

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH — OCTOBER 12, 2025



28th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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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The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
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PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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, OCTOBER 5, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	OCT. 5	\$ 21,436
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	OCT. 5	\$ 13,064
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,118,675

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

October 19 World Mission Sunday

October 27 St. Vincent De Paul (outside)

If you make an annual contribution payable to the parish from an IRA or Securities account, please call 803.649.4777 option 4 and let the parish bookkeeper know. Thank you!

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.

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 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

Hours: Sundays 9:00AM – 1:00PM and 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+

REFLECTIONS ON MY HEART OPERATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October 11th is the one-year anniversary of my open-heart surgery. It's hard to believe that one year has gone by since that major event in my life.

I want you to know that I'm ever so grateful for your prayers and support over this past year. I feel good, I'm back exercising again. I can ride my bike. I can go to the gym. I feel very healthy. All the same, a major milestone like this is an opportunity to reflect on the many graces that God has given me through this experience.

In April of 2024, Dr. Christy Mills came into my office. Her purpose was to ask me to celebrate the Latin Mass. I couldn't do that for her, but during her visit, she volunteered to give me a thorough medical exam. Because of the history of heart problems in my family, she put me on the treadmill and found a possible lack of blood going to my heart. Shortly thereafter, she did a heart cath on me and found three blocked arteries. That was on Monday October 7th. By Friday, October 11th I was on the operating table at Wellstar MCG in Augusta. Dr. Vijay Patel and his team did a quadruple bypass on me.

Our faith teaches us that nothing happens to us by chance. All of us know well the words of St. Paul written to the Romans, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28) I am most grateful that God used Dr. Christy Mills to intervene in my life. I had no major symptoms. I did have some minor shortness of breath at times but attributed it to the pneumothorax that I suffered in Georgetown in 2019 and yes...to the fact that I was getting older.

I am most grateful that this medical issue was caught before I suffered a major heart attack. It was hard enough to recover from a quadruple bypass; it would have been much worse had I suffered a heart attack.

I am truly thankful for the prayers and support that the faithful of the parish provided to me. Wonderfully generous families in our parish cooked meals for me at least twice a week for about two months. And Father Orlando selflessly covered all the Masses, meetings and appointments for me during my recovery.

I just want to tell all of you a very thankful I am for your prayers, your support, your encouragement and for allowing me to have the time that I needed to recover. I especially want to thank Dr. Christy Mills who made sure I got the right treatment and Dr. Vijay Patel and his team who did a successful operation on me.

All the best in Christ, Father Wilson Page 2



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

IRISH CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION COMING TO AIKEN!

A new division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) is forming in Aiken. AOH is a Catholic Irish-American fraternal organization dedicated to promoting our Catholic faith, celebrating Irish heritage, and living our Motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. All are invited to an informational meeting on **October 30 at 6:00PM** in **Smith Hall** to learn more. Members of the AOH will also be available after Masses on October 26th to answer questions. Contact SC AOH State President Kevin Barnes at: kevinmbarnes@gmail.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Has your life taken an unexpected turn? 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 you are facing. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! To learn more, call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060 or Emily at 803.221.6978

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet **this Wednesday, October 15th at 1:00PM** in Old St. Mary's. 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.

READINGS FOR October 12 – 19, 2025

Sunday, Oct. 12 readings begin on **page 952** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17	Ps 98:1, 2-4	
2 Tm 2:8-13	Lk 17:11-19	
Monday: Rom 1:1-7	Ps 98:1, 2-4	Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25	Ps 19:2-5	Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11	Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9	
Lk 11:42-46		
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30	Ps 130:1b-6ab	
Lk 11:47-54		
Friday: Rom 4:1-8	Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11	Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b	Ps 145:10-13, 17-18	
Lk 10:1-9		
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13	Ps 121:1-8	
2 Tm 3:14-4:2	Lk 18:1-8	

