ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Welcome to St. Mary Help of Christians
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.

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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 - St. 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

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211 or visit their website at Svdpaiken.org
Open Monday — Thursday 9:00am —1:00pm
Closed On Fridays

Totals as of Sunday, March 15, 2026

Offertory	Mar. 15	$ 34,009
Online Giving	Mar. 15	$ 17,363
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 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Stations of the Cross follow the 5:30 pm Mass on Fridays. If you prefer saying the Stations at home, the Gift Shop has an array of booklets for adults and families. We also have beautiful hand-made Rosaries for the Stations as well. We're open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, as well as Wednesday following the 8:20 am school children's 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!

Pastor's Corner +JMJ+

Resurrection Today!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel today we heard the story of Jesus giving new life to his friend who had died. It is a real and miraculous fact, and it shows us what Christ wants to do with each one of us. He wants to give us life, abundant life. He wants to give us a Life that triumphs over all forms of death within us: sin, hatred, egotism, lies, violence, and injustice. This is what it means to celebrate Easter: to conquer death within us so that we can share the Life of God in us more each day.

The resurrection of Lazarus happened to "give glory to God," that the son might be glorified and the faith of the disciples might be awakened. This return to life that Christ achieved for his friend Lazarus is the ultimate desire of all people everywhere. For us believers it means passing from death to life even now, in this life, by clinging to the person of Christ through our faith.

Death is a serious and painful reality. But the Good News of Christ is that death is not the end of our lives, but rather a transition from this life on earth to Eternal Life with Him. The death of a loved one can leave us feeling defeated by sadness, but today's Gospel shows us that our faithful loved ones will live on after death, only in a different dimension. There is no sorrow, or accidents, or death. There is only the Kingdom of Life in heaven.

So, do you ever think about your ultimate destiny? Do you know that death is only a step to new life? Do you know that if Christ has risen from the dead, so will your faithful loved ones?

The end of Lent is a perfect time to renew our faith, a renewal not just of our knowledge, but of our attitude. Is your faith more or less just a passive acceptance of truths - though some of these truths are indeed difficult – or does your faith begin with a sincere and total trust in Jesus?

Christ is a sure, faithful, and eternal friend who fills us with new and indestructible life. Easter is like spring! Will others see this new and flourishing life in us? Will they see the energy, newness, freedom, joy, and life that the risen Christ gives us? Christ says to us, just as he said to Lazarus: "Come Forth!"

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.stmarysaiken.org/perpetualeucharisticadoration, or contact Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com.

Hours in Need (although ALL hours are available)
MON: 1 am; 3 am
TUES: 3 am
WED: 12 Mdnt; 2 am; 3 am
THU: 1 am
FRI: 3 am; 7 am
SAT: 3 am; 4 pm; 6 pm
SUN: 2 am; 3 am; 6 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

Kermes

The parish community is invited to participate in the Kermes, where we will have Mexican snacks: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopes, salads, ceviche tostadas, fruits, desserts, and aguas frescas.
From 12:00pm until 4:00pm in Saint Angela Hall
Next date is Sunday April 12

Wheelchair Express Needs Volunteers

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses. We especially need volunteers for the 11:00am Mass. Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

Kairos Prison Ministry

The purpose of the Kairos prison ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of the incarcerated. This non-denominational ministry asks those who are called by God to share the love of Christ with the incarcerated. There will be an informational meeting on this ministry on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the STEM Center at St. Mary's school. Those interested in attending are asked to call parishioners Larry Brede at (803) 439-2130 or Don Trapp at (803) 979-0966. At this time participants are limited to men only. "I was in prison and you came to me" Matthew 25:36

Readings for March 22 - March 29, 2026

Sunday, March 22 readings begin on page 190 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-4, 5-8 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday Mar. 22
8:30am Ashley Zejewski
11:00am Michael Poth
1:00pm Pro Populo
Monday Mar. 23
5:30pm Lois Gniazdowski
Tuesday Mar. 24
10:00am Michael W. Maxwell (L)
5:30pm Ashley Zejewski
Wednesday Mar. 25
8:20am Heather Cattier
7:00pm Mandi M. Marshall
Thursday Mar. 26
5:30pm Anna Hewitt
Friday Mar. 27
5:30pm Kacie Swann (L)
Saturday Mar. 28
8:00am Lois Gniazdowski
5:00pm Johnny Campbell (L)
Joan Buttrey
Penny Goergen
Lois Gniazdowski
Brian Duncan
Linda Barlow
Sunday Mar. 29
8:30am Alice Dorthalina
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Edgar Cordoba (L)

Deaths / Difuntos

Mar. 04 - Carol Ann Park
Mar. 06 - Patricia Annette Greenway Hanlon

Baptisms / Bautismos

Mar. 06 - Hattie Rose Overstreet
Mar. 07 - Luca Meza-Figueroa

As we continue our Lenten journey,
Please depart in silence after the dismissal.
Please wait to leave until the priest and ministers have departed.
Try to maintain a quiet reflection within the body of the church.
Thank you.

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@charlestondiocese.org.

