



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

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 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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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Closed On Fridays

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

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY AUG. 24 \$ 13,500
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR AUG. 24 \$ 12,390
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 2,118,675

SPECIAL COLLECTION
August 24 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 4,648

Special Collection Today!
August 31 – Miscellany

The Parish Finance Council has completed its review of the annual financial statements for FY 2024-2025 and approved these at their August 21, 2025 meeting. The FY 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statements and the FY 2025-2026 Budget for both St. Mary Help of Christians Parish and School are available for review on the church website. Hard copies may be requested of the Church office.

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 WILL REOPEN
SATURDAY, 9/6 AFTER THE 5PM VIGIL MASS
& AFTER ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY 9/7

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

+JMJ+

ARE YOU WORTH WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our society is encouraging a very egotistic type of individual, lacking in solidarity, caught up in materialism, with a small heart and narrow vision, unable to love with true generosity. It's so hard to find someone willing to serve for nothing! Pride is like smoke in one's eyes, poisoning human relationships.

In His lesson today Christ is warning us to purify our attitudes. There is one sure way to lose people's esteem and respect: conceit.

Conceit makes people think more of themselves than they should, comparing themselves to others and thinking they are more intelligent, stronger, more attractive than everyone else. They look for seats of honor, demand preferential treatment, make themselves heard, always wanting to have the last word. They speak a lot about themselves, announcing their own accomplishments, and trying to be the center of the group.

André Frossard, the famous French essayist, after his conversion, made the resolution always to seek out the last place. When he would reach one level in life, he always realized that he could push himself more. That is why one day, when he reached the last place, he found out it was already filled - Christ was there. At that moment he understood two things: first, Christ's love exceeds ours. Second, that he had been seeking the last place for love of self and not for love of Christ, and he discovered that he had already been beaten by the person for whom he should have done it all. Teresa of Jesus was so right! "Humility means walking in the truth," no more, no less.

In today's liturgy we find Christ as a meek and humble lamb. This is the Christ we are all looking for, Christ in his Passion, suffering humiliation, betrayal, abandonment. How do we react when people insult us and humiliate us? He was humble, accepting in silence. He loved and prayed. It is in true, free and unconditional love that we learn about the love of God. May we be like children who after receiving so many gifts freely from their parents know that they can never pay them back...and let us be like those parents who when they give all their love cannot hope to be repaid.

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

Try sharing your time with Jesus in a weekly holy hour, and you'll understand why 400 fellow parishioners have one or more hours every week! To find your hour, please visit: <https://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact the appropriate Divisional Leader:

12 MDNT.- 6:00AM	Tom Henry	803.642.6893
6:00AM -12 NOON	Ken Boucher	803.226.4639
12 NOON - 6:00PM	Janice Suhrer	803.645.6105
6:00PM - 12 MDNT.	Joan Pate	803.226.0263

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will begin a 15-week grief support group **Tuesday, September 16**. We use the GriefShare program, a lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief (www.griefshare.org). Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. This group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. People may join the group at any time

We meet **Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00PM** in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE).

Sept. 16 – Loss of Spouse. This program addresses those who have experienced the death of a spouse.

Sept. 23 – The regular 13-week GriefShare program begins

Nov. 18– A special session on Surviving the Holidays.

The workbook fee is \$20. Scholarships are available. Register in person at St. Mary's parish office or at www.griefshare.org/findagroup. Contact Karen for info at kvanderen@charlestandiocese.org

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

THAT MAN IS YOU

2025 Fall Semester starts **September 5 at 6:30AM** in Mother Theresa Hall. Join us for "The Light of Men": There is but one source of all light – Jesus! He is the light shattering the darkness of our day. To be in the light is to allow God's light to shine through you and become manifest in abundant virtue. "In him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1: 4-5). Please contact Chris Ascherman @ 803.845.0568 or Derron Judd @ 803.439.2229 for more information.

READINGS FOR August 31 – September 7, 2025

Sunday, August 31 readings begin on [page 926](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29	Ps 15:2-5
	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a	Lk 14:1, 7-14
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18	Ps 96:1 and 3-5, 11-13
	Lk 4:16-30	
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
	Lk 4:31-37	
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8	Ps 52:10, 11
		Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14	Ps 98:2-6
		Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20	Ps 100:1b-5
		Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23	Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8
		Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b	Ps 90:3-6, 12-17
	Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33	

