



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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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PARISH CLERGY

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Rev. Michael Ghattas, Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Alejandro Leguizamon

Dcn. Al Matousek

Dcn. Robert Pierce

Dcn. Stephen Platte

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

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.

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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

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY SEPT. 21 \$ 21,412
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR SEPT. 21 \$ 11,140
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 2,118,675

Special Collection Today!
Sept. 28 – St. Vincent de Paul

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 at the Parish office.

SUNDAY CONFESSIONS DISCONTINUED

As you know, the Mass is the "source and summit of our faith" for from the Mass we receive the Most Holy Eucharist, body, blood, soul and divinity. Currently, we have confessions before the Mass in Spanish on Sundays.

In the short time available between the 11:00AM Mass and the 1:00PM Mass, there simply is not adequate time for people to make a good confession and for the priest to properly listen to them and offer absolution. The short time available makes it a very stressful situation for the priest hearing confessions. More importantly, when hearing confessions between the Masses, the priest has no time to properly prepare for the 1:00PM Mass. A priest must have time to pray and prepare for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Accordingly, **as of October 5, we will no longer have confessions before the 1:00PM Mass.** We will still have confessions available for six days each week. Please see the bulletin and the website for a full listing of confession times. And of course, Father Ghattas and I are available for confession by appointment.

May all of us, by the grace of God, live constantly in a state of grace! Father Wilson

GIFT SHOP HOURS

Every Sunday 9:00AM – 1:00PM and in addition on the first weekend of every month after Saturday 5:00PM and Sunday 1:00PM Masses.

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+

THERE WAS A RICH MAN DRESSED IN PURPLE...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Gospel passage we are confronted by a different outcome experienced by two men: **a bad rich man and a good poor man.** Riches are not evil in themselves, nor is poverty itself good, but rather the way of living as a wealthy person or as a poor person, since there are good and bad ways of being both rich and poor.

The man in the parable was **living by wealth and for wealth**; it was his only aim in life: garments of purple and the finest linen, feasts, praise from his friends, this is how he spent each day. His name is not given in the Gospel. It just says, "There was a rich man, fond of rich banquets." But we will always remember the name of the poor man: Lazarus.

In this parable Christ isn't saying that rich people are going to Hell and poor people to Heaven, but rather that **we run the risk of getting attached to material things and forgetting about the goods of Heaven.** The poor man had nothing in this life, and the rich man had it all, but in the end they both died. Money couldn't buy a longer life for this unknown soul. How differently they both ended up! They both had the opportunity to listen to Moses and the prophets. The rich man paid no attention to them, but the other fellow learned to see everything as coming from God.

Christ invites the rich and poor alike to make it to **Heaven.** He tells the rich to share their wealth with the needy and to invest it in works of charity and care for the sick and the dying, so their life can be easier. And he tells the poor to be united to him on the cross he bore, to desire only the things of Heaven, to see even the little they do have as passing. The rich people of this world must be rich in a new way, seeking the treasure of faith, of love for Christ and of hope. We have heard the phrase, *"the man who has God lacks nothing."*

The society we live in measures a man by what he has, and not who he is. Our heart is like a potato that easily gets rooted to the ground, into the things of this world. Let us not try to fill it with things, because we would then reach eternity with empty hands. **May we look to the Lord to help us fix our gaze on the things that are above.**

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



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?

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.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact the appropriate Divisional Leaders:

MDNT.-6AM	Tom Henry	803.642.6893
6AM-Noon	Ken Boucher	803.226.4639
Noon-6PM	Janice Suhrer	803.645.6105
6PM-MDNT.	Joan Pate	803.226.0263

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

St. Mary's is once again participating in the Diocesan Rosary Congress. Seven days and nights (Oct. 4-10) of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosaries in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer. St. Mary's has been assigned Friday, October 10, to offer Adoration and a Rosary every hour of the day, in a spirit of reparation for life, peace, and the deep healing of our Church. If you are unable to pray your rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, please pray it where you are able. Sign-up sheets are in the chapel. **Please sign up to help us cover every hour!**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation.

