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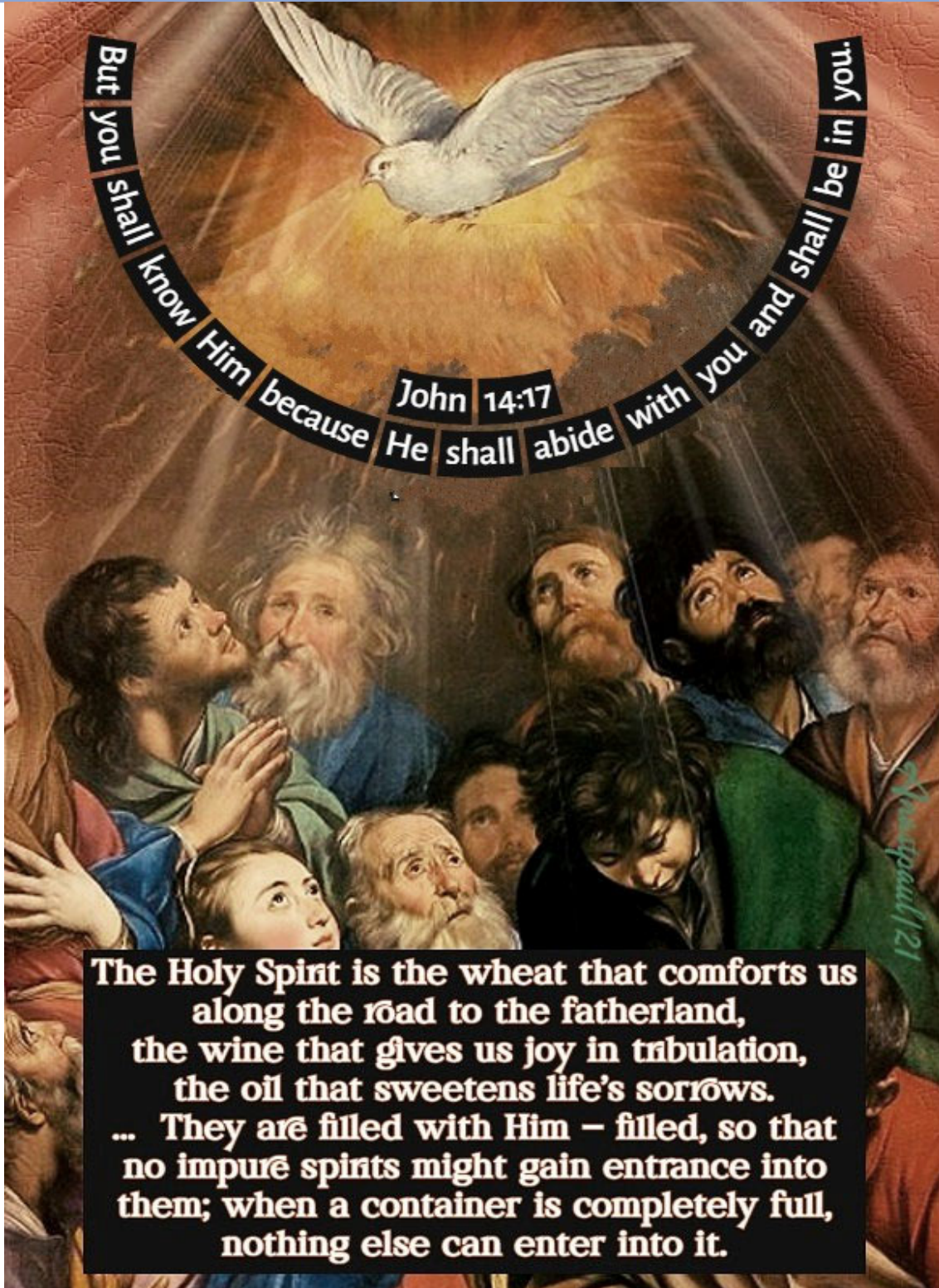
**Our Lady
Star of the Sea**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAINT MARYS, GA