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Oct. 12

8:30AM Paul Fenton
11:00AM James R. Hunter
1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Oct. 13

5:30PM Skip Keiser

Tuesday, Oct. 14

5:30PM Fr. Gregory B.
Wilson (L)

Wednesday, Oct. 15

8:20AM Roland Charles
More

7:00PM Thomas Wilkinson

Thursday, Oct. 16

5:30PM The Brown Family
(L) & (D)

Friday, Oct. 17

5:30PM Susan Gail Cleary

Saturday, Oct. 18

8:00AM Jake Williams

5:00PM Carol Reeve

Alberto Gonzalez

James R. Hunter

Dan & Carrie Gouveia

Susan Colombo

Fred & Edwina Polash

Sunday, Oct. 19

8:30AM Margaret Smith

11:00AM James Reed

1:00PM Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

October 1: Joseph Clark Geddis

GLUTEN INTOLERANCE AND HOLY COMMUNION

St. Mary's makes every effort to accommodate and normalize the experience of receiving Holy Communion for the faithful. For those who cannot consume gluten, we welcome you to receive Holy Communion in a safe, sensitive, and compassionate manner. For more information, please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandiocese.org

If you are visiting St. Mary's and require a low-gluten host for medical reasons, please see a Mass Coordinator or usher prior to Mass. We are only able to accommodate those that need a low-gluten host for medical reasons and not from dietary preferences.

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@charlestdiocese.org.

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

November 1 – 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 talk about The Church. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00–7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON

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615.638.7137

Please sign up for our Confirmation Program and Youth Ministry on the parish website under the Formation tab.

FORMATION

Confirmation 1 meets Tuesday evenings

Confirmation 2 meets Sunday mornings.

See our website or contact Hannah Dickason for our calendar.

October 22 – Meeting for Parents of Confirmation students.

YOUTH MINISTRY

October 12 – Youth Night

October 15 – Night of Prayer

October 19 – Parish Picnic (no Youth Night)

October 26 – Youth Night

CCD 4K–GRADE 6

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your week off last week. Grades 4K – 6th are held in the St. Mary's School classrooms on Sundays, 9:45–10:45AM.

NOTE: Oct. 19 we have our Safe Environment Virtus program. Parents are invited to attend the program with their children. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING OCTOBER 18

Do you have a child who will be receiving First Holy Communion this year? There will be a **required parent/child meeting** on Saturday, October 18 at 10:00AM in St. Angela Hall. For information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 12

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

Monday, October 13

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
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultreya	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, October 14

1:30PM	Cards for Christ	Mother Teresa
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 15

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home School Coop	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary

Thursday, October 16

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:30PM	Aiken Missions Talk w/Dennis Harkins	Mother Teresa
6:30PM	Franciscan Formation	St. Michael Hall

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
10:00AM	First Communion Parent Mtg	St. Angela
10:30AM	Mass for Filipino Comm.	Old St. Mary
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, October 19

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

Baby bottle collection before/after all Masses
October 11 & 12 and October 18 & 19

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

PARISH PERKS!

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Cursillo is a movement that gives Catholics space for reflection and self-discovery, by engaging in talks, discussions, and activities, participants are encouraged to explore their faith. Please join us

Monday, October 13 at 6:00PM in St. Michael Hall for our monthly meeting. For more information please contact Don at dontrapp354@icloud.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Fall into love all over again! Remember why you fell in love and learn the tools you need to keep your marriage on the right path. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on October 24-26, 2025 in Emerald Isle, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://SCMarriageMatters.org>



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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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Office Hours: 7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday–Friday
(when school is in session)

PTO 6th Annual Golf Tournament



Join us on November 15 at Top Golf for the PTO's 6th Annual Golf Tournament! Visit our website stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm or scan the QR code for more information! Lunch is included! Not a golfer? Social tickets are available to eat, play mini-golf and more! Sponsorship opportunities are also available! See you there and thank you for supporting SMS PTO!