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

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

This season She Shall Be Called Woman, will explore what it means for us, as women, to represent the identity of Christ's bride to the world. Prepare your heart to be pursued by the Lord in a way that deepens your love for Him, invites your soul to heal, and fortifies your relationship with Christ. Join us **Wednesdays at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall**. Sign up online at

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fprograms.paradisusdei.org%2fjoin%2f532A7B&c=E,1,1sttKfFSKt0-R92_0ws7KOn21uKy2Cf08XuW-4dgtvwQ7W2QEH4CZHpgIZPf3JnqlHKOW5aDCIL32kll3GYqCIPvof0G6FZnFUq9AzQkneUhiUHXa.,&typo=1. Questions? Contact Alisa Hamrick via email alisahamrick@aol.com or call 803.270.2503

READINGS FOR Sept. 28 – Oct. 5, 2025

Sunday, Sept. 28 readings begin on [page 944](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10
1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab
Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-7 Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11
Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9
Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37
Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 28

8:30AM Pro Populo
11:00AM James R. Hunter
1:00PM José Jimenez &
Enedina Guzman

Monday, Sept. 29

5:30PM Michael A. Poole

Tuesday, Sept. 30

5:30PM Tom Truitt

Wednesday, Oct. 1

8:20AM John Bowers
7:00PM All the Souls in
Purgatory

Thursday, Oct. 2

10:00AM Oaks
Ashley Zejewski
5:30PM Terry Weinle

Friday, Oct. 3

5:30PM Robert Daly

Saturday, Oct. 4

8:00AM Sanctity of Life
5:00PM Julie Kressing (L)
Alberto Gonzales
Edith Marie Thompson
Jimmy Derrick
Minerva Pellicane
Alice Dorthalina

Sunday, Oct. 5

8:30AM Susan Nadler
11:00AM Larry & Rich Frelin
1:00PM Pro Populo

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS: SEPTEMBER 13

Gael Agustino Montalvan son of Isaias Augustino Galvez & Rosario Montalvan Benito
Ariadne Gonzalez and Joseph Gonzalez children of Jesus Barrangan Gonzalez & Maria de Lourdes Piza de Jesus
Emiliano Jaziel Orozco son of Olegario Orozco and Janira Plasencia
Matias Alexander Diaz-Marquez son of Roberto Carlos Diaz Campos and Jennifer Michelle Marquez de Diaz

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

September 10 – Marilyn Frazier Tyler

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, November 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 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)

October 4 – 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)

OCIA Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? This coming Tuesday we will talk about Jesus: Our Savior and Redeemer. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St. SE. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Please sign up for our Confirmation Program on the parish website by selecting "Confirmation" under the Formation tab.

FORMATION

Confirmation 1 meets Tuesday evenings and Confirmation 2 meets Sunday mornings. See our website or contact Hannah Dickason for our calendar

YOUTH MINISTRY

September 24 – Youth Adoration & Confession

September 28 – Youth Night

October 5 – No Youth Ministry

October 12 – Youth Night

October 15 – Night of Prayer

CCD 4K–GRADE 6

CCD meets today Sept 28th in the St. Mary's School classrooms at 8:45 – 10:45AM. Not registered? Come by and register today. We look forward to seeing you then! CCD will not meet next week Oct 5th. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

**** REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING ****

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 - 8:00PM

If you cannot attend, please reach out to Paul Gaynor, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com (Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome.)

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 28

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, September 29

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:45AM	Lunch & Learn Book Club	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Tuesday, September 30

3:30PM	GriefShare	Mother Teresa
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, October 1

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home School Crafts	Mother Teresa
3:00PM	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

Thursday, October 2

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

Friday, October 3

6:30AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:15PM	Transitus of St. Francis	Old St. Mary

Saturday, October 4

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
10:00AM	Blessing of Animals	Rectory Lawn
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, October 5

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday 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

LIFE CHOICES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Baby bottles for the 2025 Life Choices campaign will be distributed in the courtyard after Vigil Mass on Saturday, Oct. 4 and All Masses on Sunday, Oct. 5

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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. This includes being the CCD Director, Adult Formation Coordinator, and OCIA Director.

