ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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.

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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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Locations

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield Street
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 - 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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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 25, 2026

Offertory	Jan. 25	$ 22,527
Online Giving	Jan. 25	$ 11,208
Total Annual Budget	$ 2,118,675	
Jan. 25 - Church in Latin America		$ 793
Jan. 25 - St. Vincent de Paul		$ 4,744

Upcoming Special Collections

Jan. 8 - Catholic appeal of South Carolina

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 Fat Tuesday Dinner

CWA Fat Tuesday Dinner
Tuesday, February 17
St. Angela Hall from 5 – 7 pm

The dinner is FREE, but you must have a ticket to attend. Pick up tickets at the Parish Office. For more info or to reserve a table for 8 or more, call or text Janiece at 803-270-1119.

Gift Shop - Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi

This is the jubilee year of St. Francis of Assisi. Welcome his spirit, 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.' Gift shop open Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

AA Open Meeting

AA open meeting at 7:00am Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's). 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 +JMJ+

Happy, but not as the world is happy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first discourse preached by Jesus makes his listeners worried. On the one hand he speaks to them about happiness as the dream they are all looking to fulfill; on the other hand, he tells them they cannot achieve it using the means the world offers. People think the rich, the powerful and the famous are the happy ones; but Jesus tells them, "Blessed are the poor, those who weep, those who are persecuted." The true path to happiness is described to us in the Beatitudes.

Our life on earth is only temporary, yet some people live as if they were going to stay here forever, and they forget where their citizenship really is. The reality is that we are pilgrims here on this earth.

Happiness is measured by the spirit in which we face our problems in life. Happiness doesn't depend on what happens around us, but what happens inside us. It doesn't consist of always doing whatever we love doing, but rather in loving whatever we do. It's not an inn to stop at on our journey, but rather a way to journey through life. The Beatitudes tear down the false gods of the idolatry of money, slavery of the flesh, tyranny of our egotism that leaves us devoid of happiness. Just look at the secular world: it has more things than ever before, yet it is hugely unfulfilling. Marriages are breaking up and are empty. Families have it all in their homes, but they are missing their "All," who is God.

The source of happiness is found in love and the desire to imitate Jesus. Those who are poor and humble, Christians, missionaries or mothers who deny their comforts for love of God have full lives because God fulfills them. Blessed are the ones who are full of fervor in their parish because they will encourage us all with their love. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for holiness. Blessed those souls that burn in their desire to make Christ known and loved. For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

May we not confuse the means with the end. Saint John of Avila says, "Tears, poverty, persecution - these are all means to reach God and make us more like Christ." True happiness then is possessing in this life the true love of God. This is the only way to understand that those who live for God are already living their heaven on earth. This is the prayer we should ask of the Lord today.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ste Claire Chapel

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

Monday night at 12 Mdnt. is an urgent need for an adorer. If you would like to try this or another hour, please visit the Adoration webpage at... https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

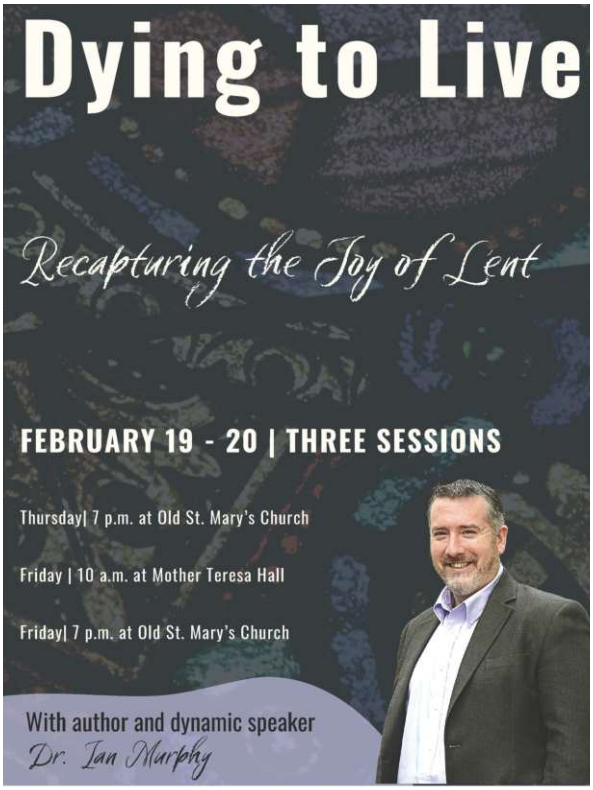
Mdnt - 6am	Tom Henry	803.642.6893 (no text)
6am - Noon	Ken Boucher	803 .226 .4639
Noon - 6pm	Janice Suhrer	803 .645 .6105
6pm - Mdnt	Joan Pate	803 .226 .0263

