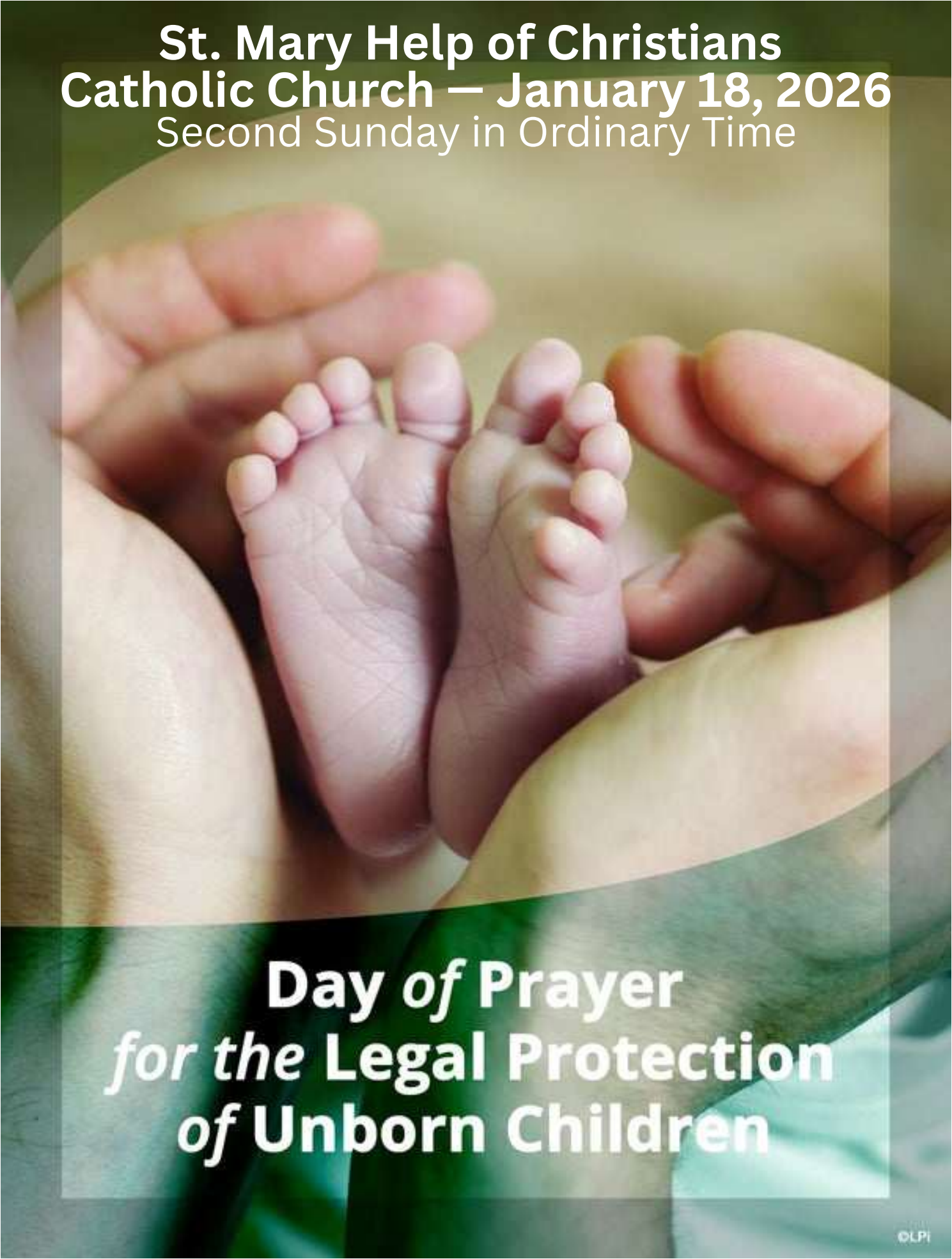




**St. Mary Help of Christians
Catholic Church — January 18, 2026**
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Day of Prayer
for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Welcome to St. Mary Help of Christians Parish

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.

Contact Us

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church
Parish Office:
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803.649.4777
parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org
Website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

Locations

	138 Fairfield St. SE
St. Mary's Church:	125 Park Ave. SE
Old St. Mary's:	125 Park Ave. SE
Ste Claire Chapel:	

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 - Iglesia Antigua
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

Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday 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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csnyder@charlestandioocese.org
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, January 18, 2026

Envelope/Cash Offertory	Jan. 4	\$ 16,583
Online Offertory	Jan. 4	\$ 17,670
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

Upcoming Special Collections

Jan. 25 - Church in Latin America
Jan. 25 - St. Vincent de Paul

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 at www.stmarys-aiken.org

1. Click on "GIVING", then "SUNDAY OFFERTORY"
2. Make your selections
3. Special collection choices can be made online

Contribute 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.