POSITION SUMMARY: The DRE is a full-time position responsible for the growth and management of the religious education program within the community. The successful candidate will have: experience with maintaining and organizing student records as they move through the program; experience with development and implementation of curriculum across multiple ages; and the ability to find guest speakers, organize retreats, penance services and volunteer opportunities. Offering resources to foster religious education and practices within the home is also very important. 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. For more details call the parish office, 803.649.4777 Ext. 103 or visit

<https://charlestandiocese.org/job/director-of-religious-education/>

PARISH RECEPTIONIST - FULL TIME

Must be proficient in MS Office 365 and have a strong working knowledge of Canva and Publisher. Performs all secretarial duties related to the efficient functioning of the parish office including but not limited to: create the weekly bulletin; create all sacramental certificates and insure that sacraments received are recorded accurately in the sacramental register; print ordos (worship aides) as needed; receive all new parishioner registration forms and enter them in the parish data system; order offering envelopes for new parishioners; enter event/activity reservation requests into the data base as requested; support our priests with routine secretarial/clerical requests; assist paid staff and ministries; answer phones and redirect calls to appropriate staff; and respond to walk-in requests. Must be a self-starter and function independently in the fulfillment of duties in the parish office.

This individual works under the direct supervision of the Pastor and Parish Administrator. Bilingual is preferred but not required.

Contact Patrick Wray at 803.649.4777 ext. 112



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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

PTO CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER



The annual PTO Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is underway! The St. Mary's School PTO will receive up to 40% back from purchases made! Scan the QR Code or go to <https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=19478>. Shop

today to support our Saints!

FALL BREAK

St. Mary's School campus and office will be closed for fall break Monday – Friday, October 6 –10.

FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP CRAFT DAY

On October 1st at 10:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall join other homeschoolers of St. Mary Help of Christians parish for a time of crafting together. This month we celebrate the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (known as the Little Flower). We will make celery stamp roses on canvas, symbolizing her connection to flowers, and we'll talk about her little way.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council 3684 of Aiken, SC, is inviting 8th to 12th grade students from St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Gerard, and Our Lady of the Valley to enter an essay contest. Cash prize for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners for each grade. **Deadline** for submission is 5:00PM Friday, October 10, 2025. For more details contact Bob Anzuoni at robert.p.anzuoni@gmail.com or visit www.aikenkofc3684.org

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28



A day to honor
and appreciate
the role of
priests in the
church



Please Pray for Our Priests!



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Join us for the blessing of animals, **Saturday, October 4**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, at **10:00AM** on the **rectory lawn** at the corner of York St. and Park Ave.

JOURNEY OF HOPE PROGRAM FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Are your separated or divorced? Journey of Hope Divorced Catholic Program. All are invited to attend. The group starts on Wednesday October 1st in St. Michael Hall at 6PM – 7:30PM. All are welcome. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." Isaiah (43:2) Please join this encouraging program of strength and hope. Questions? contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or sign up here:

<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2764513>

FRATERNUS – NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

We've formed a new Fraternus squad at St. Mary's! Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in virtue and mentoring young men in the faith. We ask all the men of the parish to prayerfully consider joining this program. For more information please visit fraternus.org and contact Scott Recher 757.647.4724, Brett Dickason 253.514.9271, Billy Swann 410.340.2503, or David Tacchi 251.654.3017.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16, at 6:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall, local historian Dennis Harkins will give a presentation on the history of St. Mary Help of Christians and the mission in Horse Creek Valley. Msgr. George Lewis Smith (whom some may remember) worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the poor living in the Valley.

October 23, Fr. Jeffrey Kirby will present a one-day Mission at St. Mary's on *Living Discipleship in the Modern World*. He will give a morning and evening talk in Old St. Mary's. It is sure to be inspiring!

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.."

St. John Vianney

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

HABÍA UN HOMBRE RICO VESTIDO DE PÚRPURA...

