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John the Baptist saw
Jesus coming toward him
and said, "Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world." JOHN 1:29

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2023

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Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration
and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer you.
Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone,
but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name.
Amen.

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 ask an usher for one, and return it to the church office.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday:(OLSS) 11:00AM / (SFoA) 8:30AM
Vigil:(OLSS) 5:00PM (except on Holy Saturday)
Weekdays:
Monday:NO MASS
Tuesday:5:30PM
Wednesday—Friday:8:00AM
Wednesday (SFoA),6:00PM
First Fridays:8:00AM in the Historic Chapel
First Saturdays Devotions and Mass:10:00AM
Holy Days of Obligation:TBA

CONFESSIONS

Saturday (OLSS):3:30PM—4:30 PM
Wednesdays & Sundays (SFoA):30 minutes before Mass
First Friday Adoration:9:00AM—9:00PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

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, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9AM—12PM.

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact the church office at 912-882-4718.

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at reli-gioused@weareolss.org.

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Parish Office 912-882-4718.

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 you end up in the hospital. Please notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718.

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 11, 2022 through May 14, 2023, 9:15AM-10:30AM in the Religious Education building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at reli-gioused@weareolss.org.

Ladies Auxiliary: The ladies of our parish use their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net.

Knights of Columbus (K of C): This is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. It has grown to support refugee relief, Catholic education, local parishes and diocese, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more information contact Tom Jenkins or Norberto Caez at KofC@weareolss.org.

Ushers: Our ushers provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please contact parish office at 912-882-4718.

January
15
2023

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time



BAPTISM

As we the Church begin Ordinary Time, we reflect upon the Baptism of Jesus, and its significance in our own lives and communities. The Gospel of John does not narrate the Baptism like the other Gospels. Instead, John the Baptist gives testimony, emphasizing that Jesus has received the Holy Spirit. Jesus will go on to baptize with this same Spirit, as he did immediately after his resurrection (John 20). What might this mean for us, who share in this same Baptism? Today's reading from Isaiah suggests that we are to be a "light to the nations," a people proclaiming and sharing God's love. Paul's greeting to the church in Corinth reminds us that we are simultaneously God's sanctified people and yet continually called to become holy. Baptism begins our journey, where we know the Spirit dwells within, and the same Spirit summons us to full maturity in Christ.

LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist names Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This name "Lamb of God" is rich in meaning, and can be interpreted in various ways. From the Old Testament, it evokes the lamb of Passover, linked to God's rescue of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It is also an image of God's faithful servant, as in Isaiah 53 as a "lamb led to slaughter."

We can notice that here Jesus is the Lamb "of God." He is God's own Lamb, belonging to God. Jesus is not a cultic sacrifice to God, or a demand from God. John is presenting a traditional image in a new way. The Lamb "takes away" our sin, both exposing the reality of our sin to us (which we often hide from ourselves), and also forgiving us our sin. This same Lamb is filled with the Holy Spirit, and shares this Spirit to heal our troubled hearts.

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Today's first reading is taken from the second of four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah. This Song was written around the time that the people of Israel were near release from their exile in Babylon. Israel, and also the author, had been traumatized by their separation from Jerusalem and their seeming abandonment by God.

At this time of great vulnerability and despair, God gives them consolation and affirmation. God gives the exiles a vote of confidence and an expansion of vision. God will heal their hearts, and give them new energy to be "a light to the nations." Their purpose is not just survival, but to be the means by which God will bring the whole world into communion and harmony with God. For us today, when sometimes our parishes and communities face challenges of shrinkage and survival, perhaps God may similarly energize us, and remind us of the dignity and breadth of our mission.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

NOW I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT
HE IS THE SON OF GOD.

JOHN 1:34

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., Bruce Giegerich, David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Kathleen Rogers, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson. Mary Fouraker, “Skipper” Boone, Micky Nieves, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Mary Angela Morrissey, 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, Ianthe Brathwaite, 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, Barbara Trudeau, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Veronica Gillis, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Doris Adams, 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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The symbols and actions of baptism evolved around the experience of adults dying to old patterns of life and rising from the waters of baptism as new creations. As for newborn babies, at first it was desired to wait until the following Easter, when they could be baptized, anointed with chrism, and given a taste of the Eucharist in association with adults. The Church was always willing to baptize adults in emergency situations outside the Easter timetable, and in time, since infancy itself was a life-threatening situation, the baptism of babies became commonplace. As with the “emergency” adult baptisms, it was required that parents bring the child, as soon as health was recovered, to the bishop for the full menu of sacraments.

The very real fear of death for infants thus created a situation in which the three sacraments drifted apart from each other, and away from their original, adult celebration at Easter. Today, at last, we know a great deal about how our practices evolved. This knowledge is reshaping how we celebrate Easter, how we receive adult faith, and how we structure the faith journey of children.