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 31	5:30PM Anna Hewitt
8:30AM Pro Populo	Friday, Sept. 5
11:00AM James R. Hunter	5:30PM All the Souls in Purgatory
1:00PM Concepcion Arriaga & Juan Pinacho	Saturday, Sept. 6
Monday, Sept. 1	8:00AM Sanctity of Life
Labor Day	5:00PM Ron Malanowski
9:00AM Richard Arthur Perkins	Philippa Lord
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Susan Reeve Shultz
5:30PM Cristobal Casillas	James Anthony Foura
Wednesday, Sept. 3	James Murnane
8:20AM Pat Kruse	Alice Dorthalina
7:00PM Cristobal Casillas	Sunday, Sept. 7
Thursday, Sept. 4	8:30AM Fr. Dennis Klein (L)
10:00AM – Oaks	11:00AM Pro Populo
Evangeline Gerstenberg	1:00PM All the Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – LABOR DAY
Mass will be celebrated in Historic Old St. Mary's
203 Park Avenue at 9:00AM.
Confessions will NOT be heard.
There will NOT be a 5:30PM Mass.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS SEPT. 10

We will continue our study of Pope Francis' final encyclical: "Dilexit Nos: On the Human and Divine Love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" on **Wednesday September 10, 9:30 to 11:00AM** in St. Michael Hall. Come experience the joy of learning more about our Catholic faith. Newcomers and former attendees are always welcome. Contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473.

Come early to socialize before the class begins!

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, September 21, 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 about First Holy Communion contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at 615.638.7137 or hdickason@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.

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

September 6 – 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)

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? This coming Tuesday we will be covering The Most Holy Trinity, a central doctrine of the faith. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 – 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are invited! Come to learn about the faith, or come to re-connect with your faith, to re-learn all the things you have forgotten, or to ask questions. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON
HDICKASON@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG
615.638.7137

FORMATION

Please sign up for our Confirmation Program on the parish website by selecting "Confirmation" under the Formation tab. Classes will begin Sunday, September 14th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

August 31 – Labor Day Weekend – No Meeting
September 5/6 – NCYC Fundraiser
September 7 – No Meeting
September 14 – Youth Group Kick-off
September 21 – Youth Group Meeting

CCD 4K–GRADE 6 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Classes meet in the school buildings, 9:45 – 10:45AM starting Sunday, September 14th.

Make sure you register for CCD! 4K – 6th grade:
<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2550037>

And ... we can always use volunteers. There are various levels of commitment, from weekly teacher to occasional help, we need it all. Sign up here: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2617850>

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at
mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 31

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Parish Perks	St. Michael Hall
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, September 1–Labor Day

9:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
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Tuesday, September 2

3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, September 3

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
10:00AM	FIAT Homesch. Craft Day	Mother Teresa
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary

Thursday, September 4

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Daily Mass	Old St. Mary

Friday, September 5

6:30AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:00PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Saturday, September 6

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, September 7

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	St. Michael Hall
9:30AM	Parish Perks	St. Michael Hall
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

ON THE MASS

"The time of thanksgiving after Holy Communion is the most ideal time for an intimate exchange of love with Jesus. Let it be a love that vivifies and unites – He in me and I in Him." (from Jesus, Our Eucharistic Love by Fr. Stefano Manelli)

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY?

You are not alone! Free help resources:
 Respect Life Ministry – 803.634.3171
 Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center – 803.648.9890
<https://pregnancyaiken.com>
 Birthright – Columbia 803.765.0165
 24/7 Helpline – 1.800.550.4900 or
<https://birthright.org>

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

PARISH PERKS!

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The parish is in need of a servant's heart for our Director of Religious Education position to continue the vital responsibility of educating the community in the Faith.

POSITION SUMMARY: The Director of Religious Education is a full-time position responsible for the growth and management of the religious education program within the community. The right candidate will have experience with maintaining and organizing records of students as they move through the program. The right individual will also need to have experience with development and implementation of curriculum across multiple ages. The ability to find guest speakers, organize retreats, penance services and volunteer opportunities is also ideal. The ability to offer resources for individuals to foster religious education and practices within the home is also very important in this role. Moreover, the candidate will need to exude joy in their faith to foster an environment that families want to be part of at St. Mary Help of Christians parish.

Job Responsibilities:

- CCD Director
- Adult Formation Coordinator
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Director

Call the parish office for more details 803.649.4777 Ext. 103 or visit <https://charlestandiocese.org/job/director-of-religious-education/>

CATECHISTS NEEDED! DO YOU LOVE THE FAITH?

Please prayerfully consider joining our team of religious education catechists. Opportunities exist for all levels of experience or no experience. 4K – Grade 6. Your own faith will grow along with the students'. Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or 803.507.1060

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

You won't want to miss the Columbus Club Annual Rummage Sale, September 5/6 from 8:00AM to 12NOON. We have it all: furniture, clothing, electronics, toys, tools, appliances, and more. Come check it out! 1003 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, SC 29803. All proceeds will go to Special Olympics.



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

Office Hours: 7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday–Friday
(when school is in session)

GO SAINTS!

