



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Offertory	Feb. 15	\$ 22,565
Online Giving	Feb. 15	\$ 14,218
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent through Good Friday. It will be after 5:30pm Mass at Old St. Mary's.



GIFT SHOP – THE TRANSFIGURATION

In the Transfiguration, God says, “Listen to him.” Read words and meditations that help you listen to Him. Books available at the Gift Shop -- open Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm; after the Wednesday 8:20 am school children's Mass during February and March.

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

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SUBJECT: Go Minimum or Go Max?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

As Dr. Ian Murphy elaborated so well at his parish mission last week, it starts with God's love. God created us out of love, redeemed us, and never stops pursuing us for an ever-closer relationship. Though we stray from Him, he never stops calling us back to Him.

I have been a priest now for ten and a half years. I have never yet had anyone approach me and inform me that they just intended to do the very minimum to get themselves into heaven. Their goals are always much more lofty...at least at the beginning. I do find however increasingly, that many are not even doing the bare minimum to stay in good standing with our Lord and His Church. The Catholic Church has laid out the absolute minimum, the basic “blocking and tackling” that we must do to be in good standing. From our Catechism:

2041 The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor:

2042 The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principle liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints...”

The second precept (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood...”

2043 The fourth precept (“You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church”) ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

The fifth precept (“You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church”) means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

In this Lenten season, may all of us examine our lives and see where we are with “the very necessary minimum” of prayer and moral effort. Better yet, during this Lent, may we “Go Max” with our relationship with the Lord and His Church.

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!

We have urgent **Wed. at 12 Mdnt.** (Tues. night) and **Sat. 10 pm** as urgent hours.

If you would like to try one of these or a different hour, please visit the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration>, or contact Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com:

MON: 1 am; 3 am

TUES: 12 Mdnt; 3 am; 7 am; 11 am;

WED: **12 Mdnt (Tues. night)**; 2 am; 3 am; 11 pm

THU: 1 am; 2 am; 2 pm

FRI: 3 am; 5 am; 7 am

SAT: 3 am; 4 pm; 6 pm; 9 pm; **10 pm**

SUN: 2 am; 3 am; 6 am; 11 am

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



READINGS FOR MARCH 1 - MARCH 8, 2026

Sunday, March 1 readings begin on **page 176** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a 2 Tm 1:8b-10	Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Mt 17:1-9	©LPI
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13	
Tuesday:	Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23	
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16	
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6	
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Ps 105:16-21	
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-12	
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39-42	

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Mar. 1

8:30am Alice Dorthalina
11:00am Miggs McCormick
1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday Mar. 2

5:30pm Jimmie Bowes

Tuesday Mar. 3

5:30pm James R Hunter

Wednesday Mar. 4

8:20am Steve Van Deren
7:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

Thursday Mar. 5

10:00am Carol Reeve
5:30pm Leon Kulicztowski

Friday Mar. 6

5:30pm Anna Hewitt

Saturday Mar. 7

8:00am Joan & Joseph
Champ
5:00pm Susan Reeve
Shultz

Joyce Wyszynski

Isabel Izquierdo

Brad Riley

Lois Gniandowski

Lawrence Ball

Sunday Mar. 8

8:30am Mary & Dan
Tarangelo
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Abigail Guadalupe
Casillas 9th Birthday

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryshelp.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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, 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, Mar. 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 Mar. 3rd, Deacon Al will talk about the Beatitudes and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. 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

March 1 – Confirmation Retreat

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 4 – Young Disciples

March 4 – Youth Adoration and Confession

March 7-8 – Please pray for all our teens, chaperones, and clergy attending DYC (Diocesan Youth Conference) in Columbia!

March 11 – Young Disciples

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

Merciful God,

On this day of Lent, we come before You with humble hearts. We remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return, yet in Your mercy, You breathe into us the breath of life. Turn our hearts from sin and toward Your light. Cleanse us from all that keeps us far from You and renew in us a steadfast spirit. May our fasting open us to compassion, our prayers draw us closer to Your heart, and our acts of love bring hope to the world. As we begin this Lenten journey, walk with us in the wilderness, strengthen us in our weakness, and lead us to the joy of Easter morning.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 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 Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Tuesday, March 3

3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:00pm OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 am Mass	Old Church
8:20am Mass	Church
9:30am Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00pm SHE	Mother Teresa
5:00pm Mass	Church
7:00pm Spanish Mass	Church

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:15pm Station of the Cross	Old Church

Saturday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 8

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Required Altar Server Training for Servers on Wednesday, 3/25/26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please reach out to Paul V. Gaynor, the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547. (Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome.)

