

**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
MARCH 16, 2025**



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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, MARCH 2, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	MAR. 2	\$ 51,462
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	MAR. 2	\$ 15,340
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for March 9 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 23	St. Vincent de Paul
March 30	Miscellany
April 18	Holy Land (Good Friday)

2024-2025 SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Parish and School 2024-2025 Semi Annual Financial Reports are available in the parish office and on the parish website –

www.stmarys-aiken.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH

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.

GIFT SHOP

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy St. Joseph's Day! Stop by the gift shop to see the lovely statues, Celtic crosses, fonts and books about these wonderful saints! We're open from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on Sunday.

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

+JM+

THE TRANSFIGURATION AND US

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, the second Sunday in Lent, the liturgy of the word invariably brings us the dramatic event of the Lord's transfiguration. This year it is with the nuances typical of St. Luke's Gospel.

It is St. Luke who more strongly emphasizes the praying Jesus, the Son who is permanently linked to the Father through personal prayer, at times intimate and hidden, at times in the presence of his disciples, but always full of joy through the Holy Spirit.

We should therefore, pay attention to the fact Luke is the only one of the synoptic Gospels that begins the narration in this way: "Jesus...went up the mountain to pray" (Lk 9:28), and, consequently, it is Luke who specifies that the Master's transfiguration happened "while He was praying" (Lk 9: 29). And this is not something irrelevant.

The prayer is presented here like the ideal and natural context for the vision of Christ's Glory: when Peter, John and James "fully awake ...and saw his glory" (Lk 9:32). But, not only his glory, but also the glory God had already manifested in the Law and the Prophets; they – evangelist Luke says – "appeared in glory" (Lk 9:31). For they indeed find their own splendor in the love of the Spirit when the Son speaks to the Father. Thus, in the heart of Holy Trinity, Jesus' Passover, "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (Lk 9:31), is the sign manifesting God's plan, which is carried out in the bosom of Israel's history, until its definite completion, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Jesus Incarnated.

It is good to remember, in this Lent and always, that unless we let the spirit of piety to emerge in our life, establishing a familiar and inseparable relationship with the Lord, we shall not be able to enjoy the contemplation of His Glory. It's urgent to be impressed by the vision of the Transfigured face of Jesus. Maybe our Christian experience has an excess of words while it lacks astonishment, that astonishment that made Peter and his friends' actual witnesses of the living Christ, that made them terrified and then kept them silent about the glories to come.

"Worship the Lord in holy array; tremble before him, all the earth!" (Psalm 96:9)

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Want to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?
"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"
Mk. 14:37

Hours in Need:

MON: 12AM; 3AM
TUES: 3AM; **4AM**; 1AM
WED: 1AM; 2AM; 5AM; 8AM
THU: 12MDNT; 1AM; 2AM; 11AM; **1PM**; 5PM
FRI: 12MDNT; 3AM; 4AM; 7PM
SAT: 12MDNT; 2AM; 11AM; 4PM; 5PM; 6PM; **9PM**
SUN: **12MDNT**; 2AM; 3AM; 4AM; 5PM

To sign up visit our website: <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration> or contact Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com or 860.919.5674

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND!

We need more volunteers to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Our LORD each week to those who cannot attend Mass. For more information please contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or piercedin1988@gmail.com or visit the Homebound Ministries webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound>. Necessary training is given to all volunteers.

ON THE MASS

After the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon, we all stand to pray the Our Father. Note the priest's words: "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say." Even while Jesus commanded us to pray this prayer, we are very aware of our complete unworthiness to pray the words of Jesus. We *dare* to call God Our Father, knowing our unworthiness. We recognize that (even just) His name is holy (hallowed). We beg for His kingdom to come and that His Will will be done perfectly on earth as it is in Heaven. We know the Our Father so well that we often just rattle it off when praying. Listen to the words and keep in mind that the Father is right there with you at the Mass (and wherever you pray the prayer). Jesus is present, in a mysterious physical way, in the sanctuary.

