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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

12/23/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
Pro Populo / For the People
12/24/23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
12/24/23 - CHRISTMAS VIGIL
5:00 PM Our Lady Star of the Sea
7:30 PM Saint Francis of Assisi
12/25/23 - CHRISTMAS DAY
12:00 AM Midnight Mass
Our Lady Star of the Sea
11:00 AM Our Lady Star of the Sea
12/26/23 - Tuesday: NO MASS
12/27/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM at OLSS
12/27/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at SFOA
12/28/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM
12/29/23 - Friday 8:00 AM
12/30/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Birthday blessing for James Nolan
12/31/23 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of the soul of Gabriel Aaron Valot

Where God lives

Imagine the misplaced compassion of David! David the king felt sorry for God. As he looked out of his palace window and saw the Tent of the Presence, David felt that he lived better than God did. That old tent had come across the desert, sheltering the Ark of the Covenant for generations. David wanted to build a house for God, because the king had a nicer address in his splendid palace than his Divine Lord under a linen tent.

David meant well. His heart was in the right place. But his understanding of God was seriously flawed if he thought the Lord of the universe lived under a tent in his courtyard. But before we judge David for his simple-mindedness, we ought to examine our own understanding of God. Into what little compartment of our lives have we been willing to confine the God of all that is?

God and wonder

As children, we give ourselves over to the experience of wonder. The world is so big and new and marvelous! This is never so true as at this time of year, when the decorations and lights and music and holiday mood create a spectacle of expectation that practically overwhelms us. We can't wait. We can't wait! Whatever's coming is almost here, and we can hardly *sleep* thinking about it.

In the same way, as children, we approach the manger scene with an awe that is the closest thing to reverence we'll ever know. We peer in to see the baby in the straw who is the living God, and we believe the whole story: star, shepherd, kings . . . talking animals, drummer boy, littlest angel . . . it all fits. Whatever miracle you want to assign to that place is fine with us. The God in the straw is mysterious enough and magnificent enough to accommodate all of that and more.

But it gets more complicated as we grow older. Our capacity for wonder shrinks. We stop looking into the midnight sky for stars. We stop expecting God to come into the world in flesh like ours. We don't anticipate the arrival of God into our lives, period. The season of Advent shrinks down to the size of a shopping season. The Incarnation becomes just a story. The Lord of the universe may become simply a religious obligation. Our God gets very, very small and marginal. We might as well put God in a tent in the yard.

Will you build a house for me

King David understood, at least, that God should never be marginal in our lives. He wanted to bring God back to the center, not only of his own life, but the life of the nation. Building the wonderful temple in Jerusalem was part of that plan.

When the people saw how wonderful the temple was, they would have some sense of the wonder of the God of Israel.

But God sent the prophet Nathan to David with another idea. God didn't want to be limited in the human imagination to a building or a place. God wanted to be known as a living and dynamic presence. So God said, "I will dwell in you and with your heirs for all time." God would be known in people, not in places; in flesh and not in stone.

The Holy Spirit will come upon you

Mary of Nazareth was a young girl who had rarely seen a city like Jerusalem. As a woman, she would not have entered the Holy of Holies of the great temple there, where the Glory of God was believed to reside. If God was understood to live in a building of stone, it was a place Mary would not have been permitted to go.

But God was willing to come to her, to her home, and to knit the divine Spirit to her very person. Can you imagine it? This is the very definition of wonder: that God found a home in a teenage girl! We don't expect to find God there. It's the wrong address. We won't be knocking on that door. We would much rather visit God in a building and keep the divine presence in a tabernacle of gold. It is much more convenient to have a God so small that you always know where he is and what he's up to. That kind of God won't interfere too much in the way you live your life.

When God came to David in the words of the prophet, David half-believed what he heard. He wanted to believe that God would live in him and in his line forever. But he still went ahead and dreamed up the temple. Mary, on the other hand, gave herself up utterly and confidently to God's words. If she started making anything, it was baby clothes.

Behold, we are the Lord's servants

We may have lost sight of wonder in our old age. We may have found a nice-sized box to put God in so he won't cause us any trouble. But the only place where God consistently asks to dwell is in us. In this season, and in every season, God seeks a home in us as a living and dynamic presence. If God lived in us, we would know it, and so would everyone around us. We would be the embodiment of peace. We would be shelter for the poor. We would be joy and compassion and love. We would be like Mary, the willing servant of her Lord, who opened her life to God so intimately that God shared her heartbeat and passed into this world through her. May there be willing volunteers among us, too, so that God's will may be done some more.

