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Our Lady  
Star of the Sea  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Saint  
Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Mission*



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“LORD, LORD, OPEN THE DOOR FOR US!’ BUT HE  
SAID IN REPLY, ‘AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, I DO NOT  
KNOW YOU.’” — MT 25:11-12

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

11/11/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil  
*For the deceased members of  
 Legion of Mary*  
 11/12/23 - 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)  
*Pro Populo / For the people*  
 11/13/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**  
 11/14/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of  
 Dorothy Harber*  
 11/15/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS  
*For the repose of the soul of  
 Clara M. Howard*  
 11/15/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA  
*Belated Birthday Blessing for Tita Gorney*  
 11/16/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM Mass  
 Birthday Blessing for Owen England  
 11/17/23 - Friday 8:00 AM Mass  
*For the repose of the soul of  
 Clara M. Howard*  
 11/18/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
*For the repose of the soul of  
 George Alexander Varga*  
 11/19/23 - XXXII 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)  
 Birthday Blessing for Kristie Shepard



## Keeping the light on

The image shows up in countless love songs and stories. It's a symbol of hope against hope, and heartache that hasn't yet become heartbreak. The porch light left on, long after midnight, tells us that someone's missing and someone's waiting. We can't see to the end of the story from here, but we already know that love keeps vigil, no matter how long it takes.

Extinguishing the light, by contrast, has always been an emblem of despair. As the Christophers say: Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness. But some of us, unused to the practice of patience that hope requires, have learned to live in the darkness even as we curse it. We may grope in the dim security of fatalism, believing that whatever comes down the road won't be any better than what's already here—and could well be a tad worse.

Those who live with the light on, however, are prepared to welcome something better and admit the possibility of a wonder. Will life come to replace our fear of loss and death? Will love return where there has been only longing? Will anxiety be dispelled by joy? Those who have already turned the light off may never know.

## A date with Lady Wisdom

All good things come to those who wait; and among the best that's coming is wisdom. This attribute enjoys a feminine persona, much like boats, cool cars, and the church. Perhaps it's the classic male expression for something desirable that is devoutly to be sought. In any case, wisdom is presented as a lady in the Hebrew tradition. In books like Proverbs, Sirach, and the Wisdom of Solomon, she makes her rounds, inviting all who are alert to join her at her table and learn from her good counsel.

So who or what is Lady Wisdom? By no means a goddess, wisdom speaks like a prophet, sometimes imitating Jeremiah or Ezekiel in her promises that are not unlike the "new covenant" of prophecy. Her words may echo oracles, but there is one dramatic distinction: Prophets speak for God, ending their pronouncements with the rousing cry, "The word of the Lord!" Wisdom, however, speaks on her own authority.

Wisdom doesn't only speak; she acts. She creates, saves, and directs human history, prompting the name "mediatrix of the works of God" from some scholars. Because her results are similar to the fruits listed in Galatians 5, some identify wisdom as another name for the Spirit. Others, seeing her perform as the active word of God, understand her as prefiguring Jesus. Whoever wisdom precisely is or however she operates, she is definitely worth waiting for.

## The women who wait

Matthew offers a flipside image: that of the women who sit and wait. They do not keep vigil for wisdom, but are themselves separated into the wise and the foolish. Wisdom, it appears, has already made her rounds, and the five who took her counsel brought extra oil for their lamps. Is this story a precursor of the scouting motto: "Be prepared"? Only in the most cosmic sense possible. What the women are prepared for is nothing less than the fulfillment of history, which Paul also speaks to in his letter to Thessalonica. The Bridegroom they are waiting for arrives in the wink of an eye, though his coming is not announced. It is simply believed in and longed for, as they light their lamps in "joyful hope" for the coming of a presence that is the consummation of every human desire. If he is called the Bridegroom, it is no accident. Who waits more fervently on love than the one who is already in love? And who is more beloved than the one to whom we have already entrusted our hearts? The women awaiting the beloved are the perfect complement to those seeking Lady Wisdom. And neither will be disappointed.

## Kingdom coming

All of us who live in faith await the hour of God's choosing we call the Reign, or Kingdom. It's ahead of us, but also within us. It's at the end of history but also at hand in the midst of it. We keep vigil for this Kingdom even as we embrace and embody it. The Kingdom *is* coming, but it's coming all the time.

Most of us don't have time in the average day to consider the End of the World. "Apocalypse now" is more like "Apocalypse who?" Jesus may be coming on Judgment Day, but the clothes need to get to the cleaners and dinner has to get on the table. Unlike some communities in the early church, who dropped what they were doing, quit their jobs, and became resident busybodies slouching toward the eschaton, we members of the later church have given up on keeping vigil for the Second Coming. That's not necessarily a bad thing.

But what we must not miss is that, as Bernard of Clairvaux noticed, between the historical coming and the Second Coming of Jesus, there is a third and most crucial coming: his daily arrival—in the Eucharist, but not only there; in the word and the church, but also in the poor, the sick, the schmuck, as well as in the face of the beloved. If we miss the Jesus who comes to us there, we turn the porch light out on the possibility of wonder. Someone is indeed missing, and we are invited to wait for that someone. And while we keep our vigil, let's not miss the continual sightings that let us know the one we love is on his way.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Brian McLain, 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, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Peggy Schwarting, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, 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, 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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## OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

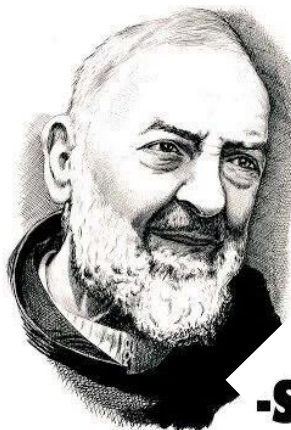
NOVEMBER 5, 2023	NOVEMBER 6, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 10,814.38	COLLECTION - \$ 9,663.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 3,543.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 4,805.00

## SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 5, 2023	NOVEMBER 6, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 880.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,070.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,117.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,420.00

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE  
SOULS IN PURGATORY



**We must  
empty  
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## 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 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

## **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.

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



### **Mark Your Calendar... Mouthwatering Monastery Marvels**

It's that time of year again!!! Biscotti, Fudge, Fruitcake, Coffee, and Honey. Get these sweet treats as gifts, or for yourself. These items are made by the monks of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. Your purchase supports them, as well as your local Knights of Columbus. Quantities are limited, and they will be on sale the weekends of, Dec 2-3; 9-10 and 16-17 if still available! Get them before they're gone, and thank you for your continuous and generous support! Cash, check or charge.



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