



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



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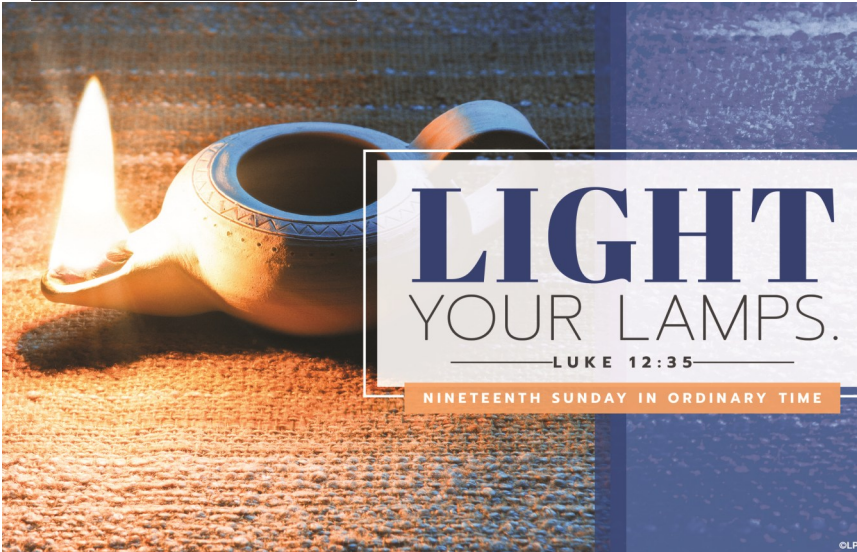
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Holy Rosary

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 SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil5:00PM

Sunday11:00 AM

OLSS DAILY SCHEDULE

MondayNo Service

Tuesday...Communion Service 5:30PM

Wednesday8:00AM

Thursday & FridayNo Services

SFOA SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY SCHEDULE

WednesdayNo Service

OLSS CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

SFOA CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before Mass

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

8/9/25—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

8/11/25—Monday: NO MASS

8/12/25—Tuesday: 5:00PM Adoration followed by
Communion Service

8/13/25—Wednesday: 8:00AM Mass at OLSS
NO 6:00PM Mass at SFoA

8/14/25—Thursday: NO MASS

8/15/25—Friday: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00AM MASS AT SFOA
6:00PM MASS AT OLSS

8/16/25—Saturday Vigil 5:00PM Mass
+ Lilly Tinker

8/17/25—XX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ James John Sinkewicz



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 10, 2025

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

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/ Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Today's readings call us to faith, hope, and trust in God.

In today's First Reading, from the Book of Wisdom, the author reminds us that people who gain wisdom through their relationship with God enjoy advantages in life not available to those who choose to ignore the things of heaven. Here the author encourages the readers to persevere in their life of faith in spite of the opposition and difficulties. We have the illustration of the Exodus events, the account of the tenth plague, in which God showed his mighty power to save his chosen ones from their enemies.

The Second Reading tells us of the faith and patience of Abraham, his wife Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob. Faith in the letter to the Hebrews involves trust and hope in God. What God has promised is not only future glory but also obtaining things unseen. Reviewing the faith of Abraham, we admire the Patriarch as he obeyed God and left his homeland for the Land promised by God. In his heart, he desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one, the inheritance of the promises of God. Abraham did shine in his faith and obedience.

The Gospel begins with the tender words that Jesus speaks to his Apostles and to all people in general: Do not be afraid any longer, little flock. Fear is the feeling of anxiety caused by the presence of pending danger which can be physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, or moral. We fear all kinds of things. Fear hinders our spiritual and psychological growth. Our fears hold us in bondage and prevent us from experiencing the freedom of the children of God. Dealing with our fears daily offers us the opportunities to grow spiritually and psychologically. We can allow our fears to paralyze us or we can confront them.

Jesus talks about being prepared, using the parable of the servants waiting for their master's return from a wedding. Jesus pictures the master coming back at a late hour and finding the servants ready for him. The master is so pleased that he begins to wait on the servants—he serves them a meal.