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 of you may remember) worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the poor living in the Valley.

October 23, Fr. Jeffrey Kirby will give a one-day Mission at St. Mary's on **Living Discipleship in the modern world**. He will give three talks at 10:00AM, 1:00PM, and 6:15PM after Mass. Check the parish website for more information.

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.



CWA LADIES LUNCHEON & ROSARY

Tuesday, October 21
Rosary: 11:30AM in the church
Potluck Lunch: Noon in Mother Teresa Hall
Guest Speaker Fr. Michael Ghattas

JOURNEY OF HOPE PROGRAM FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Are your separated or divorced? The group meets Wednesdays in St. Michael Hall at 6:00–7:30PM. All are welcome to attend. Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or sign up at: <https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2764513>

FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Homeschool families are invited to join our monthly meeting on **Wednesday, October 15 at 10:00AM** in Mother Teresa Hall. For more information, contact Stephanie Lee at sdzlee87@gmail.com

COLUMBUS CLUB OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 18 – 5:30-10:30PM
1037 Spaulding Drive Aiken, SC
Brats, homemade warm German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, & Dessert. DJ with great music for dancing! Oktoberfest Craft Beer available! For tickets:
Craig Burgess, 803.439.0468
Dennis Fraser, 803.507.0066
Mark Szymanski, 803.645.1405
John Kvartek, 803.226.1597
Parish Office, 803.649.4777

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary's Church and Aiken Sheppard Blood Center
Will host a Blood Drive at:
Hitchcock Plaza, 353 Fabian Drive.

To expedite your time at the center:

- Call 803.643.7996 to make an appointment.
 - Complete your Quick Pass on the day of the appt.
- All registration is completed electronically, so please tell the receptionist and the phlebotomist that you are donating for St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TOOTSIE ROLL SALE
Available before & after all Masses
This weekend, October 11 & 12



ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

REFLEXIONES SOBRE MI OPERACIÓN DE CORAZÓN

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

El 11 de octubre se cumple un año de mi cirugía a corazón abierto. Es difícil creer que ya haya pasado un año desde ese importante acontecimiento en mi vida.

Quiero que sepan que estoy muy agradecido por sus oraciones y apoyo durante este último año. Me siento bien, he vuelto a hacer ejercicio. Puedo montar en bicicleta. Puedo ir al gimnasio. Me siento muy saludable. Aun así, un acontecimiento tan importante como este me brinda la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre las muchas gracias que Dios me ha concedido a través de esta experiencia.

En abril de 2024, la Dra. Christy Mills vino a mi consultorio. Su propósito era pedirme que celebrara la misa en latín. No pude hacerlo por ella, pero durante su visita, se ofreció a realizarme un examen médico completo. Debido a los antecedentes de problemas cardíacos en mi familia, me puso en la cinta de correr y detectó una posible falta de sangre al corazón. Poco después, me realizó un cateterismo cardíaco y encontró tres arterias obstruidas. Eso fue el lunes 7 de octubre. Para el viernes 11 de octubre, ya estaba en la mesa de operaciones del Wellstar MCG en Augusta. El Dr. Vijay Patel y su equipo me realizaron un bypass cuádruple.

Nuestra fe nos enseña que nada nos sucede por casualidad. Todos conocemos bien las palabras de San Pablo escritas a los romanos: «Sabemos que en todas las cosas Dios trabaja para bien con quienes lo aman, quienes son llamados de acuerdo a su propósito» (Romanos 8:28). Estoy muy agradecido de que Dios haya usado a la Dra. Christy Mills para intervenir en mi vida. No tuve síntomas importantes. Sí tuve una leve dificultad para respirar a veces, pero lo atribuí al neumotórax que sufrí en Georgetown en 2019 y sí... al hecho de que estaba envejeciendo.

