

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

*Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day & World Day of Prayers for
Vocations*

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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 Se!

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 May Crowning Sunday 5/1/22

Mass Attendance: In person= 80 OnLine=

Collections contributed at Mass= \$ 2708 Avg Online= \$ 495 Budget need per week= \$3365

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In the Month of May dedicated to Mother Mary

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

TO OUR LIVING AND DECEASED MOTHERS!!!

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations, KPC St. Conference

Tuesday 10th 10 AM 55 Alive Mtg

Saturday 8th KPC Court & Council Mtgs 10 & 11 AM

May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter, KPC Sunday

Tuesday 17th 6:30 PM Parish Council Mtg

Wed 18th Liturgy Committee Mtg

May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter- Sunday Dinner via Carolyn Houston etal

May 29, Sunday, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

2nd Collection Catholic Communications

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OLSOS SUNDAY DINNER

Carolyn Houston and her Kitchen crew are preparing for their Monthly Sunday Dinner which will provide for some Church/Community Fellowship and free you up from having to cook on Sunday and maybe beyond. It is a fundraiser for the Parish too. Here is the menu for Sunday May 22nd. She would like to know if you will be purchasing a meal(s) so she can prepare the right amount of food, so that nothing is wasted. Copies of the menu are a bulletin insert this week and next week the 15th. Thank you for your support.

DSF 2022 REPORT FOR OLSOS

We have a parish goal of \$9000+ for the DSF assessment. I want to thank the 29 parishioners who as of the end of April have contributed over \$3000+ to that goal. If anyone else could contribute even on a one-time basis, or if you were thinking about it but procrastinating it would be much appreciated.

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Two weeks ago in the Buildings & Grounds Report bulletin insert, I asked if you knew of plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, Handy men/women that we could use here at the parish to let us know. SO FAR I HAVE HEARD FROM NO ONE! Sooo, you Seniors, who is doing all your work around your House? Is it a secret? Hmm 😊

Celebrations of Mothers and Motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday." Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service. Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s. Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.

The origins of Mother's Day as celebrated in the United States date back to the 19th century. In the years before the Civil War, Ann Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. These clubs later became a unifying force in a region of the country still divided over the Civil War. In 1868 Jarvis organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. Another precursor to Mother's Day came from the abolitionist and suffragette Julia Ward Howe. In 1870 Howe wrote the "Mother's Day Proclamation," a call to action that asked mothers to unite in promoting world peace. In 1873 Howe campaigned for a "Mother's Peace Day" to be celebrated every June 2. Other early Mother's Day pioneers include Juliet Calhoun Blakely, a temperance activist who inspired a local Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the 1870s. The duo of Mary Towles Sassen and Frank Hering, meanwhile, both worked to organize a Mothers' Day in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some have even called Hering "the father of Mothers' Day."

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers made for their children. After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia. Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day's profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies. Jarvis eventually resorted to an open campaign against Mother's Day profiteers, speaking out against confectioners, florists and even charities. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day," eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even actively lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

From the Pastor's Desk —In these 50 Days of Easter we move beyond the witnessing to and making known the Resurrected Christ. We do so this month of May dedicated to our Mother Mary, to our own Mothers on this Mother's Day. We do so as we celebrate Confirmations, Ordinations, and Graduations. It is truly a time to rejoice in what God has done for our Salvation and what He is doing in us throughout this Easter Season leading up to His Ascension and to Pentecost the Birthday of the Church. Our growth in Spirituality leading us closer in our relationships to God and to one another is our goal., **On Divine Mercy Sunday** Jesus reminded us "that as Father has Sent me, so I send you." The bulletin insert from Pope Francis declared by our baptisms, we are Missionary Disciples called to carry out His Mission and Ministry always includes bringing other to belong to Christ and His Body(you and me). We also identified the basic elements of a disciple's spirituality. The two keyways are our **Dominant Personality Style** and our **Love Languages!** Now we look at the "how" of living out these elements beyond the essential relationships, for they too are part of our spiritual life.

Are you praying Daily? Do you have a particular time, place and content for your prayer?

Are reading the Sunday Scriptures before you come to Mass (Once for the head, once for the heart and once for the Holy Spirit)? Do you read the scriptures during the week?

Are you coming to Sunday Mass regularly and Holy Communion? (*commonly understood as a practicing Catholic*) **If not why not?** *If you could come to daily Mass would you?*

Are you aware of the needs of the Church and Community around you? What are they?

Do you belong and participate in one or more of the parish ministries or organizations? If not, why not?

If you belong and participate in one or more ministries or organizations are fully faithful to it or set conditions of your service to God and His Church? *Do you see yourself being called to another ministry? What do you have to give up in the use of your time to do God's ministry?*

Do you belong and participate in one or more organizations outside the parish for the benefit of other?

Do you financially contribute to the OLSOS(a Good Steward of your possessions? Tithe? Perhaps even more generous than tithing?) to local and/or global mission and ministry of Jesus Christ through His Church and Charities?

EASTER SEASON REMINDERS

1. Are you still observing and noting moments, experiences, sights that bring a smile to your face and joy in your heart?

2. Have you witnessed signs of Death and Resurrection(not literally) in you or around you *for example a garden flower grows and blooms, a child moves from crawling to standing or walking?*

3. Is anyone in our parish graduating from High School or College this year? We are planning to celebrate their achievements in early June. We need to know who they are, from where are they graduating, any honors, and if they are going for any further graduate studies?

4. Do you know anyone who wants to find out more about the Catholic Church or needs to prepare for and receive Holy Eucharist or Confirmation? Please have them contact Fr. Frank at the Rectory.

5. Do you have any good news to share?

6. Are your traveling this month or next for a vacation trip. Would you like to receive a traveling blessing? Just let Fr. Frank know on any given Sunday!