Peter is a man who is not afraid to speak up or ask a question. That may be one of the reasons Jesus made him the head of the apostles. When he asks Jesus whom the parable is meant for, Jesus ignores him! At least it seems that way at first. Jesus expands on the theme of readiness by describing the servant who took advantage of the master's absence—he will be punished severely. To answer Peter's question, Jesus warns that the servant who knew his duties would be punished more than one who was ignorant of those expectations. Peter and the disciples should have seen themselves as the servants who knew what was expected.

Jesus concludes His teaching by saying, "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more, will be demanded." In other words, we have to be accountable for our deeds. For those who are entrusted with the care of souls, more will be demanded of them. This includes each one of us, clergy, religious, teachers, parents, and all Christians who have the task of proclaiming the kingdom of God. To retain a vibrant faith Jesus makes three demands of his followers. First, we are to share with the needy. Secondly, we have to be vigilant and prepared and live that life integrated by faith. Thirdly, whatever be our task in life, we must carry it out faithfully and responsibly in a spirit of service.

Each person has to give account to the Lord. Jesus tells us that those who persevere in their living faith, are blessed. Be vigilant. Be ready. Be prepared. And to be ready for His return. Jesus will come again as He promised, and it could be this afternoon. It could be any time this week, this month, or in our lifetimes. Or it could be another two thousand years from now. Jesus' challenging call reminds us that ultimately the "when" doesn't really matter, the readiness does: look to God, bend those knees in surrender to His will, hands in front in prayer, heart ready, eye on eternity. If we live the lives Christ calls us to live, we will be ready for Him, whenever He comes.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

It's that time of year!!! School has already begun, so we're gearing up for another great year of Religious Education! Classes will begin the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 7th, at 9:15 AM. Pick up is at 10:30 AM. To Register, go to www.weareolss.org and hover over the Ministries tab at the top. Go to RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and click. From there, you'll be able to register! Classes are for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. For those in high school, use the same link and register for Catholic Youth Ministry. CYM meets on the same Sundays we have RE, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM for food, fellowship, and fun! We look forward to another great year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at religioused@weareolss.org.

Bryant and Kristie Shepard
Directors of Religious Education

The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

OCIA REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), formerly RCIA, is the preparatory class for adults looking to gain more information and join the Catholic Church. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in joining us this year, please use the QR code to complete the registration form. Classes will begin the first Thursday after Labor Day (September 4, 2025), and meet every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Religious Education building. If you have any questions, please send an email to ocia@weareolss.org.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mon 8/11	NO SERVICE OLSS LADIES AUXILIARY 6:00PM—Social Hall
Tues 8/12	SFoA—9:30AM—Ladies Cursillo OLSS—5:30PM— COMMUNION SERVICE & ADORATION
Wed 8/13	OLSS—8:00 AM DAILY MASS SFoA—4:30PM—Men's Cursillo OLSS—5:30PM Legion of Mary—RE Building
Thurs 8/14	NO SERVICE OLSS—5:30PM—Ladies Cursillo—RE Building OLSS—5:30—Mens Cursillo—RE Building OLSS—6:00PM—Knights of Columbus—Social Hall
Fri 8/15	SFOA—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS 9:00AM OLSS—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS 6:00PM OLSS—5:30PM to 7:30PM—COMMUNION SERVICE & ADORATION—MAIN CHURCH
Sat, 8/16	OLSS—5:00 PM—VIGIL MASS—MAIN CHURCH OLSS—Before & After Mass—Silent Auction Ticket Sales—Narthex
Sun, 8/17	SFOA—8:30AM MASS OLSS—11:00 AM MASS OLSS—Before & After Mass—Silent Auction Ticket Sales—Narthex

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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

AUGUST 3, 2025	AUGUST 4, 2024
COLLECTION \$ 12,220.00	COLLECTION \$ 20,433.10
MAINTENANCE \$ 4,779.74	MAINTENANCE \$ 3,325.80

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 27, 2025	JULY 28, 2024
COLLECTION \$ 1,210.00	COLLECTION \$ 1,458.00
MAINTENANCE \$ 890.00	MAINTENANCE \$ 1,74.00

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!

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