*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

FOLKSTON, GA



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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays: NO DAILY MASS
 Tuesdays: 5:00pm Rosary & Adoration;
 5:30pm Daily Mass
 Wednesdays: 7:30am Rosary; 8:00am Daily Mass
 Thursdays: 7:30am Rosary; 8:00am Daily Mass
 Fridays: 7:30am Rosary; 8:00am Daily Mass
 Saturdays: 4:30pm Rosary; 5:00pm Mass
 (except on Holy Saturday)
 Sundays: 10:30am Rosary; 11:00am Mass
 Confessions:
 Saturday: 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment
 1st Fridays: 8:00pm Mass @ Historic Chapel
 9:00am—9:00pm Adoration of
 the Blessed Sacrament
 1st Saturdays: 10:00a, Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: 6:00pm Daily Mass
 Sundays: 8:30am Mass
 Confessions: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

There will be no Daily Masses Tuesday thru Friday of this week. The church will be open for prayer from 8:30 until around 3.

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 religioused@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 religioused@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. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, please contact Sally at 912-552-1155.

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.

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.

Today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles was an historical recount of the event surrounding the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans. Because of the persecution, although the gospel was spreading, believers were scattered. Philip was on a mission to Samaritans which is the first crossing of the threshold into non-Jewish world. Accepting Jesus as the promised Messiah, many of the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit in their lives through the laying of the hands of Peter and John. This was the unique way in which the Samaritan converts were incorporated into the Church. They imposed their hands on the people, a symbol which they understood as a conveying of power. This symbol is used in the church even today at baptism, confirmation and ordination. This very special event can be viewed as the Samaritan Pentecost. The first Pentecost is documented in the Book of Acts when the disciples received the Holy Spirit. A third Pentecost took place when the Gentiles heard the good news and received the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading Peter stresses the essential dimension of Christian Commitment and highlighting the cost of living virtuously. It is addressed to Christian converts who were suffering for their beliefs as a minority group in the pagan society. The advice on how to relate to a disbelieving culture still has its relevance. We have a responsibility to bring God in Christ to our world today, a world which is more often hostile to Christ and his values. Peter calls on them to use mildly the words of defense and at the same time to protest as a witness. They are to be prepared to defend their commitment to Christ, and your faith in him before anyone who demands. He asks on them to speak positively on behalf of someone in need, for God chooses to allow his word to be spoken by those whose hearts are open to receive the out pouring in love of his Spirit.



Today's Gospel picks up where last Sunday left off. The context once again is the Last Supper. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his coming suffering and death but also for his Resurrection and Ascension. But he promises them that even afterwards he will remain with them but in a very different way from now. He tells them clearly that he is the way, truth and life. He explains that if they truly love him, they will keep his commandments. We note here Jesus stresses on the important word, namely "My Commandments." Jesus is not speaking of the traditional, Ten Commandments or the other legal norms practiced by the Jews. The disciples are aware that they are still valid, but Jesus goes beyond them as he had explained to them in the Sermon on the Mount. He had told categorically that he was not here to do away with the Jewish law or the teaching of the prophets but rather to fulfill their inner potential.

Jesus calls the disciples to observe his commandment. Here he stresses on the word Love, a word commonly used and yet is a difficult one to put it into practice. Jesus says in the discourse that if we love him we will keep his commands and fulfill his wishes. To John there is only one test of love that is obedience. It was by his obedience that Jesus showed his love of God and it is by our obedience we must show our love to Jesus. We see in the world varying expressions of love such as the love between parents and children, between husband and wife, between friends and even between different nations. To Jesus, real love is not an easy thing. It is shown by obedience. This obedi-

ent, trusting love leads to two things: first it leads to ultimate safety and second it leads to a fuller and total revelation.

