

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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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

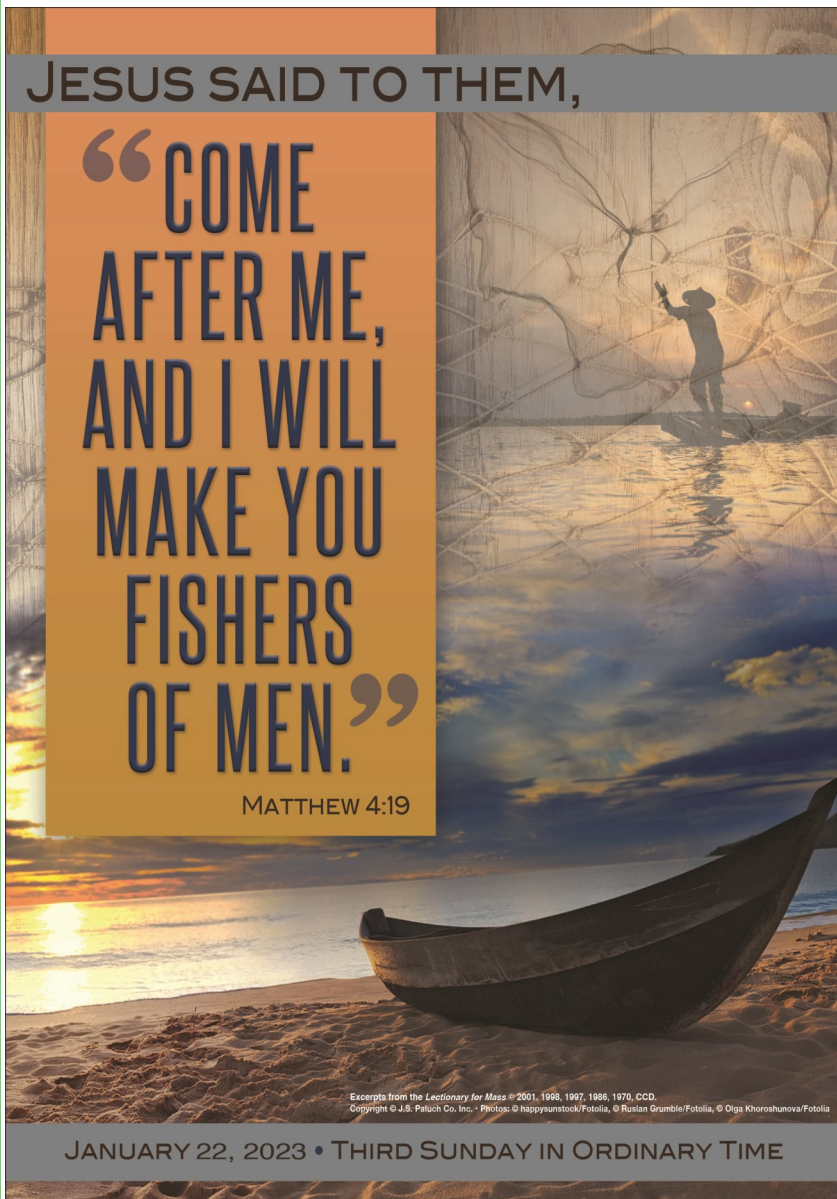
Confessions

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

JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
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OF MEN.”

MATTHEW 4:19



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JANUARY 22, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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, and return it to the church office

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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

1/21/23 - Saturday Vigil: **5:00PM**

Blessings for Agnes Rodman on her Saint name feast day

1/22/23 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Francis of Assisi Mission: 8:30 AM

Our Lady Star of the Sea: 11:00 AM

Pro Populo / For the people

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

1/24/23 - Tuesday: **5:30 PM**

For the repose of the soul of Roy Allen

1/25/23 - Wednesday: **8:00 AM**

Blessings for Jenny Ford

1/25/23 - Wednesday: **6:00 PM at Saint Francis of Assisi**

1/26/23 - Thursday: **8:00 AM & 6:00 PM**

For the healing & recovery for Adeline & Ronan Racca

1/27/23 - Friday: **8:00 AM Saint**

For the healing & recovery for Adeline & Ronan Racca

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

Pro populo / For the People of the Parish

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

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 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 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 religioused@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 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

GATHERING DISCIPLES

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of the Roman Empire centuries later, points to Jesus and his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God's reign is to be saturated with God's love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today's Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus' public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus' time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leadership. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: "I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don't are not to be trusted." Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ's call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14
1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17
Matthew 4:12–23 [12–17]

“COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE
YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

Matthew 4:19

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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

GOD’S LOVING CARE

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: “the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.” Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don’t want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God’s care with “abundant joy and great rejoicing,” Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We make transitions along life’s journey, and search for meaning. Watch an infant take those first wobbly steps. Inevitably they are toward the arms of a dear one, and the gleeful smile and wordless laughter let us know that the baby understands that the whole world is renewed in an instant. Parents may see that wide-eyed smile again some years later as they flip car keys in the teenager’s direction, and by God’s grace at in-between moments of forgiveness and affirmation.

