



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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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, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Offertory	Feb. 1	\$ 11,743
Online Giving	Feb. 1	\$ 21,757
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Feb. 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 – THE BEATITUDES

St. Pier Frassati, known as the “Man of the Eight Beatitudes,” has young Catholics following him!

Books on this saint are right in the Gift Shop:

Open Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm; the Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass; the Sunday Spanish 1:00pm Mass.

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+

An Unexpected Grace

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Lord always desires to bless us with His grace. Indeed, we read in John 10:10b, “I came that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” We should constantly be alert for God’s grace in our lives either in a subtle way or a dramatic way.

Recently, I received a totally unexpected measure of God’s grace. In June of 2025, I was invited to come back to West Point, my alma mater, in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Most Holy Trinity, the West Point Catholic Chapel. It’s very ironic for me, since when I was at West Point, I was Protestant and only attended the Protestant Chapel, called the Cadet Chapel. To my knowledge, I never visited the Catholic Chapel while I was at West Point. I am writing this now from just outside of West Point as I await the celebration on Monday, February 2nd.

There are 20 living West Point graduates that are either priests, sisters or seminarians. Seven priests, one seminarian and two sisters will be attending this celebration. Included in this celebration will be a Mass and the dedication of the Four Chaplains Garden. Perhaps you have not heard of the Four Chaplains. Here’s a brief history of their sacrifice.

On a freezing cold night in February of 1943, in the fearsome waters of the North Atlantic, the USS Dorchester was ferrying troops to Europe in the midst of the Battle of the Atlantic. She never reached her destination. A torpedo from a German U-boat hit below the waterline, tearing a hole in the ship and plunging it into the dark waters.

As soldiers struggled to get above decks, four chaplains, two Protestant, one Catholic and one Jewish, calmly handed out life jackets. As the life jackets ran out, each Chaplain took off his own and gave it to a soldier. Of the 904 men aboard the ship only 230 were rescued. The Chaplains never left the ship. Arm in arm, they surrendered their souls with prayers upon their lips.

A survivor recalled, “As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done all they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.”

A special medal, equivalent to the Medal of Honor, was created and awarded posthumously to the four men: Rev. George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, PhD., Father John P. Washington, and Rev. Clark V. Poling. This medal will never be awarded again.

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13)

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.

Dying to Live

Recapturing the Joy of Lent

FEBRUARY 19 - 20 | THREE SESSIONS

Thursday | 7 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Church

Friday | 10 a.m. at Mother Teresa Hall

Friday | 7 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Church

With author and dynamic speaker
Dr. Ian Murphy

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Sunday, February 8 readings begin on **page 304** 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
	Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	Heb 2:14-18
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. 8

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

Monday Feb. 9

5:30pm Timothy Lesko

Tuesday Feb. 10

5:30pm James R. Hunter

Wednesday Feb. 11

8:20am Marie Corso
5:30pm Willia Hanlon

Thursday Feb. 12

10:00am Cumberland
5:30pm Dennis Smith

Friday Feb. 13

5:30pm Joe & Dolores Gick

Saturday Feb. 14

8:00am Mark Tormay
5:00pm Gary L. Ware
Rev. Robert Kelleher
Rev. Mike O'Sullivan
Sylvie Gunderson
Mary Beth McDonald
Richard Rutledge
Morton
Alberto Gonzalez

Sunday Feb. 15

8:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Frank Fitzgerald
1:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

LECTOR TRAINING

Lector Training has been postponed due to weather. The rescheduled training will be Wednesday February 11th 5-6pm at Monsignor Smith Hall. Please contact Betty Ryberg 803-270-6403 or Barbara Sue Brodie 803 215-6601 with any questions.

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@charlestdiocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at hdickason@charlestdiocese.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. 10. All are welcome. For more information contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org 803-716-8451.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestdiocese.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 15 – No Youth Night

February 18 – Young Disciples (3rd-5th Grade)

February 22 – 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@charlestdiocese.org



More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 8

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

Monday, February 9

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 10

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 11

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 12

11:15am Thursday Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30pm Mass	Old St. Mary

Friday, February 13

4:45pm Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30pm Mass	Old St. Mary

Saturday, February 14

8:00am Mass	Old St. Mary
4:45pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, February 15

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@charlestandioocese.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, February 18th** at 1:00 pm in Old St. Mary's. If you have not signed up for Flock note, 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 recherg@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 11, 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

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)

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!

BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Go Saints! Congratulations to our boys A-team for winning the Augusta-Aiken Middle School League Championship! Later this month all four of our basketball teams will travel to Charleston to compete in the Diocese of Charleston Youth Basketball Tournament! For over 50 years, Catholic schools and churches have competed in this state championship! Please pray for our safe travels!

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS - ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be Wheelchair Express drivers for each Mass, 8:20 AM, Noon and 5:00 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The drivers will be available beginning 30 minutes before each Mass. Please pass the word along to your friends who need this ministry.

