



Our Lady Star of the Sea

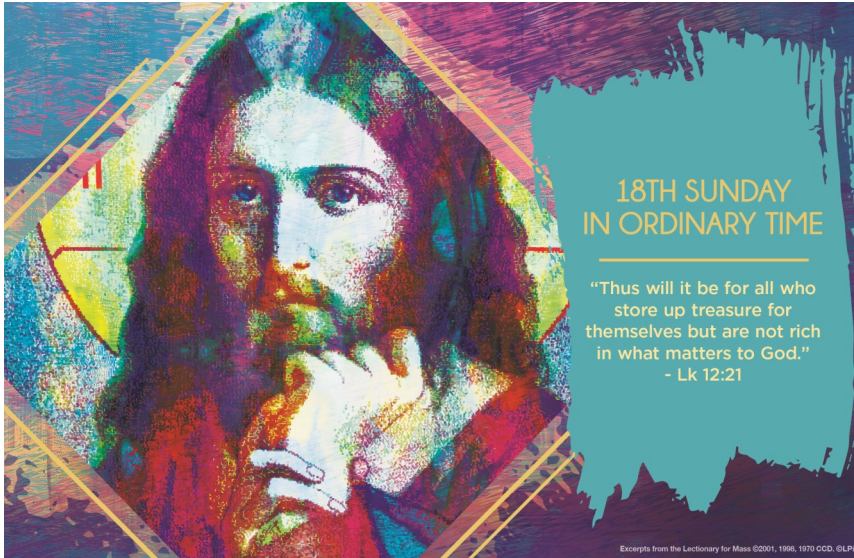
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY SITE FOR THE 2025
JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

SAINT MARY'S, GA

*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

FOLKSTON, GA



18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus will it be for all who
store up treasure for
themselves but are not rich
in what matters to God."
- Lk 12:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1986, 1970 CCC, ©LPI)

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Holy Rosary

30 Minutes prior to Mass

First Friday Mass

8:00 AM at Historic Chapel

Fridays Eucharistic Adoration

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday No Service

Tuesday Communion Service
5:30PM

Wednesday—Friday ...No Services

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday No Service

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass

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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.

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 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 INTENTIONS

8/2/24—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass

+ *Wayne May*

8/3/25—XVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30AM (St. Francis Mission)

Pro Populo / For the People

11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ *Yvette Salutillo*

8/4/25—Monday: NO MASS

8/5/25—Tuesday: 5:00PM Adoration followed by
Communion Service

8/6/25—Wednesday: 8:00AM Mass at OLSS

NO 6:00PM Mass at SFoA

8/7/25—Thursday: NO MASS

8/8/25—Friday: NO MASS

5:30PM Communion Service & Eucharistic Adoration

8/9/25—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass

Pro Populo / For the People

8/10/25—XIV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30AM (St. Francis Mission)

11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

+ *David Bliton*



For those families requesting a Letter of good standing, participation letter from the office for school registrations, Sacraments,

Godparent verification, etc., you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be officially registered in our parish for at least six months. Considerations will be taken for military families new to the parish and will be addressed on case-by-case basis.
2. Be in good standing which means you and your family regularly attend Mass and contribute to our offertory program. You must use your assigned envelope/giving number for these donations to be recorded properly. We understand that sometimes people are unable to give to the parish; however, placing your envelope, even if its empty, in the basket helps us determine that someone is in fact participating in the life of a parish.
3. If you have moved away and are not actively participating in our parish life, and if we have not seen you at mass for weeks and months, we may be unable to issue you with the above mentioned documents. Additionally, your standing within the parish may differ from those who consistently attend and share with our community their Time, Talent and Treasure.