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En este pasaje del Evangelio nos encontramos con un desenlace diferente que experimentaron dos hombres: un rico malvado y un pobre bueno. La riqueza no es mala en sí misma, ni la pobreza es buena en sí misma, sino más bien la forma de vivir como persona rica o como persona pobre, ya que hay maneras buenas y malas de ser rico y pobre.

El hombre de la parábola vivía de la riqueza y para la riqueza; era su único objetivo en la vida: vestidos de púrpura y lino fino, festines, elogios de sus amigos; así pasaba cada día. Su nombre no se menciona en el Evangelio. Solo dice: «Había un hombre rico que banqueteara espléndidamente cada día». Pero siempre recordaremos el nombre del pobre: Lázaro.

En esta parábola, Cristo no dice que los ricos van al infierno y los pobres al cielo, sino que corremos el riesgo de apegarnos a las cosas materiales y olvidarnos de los bienes del cielo. El pobre no tenía nada en esta vida, y el rico lo tenía todo, pero al final ambos murieron. El dinero no podía comprar una vida más larga para esta alma desconocida. ¡Qué diferente terminaron ambos! Ambos tuvieron la oportunidad de escuchar a Moisés y a los profetas. El rico no les prestó atención, pero el otro aprendió a ver todo como proveniente de Dios.

Cristo invita a ricos y pobres por igual a llegar al cielo. Les dice a los ricos que compartan su riqueza con los necesitados y que la inviertan en obras de caridad y en el cuidado de los enfermos y moribundos, para que su vida sea más fácil. Y les dice a los pobres que se unan a Él en la cruz que Él cargó, que deseen solo las cosas del cielo, que vean incluso lo poco que tienen como pasajero. Los ricos de este mundo deben ser ricos de una manera nueva, buscando el tesoro de la fe, del amor a Cristo y de la esperanza. Hemos escuchado la frase: «Al que tiene a Dios nada le falta».

La sociedad en la que vivimos mide a una persona por lo que tiene, no por quién es. Nuestro corazón es como una papa que se arraiga fácilmente en la tierra, en las cosas de este mundo. No intentemos llenarlo de cosas, porque llegaríamos a la eternidad con las manos vacías. Que el Señor nos ayude a fijar nuestra mirada en las cosas de arriba.

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

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 28 de septiembre al 5 de octubre, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, el 28 de septiembre comienzan en la **pagina 945** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: Am 6, 1. 4-7 Sal 145, 7-10
1 Tim 6, 11-16 Lc 16, 19-31
Lunes: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14 o Ap 12, 7-12
Sal 137, 1-5 Jn 1, 47-51
Martes: Zac 8, 20-23 Sal 86, 1-7 Lc 9, 51-56
Miércoles: Neh 2, 1-8 Sal 136, 1-6 Lc 9, 57-62
Jueves: Neh 8, 1-6. 8-12 Sal 18, 8-11
Mt 18, 1-5. 10
Viernes: Bar 1, 15-22 Sal 78, 1-5. 8. 9
Lc 10, 13-16
Sábado: Bar 4, 5-12. 27-29 Sal 68, 33-37
Lc 10, 17-24
Domingo siguiente: Hab 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4
Sal 94, 1-2. 6-9 2 Tim 1, 6-8. 13-14 Lc 17, 5-10

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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias
se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

¡LEVÁNTATE Y ANDA ES TIEMPO DE ESPERANZA!

Te invitamos a la Conferencia Diocesana del Ministerio Hispano, un evento lleno de esperanza y alegría en el marco del Año del Jubileo.

Este año sagrado nos invita a reflexionar y renovar nuestra fe. A través de este encuentro, buscamos fortalecer a la comunidad, ofreciendo una jornada de formación, oración y confraternidad.

La conferencia se realizará el 11 de octubre de 8:30AM a 6:00PM en el Centro de Eventos "Plaza Rodeo" en Gaffney, SC.

Las boletas tienen un costo de \$10 por persona y puedes adquirirlas a través de tu parroquia.