Estoy muy agradecido de que este problema médico se detectara antes de que sufriera un infarto grave. Ya fue bastante difícil recuperarse de un bypass cuádruple; Habría sido mucho peor si hubiera sufrido un infarto.

Estoy profundamente agradecido por las oraciones y el apoyo que me brindaron los fieles de la parroquia. Familias maravillosamente generosas de nuestra parroquia me prepararon comidas al menos dos veces por semana durante unos dos

EL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO CONTINÚA EN LA COLUMNA DOS DE ESTA PÁGINA

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 12 al 19 de octubre, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, el 12 de octubre comienzan en la **pagina 953** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	2 Kgs 5, 14-17	Sal 97, 1. 2-4
	2 Tim 2, 8-13	Lc 17, 11-19
Lunes:	Rom 1, 1-7	Sal 97, 1. 2-4 Lc 11, 29-32
Martes:	Rom 1, 16-25	Sal 18, 2-5 Lc 11, 37-41
Miércoles:	Rom 2, 1-11	Sal 61, 2-3. 6-7. 9
	Lc 11, 42-46	
Jueves:	Rom 3, 21-30	Sal 129, 1-6 Lc 11, 47-54
Viernes:	Rom 4, 1-8	Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11
	Lc 12, 1-7	
Sábado:	2 Tim 4, 10-17	Sal 144, 10-13. 17-18
	Lc 10, 1-9	
Domingo siguiente:	Ex 17, 8-13	Sal 120, 1-8
	2 Tim 3, 14-4, 2	Lc 18, 1-8

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

¡APARTA LA FECHA!
LA IGLESIA SANTA MARÍA AUXILIADORA
DE LOS CRISTIANOS
TE INVITA AL PICNIC PARROQUIAL
EL DOMINGO 19 DE OCTUBRE

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

meses. Y el Padre Orlando cubrió desinteresadamente todas las misas, reuniones y citas durante mi recuperación.

Solo quiero decirles a todos que estoy muy agradecido por sus oraciones, su apoyo, su ánimo y por permitirme tener el tiempo que necesitaba para recuperarme. Quiero agradecer especialmente a la Dra. Christy Mills, quien se aseguró de que recibiera el tratamiento adecuado, y al Dr. Vijay Patel y su equipo, quienes me operaron con éxito.

Les deseo todo lo mejor en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

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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@charlestandioocese.org.

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

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¿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

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Tienes un hijo que va a recibir la Primera Comunión este año? La reunión **obligatoria para padres e hijos** se llevará a cabo el sábado 18 de octubre a las 10:00AM en el Salón de Santa Ángela. Para más información, contacta a Mary Ellen en mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO EN ESPAÑOL

8 de noviembre 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

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Por favor inscribanse en nuestro Programa de Confirmación y ministerio juvenil 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

12 de octubre – Grupo de jóvenes

15 de octubre – Noche de oración

19 de octubre – Picnic parroquial (no hay Noche de Juventud)

26 de octubre – Noche de juventud

CCD

¡Bienvenidos de nuevo! Esperamos que hayan disfrutado de su semana libre la semana pasada. Las clases de 4K a 6.º grado se imparten en las aulas de la escuela St. Mary's los domingos, de 9:45 a 10:45AM. **NOTA:** El 19 de octubre tenemos nuestro programa **Virtus** sobre entornos seguros. Se invita a los padres a asistir al programa con sus hijos. Comuníquese con Mary Ellen Jackson al correo: mjackson@charlestandioocese.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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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.

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.

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

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 12 de octubre

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

Lunes, 13 de octubre

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

Martes, 14 de octubre

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

Miércoles, 15 de octubre

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

Jueves, 16 de octubre

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

Viernes, 17 de octubre

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

Sábado, 18 de octubre

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
10:00AM	Reunión de padres de la Primera Comunión	San Angela
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 19 de octubre

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

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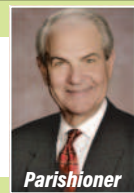
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