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, MARCH 18th at 1:00 pm 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 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

We meet Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00am in St. Michael Hall. Bring a Catholic Bible and join us as we study the Letter to the Hebrews. For more information contact Martha Whittingham, 865- 599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com



St. Mary's Parish School

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excelatstmarys.com

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

SC ESTF PARENT INFO MEETING

Parents of students in grades K-12 are invited to attend an ESFT parent information meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 PM



in the STEM Center (please enter through the courtyard gate on York Street). A representative from Palmetto Promise will provide an overview of the ESFT program and will be available to answer questions about the \$7,600 state scholarship that can be used for tuition at St. Mary's School. All interested families are encouraged to attend. Walk-ins are welcome, but we encourage you to register through this link, so you receive email updates about the scholarship program.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2RHMumCxECSoqnxHOGosBRA9LcUIVZExVFACgXIfz9BUJOA/viewform>

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION

On March 14, St. Mary's School invites you to an unforgettable 1920s Speakeasy Mystery Gala—an immersive evening of fine dining, live entertainment, high-roller fun and a Prohibition-era mystery that unfolds around you. Tickets are now on sale and the PTO is accepting donations to the auction and sponsorships of the event! Go to <https://smsaikengala.com/> for more information or contact pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

LADIES LUNCHEON & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Catholic Women's Association (CWA) invites all women of the parish to COME PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, on Tuesday, March 17, at 11:30 am in the Church, followed by a potluck LADIES LUNCHEON and a special Marian presentation by Joan LaBone. Please look for a Flocknote email that contains the sign-up link for the luncheon and more information about the meeting. Or contact Janiece at 803-270-1119. Happy Lent!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

You're Invited! The Respect Life Ministry will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm in the St. Michael conference room to plan activities for the upcoming year. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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>

ST. CASIMIR

We live in a culture that tells children, "Follow your dreams! Be who you want to be!" It might be hard to imagine the courage it took to be St. Casimir. A prince second in line for the throne of Poland, the young man had great expectations placed upon him. Inspired by a devout tutor, St. Casimir developed a deep faith. As a teenager, he would often sleep on the ground, reject courtly finery for plain clothes, and dedicate long hours to prayer. He even made a private commitment to celibacy. Casimir's avoidance of a military engagement made his father furious. The king imprisoned his own son. The episode confirmed to St. Casimir that he served a higher King, Jesus Christ. He would spend the rest of his life in prayer, study, and service to the poor. When we need courage to do what is right, St. Casimir, pray for us!



St. Katharine Drexel (Nov. 26, 1858 – Mar. 3, 1955), is one of the first American-born saints. Giving up her inheritance, she founded a religious order which established 63 schools and 50 missions for African and Native Americans, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

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ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

TEMA: ¿Al mínimo o al máximo?

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

“Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna.” (Juan 3,16)

Como bien explicó el Dr. Ian Murphy en su misión parroquial la semana pasada, todo comienza con el amor de Dios. Dios nos creó por amor, nos redimió y nunca deja de buscarnos para una relación cada vez más estrecha. Aunque nos alejamos de Él, nunca deja de llamarnos de vuelta a Él.

Llevo diez años y medio como sacerdote. Nunca me ha pasado que alguien se me acerque para decirme que solo pretendía hacer lo mínimo para entrar al cielo. Sus metas siempre son mucho más elevadas... al menos al principio. Sin embargo, cada vez veo más que muchos ni siquiera hacen lo mínimo indispensable para mantenerse en buena relación con nuestro Señor y su Iglesia. La Iglesia Católica ha establecido el mínimo absoluto, las medidas básicas de seguridad que debemos tomar para mantenernos en regla. De nuestro Catecismo:

2041 Los preceptos de la Iglesia se enmarcan en el contexto de una vida moral ligada a la vida litúrgica y alimentada por ella. El carácter obligatorio de estas leyes positivas, decretadas por las autoridades pastorales, tiene por objeto garantizar a los fieles el mínimo indispensable en el espíritu de oración y esfuerzo moral, en el crecimiento del amor a Dios y al prójimo:

2042 El primer precepto (“Asistirás a Misa los domingos y días de precepto y descansarás del trabajo servil”) exige que los fieles santifiquen el día que conmemora la Resurrección del Señor, así como las principales fiestas litúrgicas que honran los misterios del Señor, de la Santísima Virgen María y de los santos...”