Fall Athletics are underway at SMS! Students in the 5th to 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in five sports during the fall season; Cross Country, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, and Flag Football! We compete with other local private schools and charter schools in the Augusta-Aiken Middle School league. The Saints have brought home the AAMSL Director's Cup three years in a row! Sports schedules are posted on the website under the Athletics Navigation. Come to a game or match and cheer on the Saints!

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Has your life taken some unexpected turns? Are you having difficulty adjusting to the new 'normal?' Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To learn more, email Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or 803.507.1060.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE: A ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR THOSE GRIEVING PREGNANCY LOSS

St. Mary on the Hill Parish is hosting a healing retreat for anyone who has experienced a pregnancy loss. All are welcome – individuals, couples, and those who wish to come in memory of a loved one. **September 20, 8AM -4:30PM St. Mary on the Hill Parish Hall – \$30/per person (includes lunch).**

For more information, please contact Theresa Christie at tlcsouth@me.com or 706.399.2670; or Susan McArthur at mcarthurofs2015@gmail.com or 706.231.7003

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA - GLOVERVILLE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt. 25:40. Do you want to be a purposeful Catholic? We have an opportunity for you at Catholic Charities–Gloverville. We need volunteers to work in the office (front desk, phones, data entry) and in the food pantry. If you would like to help with the ministry or for more information, e-mail Joely Leguizamon, Site Administrator at joely@charlestandiocese.org or call 803-593-2623 and leave a message. You can also visit our website olvcenter.org. All help will be appreciated.

A TEACHING MASS SEPTEMBER 20 AT 11:00AM

The Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you wondered about all those gestures the priest makes at Mass? Or about the vestments he wears? Fr. Richard Wilson will explain the Mass in his talk: *A Teaching Mass*, to be held in Old St. Mary's on Saturday, September 20 at 11:00AM. Mark your calendars! It is sure to be enlightening.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

Plan to join other parishioners on day-trips to visit the Jubilee Pilgrimage churches in our diocese. We'll leave from Aiken in the morning, carpool, tour the church, go to lunch together, and return home.

Saturday, September 20: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston at 11:00AM (leave Aiken 8:00AM).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-56522578-pilgrimage#/>

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org

CWA KICK-OFF DINNER – SEPTEMBER 18

The Catholic Women's Association will be holding its annual Kick-Off Dinner on Thursday, September 18 in Mother Teresa Hall. Doors open at 5:30PM, with dinner being served after the 5:30PM Mass. All women of the parish are invited to join us for some food, fellowship, and FUN! More details to come. Hope to see you there!

PRAY & PLAY

PARK PLAYDATE: Tuesdays at 9AM - Starting September 2nd, parents & children (aged 0-5) are invited to a standing playdate at the Aiken County Library Tuesdays from 9:00 – 10:00AM.

FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY DINNER: October 3rd at 5:00PM On first Fridays of the month, please join us & other families for dinner. For more details, text Grace Przywara at 706.993.8004.

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists it works great things."

Pope St. Gregory the Great

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¿VALES LO QUE CREES QUE VALES?

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Nuestra sociedad está fomentando un tipo de persona muy egocéntrica, carente de solidaridad, atrapada en el materialismo, con un corazón pequeño y una visión limitada, incapaz de amar con verdadera generosidad. ¡Qué difícil es encontrar a alguien dispuesto a servir sin esperar nada a cambio! El orgullo es como humo en los ojos: contamina las relaciones humanas.

En la enseñanza de hoy, Cristo nos invita a purificar nuestras actitudes. Hay una forma segura de perder el respeto y la estima de los demás: la vanidad.

La vanidad lleva a las personas a pensar más de sí mismas de lo que deberían, comparándose con otros y creyéndose más inteligentes, más fuertes, más atractivas que todos los demás. Buscan los lugares de honor, exigen trato preferencial, quieren hacerse notar, siempre desean tener la última palabra. Hablan mucho de sí mismas, anuncian sus logros y tratan de ser el centro del grupo.

André Frossard, el famoso ensayista francés, después de su conversión, tomó la resolución de buscar siempre el último lugar. Cada vez que alcanzaba un nivel en la vida, se daba cuenta de que podía exigirse más. Por eso, un día, cuando finalmente llegó al último lugar, descubrió que ya estaba ocupado: Cristo estaba allí. En ese momento comprendió dos cosas: primero, que el amor de Cristo supera al nuestro. Segundo, que había estado buscando el último lugar por amor propio y no por amor a Cristo, y descubrió que ya había sido superado por aquel por quien debía haberlo hecho todo. ¡Cuánta razón tenía Teresa de Jesús! "La humildad es andar en la verdad", ni más ni menos.

