



SAINT MARYS, GA
**Our Lady
 Star of the Sea**
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 THE HOLY SITE FOR
 THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE



*Saint
 Francis of Assisi
 Catholic Mission*

FOLKSTON, GA



November 30, 2025

YOU ALSO
 MUST BE
PREPARED.

— MATTHEW 24:44 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Holy Rosary
 30 minutes prior to Mass

First Fridays Mass
 8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

**Fridays Eucharistic
 Adoration**
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 PM
 (except on Holy Saturday)
 Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday No Service
 Tuesday 5:30 PM
 Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday.....5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
 30 Minutes before Mass
 or by appointment

SFOA 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 INTENTIONS

11/29/25 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Mass
River Fiorelli - 5th Birthday Blessing

11/30/25 - I SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
+ *Fr. William Leahy*
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Pro Populo / For the People

12/01/25 - Monday: NO MASS

12/02/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass

12/03/25 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Jenny Ford
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA

12/04/25 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Timothy & Matthew Ford*

12/05/25 - Friday: No 8:00 AM Mass
+ *Dr. Peter Luea*

12/06/25 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Jim Walsh*

12/07/25 - II SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Peg Maurin*

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments, Godparent verification, etc. you must meet the following criteria;

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope even if its empty in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

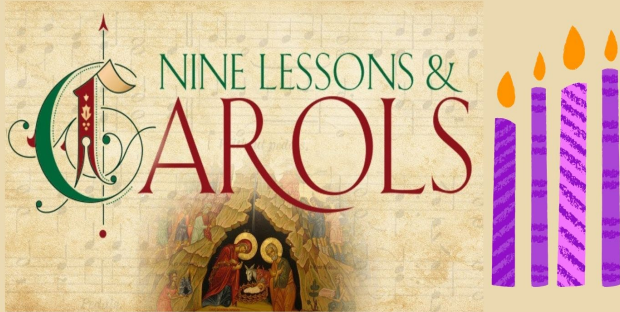
All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Mike Perry, Carissa Himes, Anne Greco

Dean Sparks, John Davant

**Barbara Foster, Karen Foster,
Wayne & Kay Simpson, Larry Millard**

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Please join us:

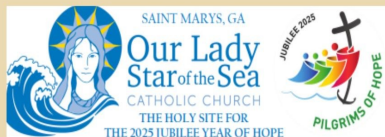
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Featuring the OLSS Choir

Sunday, December 7, 2025

5:00 pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.



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LEARNING TO TELL TIME

The demise of the analog clock has probably affected the learning curve a little. But flashing digital displays still don't offer to children or other fine people the precise meaning of time that goes along with merely knowing the numbers. So it's 3-0-2 p.m.: What does that signify, and why should we care? The question of time always comes down to this: What does knowledge of the hour have to do with me? Time means different things to different people. It also means different things to the same person - but let's take our time with this idea. Ask an indolent person sleeping off the latest six-pack what 3:02 means and he might say, "Time for another beer." A shopkeeper might call it two hours after closing time. A school child running for the bus won't hear the question. A depressed person may sigh: "One hour is as good as another."

For the average person, 3:02 has many meanings depending on the day. A workday is different from a Saturday. Vacation time and the holiday season seem to change the texture of time altogether. A week in bed with the flu changes the feeling of time, even the pace at which it moves. Waiting in the hospital at 3:02 for word from a surgeon about a loved one is not the same as waiting for the groom two minutes late for the wedding, or waiting for the mail delivery, or waiting for Godot. Maybe we're anxiously anticipating spring break, or perhaps nothing at all, because no future possibilities seem from here to make a difference, to offer hope or rescue.

Being a seer, Isaiah could look to the horizons of time and see a new day dawning. To prophets, time is like a ribbon of road set before us that only requires a certain amount of determined walking to get where we want to go. The light of the Lord is out there; how badly do you want to see it? Get walking, and you'll arrive to bask in it. Stay put, and you'll never see that day shine forth. Saint Paul, who could certainly dance with the prophets on a good day, imagined that we're all farther down that road to kairos time than we suspect.

How do we want to arrive at the fateful hour: steeped in the current sludge of sinfulness or shimmering in the freshly polished armor of virtue? Meanwhile - we can say meanwhile, because in eternity the perspective is not linear - Jesus says that winding your watch or glancing at your cell phone won't give you the information you need about the advancement of the hour. In the reign of God, it's never 3:02. It's always now.



**St Francis of Assisi
Church - Christmas Gift
Drive for Folkston Park
Nursing Home**

Little things can mean so much to those who have so little.