El segundo precepto (“Confesarás tus pecados al menos una vez al año”) asegura la preparación para la Eucaristía mediante la recepción del sacramento de la reconciliación, que continúa la obra de conversión y perdón del Bautismo.

El tercer precepto (“Recibirás el sacramento de la Eucaristía al menos durante el tiempo de Pascua”) garantiza como mínimo la recepción del Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor...”

2043 El cuarto precepto (“Observarás los días de ayuno y abstinencia establecidos por la Iglesia”) garantiza los tiempos de ascesis y penitencia que nos preparan para las fiestas litúrgicas y nos ayudan a dominar nuestros instintos y a adquirir libertad de corazón.

El quinto precepto («Ayudarás a proveer a las necesidades de la Iglesia») implica que los fieles están obligados a ayudar con las necesidades materiales de la Iglesia, cada uno según sus posibilidades.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 1 DE MARZO AL 8 DE MARZO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 1 de marzo comienzan en la [pagina 177](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo:	Gn 12, 1-4	Sal 32, 4-5. 18-20. 22	2 Tm 1, 8-10	Mt 17, 1-9
Lunes:	Dn 9, 4-10	Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13	Lc 6, 36-38	
Martes:	Is 1, 10.16-20	Sal 49, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23	Mt 23, 1-12	
Miércoles:	Jr 18, 18-20	Sal 30, 5-6. 14-16	Mt 20, 17-28	
Jueves:	Jr 17, 5-10	Sal 1, 1-4 y 6	Lc 16, 19-31	
Viernes:	Gn 37, 3-4. 12-13. 17b-28	Sal 104, 16-17. 18-19. 20-21	Mt 21, 33-43. 45-46	
Sábado:	Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20	Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-12	Lc 15, 1-3. 11-32	
Domingo siguiente:	Ex 17, 3-7	Sal 94, 1-2. 6-9	Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8	Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39-42

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

CONTINUACION DE NUESTRO DE PÁRROCO

En esta Cuaresma, que todos examinemos nuestras vidas y veamos dónde nos encontramos con «el mínimo indispensable» de oración y esfuerzo moral. Mejor aún, durante esta Cuaresma, que «maximicemos» nuestra relación con el Señor y su Iglesia.

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

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 la oficina

¿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,
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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 Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or dhuestis@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

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¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113

QUINCEAÑERAS

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

Puedes encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial
www.stmarys-aiken.org

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

14 de marzo 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

1 de marzo: retiro de confirmación

Youth Ministry

4 de marzo – Jóvenes discípulos

4 de marzo – Adoración y confesión juvenil

7-8 de marzo – ¡Por favor, recen por todos nuestros adolescentes, acompañantes y clérigos que asisten a la DYC (Conferencia Juvenil Diocesana) en Columbia!

11 de marzo – Jóvenes discípulos

CCD

Las clases de CCD de 4º a 6º 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 803.716.8451

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.



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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.

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.

VIA-CRUSIS

Acompáñanos a rezar el Santo Viacrucis este viernes a las 7:00 de la tarde en la Iglesia Antigua. Caminemos juntos en este tiempo de Santa Cuaresma, reflexionando sobre la pasión de Cristo.

HORA SANTA

Ven a estar con Jesús

Jueves 5 de Marzo, 7:00 p.m.

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 1 de marzo

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

Lunes, 2 de marzo

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 marzo

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

Miércoles, 4 de marzo

6:30am Misa Iglesia Antigua
8:20am Misa Iglesia
6:15pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:00pm Misa Iglesia
7:00pm Misa en español Iglesia

Jueves, 5 de marzo

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Hora Santa Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 6 de marzo

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Santo Viacrucis Iglesia

Sábado, 7 de marzo

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

Domingo, 8 de marzo

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

-Retiro de Cuaresma- Dcn. Philippe Dubourdieu



**Domingo 15, Lunes 16
y Martes 17 de marzo
7:00 PM
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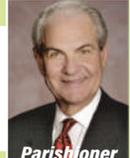
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