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Cuando veas a un sacerdote, piensa en Nuestro
Señor Jesucristo."* San Juan Vianney

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!
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: 2 y 9 de noviembre 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

TIENDA DE REGALOS HORARIO

Domingos de 9:00AM to 1:00PM
y el primer fin de semana de cada mes
después de las misas del sábado a las 5:00PM
y del domingo a la 1:00PM.

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO EN ESPAÑOL

11 de octubre 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.

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Por favor inscribanse en nuestro Programa de Confirmación y en el Ministerio de Jóvenes en la página web de la parroquia, bajo la pestaña Formación.

FORMACIÓN

Confirmación 1 se reúne los martes por la tarde y Confirmación 2 los domingos por la mañana. Pueden consultar nuestro calendario en la página web o comunicarse con Hannah Dickason.

YOUTH MINISTRY

28 de septiembre – Grupo de jóvenes

5 de octubre – No hay reunión de ministerio juvenil

12 de octubre – Grupo de jóvenes

15 de octubre – Noche de oración

CCD

La catequesis (CCD) ya comenzó, ¡pero su hijo aún puede asistir! Las clases de 4K a 6.º grado se llevan a cabo en los salones de la Escuela St. Mary's los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45AM ¡Esperamos verlos entonces! ¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Mary Ellen Jackson al correo: mjackson@charlestandiocese.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.



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(cuando la escuela está en sesión)

RECAUDACIÓN DE FONDOS PTO CHARLESTON WRAP

La recaudación de fondos anual del PTO Charleston Wrap ya está en marcha. ¡El PTO de la Escuela St. Mary's recibirá hasta un 40% de vuelta de las compras realizadas! Visita <https://registercw.com/gatewayorganizationMidasId=19478>. ¡Compra hoy para apoyar a nuestros Santos!

VACACIONES DE OTOÑO

El campus y la oficina de la Escuela St. Mary's estarán cerrados por vacaciones de otoño de lunes 6 de octubre a viernes 10 de octubre.

CONFESIONES DE LOS DOMINGOS DESCONTINUADAS

Como saben, la Misa es la "fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe", pues de la Misa recibimos la Santísima Eucaristía: Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad. Actualmente, tenemos confesiones antes de la Misa en español los domingos.

En el poco tiempo disponible entre la Misa de las 11:00AM y la de la 1:00PM, simplemente no hay tiempo suficiente para que las personas puedan hacer una buena confesión y para que el sacerdote las escuche adecuadamente y les ofrezca la absolución. Ese corto tiempo disponible convierte la situación en algo muy estresante para el sacerdote que escucha confesiones. Más importante aún, al escuchar confesiones entre las Misas, el sacerdote no tiene el tiempo necesario para prepararse debidamente para la Misa de la 1PM. Un sacerdote debe tener tiempo para orar y prepararse para el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.

Por lo tanto, **a partir del primer domingo de octubre, ya no habrá confesiones antes de la Misa de la 1:00PM.** Seguiremos teniendo confesiones disponibles seis días a la semana. Por favor, consulte el boletín y el sitio web para ver el horario completo de confesiones. Y, por supuesto, el Padre Ghattas y yo estamos disponibles para confesión con cita previa. ¡Que todos nosotros, por la gracia de Dios, vivamos constantemente en estado de gracia!

Padre Wilson

BENDICIÓN DE LOS ANIMALES

Únete a nosotros para la bendición de animales, **el sábado 4 de octubre**, en la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís, a las **10:00AM** en el césped de la rectoría, esquina de York St. y Park Ave.



EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 28 de septiembre

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

Lunes, 29 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Legión de María	Smith
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 30 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, 1 de octubre

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

Jueves, 2 de octubre

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

Viernes, 3 de octubre

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

Sábado, 4 de octubre

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
8:00AM	Formacion Liturgica	Santa Angela
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 5 de octubre

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

DOMINGO DEL SACERDOCIO



28 de septiembre

**Un día para honrar y
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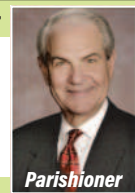
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