

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FEBRUARY 16, 2025



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you.” - Lk 6:21

WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary Help of Christians your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM - 12NOON - 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY - Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Jan. 26	\$ 24,985
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	JAN. 26	\$ 13,409
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for **Feb. 2 & Feb. 9** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FEBRUARY 16

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

February 23	St. Vincent de Paul
March 5	Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday)

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP

Looking for a gift for someone special in your life? Check out the beautiful rosaries made by one of our own parishioners. Deacon Bob's and Peter Wilcox's books make a thoughtful gift and we have delicious fudge from Gethsemane Farm. Stop in and visit us this Sunday and find that unique gift for your loved one.

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

PASTOR'S CORNER

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BLESSED ARE YOU...WOE TO YOU...

Dear Friends in Christ,

God wants all men to be saved, which is why He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us this good news. Deep within our being, we all carry an insatiable hunger for fulfillment. We seek health, satisfaction, intelligence, love, friendship, joy, perfection, and happiness.

Many people only aspire to two things: "efficiency and profit." Jesus came to revolutionize these criteria by changing the hierarchy of values. If we wanted to translate the concept of "beatitude" into a modern term today, we could perhaps refer to the "complete realization of man."

Jesus' discourse has its central focus on true human joy. This true joy results from constant growth, through the development of freedom, justice, and love and through a process of struggle, dying to selfishness, perpetual inner change, and continual self-examination.

The Sermon on the Mount is stated in striking contrasts: "Blessed are the poor, the hungry, those who weep!" That is, behind the beatitudes there is a hidden moral revolution that involves moving from having to being, from being to giving, from having for oneself to being for others. Jesus' example is tremendously paradoxical, through death on the cross, he rises to new life in the resurrection.

We are called to pick up our crosses and follow Him. God's plan becomes our guide: to be for others, to give oneself to one's neighbor. Those who have taken this message seriously—namely, the saints—have achieved true joy.

True joy is found by taking paths completely different from those that our current society offers us; according to Jesus, it is better to give than to receive; it is better to serve than to dominate, to share than to hoard, to forgive than to seek revenge, to create life rather than exploit. Jesus's message decisively breaks with the world's ideas of success and happiness: True joy does not lie in power, wealth, or money, but in a way of life whose essence is true worship of God and service to the community.

God wants us to live an abundant life. "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Jesus himself is

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

“Could you not keep watch for one
hour?” Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

We need an adorer for Monday 4PM. If you would like to take this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration>, or contact one of our Divisional Leaders:

12MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893
tphenr@bellsouth.net

6AM-12NOON Ken Boucher 803.226.4639
kboucher@atlanticbb.net

12NOON-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105
jcskid.suhrer@gmail.com

6PM-12MDNT. Joan Pate 908.447.9715
jandjpate@gmail.com

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG
803.215.7040

FORMATION

February 16 and 17th—No Formation classes on
Sunday or Monday—Presidents Day Holiday

**Saturday, March 1, 9:00AM First Reconciliation for
second grade students, New Church**

YOUTH MINISTRY

Feb. 16—No Youth Ministry Presidents' Day Holiday

Feb. 23—Middle School Night, 6:15-7:30PM
MARDI GRAS!

March 2—Life Teen



March 5 Ash Wednesday Schedule

8:20AM – School Mass

12:00 NOON – Liturgy of the Word

5:00PM – Liturgy of the Word

7:00PM – Mass in Spanish

**ALL Masses & Liturgies will be celebrated
in the church located at
138 Fairfield Street, SE,
with distribution of ashes**

READINGS FOR Feb. 16, 2025– Feb 23, 2025

Sunday, February 9 readings begin on [page 858](#) of
the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6, 1 Cor 15:12,
16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a and 2,
3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15,
18-19 Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-21, 29 and
22-23 Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 16

8:30AM Chad Goodman
11:00AM Pro Populo
1:00PM Aristeo Medina
Nuñez

Monday, Feb. 17

5:30PM William Healy

Tuesday, Feb. 18

5:30PM Brendan Browne

Wednesday, Feb. 19

8:20AM Francis Coniglio
7:00PM Frieda L. Walker

Thursday, Feb. 20

5:30PM Robert Majors

Friday, Feb. 21

5:30PM Paulette
Impagliazzo

Saturday, Feb. 22

8:00AM Marcia Christmas

5:00PM John Koch

Fred J. Mitteremeier, Jr.