FORMED

Take advantage of FORMED movies, bible studies, children's program, and more. Check out FORMED Lent studies: **How To Lent** and **Foretold**. If you're not on FORMED, sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

READINGS FOR March 16 – March 23, 2025

Sunday, March 16 readings begin on [page 734](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4 and 6
Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM Rev. Daniel Kelly
11:00AM Pro Populo
1:00PM All the Holy Souls
in Purgatory

Monday, March 17

5:30PM Pasquale Crea

Tuesday, March 18

5:30PM Joseph Champ

Wednesday, March 19

8:20AM Helen Boyce
7:00PM Frieda L. Walker

Thursday, March 20

10:00AM—Oaks
John & Sarah Cuning
5:30PM Margaret Holley

Friday, March 21

5:30PM Paul Maddux

Saturday, March 22

8:00AM Kathleen Smith
5:00PM Craig Matthews
Mary M. Reilly
John Luibrand (D) &
Marcy Luibrand (L)
Dr. Allen "Jay" Dennis

Sunday, March 23

8:30AM Ann Grant
11:00AM Ronald Krenta
1:00PM Pro Populo

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS – MARCH 1

Angela, Lucy and Clare Le daughters of Paul & Jennifer Le
Scarlet Ann Schwien daughter of Joseph & Jessica Schwien
Daniel Peña Hernandez son of Oscar Peña Moreno & Erika Hernandez Melendez
Grace Margaret Kemple daughter of Brendan & Katherine Kemple
Maximilian Daniel Przywara son of Jacob & Grace Przywara

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

March 10 Ashley Marie Zejewski

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 **TODAY–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 jlabone@charlestdioocese.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)

April 5, 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)

This week we learn about how growing in the faith includes becoming more and more aware of the faith as a mystery. We'll be covering Chapter 30 Introduction to Mystagogy, this Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

March 30 – **all Morning Formation Classes (9:45 and 11:30 classes) will pray the Stations of the Cross together at 9:45AM. Parents are welcome to join us.**
April 6 & 7– **No Formation (CCD) Classes –Spring Break**

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 16 – Life Teen
March 23 – Life Teen **JUBILEE YEAR!**
March 30 – Middle School Outdoor Walking Stations 6:00-7:30PM
April 6 – No Youth Ministry, Spring Break
April 13 – Life Teen

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. Our next meeting is this **Wednesday, March 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Adoration Signup in the Courtyard after all Masses

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:15AM	Baptism Preparation Class	Smith Hall Up
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, March 17

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's
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
6:15PM	Secular Franciscans	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, March 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, March 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
5:00PM	Talk on Confession	STEM Center
6:00PM	She Shall be Called Woman	Mother Teresa
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, March 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, March 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
6:15PM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, March 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, March 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

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are studying the most recent encyclical, *Dilexit Nos--On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*, on Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. Contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473

FATHER FRANCISCO OÑATE-VARGAS

Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00PM. You won't want to miss Fr. Francisco Onate-Vargas's talk on Confession, in the STEM Center at St. Mary's school, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801. It's a fascinating talk. Bring your questions! For information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 5 at 10:00AM in Old St. Mary

Fr. Wilson will explain the Mass in a presentation entitled "A Teaching Mass." The Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you ever wondered about the gestures the priest uses at Mass, or about the vestments he wears? Come learn more about the Mass.

COLUMBUS CLUB FISH FRY

\$15 per person \$75 for families of 6 or more
Reservations \$15 per person

Please help support our Columbus Club Projects.
We offer drive through service for pick up orders

ADMITTANCE BY TICKET ONLY

WALK-INS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Fridays: March 28 and April 11, 2025

RSVPs accepted until March 25 and April 8
Club opens at 5:00PM Serving 5:30–7:30PM
Make checks payable to: Columbus Club,
1037 Spaulding Drive, Aiken, SC.

