

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
June 26, 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: _____ 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
1st 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 Corpus Christi Sunday 6/19/22

Mass Attendance: In person=120 OnLine=

Collections contributed at Mass= \$ 1736 Avg Online=721 Budget need per week= \$3365

CALENDAR DATES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday 26th After Mass the Bazaar Planning Meeting II in the Parish Hall

Next Sunday

July 3rd 14th Sunday in OT

No meetings in July Hooray!!!

JULY 4th Independence Day

10th 15th Sunday in OT

17th 16th Sunday in OT

24th 17th Sunday in OT -- Coming in August -T-Shirt Sunday!!! T-Shirt Sunday????

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From the Pastor's Desk – In the scriptures this week, we have the call of Elisha, who was to succeed the prophet Elijah, and Jesus heading to Jerusalem is not welcome in a Samaritan town(*Jesus tells us in another part of scripture, that if you are rejected in your message, shake the dust from your feet and move*). Paul once again affirms loving our neighbor. In this Gospel of Luke Jesus addresses the *excuses, temptations, or reasons* those who pledge to believe and indeed follow him once they get on the journey of faith. The devil is at work, convenience plays a role to. One of the things Athletes of all kinds learn over time is that physical fitness helps address skills that enable one to respond to a situation quickly as well as create muscle memory when repeating those skills and furthermore conditioning enable endurance. Carbohydrates and Water to hydrate is a must to sustain that athlete in training and performance. Most Athletes play with and for a team, thus they have companions on that playing field. They look for the day when all are at their best together, they will prevail. So, in the Spiritual life, we too are on Team Jesus, we too have to train our skills in order to lovingly and mercifully carry out His Mission and Ministry. We seek to be sustained through the WORD, the EUCHARIST, PRAYER, and our COMPANIONS on the Journey led by our Captain Jesus Christ. Jesus knows that the devil wants to get into our heads and hearts just like sports opponents try to do, to question the heart and commitment of ourselves and our companions. He knows we need to develop our spiritual muscle memory and condition ourselves for the endurance race ahead of us. The difference between the sports analogy and being on Jesus' Team is that we need not finish first, we need only to finish the race, the contest, the "game" of life. If we fail or fall down we get up again and as companions we help each other to get up again. The race for salvation and bringing His salvation to the world isn't over until it's over. Sooo... when you don't feel like reading His Word for the next Sunday three times or getting up to go to Mass on Sunday seems like a hard thing to pull off, or you skip your "Prime Time" for Prayer and/or, if you forget or take for granted the companions past, present, and future on this journey, just remember our Captain Jesus holds onto our right hand fast(*Ps 139*) and our companions need us at their side, just as we need them our side. Also, Remember yoked to Him our burdens are light and He refreshes us!(*Mt 11:25 ff*) *Don't forget that if you are traveling feel free to ask for a blessing for safe travel and good fellowship and don't forget to bring home a bulletin from the Parish where you go to Mass. So we can see what other parishes are doing.*

Best Poem in the World

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its décor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp—
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

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Joe, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell.
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.'
How'd all these sinner get up here?
God must've made a mistake

'An why is everyone so quiet,
So somber- give me a clue.'
'Hush Child' He said 'They're all in shock.
No one thought they be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!! Mt 7

Remember... Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car. Every saint has a past... Every sinner has a future... Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil, IT HAS NO POINT! So let us joyfully and faithfully go to Church and share His Love and Mercy with ourselves, our family, our friends, fellow church members, and those we meet and greet.

Another point worth repeating.....***When We think of the Eucharist what words come to mind? What are the layers of meaning?***

*Body and Blood of Christ ----- Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist--- The reception of the Eucharist is by the Body of Christ(You and I-Earthen Vessels, Tabernacles) ---- The Eucharist reflects our connection to each other from least among us to the Holy Father, the Pope--- Eucharist is a celebration of what we believe as Catholics--- That is why we don't share intercommunion and why we don't receive communion at Non-Catholic Churches, because it doesn't mean the same thing and we can believe the teachings of Catholic and Non-Catholic Churches--- When we are sent from the celebration of the Mass we sent(missionaries) to love and serve the Lord (to be Eucharist to those we meet and greet in the world)—Eucharist not Confession is the first Sacrament of Forgiveness. Jesus tells us in John 6 "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot have eternal life. Is that an absolute?? If you are a Roman Catholic Yep! If you are a Christian you are on the road, the journey and as Jesus would say, not far from the Kingdom of God. Did you know that altar bread to be consecrated into the Body of Christ is supposed to be unleavened connecting us with the Jewish bread of Passover? Did you know that the wine must be made of grapes and not fortified with Alcohol? So no grape juice and alcoholic priests can use **mustem** instead. I leave it to you to research that. Did you know that the primary reason for a tabernacle in Catholic Churches is to hold the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharist, Jesus to be available to be brought to the sick and shut-ins, then to insure Christ's presence in the Church Building and finally to should there not be enough bread consecrated at Mass for Communion to be received, then to fill in the gap. As a result, you and I genuflect or bow when entering the Church and we keep a red sanctuary lamp burning to communicate to all who are present that Jesus has a place in the tabernacle. How did adoration of the Blessed Sacrament arrive beyond Holy Thursday Night, to emphasize the Divinity and Majesty of our God and thus praying in adoration and petition before the exposed Blessed Sacrament has become a devotion of praise, but especially for personal reflection and churches with regular adoration often times foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*