Maggie Czerwinski

Daniel Brannon

Caren Daugherty

Nancy Valenti

Sunday, Feb. 23

8:30AM Ann Grant

11:00AM Rosemary Plante

1:00PM Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

February 5 – Alice Dorthalina

February 5 – Skip Keiser

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. **We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass.** Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

EM'S NEEDED FOR HOMEBOUND IN CEDAR CREEK

We are in need of volunteers to bring Holy Communion to our growing number of homebound parishioners residing in Cedar Creek, perhaps on Sunday after 8:30 or 11:00AM Mass (although flexible to your schedule). Please contact Donna Pierce at piercedin1988@gmail.com or 803.552.7714 for more information.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlaborne@charlestandioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Mar. 1, 2025 - 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield St.

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Temperance and Chastity ... ideas that are not appreciated today. Come to learn the Church's teaching on these topics this Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street. We'll cover Temperance and Chastity, Chapter 26. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying the letter of St. James, **Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00AM** in St. Michael Hall. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Martha Whittingham at 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food
Wednesdays at 6:00PM – in Mother Teresa Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 3:30 -5:00PM

Mother Teresa Hall–125 Union St., SE

We will begin a 14–week grief support group this week. **February 18**–Loss of Spouse (*this program addresses those people who have experienced the death of a spouse*).

February 25–13-week GriefShare program will begin. The workbook is \$20. Scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the Parish Office. To register or for more information please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandioocese.org.

"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows" – Jer. 31:13

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presented as the source of joy for those who listen to his word, for those who believe in him, for those who follow him and await his day. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4).

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 16

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, February 17

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, February 18

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
2:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, February 19

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home School	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, February 20

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall

Friday, February 21

6:00AM	That Man Is You	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, February 22

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
10:00AM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, February 23

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

PARISH PERKS!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the Sunday 8:30AM Mass in St. Michael Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Closed On Fridays

DIOCESAN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

4:00PM FRIDAY, FEB. 21 THRU

5:00PM SUNDAY, FEB. 23

**FINDING PARKING ON ST. MARY'S CAMPUS
MAY BE DIFFICULT DURING THE TOURNAMENT**

SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Lent is coming; don't wait until Ash Wednesday to prepare. This is a 7-week series, beginning **Thursday, February 20 at 6:00PM AND Saturday, February 22 at 10:00AM** in St. Michael Hall (choose the day best for you). Classes will include a short video with Dan Burke of SpiritualDirection.com, table discussion, and Q & A. It will be an enlightening and challenging series. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARCH 1** a Day of Reflection hosted by St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans from **9:00AM - 2:00PM** in Old St. Mary church. Speaker will be Deacon Bob Pierce: "Encountering the God of Encounter." For more information contact Karen Perry at 803.646.0276. For reservations please email stclareofassisifraternity@gmail.com, reservations are needed for lunch.

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Dr. Murray Daw, PhD, a physicist at Clemson University, will speak on In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) and the Catholic understanding of such issues on **Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30PM** in our new STEM Center at St. Mary's Parish School, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801. It's sure to be a fascinating talk. Plan to come at 6:00PM for refreshments and fellowship. Bring your questions! Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM

We have an on-going engraved brick program to benefit the CWA Kitchen fund. Order forms are in the parish office or call Claire at 803.270.0887 (leave a message). Thank you for your support .



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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

THE 5TH ANNUAL SMS GOLF TOURNAMENT IS NOW MARCH 29!



The PTO has rescheduled this year's tournament which was delayed by the hurricane. Please consider playing or sponsoring the tournament! Follow this link for more information or scan the QR Code below. [https://](https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm)

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BISHOP TO BLESS THE STEM CENTER

Save the date! The bishop is coming Thursday, March 6, 2025 to bless our new STEM Center! We hope you can join us for Mass at 8:20AM with the Blessing of the Blessed Carlo Acutis STEM Center immediately following.

ON THE MASS

The Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. After the consecration, the Roman Canon includes the words: "In humble prayer we ask you ... that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy angel to your altar on high..." These poetic words help us to understand what is truly happening; these gifts are being presented to the Father on high in eternity. We watch, and we listen, but what is happening is far beyond our senses or understanding. This would be something worth pondering.

