



# ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary Help of Christians your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

### Contact Us

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

### Parish Office:

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803.649.4777  
parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org  
Website: [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

### 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](http://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  
Rev. Michael Ghattas, Parochial Vicar  
Dcn. Alejandro Leguizamon      Dcn. Al Matousek  
Dcn. Robert Pierce                      Dcn. Stephen Platte

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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 22, 2026

Offertory	Feb. 22	\$ 24,831
Online Giving	Feb. 22	\$ 12,612
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

**NOTE:** The financial updates for **March 1** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

### 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](http://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—SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again...” However, Bibles and scripture in books at the Gift Shop refer to the water of eternal life. Gift Shop open Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass; Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm; after the Sunday Spanish Mass; 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

+JMJ+

Water of Eternal Life

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ's encounter with the Samaritan woman is a model of what our Christian life should be. In her we see represented all those who wish to know Jesus. We also see the two sides of every path to conversion: on one hand there are man's desires: “give me something to drink;” and on the other hand, Jesus' proposal: “if you only knew the gift of God.”

Our Christian world is a new Samaria without borders. We journey alongside people of all walks of life. Some come from the purist paganism, with gods of money, pleasure, political parties, race, and violence. They, too, have learned about religion, and attend funerals, baptisms, and first communions. They participate in many Christian events, but they are not living in accord with the Church. These are things that create tension and discord between practicing Catholics and these new “Samaritans.”

Modern day men and women are thirsting. We, too, are thirsting. It is something we all experience. There are people who seem to have everything imaginable but are still empty of God. Thirst is a good thing. He who is not thirsty will not seek springs of water. He who knows it all will never ask questions. He who thinks he is a saint will never ask forgiveness. He who thinks he is rich will not ask for anything. If someone has everything, why would he need Lenten conversion and Easter? There is a permanent thirst in man's heart: thirst for truth, for happiness, for love; thirst for fullness, for life. We need the Water of true Life, and only Christ can give it to us.

We have drawn water from the wells of the world for years and years, and this water never fully quenches our thirst. The Samaritan woman's experience has been repeated throughout the centuries in the lives of all men, for we are all sinners. We must not be like those people who say, “God doesn't listen to me.” This is false. Maybe you need to make room in yourself for God. Even if you think He does not hear your pleas, he does! He knows your desires before you do! This Lent is a time for sincere prayer.

This Lent I invite you to pray like the Samaritan woman: “Lord, I'm thirsting for you; I'm tired from the journey. Give me something to drink. You alone can give me the abundant life. Fill me with You.”

May we take to heart the words of St. Teresa of Avila: “Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things; whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”

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!

To try a holy hour, please visit the Adoration webpage  
at [https://www.stmarys-  
aiken.org/perpetualeucharisticadoration](https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetualeucharisticadoration), or contact  
Lori Rainchuso at [larue150@yahoo.com](mailto:larue150@yahoo.com).

**Hours in Need** (although ALL hours are available)

MON: 1 am; 3 am

TUES: 12 Mdnt; 3 am

WED: 12 Mdnt; 2 am; 3 am

THU: 1 am

FRI: 3 am; 7 am

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

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

**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 8 - MARCH 15, 2026**

Sunday, March 8 readings begin on **page 178** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

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Sunday: Ex 17:3-7	Ps 95:1-2, 6-9	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39-42		
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4	
Lk 4:24-30		
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43	Ps 25:4-9	
Mt 18:21-35		
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9	Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20	
Mt 5:17-19		
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9	
Lk 11:14-23		
Friday: Hos 14:2-10	Ps 81:6c-11, 14 and 17	
Mk 12:28-34		
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6	Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab	
Lk 18:9-14		
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	Ps 23:1-6	
Eph 5:8-14	Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38	

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday Mar. 8**

8:30am Mary & Dan  
Tarangelo

11:00am Pro Populo

1:00pm Abigail Guadalupe  
Casillas 9<sup>th</sup> Brithday (L)