For tickets or reservations please call:

Dennis Fraser	803.507.0066
Craig Burgess	803.439.0468
Mark Szymanski	803.645.1405
Jim Loftis	803.335.8517
John Kvartek	803.226.1597
St. Mary's Office	803.649.4777

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL
 118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
 Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
 excelatstmarys.com

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

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is underway and we have just a few spaces left! Submit your application online at excel@stmarys.com or in person at the school office. Tours are open to all prospective families.

Call 803. 649.2071 for more information.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SMS Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 29 at Houndslake Country Club. Register by phone or on the school website. Lunch will be provided.

STEM Center Blessing

Thank you to everyone who attended the blessing of the new Carlo Acutis STEM Center. We are so blessed to have such a vibrant school and parish community.



During the cold winter days, many of us miss spending time with friends and family. Perhaps you (or someone you know) may have burdens or other difficulties that would be lighter with a listening ear. Someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain peace and joy. St. Mary's has male and female Stephen Ministers here to help. Leaflets about Stephen Ministry are in the back of church with simple instructions on how to get information, or call Mary Ellen at 803.507.1060

ANNUAL ACIES MASS

All active and Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the –

ANNUAL ACIES MASS
 Saturday, March 22 10:00AM
 St. Edward's Catholic Church
 1370 Edgefield Road
 North Augusta, SC

The Acies ceremony will include the Rosary, Tesseria Prayers & Consecration to Our Lady

Reception will follow

RSVP to Ron Tugya by March 17
 Hm: 803.642.9344 Cell: 803.646.6670
 Email: ronloistugya@gmail.com

POSITION AVAILABLE

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR–FULL TIME

St. Mary Help of Christians has an opening for Director of Youth Ministry beginning in June, 2025. This is a full time position.

St. Mary's models relational ministry with an active high school program of catechesis and evangelization. The Director of Youth Ministry will oversee the recruitment and formation of Middle School and Life Teen CORE teams, oversee the regular Middle School and Life Teen formation programs, retreats, service and evangelization, as well as the Confirmation program in the 8th grade year.

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

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month in Mother Teresa Hall, at 1:00PM. Our next meeting is March 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 Burse at 443.465.6504.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 5:00PM Mother Teresa Hall
 125 Union Street, SE

Group meetings have started, but you may join us at any time. The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. Registration form is available at the Parish Office. For more information or to register please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandioocese.org

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

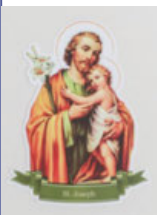
COLUMBUS CLUB 103 SPAULDING DRIVE
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 5:00PM

Irish Pub Food Buffet &

Dancing with DJ Rockin' Bob

\$20/person - includes buffet & 1 beer or beverage
 Proceeds to Support Council Charities. For more information contact: Joe Deskevich at 803.507.1815

MARCH – MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH



March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and
Foster Father of Jesus

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN Y NOSOTROS

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Hoy, segundo domingo de Cuaresma, la liturgia de la palabra nos trae invariablemente el dramático acontecimiento de la transfiguración del Señor. Este año lo hace con los matices típicos del Evangelio de san Lucas.

Es san Lucas quien subraya con más fuerza a Jesús orante, el Hijo que está permanentemente unido al Padre a través de la oración personal, a veces íntima y escondida, a veces en presencia de sus discípulos, pero siempre llena de alegría por medio del Espíritu Santo.

Debemos, pues, prestar atención al hecho de que Lucas es el único de los evangelios sinópticos que inicia la narración de este modo: «Jesús... subió al monte a orar» (Lc 9,28), y, en consecuencia, es Lucas quien especifica que la transfiguración del Maestro sucedió «mientras oraba» (Lc 9,29). Y esto no es algo irrelevante.