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS

Rosary Makers Ministry meets every 3rd Monday of the month in Mother Teresa Hall, at 1:00PM. Our Next meeting is February 17. Please come, participate in prayer, support, fellowship, and learning. It's a wonderful ministry that can save a soul! Contact Doug McGuinness at dpmcg871@gmail.com or Sue Bursey at 443.465.6504.

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR TODAY!

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods!

FEBRUARY 16, 12:00 – 3:00PM

In St. Angela Hall

Cost depends on food selected – Please join us!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PART TIME BOOKKEEPER, 20-30 HOURS/WEEK

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Proficiency with school and parish financial accounting systems and records database management systems.
- Accounts Payable: verify, code, and input invoices. Prepare and process payments and vendor payments.
- Accounts Receivable: process cash receipts, including posting bank deposits, reconciling errors and posting to the general ledger using Sylogist Accounting software.
- Reconciliations include, but may not be limited to, banking, credit card, and sales and use tax reconciliations and reporting processes in required reconciliation and reporting schedules.
- Maintain clear records, and in accordance with supervisory needs, Diocese guidance, and related regulatory requirements.
- Performing routine office duties

If interested, please contact Patrick Wray, Director of Administration at pwray@charlestdiocese.org or 803.649.4777, ext. 112

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

This position will be available Spring, 2025. Please watch our website and the bulletin for more details.



Six Day Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Orlando
Apr. 27-May 2, 2025

\$2,799.99 includes round-trip airfare; first class hotels, breakfast & dinner; sightseeing/admissions fees; transfers; tour guide. Mexico City/Tulpetlac/Xochimilco/Puebla/Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica/Cuernavaca. Deposit of \$400/traveler at time reservation is made.

Visit holyltravel.com/rid297583 for more details.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet on **Wednesday, February 19, at 1:00PM** in Old St. Mary's. If you have attended in the past, please remember to bring your folder and rosary. If you have not signed up for Flocknote, please do so, and join the Millions of Monicas group to receive a monthly reminder of our prayer meeting.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

BIENAVENTURADOS VOSOTROS... AY DE VOSOTROS...

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Dios quiere que todos los hombres se salven, por eso envió a su Hijo, Jesucristo, para traernos esta buena noticia. En lo más profundo de nuestro ser, todos llevamos un hambre insaciable de plenitud. Buscamos salud, satisfacción, inteligencia, amor, amistad, alegría, perfección y felicidad.

Muchas personas sólo aspiran a dos cosas: "eficiencia y beneficio". Jesús vino a revolucionar estos criterios cambiando la jerarquía de valores. Si quisiéramos traducir hoy el concepto de "bienaventuranza" a un término moderno, tal vez podríamos referirnos a la "plena realización del hombre".

El discurso de Jesús tiene como eje central la verdadera alegría humana. Esta verdadera alegría resulta del crecimiento constante, a través del desarrollo de la libertad, la justicia y el amor y a través de un proceso de lucha, muerte al egoísmo, cambio interior perpetuo y autoexamen continuo.

El Sermón de la Montaña se enuncia en fuertes contrastes: «Bienaventurados los pobres, los hambrientos, los que lloran». Es decir, detrás de las bienaventuranzas se esconde una revolución moral que supone pasar del tener al ser, del ser al dar, del tener para sí al ser para los demás. El ejemplo de Jesús es tremendamente paradójico: a través de la muerte en cruz resucita a una nueva vida en la resurrección.

Estamos llamados a tomar nuestras cruces y seguirlo. El proyecto de Dios se convierte en nuestra guía: ser para los demás, entregarse al prójimo. Quienes han tomado en serio este mensaje, es decir, los santos, han alcanzado la verdadera alegría.

La verdadera alegría se encuentra recorriendo caminos completamente diferentes de los que nos ofrece nuestra sociedad actual; según Jesús, es mejor dar que recibir; es mejor servir que dominar, compartir que acaparar, perdonar que buscar venganza, crear vida en lugar de explotar. El mensaje de Jesús rompe decisivamente con las ideas del mundo sobre el éxito y la felicidad: la verdadera alegría no está en el poder, la riqueza o el dinero, sino en un estilo de vida cuya esencia sea el verdadero culto a Dios y el servicio a la comunidad.

