

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

## *Pentecost Sunday*

*June 5, 2022*



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### Mass Schedule

9 AM Sunday Masses

7:30 AM Weekday Masses followed by Morning Prayer

### Confessions

30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

### Novena to St. Joseph

### The Rosary

### BULLETIN ITEMS/INSERTS:

**(ALL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PASTOR)**

Email to Mrs. Daisy Fields Email: [daisy@olsoshouston.tx.com](mailto:daisy@olsoshouston.tx.com) or call 713 -674-9206 **by**

**MONDAY of the week prior to publication.**

Notify Mrs. Fields of any printed flyers you want in the bulletin.

**They must be received by Thursday morning.**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries submit two weeks before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month in which the event falls.**

**Samaritan Newsletter** (published for the first of each month): items are due **two weeks prior** to publication.

### Sunday School

October-May

### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Is celebrated periodically, but not during Lent. For information on Parent Information Sessions, contact the rectory for required attendance. Adults who desire Baptism receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil, following a period of participation in *the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Call Fr. Frank.

**Confirmation:** Available to our youth, thirteen years of age or older, through the religious education process with activities involving parents and sponsors. Adults are prepared through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

**First Communion:** Preparation through the Sunday School Classes.

**Funerals:** Please contact the priest before confirming any arrangements with your funeral home.

**Matrimony:** Couples thinking about marriage should contact the parish priest prior to engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. The church desires to help couples prepare a good foundation for a lifelong commitment to this sacred marriage vocation.

### **Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to Our Lady Star of the Sea**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love and peace while here!*

*Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory. Again, Welcome!*

**Mission of OLSOS**

*We, the faithful parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church believe that our mission is to spread the good news of the Love and Mercy of God to the communities that we serve and beyond. Our mission is realized through sacramental living and serving others through works of mercy in the inspirit of our patron, The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our CORE VALUES are Forgiveness, Charity, Unity, Mercy, and Prayer.*

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**For 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5/29/22**

**Mass Attendance: In person= 97 OnLine=**

**Collections contributed at Mass= \$ 2095 Avg Online= \$ 965 Budget need per week= \$3365**

**CALENDAR DATES IN THE MONTH OF MAY**

June 5<sup>th</sup> PENTECOST THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH Parish Mini Bazar Planning Meeting after Mass today in the Hall.

***NEXT SUNDAY***

**Jun10-12<sup>th</sup> KPC Mini-Fest**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday- We celebrate our Graduates!!!!**

June 19<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Sunday (1/2 Collection goes to the Josephites and 1/2 to Archdiocese of Galveston Houston)  
Father's Day, Juneteenth

Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> Feast of the Sacred Heart

**Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM with the Parish Council, Finance Council, Fundraising Committee and the Stewardship Committee**

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As a follow up to comments I made in my Homily about Advocate in the Hospital and for Aging Parents of that aging parents and adult children can be aware and anticipate.....and thus intelligently respond with common sense and wisdom,

***What are the signs of dementia?***

Signs and symptoms can vary, but common ones include:

- Memory loss, poor judgment and confusion
- Difficulty speaking, understanding and expressing thoughts
- Difficulty with reading and writing
- Wandering and getting lost in a familiar neighborhood
- Trouble handling money responsibly and paying bills
- Repeating questions
- Using unusual words to refer to familiar objects
- Taking longer to complete normal daily tasks
- Losing interest in normal daily activities or events
- Acting impulsively
- Not caring about other people's feelings
- Losing balance or experiencing problems with movement

Source: National Institute on Aging

**Prayer of Jesus** taken from the Gospel for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter which for us was replaced by the Solemnity of the Ascension last Sunday. John 17:20-26

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

**Feel free to look up the rest of Chapter 17 in your Bible and enjoy!!**

### **From the Pastor's Desk – Pentecost, the 1989<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Church is Today June 5<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

So we started off my pastorate with **Essential Aspects of Spirituality**, first of all for the Individual. In Summary that includes incorporating into our daily lifestyle some form or vehicle of the following: (There is no one static way but rather, multiple dynamic ways that should sustain us and continuously grow and develop over time.)

