

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Saint Francis of Assisi

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“WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”

— MT 25:21

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD 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	<u>30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment</u>

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

11/18/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
For the repose of the soul of Alexander Varga
11/19/23 - **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)
Birthday Blessing for Kristie Shepard
11/20/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
11/21/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass
For the repose of the soul of Clara M. Howard
11/22/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS
For the Souls in Purgatory
11/22/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA
Belated Birthday Blessing for Tita Gorney
11/23/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Clara M. Howard
11/24/23 - **Friday 8:00 AM NO MASS**
11/25/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
For the repose of the soul of Nina Benson
11/30/23 - **XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the people
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Clara M. Howard

Working hard or hardly working?

An acquaintance confided in me that she rolls down her car window when she sees folks hanging out at the corner. “Get a job and a haircut!” she yells, and speeds off. It’s a cowardly way to express her annoyance, I admit. She says the part about the job because she can’t stand to see people idling away their time. The part about the haircut she throws in because she’s a neat freak.

Frankly, I know there’s a lazy person inside of me aching to be let out. I can’t think of anything more appealing than an afternoon on the couch with a bag of potato chips. But our culture has stepped up the pace with our phones making us more available than ever for the rising demands of our work. At the same time, our smart gadgets and online lifestyles make us more efficient and adaptable, so we can do a whole lot more and faster.

Globalization brings the world into our living rooms, and we can’t escape the barrage of information and expectation anymore. And if you are married and have children, multiply that times the members of your family and let the primal screaming begin.

Idle hands are the devil’s workshop.

One of the Hebrew images that used to initiate a round of screaming for me is the “worthy wife” of Proverbs. If you read the entire passage in Chapter 31, you’ll understand why. This woman is deemed more valuable than pearls. I’d say this woman is worth a whole corporation! She is in charge of purchasing for the household, makes her own clothes and bedding, buys a field, plants a vineyard, sells her wares in the marketplace, cares for the poor, distributes advice. . . . The writer tells us she begins her workday while it’s still dark. I suspect she’d have to. Her children and husband also praise her. I wonder if they ever see her.

What redeemed the worthy wife image for me was when I discovered that it’s not intended to be a job description for married women. This industrious, clever, and essential person is a stand-in for the character in wisdom tradition known as Lady Wisdom. Often contrasted with Dame Folly, who lounges in doorways and invites men to idle away the hours with her, Lady Wisdom is marvelously productive and worth partnering up with. It’s clear that the precursor to the Protestant work ethic lies in Hebrew scripture.

Don’t stop know

“Let us not sleep like the rest,” Paul warns the Thessalonians. Uh, oh. If you were hoping for respite in Paul’s corner, you may be disappointed. The early church had its idlers: some who took the *parousia* (the second coming of Jesus) too literally and lost interest in worldly concerns, and others (no doubt) who just liked to party.

Paul refused to support a lazy interpretation of Christian hope. Knowing that this world is imminently “toast” only provides *more* incentive to put our shoulders to the wheel, evangelizing, giving instruction and counsel, and most of all offering a picture-perfect example of the new creation in which we place all our hopes.

And our faith teaches us that the day of that arrival *is* at hand, though the timing is secret—not because we have a stealth Messiah, but simply because the future belongs to God alone. We mortals have trouble just living down the past and trying to stay organized in the present. We may be in the dark about the exact hour of *the* hour, but as Paul says, we aren’t living in the dark in our awareness of the truth. We don’t have to guess who’s coming to dinner. We know.

Wailing in the dark

Those who refuse to work with this truth and for the sake of it will live to regret that decision. If we choose to live in the dark we should not be surprised when we die into it as well. So we hear in the parable of the talents. The one who takes his master’s wealth and buries it like a corpse is startled to hear later that he has sown the death of his own opportunities. He is not rewarded for his caution but punished for his cowardice and sloth. He will grind his teeth against the bitter taste of his forfeited hopes.

It’s not mere laziness at fault, but also gutlessness. Jesus our storyteller, after all, is from the community that coined the term *chutzpah*. Taking a risk is as biblical as Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Mary of Nazareth. Though Christianity has historically looked down its nose at gambling, the whole of salvation history has been a divine roll of the dice—or the Urim and Thummim, if you will. In every episode, God has a plan but needs some human agent to lay his or her money down and share in the stakes. Will it be you this time, or I?

A piece of the action

The moral of the story is not to endorse workaholism, a serious illness affecting our culture. That sort of activity is, spiritually speaking, a waste of time—which is shorter than we think and not a commodity to squander. Likewise, we do need to be still and know God, who is productive in a way we can’t measure or imagine. But wisdom recommends that we steer our lives around to the kind of productivity that bears fruit in the only harvest worth planting. What we have in our hands—our time, love, and free choice—is ready to be invested. God is looking for a partner in an amazing deal. Are we in or are we out?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sanford Adams, Doris Adams, Brian McInain, 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

**TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE
EMAIL: OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG**

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 12, 2023	NOVEMBER 13, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 6,028.50	COLLECTION - \$ 7,143.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 342.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 5,526.00

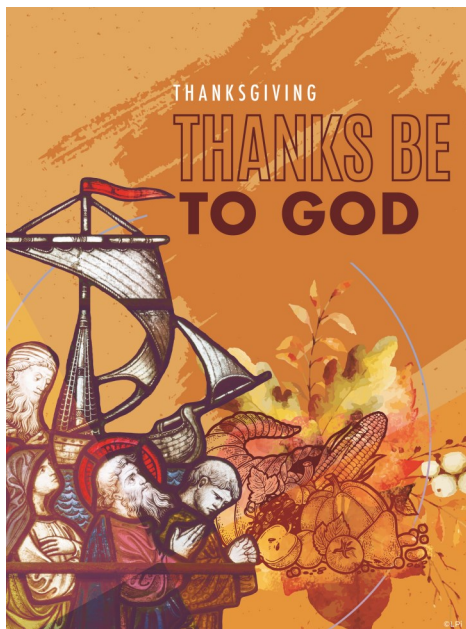
SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 12, 2023	NOVEMBER 13, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 1,445.00	COLLECTION - \$ 916.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 618.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 760.00

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Thanksgiving
Mass at
OLSS at
8:00 AM

There will be
no mass on
Friday
after
Thanksgiving

**PILGRIMAGE
TO
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FR.
MARIUSZ**



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 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](tel: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 or Bill Tuthill at bill23nycomco@gmail.com ASAP so that we can schedule practices.



Cursillo

Ultreya - 3rd Monday - November 20, 6pm SFoA Theme Thanksgiving, witness by Sri Wojcik.

Cursillo Weekend Formations for team: Dec. 9, OLSS 9am-tba
Jan. 13, Vidalia 9am - tba

Men's Weekend - Jan. 25-28, 2024

Women's Weekend - Feb. 1-4, 2024

Team and candidate applications found on website <https://diosavcursillo.org/>

Secretariat ZOOM 1st Monday 8pm.

School of Leaders Zoom 2nd Tues. 8pm.



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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