Our Lady Starof the Sea CATHOLIC CHURCH



Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission
FOLKSTON, GA



SAINT MARYS, GA

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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Church Office	912-882-4718
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Bob Schlag (SFoA)	Parish Finance President
Bryant & Kristie Shepard	Religious Education
	Music Ministry

Mass Schedule

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Vigil(OLSS): 5:0	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 Mass10:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation	TRA

Sunday(OLSS): 11:00 am / (SFOA): 8:30 am

Confessions

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Your **FEBRUARY 5** shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

2/04/23 - Saturday Vigil: <u>5:00PM</u>

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
Pro Populo / For the People
Our Lady Star of the Sea: 11:00 AM
For the repose of the soul of Mary Telles

2/06/23 - Monday: **No Mass**

2/07/23 - Tuesday: <u>5:30 PM</u>

For the repose of the soul of Carolyn Sailors
Williams

2/08/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM

For the repose of the soul of Kaye O'Keene

2/08/23 - Wednesday: 6:00 PM at Saint Francis of Assisi

2/09/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM

2/10/23 - Friday: <u>8:00 AM</u>

In Thanksgiving for 70 years of married life of Wojciech and Maria

2/11/23 - Saturday Vigil: <u>5:00PM</u>

For the repose of the soul of Patrick Carnevale

2/12/23 - Sixth 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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,

29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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, <u>use of parish envelopes</u>. 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.

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

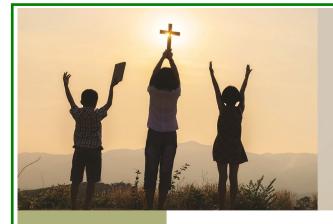
Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

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. 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; 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



FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

COMMUNITY OF LIGHT

Today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew evoke the powerful metaphor of light as an image of the community gathered by God. Jesus speaks of his followers as "light of the world": they are not the source of light, but a mirror reflecting the brightness of God. This light does not call attention to itself, but enables beauty to be revealed and celebrated, and sinfulness to be exposed and healed. The light of this community is not primarily for itself, but fulfills its purpose when it shines upon the world. The light that we the Church bring to our world can be hidden by "bushels" sometimes imposed by others and sometimes of our own making. Our lights may flicker and die under stress. What might sustain the brightness of our own small light? Our ongoing practices of community prayer, discernment, and action allow God to illumine our Church, day by day.

LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week's passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world's systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus' first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today's passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God's primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ.

Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

TODAY'S READINGS

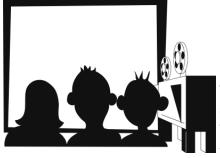
Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

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that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father "Your light must shine before others

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"Kids Dinner & A Movie night"



Presents "The Passion Trilogy" An animated Lenten Special for kids. Saturday February 18th 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.



OUR AIRCONDITIONING UNIT IN THE MAIN CHURCH BROKE DOWN, IT WILL COST A LOTS OF MONEY TO REPLACE IT, ONLY WITH YOU FINANCIAL SUPPORT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DO IT. THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE MAINTENANCE FUND, ALSO IN THE NARTHEX WILL BE PLACED OUR WOODEN BOX FOR COLLECTING **FUNDS FOR THIS URGENT** PROJECT. THANK YOU



OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JANUARY 29, 2023	JANUARY 30, 2022	JANUARY 29, 2023	JANUARY 30, 2022
	COLLECTION - \$ 6,233.50	COLLECTION- \$ 1,150.00	COLLECTION - \$ 536.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1,465.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 440.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 530.00	MORTGAGE - \$ 200.00

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 Avilles, 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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, people begin planning for Easter! Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from Saturday sundown to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus, and therefore sacraments, even penance, were forbidden. Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the liturgies virtually disappeared.

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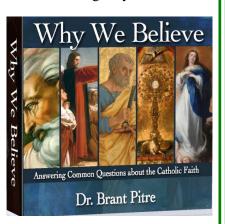
THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all.

The English word "Lent" means "Spring Season", a time for new growth or renewed life and fresh beginnings. As Catholics, Lenten season is traditionally the time we promise to give up something that is meant as penance, that will deepen our faith while we grow closer to God, A regrowth or new beginning of sorts.....However do we have to give up something? How about we do something? Lent is a great time to deepen your faith experience and grow closer to Christ.

Join us Tuesday nights beginning February 7th after Mass at 6:30PM for our 8-week Lenten bible study "Why We Believe" We will begin at the beginning with the existence of God and walk step by step through the foundations of faith. Along the way we will explain: Does God Exist? Is Jesus God? Did Jesus claim to be God? Peter and the Papacy? Did Jesus establish the Catholic Church? How Did We Get the Bible? Is the Eucharist Jesus' Real Presence? What does the Bible teach about Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist? Why Confess to a Priest? Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead? Where is Purgatory in the Bible?

Make that promise to "Do" something for Lent, and bring new life into your Catholic faith. We will begin with a light meal at 6:00PM so don't worry about dinner then enjoy an evening of fellowship while you discover how just reasonable, biblical, and



beautiful the Catholic faith really is.



Your light must shine before others

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.



You should have received a letter and pledge card from Bishop Parkes last month. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. We want to show our support o the diocesan family by continuing to exceed our goal as we have in past years.

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.

Are you unhappy in your marriage? Rediscover the love you once had for each other. Try the Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend Retreat scheduled for February 17-19, 2023!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat is an intensive weekend experience that offers help and hope for

couples that are struggling in the face of a marital crisis and may be considering divorce or separation.

You and your spouse will spend the weekend learning an effective communication process from couples that

have experienced similar marriage difficulties. You will listen to engaging talks from married couples, just like

you, that had navigated the path of reconnecting a disconnected marriage. They openly share how they have

We looked like the perfect couple . . .

but the reality of our marriage was very different.

"A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat was exactly what we needed to get our marriage back on track. We learned to communicate in ways that were deeper than we had ever shared before. We knew we had lots of work to do, but we knew our marriage was worth it. So is yours."

Register at HelpOurMarriage.org
For More Info Call 1-800-470-2230
Registration Open for Upcoming Weekends
Space is Limited. Early Registration Suggested.

experienced healing and forgiveness in their own marriages. Then, as a couple, you will share guided exercises that allow you to practically apply the concepts you have learned.

The retreat begins Friday evening at 6:30 pm, runs all day Saturday and finishes up Sunday at 4 pm. Accommodations for Friday and Saturday night and weekend meals are provided. There are ample breaks and meal times scheduled. All program materials are included. After the weekend, a series of weekly follow up sessions helps to keep you on track. The registration deposit for the upcoming Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat is only \$350 per couple. Final weekend costs are determined by the number of couples attending and a voluntary donation is requested from each couple on the weekend. Program costs are affordable and financial assistance is available.

No matter how long you have been struggling as a couple, help is available. The Retrouvaille program has helped thousands of couples worldwide to get their marriages back on track.

Jacksonville Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat - Marywood Retreat Center - February 17-19, 2023
Visit HelpOurMarriage.org to Register for an Upcoming Jacksonville/North Florida Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat
or Call 904-662-8604 for Additional Information

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past.

May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life so that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity. Amen.

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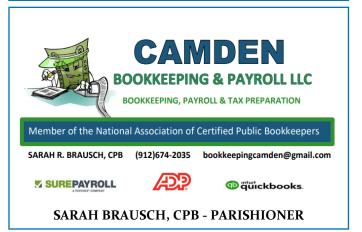


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