

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH
SAINT MARYS, GA



*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

FOLKSTON, GA



GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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Tina Baxter (SFoA).....Parish Council President
Lloyd Streit (OLSS).....Parish Finance President
Bob Schlag (SFoA).....Parish Finance President
Bryant & Kristie Shepard.....Religious Education
Mike Anderson.....Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

Sunday(OLSS): 11:00 am / (SFoA): 8:30 am
Vigil(OLSS): 5:00 pm (except on Holy Saturday)
Weekdays:
Monday.....No Mass
Tuesday.....5:30 pm
Wednesday-Friday.....8:00 am
Wednesday (SFoA).....6:00 pm
First Fridays.....8:00 am in the Historic Chapel
First Saturdays Devotions and Mass.....10:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation.....TBA

Confessions

Saturdays (OLSS).....3:30pm - 4:30pm
Wednesdays & Sundays (SFoA)... 30 minutes before Mass
First Fridays Adoration.....9:00am - 9:00pm



Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2023

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Respect for Life Prayer

O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation, and our ears catch the sounds of your power.
We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift.
Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 find one in the narthex, and return it to the church office

106 East Dillingham Street ~ Saint Marys, Georgia 31558 / 700 Kingsland Drive ~ Folkston, Georgia 31537

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE.

Stewardship is determined by:

- * Being registered and active for at least 3 months
- * Faithful participation at Sunday & Holy days liturgies
- * Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

These criteria are used to verify parishioners status for: Sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

1/28/23 - Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**

Pro Populo / For the People

1/29/23 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30 AM**

Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00 AM**

For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Sailors Williams

1/30/23 - Monday: **No Mass**

1/31/23 - Tuesday: **5:30 PM**

For the repose of the soul of Frank Bertino

2/01/23 - Wednesday: **8:00 AM**

For the repose of the soul of James VanHorn

2/01/23 - Wednesday: **6:00 PM at Saint Francis of Assisi**

2/02/23 - Thursday: **8:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

For the healing & recovery for Linda Jordan

2/03/23 - Friday: **8:00 AM Saint**

For the healing & recovery for Evelyn Meaux

2/04/23 - Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**

For the repose of the soul of Ann Cirillo

2/05/23 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Saint Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30 AM**

Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00 AM**

For the repose of the soul of Mary Telles

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 church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at religiouse@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 we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 11, 2022 ~ May 14th, 2023, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religiouse@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net

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; Tom Jenkins or Norberto Caez at KofC@weareolss.org

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

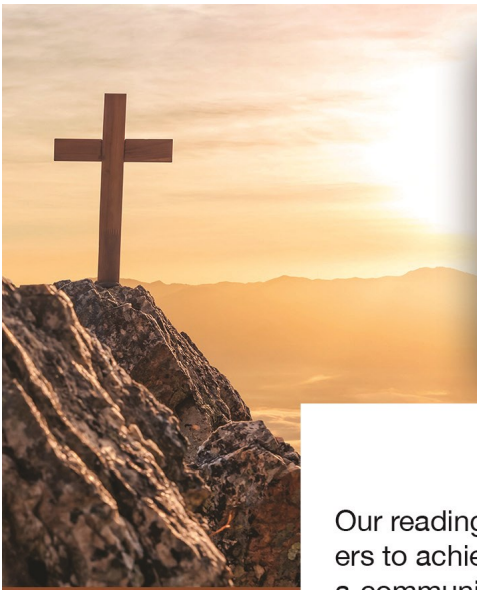
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



**"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."**

Matthew 5:3

JANUARY

29

2023

**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

GOD'S REIGN HERE AND NOW

Our readings this week all speak of the distinctive characteristics of the people God gathers to achieve God's purposes. The deep communion of love that God envisions requires a community that is humble and lowly, as Zephaniah describes. God chooses the weak and foolish to reveal God's strength and wisdom, as Paul says. And in the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches that a people who know their weakness and vulnerability can most fully place their trust in God and work for a just world. As Christians, we believe God will fully heal our world when Christ returns. But Christ also invites us to experience a foretaste of this future right now, through our life in Christian community, and in our work of peacemaking and justice-seeking in the world. Our poverty in spirit can enable us to be both recipients and instruments of the "kingdom of heaven" here and now.

THE BLESSED COMMUNITY

We turn to the first action of Jesus' public ministry described by Matthew—Jesus preaching to the crowds in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. The Sermon begins with today's Gospel passage, the Beatitudes. Having just called his first disciples to form a community, Jesus begins to spell out what this community is all about. The Beatitudes lay the foundation, describing the primary values and practices, and the core identity of this community.