La oración se presenta aquí como el contexto ideal y natural para la visión de la gloria de Cristo: cuando Pedro, Juan y Santiago «despertaron plenamente... y vieron su gloria» (Lc 9,32). Pero no sólo su gloria, sino también la gloria que Dios ya había manifestado en la Ley y en los Profetas; ellos – dice el evangelista Lucas – «aparecieron en gloria» (Lc 9,31). Porque ellos encuentran, en efecto, su propio esplendor en el amor del Espíritu cuando el Hijo habla al Padre. Así, en el corazón de la Santísima Trinidad, la Pascua de Jesús, «su éxodo que iba a cumplir en Jerusalén» (Lc 9,31), es el signo que manifiesta el designio de Dios, que se realiza en el seno de la historia de Israel, hasta su cumplimiento definitivo, mediante la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, el Jesús encarnado.

Es bueno recordar, en esta Cuaresma y siempre, que si no dejamos que el espíritu de piedad emerja en nuestra vida, estableciendo una relación familiar e inseparable con el Señor, no podremos gozar de la contemplación de su Gloria. Es urgente dejarse impresionar por la visión del rostro transfigurado de Jesús. Quizá a nuestra experiencia cristiana le sobran las palabras y le falta el asombro, ese asombro que hizo de Pedro y de sus amigos testigos concretos de Cristo vivo, que les dejó aterrados y luego les hizo callar sobre las glorias venideras.

“¡Adorad al Señor en la santidad; temblad ante él, toda la tierra!” (Salmo 96:9)

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 9 de marzo al 16 de marzo, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 9 de marzo comienzan en la **pagina 735** en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Gn 15, 5-12. 17-18 Sal 26, 1. 7-9. 13-14
Flp 3, 17-4, 1 o 3, 20-4, 1 Lc 9, 28-36

Lunes: Dn 9, 4-10 Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13
Lc 6, 36-38

Martes: Is 1, 10. 16-20 Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23
Mt 23, 1-12

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16 Sal 88, 2-5. 27
y 29 Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22 Mt 1, 16. 18-21.
24 o Lc 2, 41-51

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Acompáñanos a rezar el **Vía Crucis** todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las **7:00PM** en la **Iglesia Antigua**. Un encuentro de oración y reflexión para caminar juntos hacia la Pascua.

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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 jlabone@charlestdiocese.org o 803.215.7040.

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PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

12 de abril 2025 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
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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 información contactar a Omar & Mercedith Cardona cardona5@bellsouth.net Este espacio está abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "Escrutinios"

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

30 de marzo, todas las clases de catecismo (9:45 y 11:30) van a rezar el viacrucis juntos a las 9:45AM. Todos los padres son bienvenidos en acompañarnos.
6 y 7 de abril – No hay Catecismo (CCD) – Vacaciones de primavera

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16 de marzo - Life Teen
23 de marzo - Life Teen, AÑO DEL JUVILEO
30 de marzo - Escuela secundaria viacrucis afuera 6:00–7:30PM
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Este miércoles **19 de marzo**, a las 7:30PM en Smith Hall, tendremos una clase especial de formación abierta para toda la comunidad. Será una excelente oportunidad para crecer en nuestra fe y compartir juntos como familia. No importa si ya has participado antes o si es tu primera vez, todos son bienvenidos.



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El Torneo de Golf SMS se llevará a cabo el sábado 29 de marzo en Houndslake Country Club. Regístrese por teléfono o en el sitio web de la escuela. Se proporcionará almuerzo.

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ESE HOMBRE ERES TÚ

Este espacio es para ti VARÓN, casado o soltero, te invitamos a unirse a nuestro grupo para reflexionar y compartir acerca de nuestra vida y aporte en la familia y en la Iglesia. Nos reunimos todos los martes 7:00-8:30PM, en el salón San Miguel. Te esperamos.

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www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 16 de marzo

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 17 de marzo

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 marzo

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 marzo

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

Jueves, 20 de marzo

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

Viernes, 21 de marzo

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Retiro de Parajas	San Angela
7:00PM	Vía Crucis	Iglesia Antigua

Sábado, 22 de marzo

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
8:00AM	Retiro de Parajas	San Angela
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 23 de marzo

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

RETIRO DE CUARESMA- FR. JOSÉ QUILCATE

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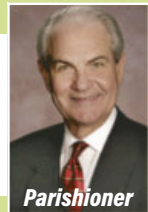


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