

January 5, 2025
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*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH MARY, WE BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST TO LIVE THE LOVE OF GOD

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass times & information

SAT	4:00 p.m. (Vigil)
SUN	8:00 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	11:30 a.m.
MON - THU	7:30 a.m.
FRI	8:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MON - THU 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRI 8:00 a.m. — Noon

SAT Closed

SUN Closed

Holidays Closed

FAITH FORMATION

313-884-7407

BAPTISMS

Please call the Faith Formation Office (313-884-7407) during the last months of pregnancy to arrange for Baptism classes and schedule the Sacrament.

Everyone has a right to their own sacramental certificate. No one has the right to another person's certificate, except: the parent/guardian of a minor child. (Archdiocese of Detroit)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Church strongly encourages people to receive the Sacrament (Anointing) of the Sick at the early stages of serious sickness or before serious surgeries.

In emergency situations needing the prompt attention of a priest, please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Must be a registered member, in good standing, of OLSOS.

Archdiocesan law requires advance notice of at least six months.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Newcomers to the parish may register in the Parish Office or online at OLSOS.org.

Please notify the Parish Office of address changes.

Adults over 21 need to be registered as an individual member to be considered a Catholic in Good Standing.

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Half and Half from Msgr. Gary Smetanka

As we welcome the start of a new calendar year, we are also beginning a Jubilee Year of the Church. Every 25 years a Jubilee is celebrated (and sometimes even in between those 25 years).

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released a Papal Bull of Indiction which formally announced the Jubilee Year of Hope. The document was entitled *Spes non confundit* -- "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In it, Pope Francis writes on the reasons for this theme for the Jubilee Year:

In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7:9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. ... (1).

"During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!" (*Spes non confundit*, 6)



As with special celebrations, there is a special logo for this Jubilee Year.

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual

undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope, represented in green letters.

Let us embrace this year with renewed Hope, for goodness in the lives of others and in our own life.

** Happy Feast of the Epiphany. May the arrival of the Magi remind us of the many ways people enter our lives bearing gifts, not physical and material gifts, but gifts of self that remind us of the tremendous love of God in people's lives.

** We still have this week in the Christmas Season! The season ends next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Continue to keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your homes!

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

THE PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have gifted us
in your Son Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity kindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us, the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil van-
quished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for treasures of heaven.

May the same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer.
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

This prayer that Fr. Brian often uses at the end of the intercessions at Mass is a prayer of St. John Henry Newman (1801-1890):

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Group

every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the O.L.S.O.S.
prayer and Eucharistic chapel on Morningside,
to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

We pray for world peace and
all the parish intentions

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday - 11am - 2pm

in the Parish Office Chapel

Holy Hour

January 6

7:00 pm in the church



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

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January 26, 2025 | 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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1/6/1988 Robert Graul
1/6/1993 Michael Verb
1/6/2008 Agnes Baratta
1/6/2009 Lillian Bogdanski
1/6/2012 Frederick Stone
1/6/2016 Ann Warren
1/6/2018 Inez Burke
1/6/2023 Lorraine Flynn
1/7/1960 Robert Brynes
1/7/1978 Bertha Rapley
1/7/1980 Margarite Salvaggio
1/7/1988 Edward Lewinski
1/7/1993 Eleanor Kiefer
1/7/2000 Joseph LaGrasso
1/7/2004 Oscar Secco
1/7/2004 Mary Mueller
1/7/2007 Aloysius Hrabovsky
1/7/2008 Vincent Meli
1/7/2014 Mary Reveley
1/8/1998 Stanley Shayer
1/8/2003 Carol Locke
1/8/2008 Tullio Alessi
1/8/2011 Angeline Baratta
1/8/2016 Frederick Burak
1/8/2024 Peter Waldmeir
1/9/1962 Vito Munaco
1/9/1969 John Zuliani
1/9/1974 Matilda Kosecki
1/9/1986 Jim Picard
1/9/1993 Jimmie Bloink, Sr.
1/9/1996 Dolores Kravez
1/9/2004 Carmen Francis
1/9/2019 Thomas Misuraca
1/9/2019 Werner Vethacke
1/10/1971 Robert P. Brennan
1/10/1978 Harriett Smith
1/10/1994 James DaDeppo
1/10/1994 Joan Schucker
1/10/2003 Maurice VanHulle
1/10/2003 Jack McGough
1/10/2014 Stephen Speak
1/10/2016 Marvin Ureel
1/10/2017 John Testori
1/11/1976 Rose Aiuto
1/11/1977 Margaret Sears
1/11/1986 Agnes Kowalski
1/11/1999 Pauline Miller
1/11/2005 Mildred Neveux DeFour
1/11/2006 Alfreda Seymour

1/11/2009 Helen Fuga
1/11/2022 Lynda Bucciero
1/12/1970 Sophie Kowalski
1/12/1978 Toni Lynn
1/12/1978 Harry Schafer
1/12/1979 Mazie Peters
1/12/1980 Germaine Defever
1/12/1994 Elizabeth Licata
1/12/2003 Phil Lauri
1/12/2010 Janet Dansbury
1/12/2013 V. Lynn Pantano
1/12/2021 Kenneth Koch

the sick

Jennie Barzotti
Jeanne Collins
Sam D'Anna
Greg DeMars
Barbara Drader
Kaynoa Dunn
Mary Anne Gargaro
Patricia Hanna
Christine Mathis
Tom Mocerri
Cathy Spindler
JoAnne Spring
Mary Surmont
E. Noreen Szymborski
Joyce Tranchida
Suzanne Underwood
Christopher Urban
James Victor
Martha Victor
Mary Eileen Wehrmann
Elaine Westerman
Pam Wilson

those in the military

Connor Barthel
James Patrick Carrier
Josh Duffy
Richard Shetler, III
William Sottrel
John Walker

MASS INTENTIONS

What does it mean to have a Mass "offered" for someone?