CWA LADIES LUNCHEON

The Catholic Women's Association will be hosting our annual Life Choices Baby Shower and Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 in Mother Teresa Hall. Rosary begins at 11:30am in the new church, followed by potluck lunch and a very special Marian presentation by St. Mary's parishioner, Ivy Monahan. All women of the parish are invited to attend. More details to come!

Gift Shop

Will be open after Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm this weekend. Stop by and pick up your favorites and check out new items.

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!

Catholic Women's Association (CWA) Engraved Brick Program

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

Pastor's Corner

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Parish Offertory Appeal for 2026

Dear Members of Our Parish Family,

I greet you with gratitude and hope as we begin a new year together. Your dedication, generosity, and faith over the years have shaped our parish into the vibrant community it is today. I wish to thank each of you for your steadfast support throughout the years, especially for your contributions to our major campaigns. Because of your commitment, our church building is fully paid for, the school's new STEM center has received \$7 million in pledges, and our bicentennial campaign not only met but exceeded its goal with \$1.7 million pledged. These examples are a testament to your love and devotion, and I am deeply grateful for all you have done.

As we look ahead, I must share with you the importance of our Sunday offertory in sustaining the daily operations of our parish. The offertory is the lifeblood that keeps our ministries running, supports our staff, and maintains our facilities. This year, the offertory budget was set about 4.5% higher than last year to account for rising costs. Despite your continued generosity, we find ourselves \$123,000 below plan through December.

We are working diligently to reduce expenses wherever possible, but costs for insurance, utilities, and essential goods and services continue to rise. We need your help to ensure that our parish remains strong and able to serve all who come through our doors.

Therefore, I humbly ask each of you to consider increasing your offertory giving by at least 5% for 2026. For those who donate directly from IRAs, please keep this increase in mind as you plan your charitable giving for the year ahead. (Keep in mind too, that contributions directly from your IRA to the church avoid income taxes.) Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference and helps us continue our mission.

In February, our Finance Council will meet to review the first half of the fiscal year. After this meeting, I will share a financial update with the congregation to keep you informed about our progress and stewardship.

Thank you for your faithful support, your prayers, and your commitment to our parish. May God bless you and your families abundantly in the coming year.

Our Lord instructed us "give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

We cannot outgive our Lord!
All the best in Christ, Father Wilson



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ste Claire Chapel Use

Put Jesus first on your calendar
with a weekly holy hour!

To find an hour that works for you please visit the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

Mdnt. -6am Tom Henry	803.642.6893(no text)
6am-Noon Ken Boucher	803 .226 .4639
Noon-6pm Janice Suhrer	803 .645 .6105
6pm-Mdnt. Joan Pate	803 .226 .0263

Hours in Need (although all hours are available)

MON: 1am

TUES:

WED: 2am; 3am; 1pm; 11pm

THU: 1am; 2am

FRI: 3am

SAT: 1am; 2pm; 4pm; 6pm

SUN: 2am; 3am

NO Masses or Confessions January 19–21

Please note that this week on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there will be no Masses or confessions** as our priests attend the Diocesan Priest Convocation. Please keep Fr. Gattas and Fr. Wilson in your prayers.

Volunteers Needed to Bring Communion to the Homebound!

Are you interested in bringing the best gift ever, Jesus in the Eucharist, to a fellow parishioner who is homebound? We need more volunteers to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Our Lord each week to those who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding ministry, contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or piercedin1988@gmail.com. Please visit the Homebound Ministries webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound> for information.

Necessary training is given to all volunteers.

How To Sign Up for Flocknote

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryhelp.flocknote.com (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up! Be sure to fill in our contact information.

Readings for Jan. 18– Jan. 25, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 18 readings begin on **page 292** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6	Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-10
	1 Cor 1:1-3	Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23	
	Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23	Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13	Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
	Mk 2:23-28	
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	
	Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10	Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Ps 56:2-3, 9-13
	Mk 3:7-12	
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21	Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
	Mk 3:13-19	
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	
	Ps 80:2-3, 5-7	Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23-9:3	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17	Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday Jan. 18

8:30am Dan & Mary
Tarangelo

11:00am Sophie
Vanderbeck

1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday Jan. 19

5:30pm **No Mass**

Tuesday Jan. 20

5:30pm **No Mass**

Wednesday Jan. 21

8:20am **No Mass**

5:30pm **No Mass**

Thursday Jan. 22

5:30pm James R. Hunter

Friday Jan. 23

5:30pm James Anthony
Foura

Saturday Jan. 24

8:00am Roland More

5:00pm Frank Jordan

Marie -Jay Cooper

Sherene Power

Juanito Cajayon

Alberto Gonzalez

Margaret

Grzywaczewski

Sunday Jan. 25

8:30am Pro Populo

11:00am Larry Frelin

1:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

Prayer for the Repose of the soul of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Social Media Scams to be Aware of...