Jesus explains to the disciples that God's love causes him to promise to give us "another" Advocate. He uses the word another since he himself is an Advocate and the other Advocate will come and continue the work of Jesus. The word Advocate is understood as an intercessor, defender, and a witness for the accused, a best friend and a comforter in distress. In general, the word refers to a person who comes to stand by us and protect and gives us support. The Advocate and who comes will be a counselor, a monitor, and a comforter. Jesus tells them that when the Advocate comes, whom he will send from the Father, he is the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on behalf of Jesus

Remember In Prayer



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Sherri Lynn Jokic, 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

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.

Norberto Caez and Victoria Brooks have recently completed training to become Facilitators for VIRTUS 'Protecting God's Children for Adults' training for the Diocese. Because **they are both** parishioners, this is a blessing to our parish. With the help of our volunteers, **Mr. Caez and Ms. Brooks** will strengthen the safeguards we have in place to allow children and vulnerable adults to worship and experience God's loving plan for us. If you think you might volunteer in the future, or if you are parent who would like to learn more about keeping your children safe, we encourage you to register to attend Mr. Caez's first training session on June 24th from 9:00am to 12:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

5/13/23—Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**
For the repose of the soul of Andre Feeland
5/14/23—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30AM**
Birthday blessings for Celia McNease
Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00AM**
For the repose of the soul of Eugene Russo
5/15/23—Monday: **NO MASS**
5/16/23—Tuesday: **NO MASS**
5/17/23—Wednesday: **NO MASS**
5/17/23—Wednesday: **NO MASS**
5/18/23—Thursday: **NO MASS**
5/19/23—Friday: **NO MASS**
5/20/23—Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**
For the repose of the soul of Andrew Whitlock
5/21/23—**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
St. Francis of Assisi Mission: **8:30AM**
Our Lady Star of the Sea: **11:00AM**
For the repose of the soul of Christine Napolitano

Georgia is a Mandatory Reporter State—every person age 18 or older who is volunteering in/for the Diocese of Savannah must report to civil authorities (police or Department of Family and Children Services) any abuse of children or suspicion of abuse if that abuse occurs at our parishes/schools/Diocesan functions.

From the commentary on the second letter to the Corinthians by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop
God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation

Those who have a sure hope, guaranteed by the Spirit, that they will rise again lay hold of what lies in the future as though it were already present. They say: Outward appearances will no longer be our standard in judging other men. Our lives are all controlled by the Spirit now, and are not confined to this physical world that is subject to corruption. The light of the Only-begotten has shone on us, and we have been transformed into the Word, the source of all life. While sin was still our master, the bonds of death had a firm hold on us, but now that the righteousness of Christ has found a place in our hearts we have freed ourselves from our former condition of corruptibility.

This means that none of us lives in the flesh anymore, at least not in so far as living in the flesh means being subject to the weaknesses of the flesh, which include corruptibility. *Once we thought of Christ as being in the flesh, but we do not do so any longer*, says Saint Paul. By this he meant that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; he suffered death in the flesh in order to give all men life. It was in this flesh that we knew him before, but we do so no longer. Even though he remains in the flesh, since he came to life again on the third day and is now with his Father in heaven, we know that he has passed beyond the life of the flesh; for *having died once, he will never die again, death has no power over him any more. His death was a death to sin, which he died once for all; his life is life with God.*

Since Christ has in this way become the source of life for us, we who follow in his footsteps must not think of ourselves as living in the flesh any longer, but as having passed beyond it. Saint Paul's saying is absolutely true that *when anyone is in Christ he becomes a completely different person: his old life is over and a new life has begun.* We have been justified by our faith in Christ and the power of the curse has been broken. Christ's coming to life again for our sake has put an end to the sovereignty of death. We have come to know the true God and to worship him in spirit and in truth, through the Son, our mediator, who sends down upon the world the Father's blessings.