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

It is worth noting, however, that the offering of the Mass for that intention does not depend on it being publicly voiced but on it being specified in the priest's personal prayers. Similarly, if a priest announces that "I am offering this Mass for [such and such an] intention" he does not thereby require the rest of the congregation to pray for that intention.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

7:30 a.m. +Connie Cracchiolo
+Vito Cusenza

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 a.m. +Vito Cusenza

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. +Pete Waldmeir
+Mary Alice O'Toole

Thursday, January 9

7:30 a.m. +Mary Pilon

Friday, January 10

8:30 a.m. OLSOS Students

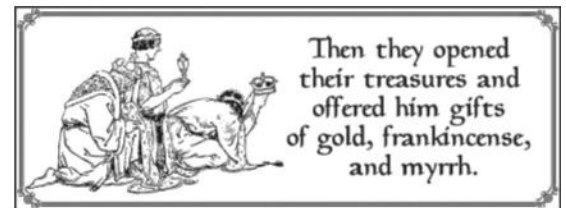
Saturday, January 11

4:00 p.m. +Maria Alicia Oxholm
+Vito Cusenza
+Mary Alice O'Toole
Family of Robert Brooks

Sunday, January 12

8:00 a.m. OLSOS Parishioners
9:30 a.m. +Walt Bryzik
The Wawarzasek Family
11:30 a.m. +Virginia Mushenski
+Jazzmin Spindler
+Edmund Ahee Sr.
+Joseph Francis

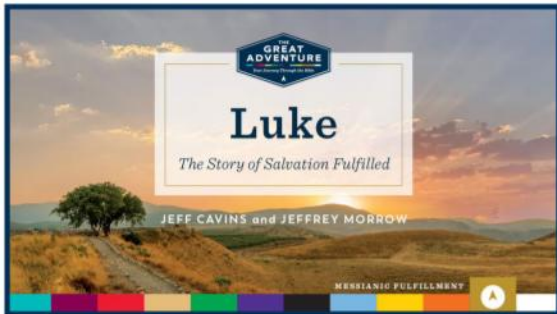
Mass Intentions - Please Note: Mass intentions may be arranged by coming into the parish office or online at www.olsos.org/mass-intentions. According to Archdiocesan Policy, the suggested donation is \$10 per Mass per person. Masses can be for the deceased (+) and the living, so please don't assume that a Mass being said for a living person, means that they are ill, please respect the privacy of all individuals.





ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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The Gospel of Luke highlights key moments in salvation history, from John the Baptist's foretold birth to Jesus' ascension. Unique elements include the road to Emmaus story and parables like the Prodigal Son and Good Samaritan, showcasing Jesus' mercy. An 8-part study by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Jeffrey Morrow explores Luke's Biblical connections to Mary, the Rosary, and the Mass, deepening prayer and faith.

Every Thursday:
February 6th - March 27th

Morning Session:
9:30-11:00am

Evening Session:
7:00-8:30pm

Ways to Sign Up:

Option 1: Scan the QR code

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Questions directed to
Jack Novak:
j.novak@stargp.org

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Please return to parish office with payment of \$35 in the form of cash or check.

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***Make plans to join us soon! January 26
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We are in need of help on 2 days you will be added to a rotating schedule.

Wednesdays

we distribute communion at the Rivers at 11:00 am

Fridays

we distribute communion to the homebound in their homes. We start around 9:00 am

Please contact the Parish Office (313-884-5554).

All volunteers must have completed The Virtus Training

THE KIDS' BULLETIN

<https://thekidsbulletin.com>

A fun way for Catholic kids to learn about the Faith every week.

Available in the gathering space or at olsos.org

Stewardship Thoughts

Today, in St. Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist examines the Magi tracking a star to Bethlehem, meeting the infant Jesus, and presenting Him offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. St. Matthew proclaims that the Magi prostrated themselves and did Him homage before presenting these gifts. In other words, these kings lay face down, respectfully praising and glorifying our Lord. What a tremendous sign of humility and reverence! As faithful stewards, we should follow the Magi's example and approach the Holy Eucharist humbly and reverently at Mass, recognizing the consecrated bread and wine as the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior. If your parish has a perpetual Eucharistic adoration chapel, schedule weekly quiet time with the Lord. If not, attend the next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction.

Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

- Sunday** **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
- Monday** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
- Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday** **Baptism of the Lord**
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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- +James G. Andary
- +Anne Andary Tishuck
- +Marun R. Maulem
- +John E. Tishuck
- +Nancy McCall
- Mr. & Mrs. James Solomon
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Fr. Jim Commy

586-771-8300

Mass Times

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Daily: MF 9:00 a.m. W 12:00 p.m.

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Fr. Stan Pachla

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Daily: TWTH 7:45 a.m. (Convent)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

PRIEST IN SOLIDUM (Moderator)

Msgr. Gary Smetanka

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Mass Times

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Daily: MTWTH 7:30 a.m. F 8:30 a.m.

Bereavement Group



SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting

Our Lady Star of the Sea

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

1:00 pm - in the Pointe

Questions? Contact the Parish office 313-884-5554

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