Sacrament of Baptism in OLSS

A newborn child should be baptized within the first few months of life. A child who has reached the age of kindergarten should receive some basic instruction/preparation before reception of the Sacrament. In order to have a child baptized at Our Lady Star of the Sea, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, and registered in the OLSS Parish. A child to be baptized should normally have two Godparents, a male and a female. In order to serve as a Godparent, a person must be a practicing Roman Catholic, fully initiated, and at least sixteen years of age. A Godparent must supply a letter from his/her proper pastor indicating suitability to serve as a Godparent for Baptism. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class which lasts approximately one hour.

Sacrament of Marriage in OLSS

Those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage need to contact the church office for a list of instructions at least six months in advance of the anticipated wedding date. Definite plans for a particular date should not be made until such contact has been completed. Only when a priest or deacon has decided that he will officiate at the marriage, will a definite date be set. There is a requirement for marriage preparation classes. Options for these will be discussed when you meet with the priest or deacon you have chosen as your celebrant.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all"

In this week's Gospel, The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? An obvious answer, such as robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify yourself. Do you work a full day for your pay, or do you spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting your friends? Are you honest with your customers, charging only for work you have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *A Holy Day of Obligation*

MASS AT SFOA—9:00 AM

MASS AT OLSS—6:00 PM

The Assumption of Mary, a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated by attending Mass and engaging in various Marian devotions and traditions. It's a day to honor Mary's ascent into heaven and to reflect on her role in salvation history.

Here's how you can celebrate:

1. Attend Mass: The most central way to celebrate is by attending Mass, as it's a Holy Day of Obligation.
2. Marian Devotions: Incorporate traditional Marian devotions like praying the Rosary, particularly the Glorious Mysteries, or praying the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. Marian Altar/Shrine: Create a focal point in your home for prayer and reflection by setting up a Marian altar or shrine with a statue or image of Mary, flowers, and candles.
4. Scripture and Tradition: Reflect on the significance of the Assumption, drawing from both Scripture and Tradition.
5. Acts of Charity: Extend the celebration beyond prayer and worship by engaging in acts of charity and service.
6. Feast: Enjoy a special meal or feast, as the Assumption is a significant celebration.
7. Teach and Share: Educate others about the meaning and importance of the Assumption.
8. Marian Hymns and Prayers: Sing Marian hymns like "Hail Holy Queen" or "Immaculate Mary".
9. Procession: Participate in or organize a procession in honor of Mary, carrying a statue or image.
10. Plant a Mary Garden: Consider planting a garden with flowers associated with Mary, like roses, lilies, or irises.
11. Bake a Special Treat: Prepare a Marian-themed treat like a crown-shaped cake or cookies decorated with Marian symbols.
12. Read Stories About Mary: Share stories and books about Mary with children to help them connect with her.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mon 8/4	NO SERVICE
Tues 8/5	SFOA—9:30AM—Ladies Cursillo OLSS—5:30PM— COMMUNION SERVICE & ADORATION
Wed 8/6	OLSS—8:00 AM DAILY MASS SFOA—4:30PM—Men's Cursillo OLSS—5:30PM Legion of Mary—RE Building
Thurs 8/7	NO SERVICE OLSS—5:30PM—Ladies Cursillo—RE Building OLSS—5:30—Mens Cursillo—RE Building
Fri 8/8	OLSS—5:30PM to 7:30PM— COMMUNION SERVICE & ADORATION—MAIN CHURCH
Sat, 8/9	OLSS—10AM—Baptism Class—Social Hall OLSS—5:00 PM—VIGIL MASS—MAIN CHURCH OLSS—Before & After Mass—Silent Auction Ticket Sales—Narthex
Sun, 8/10	SFOA—8:30AM MASS OLSS—11:00 AM MASS OLSS—Before & After Mass—Silent Auction Ticket Sales—Narthex

The Parish Choir Needs You! Our church is in need of more singers, no experience necessary, just the love for music and community! We are looking for more singers for Saturday's 5PM Vigil mass and Sunday's 11AM Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights. See Scott for more details. All are Welcome!

