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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays No Daily Mass
Tuesdays 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,
 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass
 (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays 10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions
 Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
 1st Fridays 8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of
 the Blessed Sacrament
 1st Saturdays 10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Daily Mass
 Sundays 8:30 am Mass
 Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG

Shock and Awe

Today the world commemorates what remains the ultimate demonstration of worldly might and power: the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, by the United States in 1945. Nagasaki was also bombed three days later. Seventy thousand Japanese men, women, and children were killed at once. Seventy thousand more died of radiation exposure in the weeks to follow. Over the next five years, more would contract cancers related to the event. Hundreds of thousands of lives were taken to ensure Japan's unconditional surrender in World War II. Not all historians are convinced it was necessary. More doubt the rationale behind destroying the second city after the catastrophic decimation of the first.

Human power and might is a sobering commodity. We can wield power in many ways: in military strength as well as economic muscle. We threaten with a stick or wave the carrot. Intelligence or talent may bring a certain amount of authority into our grasp. Other routes to power include celebrity, physical attraction, technological savvy, education, birthright, good connections, and the irresistible force of personal charisma.

The idea that there's an authority higher than all other authorities doesn't resonate so much nowadays. A celestial power stronger than the biggest army on Earth is hard to imagine. The church used to wield teachings about hell and heaven as the stick-or-carrot to end all sticks-and-carrots. But as life spans lengthen, many of us find a comfortable spot in this world that short-circuits our thoughts about what comes next. The religious imagination is not as active as it used to be.

Prophecies like Daniel's sound as surreal to us as, in fact, they are. They're apocalyptic messages. The Ancient One on his flaming, wheeled throne? With brilliant snow-white hair and robes? And what about his visitor: the mysterious Son of man arriving on clouds to receive all the kingdoms of Earth under his domain? The image makes a great poster. But what more can it mean for us?

Moses has his apocalyptic close-up on Mt. Sinai, where his face and clothes shine from proximity to God. Elijah on Horeb (the same mountain) doesn't meet anyone to report his afterglow.

But he does experience a celestial trifecta of storm, earthquake, and fire. Nine hundred years later, Jesus stands on Tabor (maybe the same mountain!) and this God-nearness makes him brilliant as the sun. The Ancient One speaks—not to Jesus, but to his disciples, including us. The Divine Voice claims paternity of Jesus, as at his Baptism. But three words are added to the message: *Listen to him*.

Jesus is the word. And this word has power to save the world.

Related scripture links

God enthroned: *Isa. 6:1-2; Ezek. 1:26-28;*

Pss. 29, 47, 55, 93, 97, 99, 110; Rev. 4:2-11

Other images of God: *warrior (Ps. 68); lover (Isa. 2, Hos. 2); parent (Hos. 11; Isa. 66)*

Symbols for God: *Gen. 15:17; Exod. 3:2-3; 25:10-40; 1 Kings 19:9-13*

No one has seen God: *Exod. 33:18-23; 1 John 4:12*

God is love: *1 John 4:8*

Catechism links

Attributes of God: CCC 218-221; 370; 733

Symbols of God: CCC 696-697, 699-700

From a sermon on the transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop

(Nn. 6-10: *Melanges d'archéologie et d'histoire* 67 [1955], 241-244)

It is good for us to be here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith.

To save you from this I tell you now that *some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father.*" Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and—I speak boldly—it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: *Lord, it is good for us to be here.* It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here for ever. What greater happiness or higher honor could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: *It is good for us to be here—here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.*

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


- 08/05/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil
*For the repose of the soul of
Louis Giovanniello*
- 08/06/23 - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:30 AM - (St. Francis)
11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
Birthday Blessing for Tim Murphy
- 08/07/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**
- 08/08/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM
Adoration and Communion Service
- 08/09/23 - Wednesday: 8:00 AM MASS
*Thanksgiving for answered & unanswered
prayers*
- 08/09/23 - Wednesday NO 6:00 PM MASS in SFOA
- 08/10/23 - Thursday: 8:00 AM MASS
Healing for Emily Edmonds
- 08/11/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM MASS
Birthday Blessing for Bryant Shepard
- 08/12/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
*For the repose of the soul of
Maria Garcia*
- 08/13/23 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)
Birthday Blessing for Michelle Collins
11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
For the repose of the soul of John Pasuit

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.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION



**6 PM FRIDAY
AUGUST 18, 2023**

**BISHOP STEPHEN D. PARKES
FATHER MARIUSZ FUKS**

**700 Kingsland Drive
Folkston, Georgia 31537**

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2
Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
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 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/
Jn 12:24-26
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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12,
13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin
and Martyr
Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. The following session has been added to the schedule in your Deanery:

August 13, 2023 – St. William Church, St. Simons Island 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>

A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.
No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 30, 2023		JULY 31, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 7,419.50	↓	COLLECTION - \$ 8,332.80
MAINTENANCE - \$ 592.50	↑	MORTGAGE - \$ 350.97

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

JULY 30, 2023		JULY 31, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 1,015.00	↑	COLLECTION - \$ 845.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ 480.00	↑	MORTGAGE - \$ 431.00

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 relregioused@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Ray Meaux at 912-882-2343

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 10, 2023 ~ May 12th, 2024, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at religiously@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 Norberto Caez- KofC@weareolss.org

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

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through sacramental 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 for more information—912-322-6857



VIRTUS

Protecting God's Children

The next Virtus Training will be on Saturday August 26, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Social Hall. To register for the training please visit www.virtusonline.org and click on first registrant box. Follow the directions and click on the upcoming Virtus Training box to register. Any questions, please contact Norberto Caez at caez@tds.net or (912) 673-6085 after 4:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for our 2023-24 Religious Education is now open online on our website.

Please go to <https://weareolss.org/pparish-life/education> to complete the registration form.

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