Jesus tells his followers, first and foremost, that they are blessed by God. The community will reveal its blessed character through its humility, meekness, and hunger for justice. Knowing they are loved as God's children, they will have open and pure hearts, free to be merciful, and they will be able to endure suffering gracefully. Listening anew to the Beatitudes, we remember how far we fall short of Jesus' vision. But we know God has gathered us, and continues to transform us, to receive the fullness of blessing.

WHOM GOD HONORS

In Jesus' time, honor and shame were key markers for who is up and who is down in their society. Typically, those with wealth and power over others were to be honored. And in our own time, often we find ourselves drawn strongly toward having more abundance, control, and options to choose from. We avoid vulnerability and limitations. But Jesus says in the Beatitudes that the poor and meek are truly blessed, that is, honorable and privileged by God. How can this be?

Perhaps Jesus is first exposing the opposites to the poor and meek, the "rich in spirit." These develop such confidence in themselves, based on achievement or inherited privilege, that they isolate themselves from God, and either ignore or exploit others. Jesus also knew that the humble in heart realize that they cannot build an illusory self-affirmation, so they can be most open to God's affirmation of them. They can then become more deeply empowered to participate in God's work. God blesses and honors the open-hearted.

TODAY'S READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12–13
Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10
1 Corinthians 1:26–31
Matthew 5:1–12a

Remembering our Past and Securing our Future

**MORTGAGE FUND ENVELOPE IS NOW
MAINTENANCE FUND ENVELOPE
AND YOUR SUPPORT TOWARDS IT IS
EXTREMELY NEEDED**



MAINTENANCE FUND

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of OLSS

I hope that the first month of the New Year of 2023 has been good to You. This Year marks 13 years when we dedicated and moved into our new Church Building. Just a few weeks ago we were celebrating our mortgage being paid off. All this was possible due to your generous support, for which I am very thankful. In writing this letter I want to appeal to you for continued support towards our Church Maintenance. The New Year brought some challenges in the face of our Main Church AC units breaking down. After numerous inspections by different AC Businesses (Pickren, Hendrix, and one more) it's been discovered that one of our units, after 13 years of service, will not give us more time of service and needs to be replaced. The cost of replacement of one unit (we have two) is estimated to be \$57,000. We do not have that amount of money, that is why I need your support in raising the money for the Maintenance. Also keep in mind it's just a matter of time when the other unit breaks down, although it has been and continues to be my prayer that it lasts for a longer time.

Next week our second collection is for Maintenance Fund, I'm begging you, please be generous, do not discard the blue envelope (which for the month of February might still be marked as Mortgage fund - it will change the fund name in March) Our Church building will require some costly work, like the one mentioned above, so that it remains a beautiful Church.

Thank You for all your support and commitment to our Church Family.
Sincerely; Fr. Marius - Pastor

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SFoA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 22, 2023		JANUARY 23, 2022	
COLLECTION -	↑	COLLECTION -	
\$ 5,801.55		\$ 5,282.50	
MAINTENANCE -	↓	MAINTENANCE -	
\$ 80.00		\$ 235.00	

JANUARY 22, 2023		JANUARY 23, 2022	
COLLECTION -	↑	COLLECTION -	
\$ 1,089.00		\$ 735.00	
MAINTENANCE -	↓	MORTGAGE -	
\$ 325.00		\$ 590.00	

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avides, Ivy Luna, 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, 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

THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peace-makers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Presentation of the Lord (February 2)

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By Candlemas, forty days after Christmas, February 2, the season of Christ's coming has depleted our candle supply. Soon, the parish will order a new paschal candle from a catalogue or candlemaker, or in some communities, wax will be collected to be melted and molded. Last year's paschal candle shows the wear and tear of summer heat, or many funerals or baptisms.

Paschal candles have been around since at least the fourth century, when Constantine's biographer Eusebius reported that the night of the sacred vigil was "transformed into the brilliancy of day, by lighting throughout the city pillars of wax, while burning lamps in every place so that the splendor of this night was brighter than the brightest daylight."

Light was a precious commodity in the ancient world, and this lavish use of precious beeswax was a sign of the Christian's call to bear Christ's light into the world's darkness. In a pre-electric age, a whole city aglow from the paschal flame must have been a glorious sight, and a reminder to every baptized Christian of our vocation to "be the light of the world."