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

Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory. Amen.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

Nuestro Señor siempre desea bendecirnos con su gracia. De hecho, leemos en Juan 10:10b: «Yo he venido para que tengan vida, y la tengan en abundancia». Debemos estar constantemente atentos a la gracia de Dios en nuestras vidas, ya sea de forma sutil o de forma dramática.

Recientemente, recibí una muestra totalmente inesperada de la gracia de Dios. En junio de 2025, fui invitado a regresar a West Point, mi alma mater, para la celebración del 125.º aniversario de la Santísima Trinidad, la capilla católica de West Point. Es muy irónico para mí, ya que cuando estuve en West Point, era protestante y solo asistía a la capilla protestante, llamada la Capilla de Cadetes. Que yo recuerde, nunca visité la capilla católica durante mi estancia en West Point. Escribo esto ahora desde las afueras de West Point, mientras espero la celebración del lunes 2 de febrero.

Hay 20 graduados de West Point que actualmente son sacerdotes, religiosas o seminaristas. Siete sacerdotes, un seminarista y dos religiosas asistirán a esta celebración. La celebración incluirá una misa y la dedicación del Jardín de los Cuatro Capellanes. Quizás no hayan oído hablar de los Cuatro Capellanes. Aquí les presento una breve historia de su sacrificio.

En una noche gélida de febrero en 1943, en las temibles aguas del Atlántico Norte, el USS Dorchester transportaba tropas a Europa en medio de la Batalla del Atlántico. Nunca llegó a su destino. Un torpedo de un submarino alemán impactó debajo de la línea de flotación, abriendo un agujero en el barco y hundiénolo en las oscuras aguas.

Mientras los soldados luchaban por subir a cubierta, cuatro capellanes, dos protestantes, uno católico y uno judío, repartieron chalecos salvavidas con calma. Cuando se acabaron los chalecos salvavidas, cada capellán se quitó el suyo y se lo dio a un soldado. De los 904 hombres a bordo, solo 230 fueron rescatados. Los capellanes nunca abandonaron el barco. Abrazados, entregaron sus almas con oraciones en sus labios. Un superviviente recordó: “Mientras nadaba alejándome del barco, miré hacia atrás. Las bengalas lo iluminaban todo. La proa se elevó y el barco se hundió. Lo último que vi fue a los cuatro capellanes orando por la seguridad de los hombres.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 8 DE FEBRERO AL 15 DE FEBRERO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 1 de febrero comienzan en la [pagina 305](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo:	Is 58, 7-10	Sal 111, 4-9	1 Co 2, 1-5
	Mt 5, 13-16		
Lunes:	1 Re 8, 1-7. 9-13	Sal 131, 6-10	Mc 6, 53-56
Martes:	1 Re 8, 22-23. 27-30	Sal 83, 3-5 y 10. 11	
	Mc 7, 1-13		
Miércoles:	1 Re 10, 1-10	Sal 36, 5-6. 30-31. 39-40	
	Mc 7, 14-23		
Jueves:	1 Re 11, 4-13	Sal 105, 3-4. 35-37 y 40	
	Mc 7, 24-30		
Viernes:	1 Re 11, 29-32; 12, 19	Sal 80, 10-15	
	Mc 7, 31-37		
Sábado:	1 Re 12, 26-32; 13, 33-34		
	Sal 106, 6-7. 19-22	Mc 8, 1-10	
Domingo siguiente:	Eclo 15, 15-20		
	Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34	1 Co 2, 6-10	
	Mt 5, 17-37 o 5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37		

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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 misa del sábado a las 5:00pm y del domingo a la 1:00pm.

Continuación de espacio de nuestro párroco

Habían hecho todo lo posible. No los volví a ver. Ellos mismos no tenían ninguna posibilidad de sobrevivir sin sus chalecos salvavidas”.

Se creó una medalla especial, equivalente a la Medalla de Honor, que fue otorgada póstumamente a los cuatro hombres: el reverendo George L. Fox, el rabino Alexander D. Goode, Ph.D., el padre John P. Washington y el reverendo Clark V. Poling. Esta medalla nunca volverá a ser otorgada.

“Nadie tiene mayor amor que este: que uno dé su vida por sus amigos” (Juan 15:13).

Con mis mejores deseos en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

¿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

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¡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

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- 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

15 de febrero: no hay clase

Youth Ministry

15 de febrero: no hay noche juvenil

18 de febrero: jóvenes discípulos

22 de febrero: 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





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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.

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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.

¡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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 - Un momento para la paz y la esperanza.
- ¡Te esperamos con los brazos abiertos!



EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

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

Lunes, 9 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, 10 de febrero

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

Miércoles, 11 de febrero

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

Jueves, 12 de febrero

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

Viernes, 13 de febrero

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

Sábado, 14 de febrero

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

Domingo, 15 de febrero

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

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

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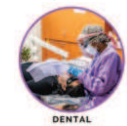
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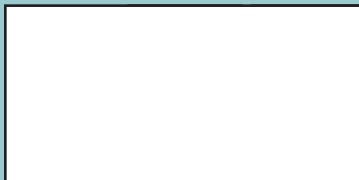
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