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OUR STRATEGIC GOAL



As a Church, we now move into Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” comes from the Latin root for “order,” which is why we line the Sundays up on the calendar and count them—with “ordinal” numbers—one by one. The orderly way we proceed through the liturgical year reminds us that our faith offers a strategic goal for our lives: eternal happiness with God, who is love. Today’s readings share stories of believers who order their daily activities toward the goal of sharing God’s love. Isaiah embraces his role as God’s servant and works to bring glory not only to Israel, but to the entire world. In a similar way, Saint Paul identifies himself as Christ’s witness in the world and reminds the Corinthians of their life goal: “to be holy.” The Gospel shows us John the Baptist, servant and witness, attentive to God’s loving orders, the divine plan for salvation.

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OLSS COMPARISONS FROM LAST YEAR

JAN 8, 2023	JAN 9, 2022
Collection  \$ 8,863.00	Collection \$ 6,548.50
Mortgage  \$ 1,795.00	Mortgage \$ 2,855.00

SFoA COMPARISONS FROM LAST YEAR

JAN 8, 2023	JAN 9, 2022
Collection  \$ 990.00	Collection \$ 583.00
Mortgage  \$ 1,119.00	Mortgage \$ 569.00

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) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

The **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah regardless of whether or not they come into contact with children..
The following sessions have been added to the schedule:

January 21—St. John the Evangelist School—
Valdosta 9AM—12PM

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Register at virtusonline.org. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

The office staff is working on the yearly **IRS financial statements**. Once the statements are complete, they will be available in the Narthex

If you have an account in “My Own Church” or our OSV Online Giving you will be able to log in and print a copy of your statement. If you have any questions on how to do this, please contact the office.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

- 1/14/23—Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**
In Thanksgiving for the Von Behren family
- 1/15/23—Second Sunday on Ordinary Time
Saint Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30AM**
Pro Populo / For the People
Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00AM**
For the repose of the soul of Andrew Gombaski
- 1/16/23—Monday: **NO MASS**
- 1/17/23—Tuesday: **5:30PM**
For the repose of the soul of Matthew Ford
- 1/18/23—Wednesday: **8:00AM**
For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Sailors Williams
- 1/18/23—Wednesday: **6:00 PM at St. Francis of Assisi**
For the repose of the soul of Richard Collins
- 1/19/23—Thursday: **8:00AM**
For the healing & recovery for Dennis McShane Potts
- 1/20/23—Friday: **8:00AM**
Blessings for Johanna Wyatt
- 1/21/23—Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**
Blessings for Agnes Rodman on her 70th feast day
- 1/22/23—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30AM**
Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00AM**
Pro Populo / For the People



SAVE THE DATE

Get yourself picture ready! We are pleased to announce that our church is in the process of putting together a directory of all our parishioners at both Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Francis of Assisi. Professional photographs will be taken at OLSS March 2-7 and March 9-12. There will be a sign-up link on our website and in the bulletin at a later date. Stay tuned for more exciting details.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI NEWS

SFOA Ultreya is the third Monday January 16 at 6pm. Butch will read his rollo. We plan to have a baked potato bar for dinner. All are welcome.

Cursillo Weekends: Cursillo Weekends are planned for men and women with the purpose to live what is fundamental for being Christian - love of God and love of neighbor. The encounter runs Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Talk to the Deacon's or a Cursillo participant if interested

Mens Weekend - Jan. 26 - Jan 29, 2023

Womens Weekend - Feb. 2 - Feb. 5, 2023



Make plans to enjoy some fellowship as your Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary present an evening of Soup and Sandwiches following the January 28th Mass .

Choose from a variety of homemade soups along with delicious Grilled Cheese sandwiches !!

An active parishioner is a person who participates in the life of the Church. This means to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and share in Christ's role as priest, prophet and King. We are called to lead others to faith by our good example, through loving service to others, and offering our prayers, works and activities to God.

- **An active parishioner** is a person who has received or is preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.
- **An active parishioner** is a person who attends Mass regularly and actively supports the sacramental programs for Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents who want a Catholic Faith Formation & Education for their children will see to it that their family attends Mass faithfully EVERY Sunday.
- **An active parishioner** gives of themselves by donating *TIME, TALENT and TREASURE* to the ministries of the parish and or to the volunteer organizations that support the parish. We are to share in the responsibilities that keep our Parish alive in a vibrant way. *And lastly,*
- **An active parishioner** is a good financial steward of the church. As a parishioner, it is important to understand that giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component to active parishioner status.

WHY YOU NEED TO BE AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER

Parishioners desiring to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Francis of Assisi Mission, seeking to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or those wishing to be joined in Holy Matrimony must first be verified as "active members" of the parish. Please do not think, "Well, Father sees me and knows who I am," because the verification is not based on memory but what is in the database.

An Active Member:

- (1) Is properly registered on the parish rolls, with all contact information kept current.
- (2) Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- (3) Participates in parish activities/ministries whenever possible; and
- (4) Consistently uses the parish envelope system for donations to support the parish ministries and other social and ministerial services. The envelope system tracks both Mass attendance and giving. **If you give online, please turn in your envelope at Mass and check "I've given electronically".**

An extended time with no activity will place a family on inactive status. This is important so that the Diocese does not assess OLSS & SFoA for Inactive parishioners.

If not yet registered, please complete our registration form on our website at [weareolss.org/Newcomers/Parish Registration](http://weareolss.org/Newcomers/Parish-Registration) or pickup a form from the ushers or in the parish office.

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