If you receive emails or texts sent in my name or in other parish/school staff names asking for financial help in one form or another, please know that neither I, nor any parish employee, will ever ask you for donations of any kind via social media. Please do not respond to any message that you may receive. Thank you and God bless, Fr. Wilson

Sacramental Information

Holy Baptism

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is today, **Sunday, January 18, 2026** 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 class 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 Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org.

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

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)

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11:00am in Old St. Mary Church on Park Avenue. Note the change in location.

- 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? We meet Tuesdays at 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Mother Teresa Hall. On January 20, Deacon Steve Platte will talk about the love of God. All are welcome. For more information contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org or 803.716.8451

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestandioocese.org
615.638.7137

For more details about Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and our full calendar of events, please visit our website or contact Hannah Dickason.

FORMATION

January 11 — First Confirmation 2 Classes of the Semester

January 15 — First Confirmation 1 Classes of the Semester

YOUTH MINISTRY

January 18 — Youth Night

January 25 — Youth Night

CCD

K-6th grades are held in the St. Mary's School classrooms on Sunday at 9:45am – 10:45am. We are in need of substitute teachers. If you are a in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org 803.716.8451

Saints and the Liturgy

This Wednesday, January 21, the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Agnes who, at the young age of 12, was beheaded for the crime of believing in Jesus Christ. She considered herself betrothed to Christ and was happy to die for His sake. St. Agnes shows us that courageous faith even in the face of death is possible even at a young age.

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 18

8:30am Mass

9:45am Sunday Café

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass in Spanish

Monday, January 19

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:45am Lunch & Learn Book Club

1:00pm Rosary Makers

4:45pm **No Confessions**

5:30pm **No Mass**

Tuesday, January 20

3:30pm Legion of Mary

4:45pm **No Confessions**

5:30pm **No Mass**

6:00pm OCIA

Wednesday, January 21

8:20am **No Mass**

9:30am Bible Study

3:00pm Legion of Mary

6:00pm SHE

Thursday, January 22

11:15am Thursday Bible Study

4:45pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass

Friday, January 23

4:45pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass

Saturday, January 24

8:00am Mass

3:30pm Confessions

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 25

8:30am Mass

9:45am Sunday Café

11:00am Mass

1:00pm Mass in Spanish

Church

Mother Teresa

Church

Church

Smith Hall

Bosco

Mother Teresa

Old St. Mary

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St. Michael Hall

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Parish Perks!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the

Sunday 8:30am Mass in St. Michael Hall

Music Ministry – Choir Members Needed

We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord. If you are unable to make a full commitment to the choir, please reach out to Frank to see if a limited time engagement, such as Advent, Lent or some other short period when you could serve. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at fdeese@charlestandioocese.org.

If you think you can sing, you probably can!

Millions of Monicas

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet on Wednesday, January 21st 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.

Fraternus is now at St. Mary Help of Christians!

We are seeking faithful, committed men to join our Fraternus Squad! Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in virtue, deepening our faith, and strengthening our calling as fathers and leaders. We currently meet on a monthly basis, building the foundation of this ministry in our parish as we seek to add our boys and young men into the fold in the near future. For more information, please visit fraternus.org and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at rechergs@gmail.com

Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com

Billy Swann at eswann3rd@gmail.com

David Tacchi at dmtac5@gmail.com



"Christ has made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve."

*~ St. Agnes of Rome
Feast Day, January 21*



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)

Catholic Schools Week

This is a national celebration of the value and mission of Catholic education — forming students in faith, knowledge, and service. We invite all parishioners to join us for Mass at 8:30am on Sunday, January 25, as our school community comes together to kick off the week. Our students will attend Mass in uniform, process in with the priest, and serve as lectors. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our parish and thank you for supporting Catholic education.

St. Mary's School Enrollment Begins Soon!

Parish families interested in enrolling new students at St. Mary's School for the 2026–2027 school year are encouraged to begin the inquiry process next week. Before applications open to the general public in a few weeks, we are offering current families and parishioners priority access. Visit

www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

and click the Admission Inquiry button to get started.