INCLUDES A 12-WEEK COMPANION BIBLE STUDY

More Than
One Million
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Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

*Finding Intimacy with God
in the Busyness of Life*

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The Life of a woman today isn't all that different from the lives of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, into the midst of your busy life, to extend the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters from Bethany. Tenderly, he invites you to choose t"the better part" - a joyful life of intimacy with him that flows naturally into loving service.

This 12-week study is centered on finding Intimacy with God in the Business of Life. Each weekly theme will be offered on Wednesday evenings (6:30—8:00 pm) and again on Friday mornings (9:00—10:30 am) in the OLSS Religious Education Building. Beginning on September 10th & 12th.

To sign up and for more information, contact Eileen Lang via email elang8484@gmail.com or call 732-489-1124.

The deadline for sign up is August 22nd to ensure we have time to order materials.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

All the names of the sick we receive will be entered on the prayer list for one month, and then removed. If you would like your loved one to remain on the prayer list longer, please let us know, and we will happily oblige.

Mary Ann Greco, Ed Piwowar, Sharonda (Shawn) Salser, Jose Nieves

OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 27, 2025	JULY 28, 2024
COLLECTION \$ 6,804.67	COLLECTION \$ 7,475.52
MAINTENANCE \$ 615.00	MAINTENANCE \$ 750.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 27, 2025	JULY 28, 2024
COLLECTION \$ 870.00	COLLECTION \$ 885.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 121.00	MAINTENANCE \$ 202.00

Many have asked for Samuel's contact information. Please make note of the following:

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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 Boys: Always looking for new altar boys and experienced altar boys servers. For more information contact Jason Dominici at olssaltarservers@weareolss.org.

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

OCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church email ocia@weareolss.org.

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](tel: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 happen and end up in the hospital, please notify the Parish Office at [912-882-4718](tel:912-882-4718).

Religious Education: Classes for children grades K-8 are on Sundays during the school year, 9:15am—10:30am in the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religioused@weareolss.org.

Ladies Auxiliary: Fostering friendship in our faith community! Open to all women, ages 18-108! Meetings are help the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall. Funds generated at our Annual Christmas Bazaar are used to provide college scholarships, support the Youth Ministry & Vacation Bible School. We also provide prayer blankets for anyone who is ill or in the hospital—contact Darlene Logan ([225-772-2797](tel:225-772-2797)) or Tricia Jenkins ([912-552-5683](tel:912-552-5683)) for a blanket or additional information.

Knights of Columbus (K of C) is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 27, 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.

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please call the church office, [912-882-4718](tel:912-882-4718).

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach and much more . We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks ([912-322-6857](tel:912-322-6857)) for more information.

Legion of Mary: A lay organization to help the world by active works and prayers and to serve Jesus through Mary. Contact Maureen Van Horn ([912-322-8672](tel:912-322-8672)) or

Silent



Auction

*Fathers Angels invites you to a Wine and Cheese
Silent Auction*

Saturday

August 23rd at 6:30pm until 8:30pm.

*With many unique items in varying themes,
you'll be sure to find something you love.*

*Proceeds help support Fathers Angels ministries
outreach throughout the year and many Parish
projects*

Tickets are \$5 per person

*Includes access to the auction, appetizers, wine
and other drinks*



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PARISHIONERS

**BE AWARE OF FRAUD/SCAM EMAILS FALSLY
PURPORTING TO BE SENT FROM FATHER MARIUSZ**

Unfortunately many parishioners have been receiving fraudulent e-mails from someone pretending to be me, Fr. Mariusz. Please be aware that our staff, to include myself, NEVER ask for any material favors, money, gift cards, gift certificates, etc., through e-mail or text message. Please do not respond to these emails, delete them, report them as spam.

**NEVER EVER TAKE ANY ACTIONS REQUESTED IN
THE E-MAILS OR TEXTS!!!**

Please be very cautious and careful since this was not the first time they tried to do it and probably not the last time they will try to do it.

Sincerely: Fr. Mariusz

