

Our Lady Star of the Sea

CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 East Dillingham Street
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*Saint
Francis of Assisi
Catholic Mission*

700 Kingsland Drive
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August 23, 2026



21st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 16:18-19

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OLSS SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday PM
(except on Holy Saturday)
Sunday 0 AM

OLSS DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday Service
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday - Friday 8:00 AM

SFOA SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday 8:30 AM

SFOA DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday 5:00 PM

OLSS CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

SFOA CONFESSIONS
30 minute Eucharistic Mass
or by appointment

Holy Rosary
30 minutes prior to Mass
First Fridays Mass
8:00 AM at Historic Chapel
Fridays Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



Different Schedule for the week. Please see inside.

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OFFERTORY UPDATE

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		<i>"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."</i> <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i>
AUGUST 16, 2026	AUGUST 17, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 9195.00	COLLECTION - \$ 8,822.00	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 1030.00	MAINTENANCE - \$ 225.00	
SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR		
AUGUST 16, 2026	AUGUST 17, 2025	
COLLECTION - \$ 1,240.00	COLLECTION - \$ 602.00	
MAINTENANCE - \$ 12,738	MAINTENANCE - \$ 152.00	

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 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.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

- 08/22/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
Birthday blessings for Dolores Snowdon
- 08/23/26 - XXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *David Bliton*
- 08/24/26 - **Monday: NO MASS**
- 08/25/26 - Tuesday: 5:00 PM - Adoration, Rosary & Communion Service
- 08/26/26 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS
NO 5:00 PM Mass at SFOA
- 08/27/26 - Thursday: 8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS
- 08/28/26 - Friday: 8:00 AM Communion Service at OLSS
- 08/29/26 - Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM Mass
+ *Alexander Kowalewski*
- 08/30/26 - XXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM (St. Francis Mission)
Pro Populo / For the People
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
+ *Frank & Rose McNanna*

August 23, 2026 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 16:13-20

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

- Fr. John Muir



Reminder for Saint Francis of Assisi Parishioners

No mass on Wednesdays for 3 weeks while Fr. Mariusz is away.

Religious Education classes begin this
weekend!!!

There are a few changes/reminders that you need to be aware of.

- * RE classes are for Kindergarten through 8th grade.
- * CYM is for high school students who have already made their Confirmation.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE (www.weareolss.org)
Ministries Tab - Religious Ed

***BEGINNING THE 26/27 RE SCHOOL YEAR, ALL SACRAMENTAL
CLASSES (FIRST COMMUNION AND
CONFIRMATION) WILL REQUIRE TWO CONCURRENT YEARS OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION.

SAVE the DATE

Feast Day Parish Picnic!

Sunday, September 27
Noon to 5 PM

*Plan now to join other parish families for food, fun,
and fellowship! We'll enjoy all those traditional
picnic foods and games – including a dunk tank
(featuring Fr. Mariusz, of course!), a bouncy
house, sack races, and more. Don't miss it!*



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - OCIA

*Are you feeling called to learn more about the
Catholic faith?*



We warmly welcome non-Catholics
seeking a deeper understanding of the
Church's teachings and a closer
relationship with Jesus Christ to join our
OCIA formation program.





August 6, 2026

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today I am announcing our 2026 Called by Name campaign to identify faithful young men and women in our diocese who could be future leaders in our Church. Our last Called by Name was very successful, putting us in touch with hundreds of young people, many of whom came to events or joined discernment groups. This was a testament to the power of invitation. Sometimes all that is needed is to affirm a young man or woman by saying, "I see something in you. Have you considered what God may be calling you to do?"

In this spirit, please submit the names of at least one (but hopefully several!) faithful young people you know. You can use the card provided at Mass or online at savannahvocations.org. If you submit a person under age 18, please include their parents' names as well.

Note that these men and women do not need to have expressed a desire to be Priests or Religious Sisters. They simply need to love Christ and the Church, exhibit a strong faith, and have a heart for service. I will send each nominee a letter of congratulations and encouragement. In addition, our Vocation Team will offer support as they discern their vocations, especially by inviting them to join small discernment groups and attend various events.

Thank you for your thoughtful participation in this important effort. Your invitation could help a young person discover a vocation that will bless the Church for generations.

May we meet each day in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

In Christ,

+ *Stephen D. Parkes*

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes

Bishop of Savannah

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Father's Angels are now accepting donations for their much anticipated Yard Sale. Drop offs are accepted Monday through Friday from 9AM to 2 PM, and *weekends by appointment only!*

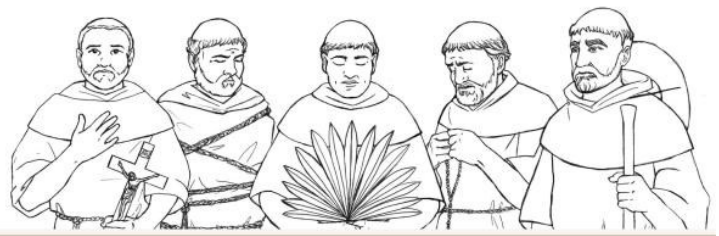
**October 10, 2026
7 AM—2 PM**



The Yard Sale is the Angels' biggest annual fundraiser! Past proceeds have supported many needs around the church, including kid's movie night, birthday cakes for senior centers, and so much more.