She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)

Season 4 starts January 21 and runs through March 25, 2026! In a world where the prevalence of darkness often seems overwhelming, it's easy to feel discouraged, fearful, or even weighed down by the struggles of our culture. Yet, Scripture offers us a powerful image of light that not only calls us to turn to Christ in our need for conversion but also reminds us that He has already won the victory. This season, we are invited to embrace the light of Christ, allowing it to penetrate every corner of our lives and shine brightly into the world, bringing hope and transformation to all we encounter. Join us as we ask the Lord to Restore us to His Radiance as a light to our families, friends, and the world. Meetings are Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. All women are welcome. Register at

<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/532A7B>

Grief Support Group

The group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. The registration form is available at St. Mary's parish office or you can register at www.griefshare.org/find a group. For more information please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org.

Wednesday Bible Study

This group meets from 9:30 - 11:00am Wednesdays in St. Michael Hall. We are currently reading and discussing Pope Francis' last encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will begin our study of Hebrews in February. Bring your desire to grow in the Catholic faith, a Catholic Bible and notepaper if desired. Join us as we begin our 20th year of studying God's Word.

In 2019, Pope Francis wrote "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." It was his intention to set aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people." Sunday, **January 25, 2026** is the seventh year that we celebrate worldwide the **Sunday of the Word of God**. Why not make 2026 the year you answer God's call to spend time getting to know Him by reading his Word.

For more information contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or call 865.599.8473

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>

"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the One who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

~ John 1:32-34

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco

Llamado de ofrendas parroquiales para el 2026

Estimados miembros de nuestra familia parroquial,

Les saludo con gratitud y esperanza al comenzar un nuevo año juntos. Su dedicación, generosidad y fe a lo largo de los años han convertido a nuestra parroquia en la comunidad vibrante que es hoy. Deseo agradecer a cada uno de ustedes por su apoyo inquebrantable a lo largo de los años, especialmente por sus contribuciones a nuestras principales campañas. Gracias a su compromiso, el edificio de nuestra iglesia está totalmente pagado, el nuevo centro STEM de la escuela ha recibido 7 millones de dólares en promesas de donación y nuestra campaña del bicentenario no solo alcanzó sino que superó su meta con 1.7 millones de dólares prometidos. Estos logros son un testimonio de su amor y devoción, y estoy profundamente agradecido por todo lo que han hecho.

De cara al futuro, debo compartir con ustedes la importancia de nuestra colecta dominical para el sostenimiento de las operaciones diarias de nuestra parroquia. La colecta es el sustento que mantiene en funcionamiento nuestros ministerios, apoya a nuestro personal y mantiene nuestras instalaciones. Este año, el presupuesto de la colecta se fijó en aproximadamente un 4.5 % más alto que el año pasado para compensar el aumento de los costos. A pesar de su continua generosidad, nos encontramos 123,000 por debajo de lo previsto hasta diciembre.

Estamos trabajando diligentemente para reducir los gastos siempre que sea posible, pero los costos de los seguros, los servicios públicos y los bienes y servicios esenciales siguen aumentando. Necesitamos su ayuda para garantizar que nuestra parroquia se mantenga fuerte y pueda servir a todos los que acuden a ella..

Por lo tanto, les pido humildemente a cada uno de ustedes que consideren aumentar sus donaciones a la colecta en al menos un 5% para 2026. Para quienes donan directamente desde sus cuentas IRA, tenga en cuenta este aumento al planificar sus donaciones caritativas para el próximo año. (Tengan en cuenta también que las contribuciones directas desde su cuenta IRA a la iglesia están exentas del impuestos sobre la renta). Cada donación, sin importar el tamaño, marca la diferencia y nos ayuda a continuar con nuestra misión.

En febrero, nuestro Consejo de Finanzas se reunirá para revisar la primera mitad del año fiscal. Después de esta reunión, compartiré una actualización financiera con la congregación para mantenerlos informados sobre nuestro progreso y administración.



Formación Cristiana

Las Lecturas de las Escrituras del 18 de enero al 25 de enero, 2026.

Las lecturas para domingo, el 18 de enero comienzan en la **pagina 293** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Is 49, 3. 5-6	Sal 40, 2 y 4. 7-10
	1 Co 1, 1-3	Jn 1, 29-34
Lunes:	1 Sm 15, 16-23	Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23
	Mc 2, 18-22	
Martes:	1 Sm 16, 1-13	Sal 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28
	Mc 2, 23-28	
Miércoles:	1 Sm 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51	
	Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10	Mc 3, 1-6
Jueves:	1 Sm 18, 6-9; 19, 1-7	Sal 55, 2-3. 9-13
	Mc 3, 7-12	
Viernes:	1 Sm 24, 3-21	Sal 56, 2. 3-4. 6 y 11
	Mc 3, 13-19	
Sábado:	2 Sm 1, 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27	
	Sal 79, 2-3. 5-7	Mc 3, 20-21
Domingo siguiente:	Is 8, 23-9, 3	Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14
	1 Co 1, 10-13. 17	Mt 4, 12-23 o 4, 12-17

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

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.