En la liturgia de hoy encontramos a Cristo como un cordero manso y humilde. Este es el Cristo que todos buscamos: el Cristo en su Pasión, sufriendo humillación, traición, abandono. ¿Cómo reaccionamos cuando nos insultan o nos humillan? Él fue humilde, aceptando en silencio. Amó y oró. Es en el amor verdadero, libre e incondicional donde aprendemos sobre el amor de Dios. Seamos como los niños que, al recibir tantos regalos gratuitamente de sus padres, saben que nunca podrán devolverlos... y seamos como esos padres que, al dar todo su amor, no esperan ser recompensados.

Les deseo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 31 de agosto al 7 de septiembre, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 24 de agosto comienzan en la **pagina 927** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Ecl 3, 17-18, 20, 28-29	Sal 14, 2-5
	Heb 12, 18-19. 22-24	Lc 14, 1. 7-14
Lunes:	1 Tes 4, 13-18	Sal 95, 1 y -5. 11-13
	Lc 4, 16-30	
Martes:	1 Tes 5, 1-6. 9-11	Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14
	Lc 4, 31-37	
Miércoles:	Col 1, 1-8	Sal 51, 10. 11
		Lc 4, 38-44
Jueves:	Col 1, 9-14	Sal 97, 2-6
		Lc 5, 1-11
Viernes:	Col 1, 15-20	Sal 99, 1-5
		Lc 5, 33-39
Sábado:	Col 1, 21-23	Sal 53, 3-4. 6 y 8
		Lc 6, 1-5
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Para bautizar en Sta. María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir a Misa y estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de pedir fecha. Ambos padres deben tomar clases pre-bautismales. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes.

Próximas clases: el 7 y 14 de septiembre 2025

Registro requerido.

Contacto: Reyna Salas - 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

¡Los Sacramentos fortalecen nuestra fe!
Padres y niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María y asistir fielmente a Misa.

Niños fuera de la escuela católica deben completar al menos dos años de formación cristiana y cumplir con la asistencia.

Para más información sobre la Primera Comunión, contactarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.649.4777 ext. 103 o a mjackson@charlestandiocese.org.

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a hdickason@charlestandiocese.org.

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.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL

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

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

13 de septiembre 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 803.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA) LOS MARTES A LAS 7:00PM

Todos están invitados a las Clases de RICA. Nos reunimos los martes en el Salón Smith Hall a las 7:00PM. Para más información, contacte a Omar o Mercedith Cardona 706.231.5253. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad.

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

CONTACTO: SRA. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON

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615.638.7137

FORMACIÓN

¡Inscríbete en el Ministerio Juvenil y la Confirmación después de cada misa y conoce nuestros programas!
Las clases comenzarán el 14 de septiembre.

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31 de agosto – Vacaciones, Día del Trabajo

No hay Reunión Regular

5 y 6 de septiembre – Recaudación de fondos para NCYC

7 de septiembre – No hay Reunion Regular

14 de septiembre – Inicio del Grupo de jóvenes

21 de septiembre – Reunión de Grupo de jóvenes

CCD

Comienzan las Clases de Catecismo el 14 de septiembre de 9:45 a 10:45AM las clases se llevaran acabo en los salones de la escuela catolica.

¡Asegúrate de inscribirte en el CCD! 4K - 6° grado: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2550037> Y... siempre necesitamos voluntarios.

Hay varios niveles de compromiso, desde maestros semanales hasta ayuda ocasional; lo necesitamos todo. Inscríbete aquí: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2617850>

¿Preguntas? Contacta con Mary Ellen en mjackson@charlestandiocese.org



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¿ERES NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?

¡Te damos la bienvenida a la familia de Santa María! Te invitamos a registrarte y ser parte activa de nuestra comunidad. Al hacerlo, podrás crecer con nosotros en el amor y conocimiento de Jesucristo, a través de la celebración fiel de los sacramentos y el estudio de la Palabra de Dios. Pide un formulario al equipo de hospitalidad y tráelo el próximo domingo, o si prefieres, puedes registrarte en línea desde nuestra página web.

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.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 31 de agosto

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

Lunes, 1 de septiembre

9:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 2 de septiembre

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

Miércoles, 3 de septiembre

8:20AM	Misa escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Coordinadores	Smith

Jueves, 4 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm	Hora Santa	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 5 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua

Sábado, 6 de septiembre

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

Domingo, 7 de septiembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para el Bautismo	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

SE BUSCAN CORAZONES GENEROSOS

Nuestra parroquia necesita catequistas que, con amor y alegría, compartan la fe con nuestros niños y jóvenes. No hace falta experiencia, solo el deseo de servir y dejar que Dios actúe a través de ti.

Comunicate con Hannah 615,638.7137

¡Tu sí puede hacer la diferencia!

LUNES, 1 DE SEPTIEMBRE – 9:00AM

LA MISA DIARIA se celebrará en la Iglesia Antigua en 125 Park Avenue, SE.

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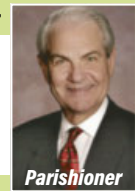
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