Sacraments open a window to the blessings of everyday life and help us claim their deep meaning. A voice from a fiery bush warned Moses to take off his shoes because he stood on “holy ground.” Your first steps, your first word, taking your place at the family table, stirring to new love, forgiving and being forgiven: all of this is holy, laden with meaning, full of possibilities. Sacraments are not escape pods from the realities of the everyday; rather they invest us ever more deeply in life and recruit us for the kingdom inaugurated by Jesus. We take baby steps all our life long. In the world of sacrament, they are always directed toward the arms of a loving God, and always on the common holy ground of a community’s life.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, “Don’t lie when you pray.” He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It’s stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, “He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali...” This isn’t just the Lord’s relocation up north. It’s his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we’re no longer lying when we pray.

Father John Muir

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OLSS PASTORAL COUNCIL

The OLSS Pastoral Council is a body of committed parish members with varied perspectives, skills and talents. Acting as stewards of the parish, the Council's ministry/mission is to envision, plan and implement policies and activities that assist the Pastor in the operation of the parish.

- The Council is made up of 9 members elected by the parish
- Members serve for a three-year term
- Three new members are elected each year
- The council meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM

Current Members

Bill Whitlock, President

Joshua Masterson, Vice President

Tricia Jennkins, Secretary

Chrissy Bundrick

Jason Dominici

Jennifer Hutchinson

Susan Lockhart

Ron Logan

Susan Sartain

Election of Three New Members for 2023-2026

- Nominations will be taken through Jan. 29, 2023. Nominations can be dropped in boxes in the Narthex.
- You may nominate yourself or another parish member. If you are nominating someone else, please check with that individual before submitting the nomination to insure they are willing to serve and meet the requirements listed below
- Voting will be held February 18, 19, 2023. Ballet boxes will be in the Narthex
- New terms begin in March

Council Membership Candidate Criteria

- Must be 18 years old
- Must be practicing catholic in line with the teaching of the Catholic Church (if married must be married in the Catholic Church)
- Not related to or a cohabitant with a current member of the council
- Registered and active in the parish for at least one year
- Not a paid employee of the parish
- Must have a proactive attitude toward OLSS
- Must be able to attend meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Whitlock at whitlock3512@gmail.com or call 770-301-5609

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 15, 2023	JANUARY 16, 2021
COLLECTION- \$ 7,311.00 	COLLECTION - \$4,745.50
MORTGAGE - \$ 295.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 362.00

SFoA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 15, 2022	JANUARY 16, 2021
COLLECTION- \$ 760.00 	COLLECTION- \$ 610.00
MORTGAGE - \$ 582.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 781.00



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.

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.



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.



Shrove Tuesday / Shrovetide

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of what traditionally was called "Shrovetide," the week preceding the beginning of Lent. The word itself, *Shrovetide*, is the English equivalent for "Carnival," which is derived from the Latin words *carnem levare*, meaning "to take away the flesh. Shrovetide was the time to cast off things of the flesh and to prepare spiritually for Lent. While this week of Shrovetide condoned the partaking of pleasures from which a person would abstain during Lent, Shrove Tuesday had a special significance. Pancakes were prepared and enjoyed, because in so doing a family depleted their eggs, milk, butter, and fat which were part of the Lenten fast. A popular Shrove Tuesday tradition is the ringing of the church bells (on this day, the toll is known as the Shriving Bell) "to call the faithful to confession before the solemn season of Lent" and for people to "begin frying their pancakes". In Poland, a related celebration falls on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday and is called *thusty czwartek* (Fat Thursday). In some areas of the United States, with large Polish communities, such as: Chicago, Buffalo and Michigan, Thusty Czwartek is celebrated with *paczki*, music and other Polish food. It may be held on Shrove Tuesday or in the days immediately preceding it. As we prepare to begin Lent, perhaps after a hearty dinner of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, may we take time for extra prayer, and various penances to overcome our weaknesses and to atone for our sins.



**Knights of
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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 !!

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.





The Annual Catholic Appeal commence this weekend of January 21 and 22. It is time for us to do what we can to support not only our Diocese but the programs and ministries that benefit our parish and our Catholic community. The ACA supports the office of Catholic Schools and the education of our future priest and deacons. The ACA supports ministries that change lives for the better. We are blessed with much; let us be a blessing to others.



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

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