

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 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 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 5/15/22

Mass Attendance: In person= 95 OnLine=

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

CALENDAR DATES IN THE MONTH OF MAY

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

May 28th Planning Meeting for Fall Parish Bazaar scheduled in September

May 29, Sunday, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord , Memorial Day Weekend

2nd Collection Catholic Communications

June 4th Outreach Committee Mtg 10 AM

June 5th PENTECOST THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Jun10-12th KPC Mini-Fest

June 12th Trinity Sunday

June 19th Corpus Christi Sunday (1/2 Collection goes to the Josephites and 1/2 to Archdiocese of Galveston Houston)

Father's Day, Juneteenth

Friday June 24th Feast of the Sacred Heart

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Graduates of High School, Apprenticeships, Trade Schools and College? We would

like to celebrate and support you On Sunday June 12th! Education is important and part of developing the Gifts God gave us, becoming that whole well rounded person, and making a contribution to our family and our society. **Please contact the rectory.** We need to know the school you are graduating from and any honors you are receiving and what further education you might be entering including the military.

Three 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 ONE PERSON! Sooo, you Seniors, who is doing all your work around your House? Is it a secret? Hmm 😊

From the Pastor's Desk –

Bulletin Inserts Today - Pentecost, the 1989th Birthday of the Church is coming June 5th. This coming Friday the 27th begins the Novena to the Holy Spirit. We also will make available a copy of our Pledge as Missionary Disciples to carry out the Mission and Ministry of Jesus Christ. So just as we will prayer to the Holy Spirit, we can prayerfully reflect on the pledge, and we can learn again for the first the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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 We do so as we celebrate Confirmations, Ordinations, and Graduations. It is a time for Ordination Jubilees this past Friday the 20th, Fr. Thomas Frank SSJ, began his priestly ministry 44 years ago as a Parochial Vicar at St. Benedict the Moor in Washington, DC. It is also a time for High School Senior Proms. We pray our young people have a wonderful and safe time. 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.

Prayer call 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.*

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. SACRAMENTS:

A. Do you know anyone who is baptized, but needs or wants to make their **First Confession, First Communion, or Confirmation**?

B. Do you know anyone needs wants to find out more about what is involved in **joining the Catholic Church**?

C. Do you know anyone who wants to have their **marriage** blessed?

D. If you know you are going into the Hospital for surgery, that is not an emergency surgery, please let Fr. Frank know so you can be anointed with the **Sacrament of the Sick**, either after a Sunday Mass prior to the surgery or at your home.

Please contact Fr. Frank at the Rectory for information and assistance.

3. We still have our **Easter Duty** whereby Catholics celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Eucharist during Lent-Easter Seasons.

4. 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!

Looking anew at the deep river of Black Catholic spirituality 5/13/22 by Daryl Grigsby Part I

The recent Pew Research Center survey of Black Catholics in the U.S. highlighted two important points. **First, that there are 3 million Black Catholics. Second, 75% of Black Catholics worship in congregations that are not predominately Black.** Both of these points reveal a richness to Black Catholicism that is often overlooked in most discussions of faith in America. It seems most debates on religion in the United States are about white evangelicals, the rise of Hispanic Protestants and Catholics, or a monolithic Catholic Church. Little attention is paid to the existence or influence of Black Catholics.

There are more Black Catholics than there are Black members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church or the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. All three are historically Black denominations founded when African Americans were expelled from white Protestant churches.

The number of Black Catholics is but a reflection of the influence of Black Catholics in our society. For 20 years I have been a member of a Black Catholic men's breakfast group. Our gathering has no official name, no annual budget and no public presence. Yet each of us have been active in feeding the homeless, mentoring children, educating the young, enhancing the black community, working with the incarcerated and other callings. This is not unique, for in my travels and interactions I have met many other Black Catholics who quietly live their faith in acts of justice and mercy. Catholic social teaching, with its emphasis on the common good, justice for the marginalized, the dignity of the human person and the right of every person to grow to their fullest potential, is fully aligned with Black Christian faith.

As evidenced by the Rev. James Lawson, Fannie Lou Hamer, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and others, Black Christianity in America has not been compromised with what has hampered much of American Christianity, that is, compromises with white supremacy and American exceptionalism. Slavery, segregation, the violent overthrow of Reconstruction, lynchings, white mob burnings and massacres, discrimination, mass incarceration and other traumas have given Black Christians the ability to see our nation clearly and not mistake it for the reign of God.

Black faith, therefore, looks to God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the cross and the resurrection as the source of salvation and healing, and not to race or nation. Consequently, Black Catholics hold the same theological perspectives as many Black Protestants, that is, a keen awareness that Jesus' call supersedes the limitations of nation, race or a political party. Often as I read the works of James Cone, who is often called the "father of Black theology," I am struck by how his theological insights resemble conversations about faith I have with my Black Catholic friends.

The 3 million Black Catholics in America represent a rich source of theological reflection and praxis. We can see it in the life of Daniel Rudd, founder of the first Black Catholic newspaper (American Catholic Tribune), who in 1888 planted the seeds of what later became the National Black Catholic Congress. It is evident in Franciscan Sr. Thea Bowman's preaching and singing before the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1989, a presentation that illuminated the gift of Black Catholicism. It is seen in the life of Dr. Lena Edwards, a third order Franciscan whose medical work among the poor was recognized in her 1964 receipt of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Black Catholic voices are rising in prominence as writers such as Gloria Purvis, Olga Segura and others ask us to look anew at racial justice and the church. The forthcoming book by Shannen Dee Williams, *Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long Freedom Struggle*, will open hearts and minds to the witness of Black religious life. The writings of theologians Diana Hayes, M. Shawn Copeland, Jesuit Fr. Bryan Massingale and many others attest to the deep rivers of Black Catholic thought.

Daryl Grigsby is the author of *In Their Footsteps: Inspirational Reflections on Black History for Every Day of the Year*, and is currently a presenter in the Jesuit School of Theology Sabbatical Renewal Program. He is also president of the board of directors of Color Me Human in Nevada County, and a member of the board of directors of Leadership Foundations.