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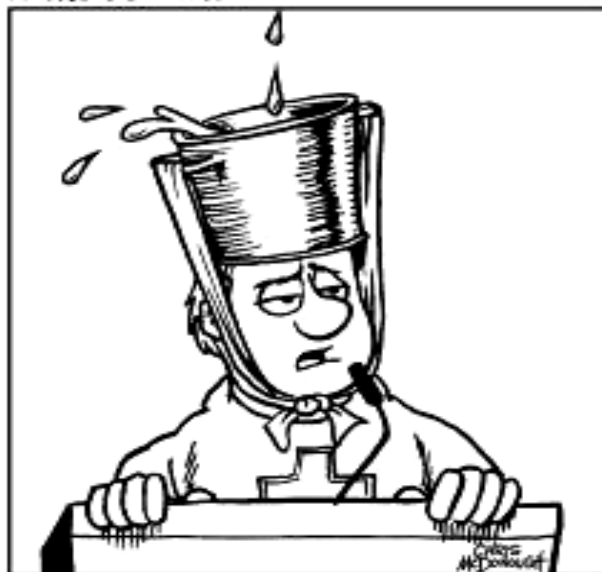
OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Candlemas (February 2)

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687–701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* ("to shine") and from which also come the words *candelabra* and *candlestick*. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25–38).

- Fr. Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Pastor Al



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Mike Anderson will be retiring at the end of this month. He and Alma plan on more traveling and spending time with family. While we will miss him, we certainly wish him well. Please join us for Donuts & Coffee in his honor in the Social Hall after mass on Sunday, January 29th.

Your 2022 Tax Statements are in the Narthex. Please make sure to pick them up. If you have an account in "My Own Church" or our OSV Online Giving you can log in and print a copy of your statement. If you have any questions on how to do this, please contact the office.



Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday Feb 21st 5PM till 8PM.

All you can eat pancake dinner with our famous toppings bar !

\$8 per or \$32 for family of 4 or more.

Please call office to reserve your tickets now !

Tickets will be on sale in the Narthex for Paczki orders as well as pancake dinners.



GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH

★PICTORIAL DIRECTORY★

SIGN UP TODAY!

New Pictorial Directory!

Sign up for your family portrait today! Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation! Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!) Please go to the following link to make an appointment.

<https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2250055825.1?schedule=ourladystaroftheseacatholicchurch>

*****IMPORTANT***** When on the website to schedule an appointment, *an email address is required* to go to the next page and confirm the appointment, so anyone who doesn't have an email address can use ours: office@weareolss.org.



faith, hope, charity
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL FOR OLSS & SFOA CY 2023
(BASED ON FY 2022 SUNDAY & HOLY DAY CONTRIBUTIONS)**

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - \$32,870.00

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI - 3,897.00



RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT

March 24-26, 2023

There is a special ministry for any woman, man, family member, or friend who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to find healing, hope, and forgiveness. Take the risk and come experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing ministry.

For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406/ stephaniemay135@gmail.com, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. **All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.** Come and be restored. Our next retreat is near Augusta, Ga.



First Friday Adoration will be this Friday, February 3rd from 9AM until 9PM. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Please come spend some time with Jesus.

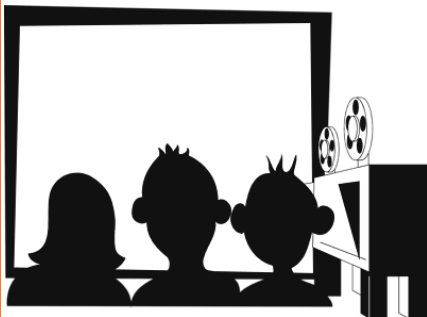


FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

"I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me".

Our Lady of Fatima to Lucia.

Saturday February 4th Rosary and adoration at 10am follow by the Holy Mass



"Kids Dinner & A Movie night"

Presents "The Passion Trilogy" An animated Lenten Special for kids.
Saturday March 16th 6:30pm in Social Hall

This trilogy will touch every heart as the betrayal, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is told in a language children can understand. Features stories that captivate children while teaching spiritual truths:

Worthy is the Lamb

Experience the Passion of Jesus Christ. Witness the fulfillment of ancient prophecies. Pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thy will be done." Feel the betrayal of Judas kiss. Endure the trial and crucifixion as Jesus willingly submits. Rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus death and resurrection provides pardon for our sins.

He is Risen

Learn the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sorrow and despair at the Lords crucifixion become complete joy and love in the disciples behold their resurrected Master three days later. The events of the real story of Easter teach of the atonement and resurrection, providing hope to Christians around the world.

The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus taught His followers about the day of His Second Coming through short stories, called parables. The Kingdom of Heaven presents some of the parables including the Sower and the Seed, the Wheat and the Tares, and the Ten Virgins. Each story teaches how to live our lives as we look forward to His return.

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