Social Media Scams to be Aware of

If you receive emails or texts sent in my name or other parish/school staff, 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

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 February 1 - February 8, 2026

Sunday, January 25 readings begin on page 300 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13	Ps 146:6c-10	
	1 Cor 1:26-31	Mt 5:1-12a	
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4	Ps 24:7-10	Heb 2:14-18
	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32		
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3		
	Ps 86:1-6	Mk 5:21-43	
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	Ps 32:1-2, 5-7	
	Mk 6:1-6		
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	1 Chr 29:10, 11-12	
	Mk 6:7-13		
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11	Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51	
	Mk 6:14-29		
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Ps 119:9-14	
	Mk 6:30-34		
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10	Ps 112:4-9	
	1 Cor 2:1-5	Mt 5:13-16	

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Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday Feb. 1
8:30am Frank Jordan
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

Monday Feb. 2
5:30pm Patricia D'arcy

Tuesday Feb. 3
5:30pm Linda Carr

Wednesday Feb. 4
8:20am MaryAnn & Nick Kuhn
5:30pm Joely Leguizamon (L)

Thursday Feb. 5
10:00am Joseph Csencsits
5:30pm Alice Dorthalina

Friday Feb. 6
5:30pm Skip Keiser

Saturday Feb. 7
8:00am Cathy Hogan
5:00pm Susan Reeve
Mary Ann Kuehn
Nicholas Kuehn
Holly Greenhalgn
Rebecca Malloy
Richard Dean Severson
Alberto Gonzalez

Sunday Feb. 8
8:30am Alice Dorthalina
11:00am Frank Fitzgerald
1:00pm Pro Populo

Deaths/Difuntos:

Jan. 3 - Ernest Squarzini

"...I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ."
~ St. Paul Miki, Feast Day February 6

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 next **Sunday, March 22, 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 and 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@charlestondiocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at hdickason@charlestondiocese.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 Feb. 3rd, Deacon Al will talk about Prudence and Conscience. All are welcome. For more information contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org 803-716-8451.

Catholic Youth Ministry

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestondiocese.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

February 15 — No class

YOUTH MINISTRY

February 1 — Youth Night
February 4 — Young Disciples (3rd-5th Grade)
February 4 — Youth Adoration and Confession
February 8 — Youth Night
February 11 — Young Disciples (3rd-5th Grade)
February 15 — No 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 803-716-8451 or dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit, became the most well-known of the Japanese martyrs. While being crucified, he preached that he was being executed solely for teaching the doctrine of Christ, saying, "The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ." He forgave his persecutors, asked God's mercy for all, and prayed that his blood would strengthen the faith of others.

Though Christianity seemed to vanish from Japan after the persecutions, missionaries returning in the 1860s discovered thousands of hidden Christians near Nagasaki who had secretly preserved the faith. The martyrs were beatified in 1627 and canonized in 1862.

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 1	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church
Monday, February 2	
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:45am Lunch & Learn Book Club	Bosco
1:00pm Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45pm Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30pm Mass	Old St. Mary
Tuesday, February 3	
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, February 4	
8:20am Mass	Old St. Mary
9:30am Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00pm SHE	Mother Teresa
7:00pm Spanish Mass	Old St. Mary
Thursday, February 5	
11:15am Thursday Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30pm Mass	Old St. Mary
Friday, February 6	
4:45pm Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30pm Mass	Old St. Mary
Saturday, February 7	
8:00am Mass	Old St. Mary
4:45pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church
Sunday, February 8	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Knights of Columbus Yearly Free-Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting this year's Free-Throw Contest on February 14, 2026, at 9:00 am at St. Angela Gym.