**Monday Mar. 9**

5:30pm Ashley Zejewski

**Tuesday Mar. 10**

5:30pm Edmund Marx

**Wednesday Mar. 11**

8:20am Ashley Zejewski

7:00pm Joan Kukura

**Thursday Mar. 12**

10:00am Don Cadarr

5:30pm Ashley Zejewski

**Friday Mar. 13**

5:30pm Daly Family (L&D)

**Saturday Mar. 14**

8:00am Richard  
Thibodeau

5:00pm Carol Reeve

Michael W. Poth

Richard Healey

Joan M. Kellett

Mary Louise Cindrich

**Sunday Mar. 15**

8:30am Ashley Zejewski

11:00am Pro Populo

1:00pm Felipe Viera

Camacho

**HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE**

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at [stmaryshelp.flocknote.com](http://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](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org).

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at [hdickason@charlestdiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org) 803-716-8451.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason  
[hdickason@charlestdiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, March 8

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

### Monday, March 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 Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

### Tuesday, March 10

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

### Wednesday, March 11

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 12

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

### Friday, March 13

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

### Saturday, March 14

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

### Sunday, March 15

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://fraternus.org) and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at [recherg@gmail.com](mailto:recherg@gmail.com)

Brett Dickason at [brett.w.dickason@gmail.com](mailto:brett.w.dickason@gmail.com)

Billy Swann at [eswann3rd@gmail.com](mailto:eswann3rd@gmail.com)

David Tacchi at [dmtac5@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)



## St. Mary's Parish School

118 York Street 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)

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION

It's your last chance to buy tickets for our PTO's annual Dinner and Auction on March 14 at the Reserve. This year's event will be an unforgettable 1920s Speakeasy Mystery Gala. Tickets can be purchased through Wednesday. Go to [Your paragraph text](#) for more information or contact [pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

### ST. MARY'S ROBOTICS TEAM WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION

Recently our St. Mary's Robotics Team competed in a VEX Robotics Competition in Lexington, SC. They placed first in the skills challenge and going undefeated, they brought home the championship trophy, securing them a spot at the South Carolina State VEX Robotics Tournament held this coming weekend. Join us in congratulating our team and praying for their safe travels. Go Saints, Go Paddy!



### 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>



### 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.



### RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE HELP

Offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope for a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and, with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 48 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on May 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 for couples, Email: [billynfolsom@gmail.com](mailto:billynfolsom@gmail.com) ( 3 L's in a row) or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

*"Prayer is the key to Heaven, but fasting unlocks the door."*

*- St. Frances of Rome  
Feast Day March 9*

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Agua de Vida Eterna

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

El encuentro de Cristo con la samaritana es un modelo de lo que debería ser nuestra vida cristiana. En ella vemos representados a todos aquellos que desean conocer a Jesús. También vemos las dos caras de todo camino de conversión. Por un lado, están los deseos del hombre: «Dame de beber»; y por otro, la propuesta de Jesús: «Si conocieras el don de Dios».

Nuestro mundo cristiano es una nueva Samaria sin fronteras. Caminamos junto a personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida. Algunos provienen del paganismo puritano, con dioses del dinero, el placer, los partidos políticos, la raza y la violencia. Ellos también han aprendido sobre religión y asisten a funerales, bautizos y primeras comuniones. Participan en muchos eventos cristianos, pero no viven en armonía con la Iglesia. Estas son cosas que crean tensión y discordia entre los católicos practicantes y estos nuevos «samaritanos».

Los hombres y mujeres de hoy tienen sed. Nosotros también tenemos sed. Es algo que todos experimentamos. Hay personas que parecen tenerlo todo, pero aún así están vacías de Dios. La sed es algo bueno. Quien no tiene sed no buscará fuentes de agua. Quien lo sabe todo nunca hará preguntas. Quien se cree santo nunca pedirá perdón. Quien se cree rico no pedirá nada. Si alguien lo tiene todo, ¿para qué necesitaría la conversión cuaresmal y la Pascua? Hay una sed permanente en el corazón del hombre: sed de verdad, de felicidad, de amor; sed de plenitud, de vida. Necesitamos el Agua de la Vida verdadera, y solo Cristo puede dárnosla.