Dios quiere que vivamos una vida abundante. "Yo he venido para que tengan vida, y para que la tengan en abundancia" (Juan 10,10). Jesús mismo se presenta como la fuente de alegría

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco Continúa en la página nueve, columna uno.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 16 DE FEBERO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 859** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 16 de febrero al 23 de febrero, 2025

Domingo: Jr 17, 5-8 Sal 1, 1-4. 6. 1 Co 15, 12. 16-20 Lc 6, 17. 20-26

Lunes: Gn 4, 1-15. 25 Sal 49, 1 y 8. 16-17. 20-21 Mc 8, 11-13

Martes: Gn 6, 5-8; 7, 1-5. 10 Sal 28, 1-4. 3 y 9-10 Mc 8, 14-21

Miércoles: Gn 8, 6-13. 20-22 Sal 115, 12-15. 18-19 Mc 8, 22-26

Jueves: Gn 9, 1-13 Sal 101, 16-21. 29 y 22-23 Mc 8, 27-33

Viernes: Gn 11, 1-9 Sal 32, 10-15 Mc 8, 34-9, 1

Sábado: 1 Pe 5, 1-4 Sal 22, 1-6 Mt 16, 13-19

Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 1 Co 15, 45-49 Lc 6, 27-38

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5 de Marzo Horario para Miércoles de Ceniza

8:20AM—Misa Escolar

12:00PM—Celebración de la palabra

5:00PM—Celebración de la palabra

7:00PM—Misa en Español

TODAS las Misas y Liturgias se celebrarán en la Iglesia nueva, con el reparto de Cenizas.

TORNEO DIOCESANO DE BALONCESTO

4:00PM del viernes 21 de febrero al

5:00PM domingo 23 de febrero

Encontrar un lugar para estacionar en el campus de Santa María puede resultar complicado durante el torneo.

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Para alimentos o asistencia financiera, llame al 803.642.3211. Abierto de lunes a jueves de 9:00AM a 1:00PM. Cerrado los viernes.

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 2 y 9 de marzo de 2025.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Reyna Salas a 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlaborne@charlestdioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370.

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

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PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

8 de marzo 2025 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (OCIA)

Formación y preparación para adultos que necesiten recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Nos reunimos los martes a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. Para más información contactar a Omar & Mercedith Cardona cardona5@bellsouth.net Este espacio esta abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender mas sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "Sacramento de la Penitencia–Reconciliación"

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE
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FORMACIÓN

16 y 17 de febrero: **no hay clases de formación los domingos ni los lunes: por el Día de los Presidentes**
Sábado, 1 de Marzo a las 9 de la mañana, Se llevara a cabo la Primera Reconciliación Para los estudiantes de 2 grado. En la Iglesia nueva

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

16 de febrero - No ministerio juvenil por el día de los presidentes.
23 de febrero - Noche de Escuela Secundaria
6:15-7:30PM ¡MARDI GRAS!
2 de marzo - Life Teen

QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia. **Las próximas clases de preparación para quinceañera se llevarán a cabo el 2, 9 y 16 de marzo.**

Para registrar o más información, por favor comunicarse con Maria Hernandez al 803.522.3988



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lunes a viernes 7:30AM a 3:30PM

¡EL 5^{TO} TORNEO ANUAL DE GOLF SMS ES AHORA EL 29 DE MARZO!



El PTO ha reprogramado el torneo de este año que fue retrasado por el huracán. ¡Considere jugar o patrocinar el torneo! Siga este enlace para obtener más información o escanee el código QR a continuación.

<https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm>

OBISPO BENDECIRÁ EL CENTRO STEM

¡Reserva la fecha! ¡El obispo vendrá el jueves 6 de marzo de 2025 para bendecir nuestro nuevo Centro STEM! Esperamos que pueda unirse a nosotros para la Misa a las 8:20AM e inmediatamente después se realizará la Bendición del Centro STEM Beato Carlo Acutis.

KERMES

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes de este ciclo, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos.

¡HOY! – 16 DE FEBRERO

de 12:00 al 3:00PM—Salón Santa Angela

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¡Te esperamos!

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Todo lo mejor...en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 16 de febrero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	Santa Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 17 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Madre Teresa

Martes, 18 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 19 de febrero

8:20AM	Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Formación Católica	Smith Hall

Jueves, 20 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 21 de febrero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith Hall

Sábado, 22 de febrero

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 23 de febrero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia



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