SFoA Church members are asked to bringing gift items to Church between

November 16th through December 14th to brighten up this Christmas for the residents of Folkston Park Nursing Home. Those items can be such things as; large print crossword puzzle books, adult level coloring books, water based markers, tote bags, body and hand creams, sweat shirts & sweat pants (Women & Men: Lg, XLg, 2XLg), bathrobes, hair brushes, non-slip slippers, lap blankets, etc... A collection box will be set-up and labeled in the Church narthex. All items need to be new, unused and unwrapped. Santa's Helpers will distribute the gifts to Folkston Park residents during our parish's Christmas caroling on December 14th at 3PM.

All are welcome to participate.

Thank you for your Christ centered generosity and your efforts to make this Christmas blessed for the residents of the Nursing Home.

**“Oh Come All Ye
Faithful “**

Come all ye Singers and Santa's Helpers of all ages to bring the Joy of Christmas to the residents and staff of Folkston Park Nursing Home on Sunday, December 14th, at 3 PM.

We have three 1 hour practices scheduled at SFOA: November 24, December 1 & December 8, all starting at 6PM. Our songs are Christmas standards, so if your schedule doesn't allow you to attend all practices don't let that keep you from participating. Besides singers, Santa's Helpers will distribute goodies and can sit alongside residents, encouraging their participation. What better gift can we give Jesus this Christmas than to give the gift of ourselves to others?



**Adopt an angel this Christmas season
and share some cheer!**

Thank You for your generous support . Please return Angel tree gifts to the Church Narthex by Sunday December 7th.

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with others this Christmas season.

**Be like a Magi, bring
a gift !**

We are called to serve Christ in others – what better time to do so than at Christmas? In honor of the Wise Men who brought the first gifts to the Christ



child, we can be Magi as well and bring gifts to others! This year at St. Francis of Assisi, in addition to the Angel Tree (which serves children), we would like to collect gift cards for the needy in our community. If you would like, you can bring gift cards from Harvey's, Walgreens, Dollar General, Family Dollar, or other local restaurants/ businesses. Then those cards will be distributed to those in need.

A suggested amount is \$25, but any amount will be greatly appreciated! There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop the cards in. The cards will be collected until December 14. Please join in as we give Gifts from the Magi!

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 12/01	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE BUILDING - ROOM #8 SFOA - 6:00 PM - Caroling Practice
Tue 12/02	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - SOCIAL HALL
Wed 12/03	SFOA - 3:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - SOCIAL HALL OLSS - 5:30 PM - Legion of Mary - RE BUILDING ROOM #8 OLSS - 6:00 PM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING - ROOM #4 OLSS - 6:00 PM - Hospitality - RE BUILDING ROOM #5 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE ROOM
Thu 12/04	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE BUILDING - ROOM #5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE ROOM
Fri 12/05	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE CLASSROOM OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE BUILDING - ROOM #5 OLSS - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament /NOTE TIME CHANGE/
Sun 12/07	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Pancake Breakfast - SOCIAL HALL OLSS - 12:00 PM - Donut Social - SOCIAL HALL

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2025	NOVEMBER 24, 2024
COLLECTION - TBA	COLLECTION - TBA
MAINTENANCE - TBA	MAINTENANCE - TBA

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 11/29	Jim Moore Mary Ann Moore	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	Dave Costa Diane Costa James Pappas Saul Capulong
Sun 11/30	Judy Buchanan Ray Meaux	Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Clyde Miller Robert Cappello
Tue 12/02	Karen Hill		
Wed 12/03	Richard Foy		
Thu 12/04	- _____ -		
Fri 12/05	Elisabeth		
Sat 12/06	Gene Niksa Richard Foy	Bryant Shepard	Ron Logan Darlene Logan Dante Russo Dennis Foster
Sun 12/07	Lucia Feijo Karen Jenkins	Isaac Dominici Joaquin Gomez Samuel Dominici Dean Sjostedt	Roberto Garza, Carl Boria Saul Capulong Mike Recore

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 11/30	Lewart Simmons Lynn Crews
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Couples celebrating their 25th
or 50th wedding anniversary
in 2026 are invited to the

GOLD *and* SILVER JUBILEE Anniversary Mass

February 15, 2026, 1 pm
Cathedral Basilica of St. John
the Baptist, Savannah

diosav.org/gold-and-silver

RSVP BY JANUARY 31
912-201-4068

BE AWARE OF A FRAUD/ SCAM EMAILS FALSLY PURPORTING
TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ

Unfortunately Many Parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS
REQUESTED IN THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS !!!

Please be very Cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely; Fr. Mariusz - Pastor



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