Donaciones de Flores para el Altar

Las flores del altar pueden ser patrocinadas durante todo el año, excepto durante la Cuaresma, y el costo es \$300 por dos arreglos. Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor o a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con Colleen Snyder at csnyder@charlestandiocese.org or 518.524.4464.

Continuación del espacio de nuestro parróco

Gracias por su fiel apoyo, sus oraciones y su compromiso con nuestra parroquia. Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente a ustedes y a sus familias en el próximo año.

Nuestro Señor nos enseñó: «Den, y se les dará; medida buena, apretada, remecida y rebosante se les dará en su regazo. Porque con la medida con que midan, se les medirá a ustedes» (Lucas 6,38).

¡No podemos superar en generosidad de nuestro Señor!

Todo lo mejor en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

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: 1 y 8 de marzo 2026

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

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

14 de febrero 2026 a las 11:00am en la iglesia antigua en Park Avenue. Tenga en cuenta el cambio de ubicación.

- 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
hdickason@charlestandiocese.org
615.638.7137

Para más detalles sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, por favor visite nuestro sitio web o contacte a Hannah Dickason.

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

18 de enero: noche juvenil

25 de enero: noche juvenil

CCD

Las clases de CCD de 4° a 6° grado se llevan a cabo en las aulas de la Escuela St. Mary los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45am. ¡Esperamos verlos entonces! ¿Preguntas? Contacte a Derrick Huestis en dhuestis@charlestandiocese.org

Legión de María

Invita a toda la comunidad a participar en la Entronización del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en sus hogares. Esta hermosa devoción nos ayuda a acercarnos más al corazón de Jesús y a vivir nuestra fe en familia. ¡Anímate a preparar tu hogar para recibir al Sagrado Corazón! Para más información comuníquese con Mary Hernandez 803-522-3988



Escuela Parroquial de Santa María

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801

Sr. Carlos Overstreet, Director

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Horario de Oficina: 7:30am a 3:30pm lunes a viernes (cuando la escuela está en sesión)

Semana de las Escuelas Católicas

La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas es una celebración nacional del valor y la misión de la educación católica: formar a los estudiantes en la fe, el conocimiento y el servicio. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros para la misa a las 8:30 a. m. del domingo 25 de enero, cuando nuestra comunidad escolar se reunirá para dar inicio a la semana. Nuestros alumnos asistirán a la misa con el uniforme, desfilarán con el sacerdote y servirán como lectores. Esperamos que se unan a nosotros para celebrar nuestra parroquia y les agradecemos su apoyo a la educación católica.

¡La inscripción en la escuela St. Mary's comienza pronto!

Animamos a las familias de la parroquia interesadas en matricular a nuevos alumnos en la escuela St. Mary's para el curso 2026-2027 a que comiencen el proceso de solicitud la próxima semana. Antes de que las solicitudes se abran al público en general dentro de unas semanas, ofrecemos acceso prioritario a las familias actuales y a los feligreses. Visite www.stmaryschoolaiken.com y haga clic en el botón «Admission Inquiry» para comenzar.

¿Embarazo Inesperado?

¡No estás sola! Recursos de ayuda gratuitos:

Ministerio Respeto a la Vida 803.634.3171

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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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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 18 de enero

8:30am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 19 de enero

4:45pm No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm No hay Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00pm Legión de María	Smith
7:00pm Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 20 de enero

4:45pm No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm No hay Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm RICA	Smith

Miércoles, 21 de enero

8:20am No hay Misa	Iglesia
6:15pm No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm No hay Misa	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 22 de enero

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

Viernes, 23 de enero

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

Sábado, 24 de enero

8:00am Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 25 de enero

8:30am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia

¿Quieres ofrecer una Misa por un ser querido o por una intención especial?

Ofrecer una intención de Misa es una hermosa manera de orar por alguien ya sea por su descanso eterno, por salud, acción de gracias o alguna necesidad particular. Si deseas hacerlo, te pedimos que llames directamente a la oficina parroquial con anticipación para reservar la fecha ya que según el Canon 948 del Código de Derecho Canónico, "se debe aplicar una Misa por una sola intención a la vez". Tu comprensión y colaboración nos ayudan a mantener el debido respeto y orden en la celebración de la Santa Misa.

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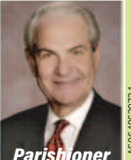
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