Hemos sacado agua de los pozos del mundo durante años y años, y esta agua nunca sacia por completo nuestra sed. La experiencia de la samaritana se ha repetido a lo largo de los siglos en la vida de todos los hombres, porque todos somos pecadores. No debemos ser como quienes dicen: «Dios no me escucha». Esto es falso. Tal vez necesites hacer espacio en ti mismo para Dios. Aunque pienses que Él no escucha tus súplicas, ¡sí las escucha! ¡Él conoce tus deseos antes que tú! Esta Cuaresma es un tiempo para la oración sincera.

Esta Cuaresma te invito a orar como la samaritana: «Señor, tengo sed de ti; estoy cansada del viaje. Dame de beber. Solo tú puedes darme vida en abundancia. Lléname de Ti».

Que tomemos en serio las palabras de Santa Teresa de Ávila: «Nada te turbe, nada te espante, todo se pasa. Dios no se muda. La paciencia todo lo alcanza; quien a Dios tiene nada le falta; solo Dios basta».

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 8 DE MARZO AL 15 DE MARZO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 8 de marzo comienzan en la [pagina 179](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Ex 17, 3-7 Sal 94, 1-2. 6-9 Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8  
Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39. 40-42  
Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15 Sal 41, 2. 3; 42, 3. 4 Lc 4, 24-30  
Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43 Sal 24, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9  
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## ENTRENAMIENTO DE MONAGUILLOS

Este miércoles 11 de marzo a las 6:30 p.m. en la Iglesia Nueva.

**Es muy importante que todos asistan.**

Si deseas unirte, acompáñanos. El entrenamiento está abierto para todos los Jóvenes que quieran participar.

## ¿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.

El Tiempo de Cuaresma



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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.

Próxima clase: 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@charlestandioocese.org.

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

### SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370

### 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

### 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](http://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@charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org 803.716.8451

### 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.



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Para más información, visita <https://smsaikengala.com/> o contacta a [pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

### EL EQUIPO DE ROBÓTICA DE ST. MARY'S GANA COMPETENCIA REGIONAL

Recientemente, el equipo de Robótica de St. Mary's compitió en una competencia VEX Robotics en Lexington, SC. Obtuvieron el primer lugar en el desafío de habilidades y, al mantenerse invictos, se llevaron el trofeo de campeonato, asegurando así su lugar en el Torneo Estatal VEX Robotics de Carolina del Sur que se llevará a cabo este próximo fin de semana.

Únete a nosotros para felicitar a nuestro equipo y orar por un viaje seguro.

¡Vamos Saints, vamos Paddy!



### Kermes

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopes, ensaladas, tostadas de ceviche, frutas, postres, y aguas frescas.

**¡Hoy!**

de 12:00 del mediodía hasta las 4:00pm  
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**¡Te esperamos!**

### 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.

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### 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  
2:00pm Kermes Santa Angela

### Lunes, 9 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, 10 de marzo

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

### Miércoles, 11 de marzo

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

### Jueves, 12 de marzo

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

### Viernes, 13 de marzo

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

### Sábado, 14 de marzo

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

### Domingo, 15 de marzo

8:30am Misa Iglesia  
11:00am Misa Iglesia  
11:00am Práctica del Coro San Miguel  
1:00pm Misa en español Iglesia  
7:00pm Retiro Cuaresmal Iglesia Antigua

### -Retiro de Cuaresma-

Dcn. Philippe Dubourdieu



**Domingo 15, Lunes 16  
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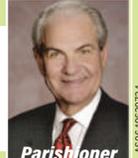
  
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