You can help by donating items for the sale. Household items, home décor, electronics, tools, yard equipment, and other treasures are welcome.

Please bring only clean items in good, usable condition.



Mass of Beatification PEDRO DE CORPA AND FOUR COMPANIONS

Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. | Savannah Convention Center

Doors open at 8 a.m.

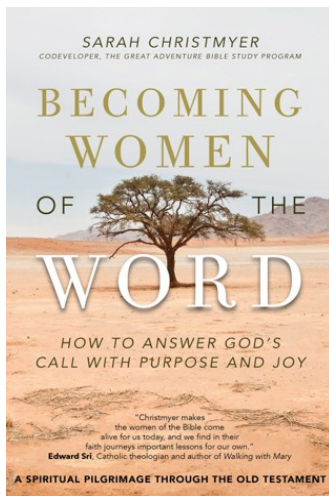
REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Visit theGeorgiaMartyrs.org

NOTHING
is far from
GOD

-St. Monica

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY



The women God called to bring his chosen people into the world were ordinary women who struggled with emptiness, oppression, infertility, and loss- yet who found strength and hope in God.

Each Chapter of Becoming Women of the Word highlights the spiritual legacy of one or more women in the Old Testament. Their world was vastly different from ours, yet they faced the same questions we do: when we can't feel God's presence, where do we find help? When our world is collapsing, where is God? Why should we trust him? How can we trust him? The Author simply and clearly draws from the lives of these women important principles that help us to trust even as we struggle with doubt.

When: Beginning September 7th & 11th

Time: Monday evenings (6:30 – 8:00 pm) and again on Friday mornings (9:00 – 10:30 am)

Where: in the OLSS Religious Education Building.

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 this weekend to ensure we have time to order materials.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT 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 for at least four months. 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 AT 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

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.

Clarence & Kimberly Thompson

Braeden Hormann, Joshua McLaughlin

Mike Perry

Margaret Norton

God our Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
Sat 08/22	Caroline Neff Gene Niksa	Waylon Wilkins Isaac Dominici Samuel Dominici	Dennis Foster Dante Russo James Marcin Saulo Capulong
Sun 08/23	Brian Benton Lucia Feijo	Evanisto Gomez Joaquin Gomez Landon Wilkins Dean Sjostedt	Clyde Miller Carl Boria David Bowman Mike Recore
Tue 08/25	Karen Hill		
Wed 08/26	Richard Foy		
Thu 08/27	Bonnie Carr		
Fri 08/28	Elisabeth Sepulveda		
Sat 08/29	Bonnie Carr Lucia Feijo	Waylon Wilkins Colton Wilkins Landon Wilkins	David Costa Diane Costa Dennis Foster David Bowman
Sun 08/30	Judy Buchanan Eugene Sanchez	Bryant Shepard John Michael Hopkins Evanisto Gomez	Keith Danos Colleen Danos Mike Recore John Nevins

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Mon 08/24	OLSS - Knights of Columbus - 6:00 PM - RE Double Room
Tue 08/25	SFoA - Ladies Cursillo - 9:30 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Homily Continued - 6:00 PM - Social Hall SFoA - School of Leaders - 7 PM - Zoom
Wed 08/26	SFoA - Men's Cursillo - 9:00 AM - Social Hall OLSS - Legion of Mary - 5:30 PM - RE Room #8 OLSS - Men's Bible Study - 6:30 PM - RE Double Room
Thu 08/27	OLSS - Men's Cursillo - 5:00 PM - RE Room # 4 OLSS - Ladies Cursillo - 5:30 PM - Room # 5 OLSS - OCIA - 6:00 PM - RE Double Room
Fri 08/28	OLSS - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 5:00 PM - Main Church
Sat. 08/29	

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR THOSE GRIEVING PREGNANCY/REPRODUCTIVE LOSS



The Rachel's Vineyard Savannah team is hosting a one-day retreat for healing for anyone who has experienced a pregnancy loss. Whether your loss was recent or long ago, this gentle, grace-filled day is a sacred space for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, infertility, infant loss, or contraceptive use. You are invited to come as you are – whether you carry grief, questions, silence, or hope.

All are welcome: individuals, couples, and those who wish to come in memory of a loved one.

Let this be a step toward healing.
You are seen. You are held. You are not alone.



Date: September 19, 2026

Time: 8 am to 4 pm

Location: St. Peter the Apostle,

7020 Concord Road, Savannah

Cost: \$10/person (lunch included)

Register: scan the QR code or visit
forms.gle/PXm9GyyUV5ajScqj9



Questions: contact Theresa Christie at (706) 399-2670 or tlcsouth@me.com or use the contact form at rachelsvineyardsavannah.com/contact-us



All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday 08/24	Jon Preble, John Nevins, Mary Jane May, Ron Logan
Sunday 08/30	Trish Jenkins, Larry White, Kathy White, Patty Sullivan, Julie McKeown

SFOA LECTOR SCHEDULE

Sunday 8/23	Butch Crews Mary Fouraker
Sunday 08/30	Lawanda Jones Art Fouraker

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