



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



DECEMBER 7, 2025

• 2ND 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

See the info inside



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

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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

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

12/08/25 - Monday: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
5:00 PM Mass at OLSS
7:00 PM Mass at SFOA

12/09/25 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary & Mass at OLSS

12/10/25 - Wednesday:
8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ Charlie Kirk
5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
+ Joseph Grasisy

12/11/25 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
+ Timothy & Matthew Ford

12/12/25 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass at OLSS
Jenny Ford

12/13/25 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Blessing for the Wheeler Family

12/14/25 - III 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

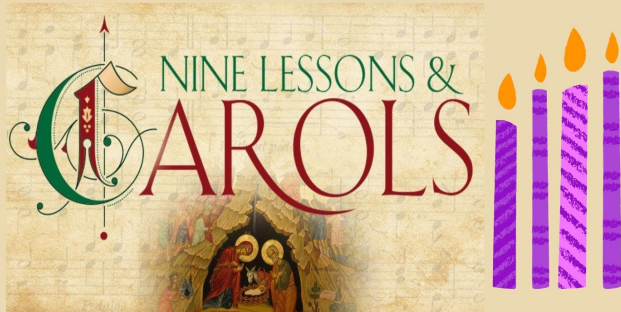
All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

**Jude Pappas, Lori Homick,
Larry & Lori Toomey.**

Mike Perry, Carissa Himes, Anne Greco

Dean Sparks, John Davant

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:

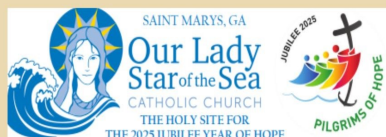
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Christmas is on its way. You can feel it rushing in toward us like a runaway train, uncontrollable and inevitable. It transforms the environment of the church as much as the landscape of the community, not to mention the economic reality of many parishioners. Already folks are taunted by the constant consumer demands to enter into the spirit of the season with each new purchase. Purses are aching stuffed with receipts for things no one needs.

Is this hurtle toward the holidays what we want? Is this momentum that catches us what our hopes are pinned on? God knows we need Christmas, wait on it, and look forward to it every winter like the answer to a prayer at the end of a long, weary year. Christmas will lighten our hearts. It will bring the family back together. It will satisfy our hunger for belonging, warmth, cheer, and a multitude of sugar cookies. For only a few weeks we can be children again, anticipating the impossible good fortune that magically wrapped presents apparently grow on trees. Such is our modern version of the peaceable kingdom, Isaiah's description of the remarkable hour when wolves and lambs become pals and children need not fear snakes. Whatever elements are necessary for us to experience this blissful harmonic convergence, that's what we expect from Christmas each year.

That's why we have this peculiar phenomenon of the Christmas shop: stores dedicated to selling Christmas 365 days of the year. We want Christmas to come and don't want it to end. Yet even when it arrives, a lot of people experience a deflation of hope, a letdown of unmet expectation. Maybe the loved one didn't come, the hoped-for reconciliation postponed to another year. Maybe the desired gift wasn't offered or received. Maybe we burned the cookies.

When John the Baptist announces the arrival of the kingdom of heaven, he doesn't offer the cookies casually. Repent is the Baptist's first word - not a suggestion but a command. If you repent, you get heaven. You get your heart's desire. If you don't repent, you get nothing. That's serious. The psalmist says it another way: Peace follows justice. You can't have a world at peace unless you first have a just society. Paul says it a third way: You want hope, first you must endure in Christ Jesus.

The world we want is in our grasp. The Christmas we anticipate is absolutely doable. But there are prerequisites. To have the Christmas cookie, there are things we must do: Assemble the right ingredients. Follow the instructions. Take the time to bake the results, not too much and not too little. Be patient. Wait. The delight you seek is almost ready.

Holy Day of Obligation



OLSS MASS SCHEDULE
8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

SFOA MASS SCHEDULE
7:00 PM

Monday, December 8
Immaculate Conception
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Advent Penance Service


Our Advent Penance Service will take place at
 Our Lady Star of the Sea on
Friday, December 19 at 6:00 PM.

It was not easy to coordinate and bring several priests to our parish during this busy season, so we warmly encourage everyone to take advantage of this special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. May this grace-filled time help us welcome the Lord with renewed hearts.

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 12/14	Kathleen Rodgers Anne Kidd
Sunday 12/21	Lawanda Jones Susan LaSalle

“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 one more 1 hour practice scheduled at SFOA: December 8, 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?



Please note the following changes to our adoration schedule during the Christmas season:

No adoration on Fridays of:
 December 12th
 December 19th
 December 26
 January 2

Friday adoration will resume on
 January 9th, from
 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego’s tilma or mantle.

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 12/08	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES OLSS - 6:00 PM - Ladies Auxiliary - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE ROOM SFOA - 5:30 PM - Caroling Practice
Tue 12/09	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - SOCIAL HALL
Wed 12/10	SFOA - 9:30 AM - Ladies Cursillo - SOCIAL HALL 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 #5 OLSS - 6:30 PM - Men's Bible Study - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE ROOM
Thu 12/11	OLSS - 5:30 PM - Ladies Cursillo - RE BUILDING - ROOM #5 OLSS - 6:00 PM - OCIA - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE ROOM OLSS - 6:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - RE Building ROOM# 8
Fri 12/12	OLSS - 9:00 AM - Women's Book Club - RE BUILDING - DOUBLE CLASSROOM OLSS - 5:30 PM - Men's Cursillo - RE BUILDING - ROOM #5
Sat 12/13	OLSS - 10:00 AM - Baptism Class - RE BUILDING ROOM #8
Sun 12/14	SFOA - 3:00 PM - Caroling at Folkston Nursing Home

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
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	Carl Boria Saul Capulong Mike Recore - _____ -
Mon 12/08	- _____ -	Samuel Dominici Isaac Dominici	- _____ -
Mon 12/08	- _____ -	Joaquin Gomez Evan Gomez	- _____ -
Tue 12/09	Karen Hill		
Wed 12/10	Richard Foy		
Thu 12/11	- _____ -		
Fri 12/12	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 12/13	Richard Foy Elisabeth Sepulveda	Joaquin Gomez Evan Gomez Samuel Dominici	Don Petrine Saul Capulong Dennis Foster Dante Russo
Sun 12/14	Lucia Feijo Brian Benton	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins Dean Sjostedt	Ken Sylvester John Nevins Clyde Miller Robert Cappello

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2025	NOVEMBER 24, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 10,087.00	COLLECTION - \$ 9,099.09
MAINTENANCE - \$ 340.61	MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,750.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

NOVEMBER 23, 2025	NOVEMBER 24, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 1,065.00	COLLECTION - \$ 755.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 246.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 717.00

NOVEMBER 30, 2025	DECEMBER 1, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 8,897.00	COLLECTION - \$ 8,985.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 885.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 3,539.00

NOVEMBER 30, 2025	DECEMBER 1, 2024
COLLECTION - \$ 894.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,048.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 100.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 974.00

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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

RSVP BY JANUARY 31
912-201-4068
diosav.org/gold-and-silver

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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