Son"







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**Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!** Our Spooky to be Hungry pantry food drive was a total success due to the generous support of our parishioners. The pantry shelves are now overflowing!!




Around 190 bags were returned ... each bag was around 10-15 lbs. so we collected well over 2,000lbs of food items.

October 21st and 22nd we had 6-8 people who worked about 90 minutes each day sorting out the bags.

October 29th we had 5-6 people who worked about 2 hours sorting out the bags.

October 30th we had 7 people worked about 3 hours sorting out the bags and restocking the shelves.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR			
OCTOBER 29, 2023		OCTOBER 30, 2022	
COLLECTION -	↑	COLLECTION -	
\$ 13,551.50		\$ 8,156.50	
MAINTENANCE -	↑	MORTGAGE -	
\$ 1,325.00		\$ 710.00	

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR			
OCTOBER 29, 2023		OCTOBER 30, 2022	
COLLECTION -	↑	COLLECTION -	
\$ 805.00		\$ 670.00	
MAINTENANCE -	↓	MORTGAGE -	
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