All boys and girls from ages 9-14 are invited to participate. Trophies will be awarded, and finalists will compete in the State competition. For more information, please call Ron Shepherd at 856-449-3198, Mike Bauman at 803-443-4296 or Randall Brown at 803-292-1353.

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@charlestondiocese.org

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 21 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 rechersg@gmail.com
Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com
Billy Swann at eswann3rd@gmail.com
David Tacchi at dmtac5@gmail.com

Wednesday Bible Study

February 4, 9:30 - 11:00am we will begin our study of Hebrews. All are welcome. Only necessity is a Catholic Bible. We can help with that if you call ahead. For more information contact Martha Whittingham, 865-599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

St. Mary's Parish School

118YorkStreet SE, Aiken,SC29801 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)

Day of Giving Update

We are thrilled to share that we raised $40,873 during our #iGiveCatholic 2025 Day of Giving! The funds will be used to replace 3 rooftop HVAC units. We have made tentative plans for installation during our spring break. Thank you to all who supported these important campus improvements.

School Enrollment for 26-27 - Open Now (3K-8th grade)

It is time to enroll for the next school year! Parish families who have not submitted an admissions inquiry to begin the admissions process are strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible! Enrollment is now open to the general public and the potential for waitlists increases, especially in our preschool classes. Visit us at stmaryschoolaiken.com to discover how SMS nurtures academic growth while forming hearts and minds in the Catholic tradition!

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She Shall Be Called Woman (SHE)

Season 4 runs through March 25 on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. 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. All women are welcome. Register at

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

Grief Support Group

We will begin a 14-week grief support group beginning February 17, 2026. We use the GriefShare program, a special, lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief (www.griefshare.org).

Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you feel comfortable.

This group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. Please pass the information along to anyone you know who might need it. People may join the group at any point.

The meetings are held from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE). We begin promptly at 3:30 so that we may close at 5 p.m. to allow those in attendance to attend 5:30 p.m. Mass if they so choose. The schedule is as follows:

February 17, 2026– Loss of Spouse (this program addresses those people who have
experienced the death of a spouse).

Beginning February 24, 2026 we begin the regular 13-week GriefShare program

The workbook fee is $20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for additional information or with questions and to register.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows
— Jeremiah 31:13

CWA Super Bowl Bake Sale February 7 and 8

Bakers, please help us make this a success. All sales will benefit the Kitchen Fund. We accept all sweet and savory treats such as cookies and candy, cheeseballs and dips. St. Michael's Hall will open at 11am on Saturday to collect items. The sales will take place after all Masses. If you have any questions please reach out to Ellen Miller by phone (803) 645-4395 or by email at ellenmiller806@gmail.com

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart; you know my desires. Possess all that I am – You alone."

~St. Agatha, Feast Day, February 5

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco

Felices, pero no como el mundo entiende la felicidad.
Queridos hermanos en Cristo:
El primer sermón de Jesús inquieta a sus oyentes. Por un lado, les habla de la felicidad como el sueño que todos anhelan; por otro, les dice que no pueden alcanzarla con los medios que ofrece el mundo. La gente piensa que los ricos, los poderosos y los famosos son los felices; pero Jesús les dice: «Bienaventurados los pobres, los que lloran, los que son perseguidos». El verdadero camino a la felicidad se nos describe en las Bienaventuranzas.
Nuestra vida en la tierra es solo temporal, sin embargo, algunas personas viven como si fueran a quedarse aquí para siempre, y olvidan de dónde realmente es su ciudadanía. La realidad es que somos peregrinos en esta tierra.
La felicidad se mide por el espíritu con el que afrontamos los problemas de la vida. La felicidad no depende de lo que sucede a nuestro alrededor, sino de lo que sucede dentro de nosotros. No consiste en hacer siempre lo que nos gusta, sino en amar lo que hacemos. No es una posada donde detenernos en nuestro viaje, sino una forma de recorrer la vida. Las Bienaventuranzas derriban los falsos ídolos de la idolatría del dinero, la esclavitud de la carne, la tiranía de nuestro egoísmo que nos deja vacíos de felicidad. Basta con mirar al mundo secular: tiene más cosas que nunca, pero está profundamente insatisfecho. Los matrimonios se rompen y están vacíos. Las familias lo tienen todo en sus hogares, pero les falta su «Todo», que es Dios.
La fuente de la felicidad se encuentra en el amor y el deseo de imitar a Jesús. Los pobres y humildes, los cristianos, los misioneros o las madres que renuncian a sus comodidades por amor a Dios tienen vidas plenas porque Dios las llena. Bienaventurados los que están llenos de fervor en su parroquia, porque nos animarán a todos con su amor. Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de santidad. Bienaventuradas aquellas almas que arden en el deseo de dar a conocer y amar a Cristo. Porque de ellos es el Reino de los Cielos.
Que no confundamos los medios con el fin. San Juan de Ávila dice: «Las lágrimas, la pobreza, la persecución: todos estos son medios para llegar a Dios y hacernos más semejantes a Cristo». La verdadera felicidad, entonces, consiste en poseer en esta vida el verdadero amor de Dios. Esta es la única manera de comprender que quienes viven para Dios ya están viviendo su cielo en la tierra. Esta es la oración que debemos elevar al Señor hoy.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Padre Wilson