Related scripture links

David and his house: *Psalm 132; Jer. 33:14-17*
 God dwells in the people: *John 1:14; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Rom. 12:1*
 Wonder of God: *Exod. 15:11; Judg. 5:5; Job 38-40; Psalm 8*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Keith Foster, Chris Rzepczynski, Luke Brooks, Stan Wojnar, Chris Wojnar, Glen

Franklin, Dan Riley, Tina Hood, 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, Joseph and Deborah Mroz, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avilles, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, 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

DECEMBER 17, 2023	DECEMBER 18, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 7,761.50	COLLECTION - \$ 15,163.50
MAINTENANCE - \$ 380.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 345.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

DECEMBER 17, 2023	DECEMBER 18, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 825.00	COLLECTION - \$ 1,288.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 235.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,789.40

Thank You for your support

Ushers Needed



*We're here to
Serve*

Now that we have returned to four ushers, we are in need of a few more. Please contact the office at 912-882-4718 to get the details on how you can become a member of this ministry.

Dear Parishioners,

Many people use split contributions (cash or one check for multiple donations). In order to have your contribution credited towards the funds you would like, please make sure to either enclose a slip of paper designating specific amounts to the funds; write it on the check or if you're turning in the envelopes corresponding to the funds, make sure to mark the amount for each fund on the envelope. This will help our counters to distribute your contribution correctly.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 & 26

There will be no Mass Tuesday December 26

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

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

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 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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 23rd

VIGIL FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OLSS MASS at 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 24,

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SFOA MASS at 8:30 AM

OLSS MASS at 11:00 AM

DECEMBER 24

VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

OLSS MASS at 5:00 PM

SFOA MASS AT 7:30 PM

DECEMBER 25th,

CHRISTMAS

OLSS MASS at MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM)

OLSS MASS at 11:00 AM



JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY

MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS TIMES;

SFOA MASS AT 8:30 AM

OLSS MASS AT 11:00 AM

STILL ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:		
CHARLOTTE MULLINS	DONAHUE FAILY	PRENDIVILLE FAMILY
CURTIS SHAVER	MARIA CATAN	TEGELO LAREDO
MANUEL VALDEQUEZ	WALTER CEPUKAITIS	O.C. McARTHUR
AGNES McARTHUR	WEHLING FAMILY	WOOLARD FAMILY
ED & FRANCES NASH, SR.	EDWARD NASH, JR.	VERONICA VALDEQUEZ
THOMAS & HARRIET BUTLER	UNBORN BUTLER GRANDCHILDREN	CARLO & CALLEMA DELUCA
MARY & BOB SCHLAG	MR & MRS DeLEON	ROSE ROSSI
EDMUND JENKINS	ROBERT DUNGAN	THOMAS SULLIVAN
EDWARD & CLAUDIA ORCHOWSKY	MR & MRS W.G.CEPUKAITIS	MR & MRS EUGENE McNAMMA & SONS
MR & MRS ED SAKOWSKI & SON	GUISTO-DiSALVIO FAMILY	MARY & TONY BUCCOLA
JAMES & ELSA DELUCA	LARRY NEWVINE	RICHARD JOHNSON
LESLIE & PEARL JOHNSON	DAN MARLATT	SHARON DAVID
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SOPP FAMILY	SWIDEREK FAMILY	SHARON FOY

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:		
BRUCE ROBERTSON	NORMAN SEPULVEDA	HAZEL WHITE
ELIZABETH LEMLIN	OLIVER LEMLIN	BERNIE WHITE
MARY JANE PATTON	FRANCISCA MEDINA	RICKY JONES
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TAMMY GABRINETTI	LINDA BUTLER	ROSE RAVELETTE
ELAINE SMOLINSKI	ROBERT SMOLINSKI	PAT KEENE
MR JAMES RICARD	ROOT FAMILY	STEIER FAMILY
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:		
MARYANN & BRYANT MARTIN	MYRTLE WARNOCK TREPNEILL	FRANCES EVANS BACCUS
JAMES HAROLD BRADLEY	WILLIAM & GEORGIA HORTON	PHYLLIS & ORAN SPELL
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DANIEL McCLAIN	PATRICIA McCLAIN	DUBOSE FAMILY
DOUG BENTON	JUDITH BENTON	JANE & ADGER KEENE

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

ERIN FITZPATRICK	DOROTHY SOLINSKE	LEWIS FAMILY
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Faith, Hope, and Love be your treasures in
the New Year.



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