And so Saint Paul shows deep insight when he says: *This is all God's doing: it is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ.* For the mystery of the incarnation and the renewal it accomplished could not have taken place without the Father's will. Through Christ we have gained access to the Father, for as Christ himself says, no one comes to the Father except through him. *This is all God's doing*, then. *It is he who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138; John 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

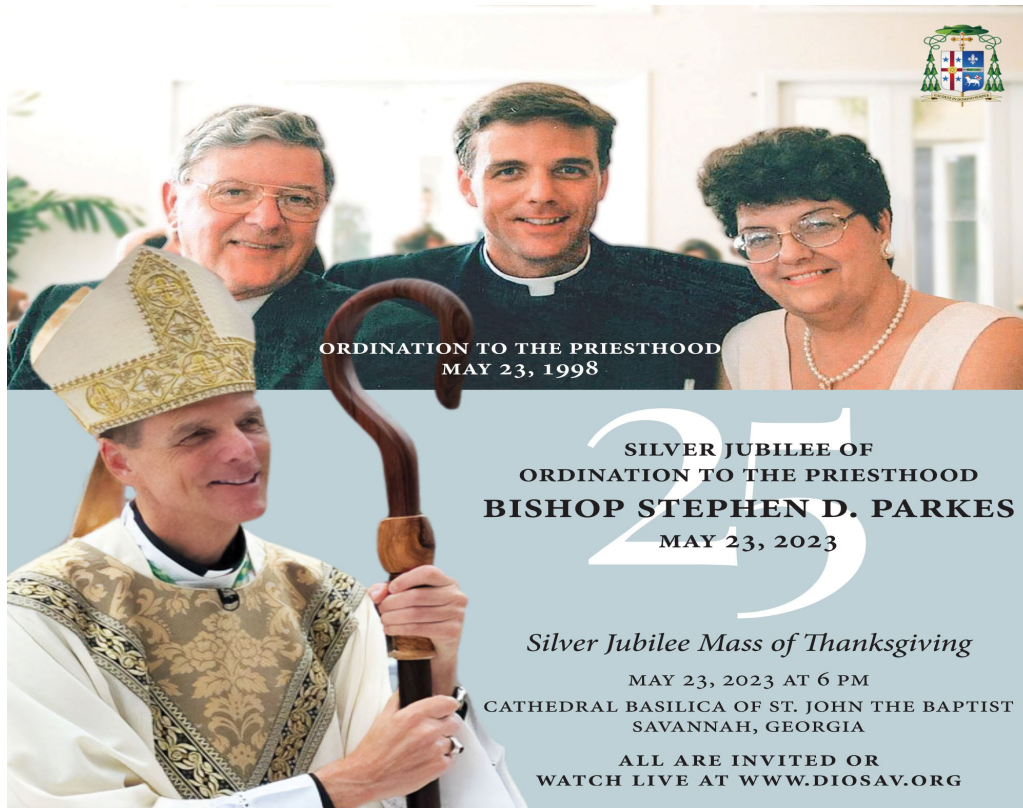
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47; John 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 47; John 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, STEP-MOTHERS AND ALL WE CONSIDER AS OUR MOTHERS





ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CONGRATULATIONS OLSS!!!

Target—\$ 32,858.00
 Pledge—\$ 7,710.00
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 Pledge Balance—\$ 5,330.00
 One Time—\$ 31,673.15
 Total Given—\$ 34,053.15
 % of Target—103.64
 # of Families—379
 # of Donors—122
 % Participation—32.19





At the end of every Fiscal Year, **Hospitality “Father’s Angels”** utilizes the money they have earned throughout the year, to give back to the parish. This year, they have graciously donated the new flooring in the Social Hall and the Administration Building hallways. Thank you ladies and gents for all your hard work and your graciousness to the parish.

OLSS COMPARISONS FROM LAST YEAR

MAY 7, 2023	MAY 8, 2022
Collection  \$12,553.99	Collection \$ 7,025.50
Maintenance  \$ 5,449.49	Mortgage \$ 2,408.00

SFoA COMPARISONS FROM LAST YEAR

MAY 7, 2023	MAY 8, 2022
Collection  \$ 1,305.00	Collection \$ 1,615.00
Maintenance  \$ 1,102.00	Mortgage \$ 583.25

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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