formación cristiana

Las Lecturas de las Escrituras del 1 de febrero al 8 de febrero, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 18 de enero comienzan en la pagina 301 en el libro “Palabra y Eucharistía”

Domingo:	Sof 2, 3; 3, 12-13	Sal 145, 6-10	1 Co 1, 26-31
	Mt 5, 1-12		
Lunes:	Mal 3, 1-4	Sal 23, 7-10	Heb 2, 14-18
	Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32		
Martes:	2 Sm 18, 9-10. 14. 24-25. 30-19, 3		
	Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6	Mc 5, 21-43	
Miércoles:	2 Sm 24, 2. 9-17	Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7	
	Mc 6, 1-6		
Jueves:	1 Re 2, 1-4. 10-12	1 Cr 29, 10-12	
	Mc 6, 7-13		
Viernes:	Eclo 47, 2-11	Sal 17, 31. 47 y 50. 51	
	Mc 6, 14-29		
Sábado:	1 Re 3, 4-13	Sal 118, 9-14	
	Mc 6, 30-34		
Domingo siguiente:	Is 58, 7-10	Sal 111, 4-9	
	1 Co 2, 1-5	Mt 5, 13-16	

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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@charlestondiocese.org or 518.524.4464.

¿Eres nuevo en la parroquia?

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

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

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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@charlestondiocese.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
15 de febrero: no hay clase

Youth Ministry
1 de febrero: noche juvenil
4 de febrero: jóvenes discípulos de 3.º a 5.º
4 de febrero: adoración juvenil y confesiones
8 de febrero: noche juvenil
11 de febrero: jóvenes discípulos de 3.º a 5.º
15 de febrero: no hay 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@charlestondiocese.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 communicate con Mary Hernandez 803-522-3988

Escuela Parroquial de Santa María

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
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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.

Quinceañeras

Quinceañeras Para registrarse o para más información, por favor comuníquese con Mary Hernández al 803-5223988.

Noche de Oración Juvenil de los miércoles

Acompáñanos a una Hora Santa con adoración guiada y confesiones. ¡Están invitados los estudiantes de 6.º a 12.º grado!
6:00-8:00pm
Reúnanse con nosotros en el Centro Juvenil San Bosco y caminaremos juntos hacia la iglesia.

Hora Santa

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Eventos para la proxima semana

Domingo, 1 de febrero

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

Lunes, 2 de febrero

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

Martes, 3 de febrero

4:45pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm RICA	Smith

Miércoles, 4 de febrero

8:20am Misa	Iglesia
6:15pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 5 de febrero

4:45pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 6 de febrero

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

Sábado, 7 de febrero

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

Domingo, 8 de febrero

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

¡Unidos en Oración!

Te invitamos a ser parte del Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los jueves a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia Antigua.
Este es un espacio especial donde nos unimos como comunidad para orar, reflexionar y fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios.
· Ven con un corazón dispuesto a recibir bendiciones.
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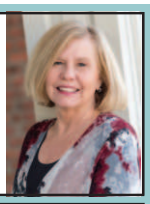

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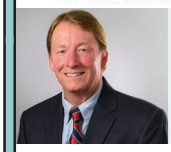

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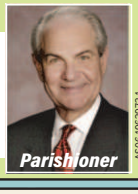

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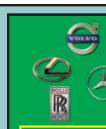

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