

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Mondays No Daily Mass

Tuesdays 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,

5:30 pm Daily Mass

7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass Wednesdays **Thursdays** 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass **Fridays** 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass Saturdays

(except on Holy Saturday)

10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass Sundays

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 longstanding 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

11/25/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil For the repose of the soul of Nina Benson

11/26/23 - SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING 8:30 AM - (St. Francis) *Pro Populo / For the People* 11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea) For the repose of the soul of Clara M. Howard

11/27/23 - Monday: NO MASS 11/28/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass

For the repose of the soul of DeLeon Columba

11/29/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS For the repose of the soul of Nancy Kraft

11/29/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA For the repose of the soul of Minter Garvin

11/30/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM For the repose of the soul of

Clara M. Howard 12/01/23 - Friday 8:00 AM

12/02/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Pro Populo / For the People

12/03/23 - I SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

> 11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea) For the repose of the soul of

Clara M. Howard

Sitting in the judgement seat.

Have you ever had to hire someone to work for you? It's an awful business! Here come the halt and the hopeful, resumes crumpled, palms sweaty, serving time on the death-row-of-the-unemployed. Most of these people will surely not be chosen for rescue, at least not here and not today. They will shuffle away, egos in their pockets, with "reject" stamped on their foreheads. For those who do the hiring, it's like being God on judgment day. Sheep, thank you for coming. Goats, it was nice knowing you.

But some folks don't mind being in the judgment seat. They like deciding who's in and who's out, who's saved or damned, good or bad, fashionable or laughable. The thumbs-up, thumbs-down brigade are happy to render an opinion on any topic you care to name. Just ask. They'd be pleased to make a judgment call.

Other folks, it turns out, are uncomfortable choosing a movie to view. What if they make a mistake? How does one determine entertainment value: Plot lines? Directors? Movie stars? The responsibility of judgment is too daunting.

Making choices.

My brother came to live with me briefly, and during that time we played games of politeness: You first. No, you. What do *you* want to do? I dunno: What about *you*? Eventually, my brother put a stop to the game and became decisive. "The bear chooses," he decreed. The bear, a stuffed animal of surprising volition, had become the sudden arbiter of every decision henceforth.

In the story of salvation, of course, there is no bear. Everyone must choose. God has a plan, perhaps, but that plan is really more of a direction, not a blueprint for every second of history. God chooses life, liberty, joy, peace, and mercy. What do we choose? Free will being what it is, we are all holding the remote control right now, determining the best plot for tonight. But in the final hour—last quarter, clock ticking, breath bated—God alone does the choosing. That's the basic teaching of the Last Judgment. When all is said and done in human history, the divine chooses.

God's choices on Judgment Day are by no means arbitrary and should not surprise us. Ever wonder what God believes in? God believes in free will so much that God's final choices are no more than a ratification of our choices all along. God won't pull a rabbit out of a hat in the end times, sending sheep into outer darkness and opening the pearly gate to the goats. What we are choosing now, God will affirm later.

A pocket gospel.

It's been said that everything you need to know about Christianity is contained in Matthew 25, the story of the final judgment. Tear out this one page of scripture and live your life accordingly! One could certainly do worse than to take these words to heart as a pocket gospel. The formula is simple: To inherit God's kingdom, take care of the human family. It's so obvious, every major world religion has thought of it. (The lesser spiritual systems tend to fall apart on this item of social responsibility. If a New Age path is "all about you," it's probably not about God.)

The bottom line is: God is partial to human beings. Our God is the God who saves, right? And the implication is always that God is saving sinners, the worst of the bunch by any standard. God is so taken by humanity, even in its fallen state, that what we do for others is as good as doing it for God. So if you want eternal life, choose life now. If you want to know the beloved, be a lover yourself. If you're looking for joy, be a source of joy for others. This is child's play. As Jesus pointed out, the Kingdom operates at a level that children understand better than we do.

The story of the separation of sheep and goats has often been viewed as a threatening one: God's out to get you at the end of time, like a grim Santa dividing us up into naughty and nice. But the story is really as clear a directive as we get in the New Testament about how to be *saved*, not condemned. For those who didn't recognize what righteousness looks like, here it is. For those who were unsure when they were missing graced opportunities to love God, now you know. Do not be in the dark, brothers and sisters, about the day of the Lord. Death is destroyed for those who move in the relentless direction of life.

Plot lines.

God has already made a choice, and it's a choice *for* us, not against us. We only need to look at the cross to be certain of that. And now it's our turn, as free creatures, to make our own decision about what kind of world we want to live in, now and forever. A world of kindness, peace, and joy won't just happen; we have to adopt it through our choices. The hungry don't get fed and the sick visited in abstract terms, but with names and faces we know and many more we don't. Welcoming the stranger is often something we can do inside our own homes, as our teenagers morph into punks and our best friends go off to "find themselves" in unpredictable ways. And whenever we do this, we do it for God. Meanwhile today and every day is judgment day.





Related scripture links

Love Command: John 13:15, 34-35 Judge not: Isa. 28:6, 30:18; Matt. 7:1-5;

Luke 3:17, 6:37-42; Rom. 2:1-11

God sees the interior: *Luke 16:15; Acts 15:8* Weddings, God, and us: *Matt. 22:1-14, 25:1-13;*

Luke 14:7-14, 15-24

Faith, hope, and love: 1 Cor. 13:13

Catechism links

Love Command: 782, 1822-1829, 1970, 2822, 2842

Corporal works of mercy: 2447-2449 Theological virtues: 1812-1832



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sanford Adams, Doris Adams, 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 Avilles, 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 19, 2023

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

COLLECTION - \$ 6,383.50



COLLECTION - **\$ 6,379.50**

MAINTENANCE - **\$ 445.00**



MORTGAGE - **\$ 408.02**

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

COLLECTION - **\$ 889.00**



COLLECTION - **\$ 1,574.00**

MAINTENANCE - **\$ 150.00**



MORTGAGE - **\$ 470.00**

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PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND WITH 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

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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 religioused@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 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 or Bill Tuthill at bill23nycomco@gmail.com ASAP so that we can schedule practices.



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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