1. Belief that God is good all the time.
2. God loved us first and chose us, we did not love Him first, or choose Him first.
3. His death and resurrection conquered sin and death and gave us eternal life
4. Waking up in the Morning each day is good day and an opportunity for a BETTER DAY!
5. We should have a written list of blessings that is visible and we can add to appreciate and to develop an attitude of gratitude.
6. Our Baptisms started us on a journey of physically, intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally dying and rising, and in a relationship with God that involves Individuality and. Community (Body of Christ-Church).
7. God gave us the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, His Word, Sacraments, and the Body of Christ (you and me).
8. Thus our faith lived it is our spirituality, defined simply as our relationship with God, each other and the people of this world, and mother earth.
9. God gives some gifts to everyone(Gifts of the Holy Spirit) and specific gifts to benefit ourselves and the common good of the community.
10. To Pray daily and Worship our God "at least" on the Sabbath(keeping it Holy).
11. We have a dominant personality style(Thinker, Organizer, Helper and Catalyst).
12. God commanded us to Love one Another as He has loved us and to build a kingdom of love, justice(right relationship) mercy and peace.
13. We have our own love language(Acts of Love, Words of Love, Gifts of Love, Physical Touch, Time with)
14. Today and every Pentecost We are reminded of our Baptismal Call to Mission (to be sent to bring others to Christ, in short making disciples of all the nations) and to Ministry (not volunteering) "Serving the Lord", mindful that God does not call the qualified, but rather qualifies the called.

Is this a lot? Yes, but only if you weren't already living most of it and/or are just beginning to appreciate and understand or, if you avoid growing and developing. Because we have help from God, the People of God on Earth and the Saints in Heaven, we are not alone and not without love and support. In addition, the WORLD needs to come to Jesus.

**Pentecost Pledge to the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ!**

*At Easter time we renewed our Baptismal Promises of Faith and Rejection of Satan and all of His promises. In the Church financial world we are asked to make a pledge for a particular project in the local parish or to the Diocesan Service Fund or the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, We can choose to a little or a lot according to our heart and our means. When it comes to money we can even choose not to contribute to such pledge or give our financial charity to some specific cause. In the case of a Pledge to the Mission and Ministry of Jesus it is first an invitation and a call and then an obligation to commit. It is basically an if this then that kind of decision. It comes the Bible and is expressed repeatedly and in several ways. Proclaim the Good News, Proclaim the Kingdom of God, as Father has sent me so I send you, Go forth and produce fruit that will last, Go make disciples of all the nations. Look for the lost sheep, then there is that judgement day story of separating the sheep from the goats, according the corporal and spiritual works of mercy (feed the hungry, clothe the naked etc.). There are more than these. So each and every one of us should be seeking live the basic Spirituality of Jesus Christ and each of should be giving their time and effort acting in ways that fosters the mission and ministry of Jesus in their family in their church and in their community. What form that takes depends on our gifts, our use of time, and our appreciation of the ministries/needs around us. It also means that once we identify that need and begin to address a specific ministry or need, does not mean we spend the rest of our lives in that specific ministry. After all, if you got married and didn't have children, and then had children nurturing and educating them to adulthood, when they leave the nest your relationship changes. Married couples go through several marriages even to the point of taking care of sick spouse or an elderly parent. As a priest I have served as a parish priest, formator of seminarians, a high school teacher, and a Josephite leader, and was involved in community organizing and Marriage Encounter.*

*So, you see it is lifelong journey of dying to one aspect of His mission and ministry and rising to another. It is not a onetime commitment. It is a commitment to the evolving journey. On our Church Birthday and in the days to come at OLSOS, may God be great in us!!*

**Parish Letter and Future Parish Meeting** *I hope you will receive and read a 6 month report on the Parish from me. Please be aware that as we, Pastor and Parish Council, implement our data base work. we plan to have a Town Hall meeting that will enable us to learn about our parish population, our parish organization structure, our financial status and a summary of our Synod Sharing Session in late April that highlights experiences of inclusion and exclusion that will also lead us to discern our future direction as parish. Your full participation in that effort will be critical to our future. Parallel to that effort **I want to have a meeting on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM with the Parish Council, Finance Council, Fundraising Committee and the Stewardship Committee**, so that we can understand who has what responsibilities, to develop the parish ministry infrastructure and set forth clear and reasonable efforts to effectively use our time, talent and treasure. Finally, I hope to conduct a workshop for all leaders designated and undesignated, on the "Spirituality of Leadership!" This workshop will build on the Spirituality of a Missionary Disciple and the Spirituality of each of our Ministries. Summertime will be an important time to come and gather at the Parish and participate in these various sessions.*

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**Daily Prayer call (Mon-Sat at 8 AM info: Simply dial this number 1-636-707-2582 one the call is answered you dial code to enter the conference call, which is 896-205-293 followed by the pound key #. Then just pray along with our leaders. ON your cell phone, you can add this phone number to your contact list perhaps naming it AOLSOS Rosary and the number and then you just have to one touch the contact label. Putting A in front of OLSOS... puts it at the top of your contact list.**