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

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston requires a minimum of six months preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

Anointing of the Sick

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

Next Scheduled Baptism Date (English)

Next Baptism is April 4 in New St. Mary Church on Park Avenue.

- 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

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Come learn about the Catholic faith on Tuesdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street SE). All are welcome. For more information and to learn about the process to become Catholic; contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org 803-716-8451.

Catholic Youth Ministry

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

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

FORMATION

March 29 — No Class

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 15 — Youth Night
March 18 — Young Disciples
March 22 — Youth Night
March 25 — Young Disciples
March 29 — Youth Night

CCD

There will be no class Sunday March 29 or Sunday April 5. We are in need of CCD volunteers. If you are a in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org

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 22	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church
Monday, March 23	
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 24	
3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:00pm OCIA	Mother Teresa
Wednesday, March 25	
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
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Spanish Mass	Church
Thursday, March 26	
11:15am Thursday Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
Friday, March 27	
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:15pm Station of the Cross	Old Church
Saturday, March 28	
8:00am Mass	Old Church
4:45pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church
Sunday, March 29	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Extended Confession Times before Easter

Tuesday 24	4:15pm - 5:15pm
Wednesday 25	5:45pm - 6:45pm
Thursday 26	4:15pm - 5:15pm

There will be two priests hearing confessions on these days

Parish Perks!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the Sunday 8:30am Mass in St. Michael Hall

Music Ministry — Choir Members Needed

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

Millions of Monicas

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet on Wednesday, 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 rechersg@gmail.com
Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com
Billy Swann at eswann3rd@gmail.com
David Tacchi at dmtac5@gmail.com

AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians)

First Meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, March 19, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547.

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

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)

School Office Closed for Easter Break

The school office will be closed for Easter Break beginning on Thursday, April 2 and classes will resume on Monday, April 13. Please note, admission inquiries received during the break will be responded to as soon as we return. Classes are filling up fast for next year!

Update on Recent Service Projects

Service projects are an important part of student life at our parish school because they help form our students in the values of the Gospel. Through these opportunities, students learn that living their faith means caring for others and responding to the needs of the community. Recently, our student council organized a diaper and wipes collection to support local pregnancy centers, providing essential supplies for mothers and families in need. A group of recent alumni also put the values they learned at SMS into action by organizing a fundraiser to support the fight against blood cancer, our current students contributed about $450 to the effort. Way to go Saints!

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

And coming to her he said, "Hail favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled st what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angle said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

- Luke 1:28-31

Annunciation of the Lord March 25

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.

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 1st -3rd , 2026 for couples, Email: billlynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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.)

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco

¡Resurrección Hoy!
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,
En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la historia de Jesús dando nueva vida a su amigo que había muerto. Es un hecho real y milagroso, y nos muestra lo que Cristo quiere hacer con cada uno de nosotros. Él quiere darnos vida, más vida. Quiere darnos una Vida que triunfe sobre todas las formas de muerte dentro de nosotros: el pecado, el odio, el egoísmo, las mentiras, la violencia y la injusticia. Esto es lo que significa celebrar la Pascua: conquistar la muerte dentro de nosotros para poder compartir cada día más la Vida de Dios en nosotros.
La resurrección de Lázaro ocurrió para "dar gloria a Dios", para que el Hijo fuera glorificado y la fe de los discípulos fuera despertada. Este regreso a la vida que Cristo logró para su amigo Lázaro es el deseo más profundo de todas las personas en todas partes. Para nosotros, los creyentes, significa pasar de la muerte a la vida incluso ahora, en esta vida, aferrándonos a la persona de Cristo con nuestra fe.
La muerte es un misterio, una realidad seria y dolorosa. No podemos comprenderla completamente. Pero la Buena Nueva de Cristo es que, aunque la muerte es realmente un misterio de la vida, no es el final, ni una aniquilación, ni algo sin sentido. El Dios de la Vida nos ha destinado a la Vida con Él, así como Cristo con su amigo Lázaro. La muerte de un ser querido puede dejarnos con un sentimiento de profunda tristeza, pero el Evangelio de hoy nos muestra que nuestros seres queridos fieles viven después de la muerte, solo en una dimensión diferente: en el cielo. Allí no hay tristeza, ni accidentes, ni muerte. Solo está el Reino de la Vida.
Entonces, ¿piensas alguna vez en tu destino final? ¿No sabes que la muerte es solo un paso hacia una vida nueva? ¿No sabes que si Cristo ha resucitado de entre los muertos, también lo harán tus seres queridos fieles?
El final de la Cuaresma es un tiempo perfecto para renovar nuestra fe, una renovación no solo de nuestro conocimiento, sino también de nuestra actitud. ¿Tu fe es más bien una aceptación pasiva de verdades —aunque algunas de ellas sean difíciles— o tu fe comienza con una confianza sincera y total en Jesús?
Cristo es un amigo seguro, fiel y eterno que nos llena de una vida nueva e indestructible. ¡La Pascua es como la primavera! ¿Podrán otros ver esta vida nueva y floreciente en nosotros? ¿Verán la energía, la novedad, la libertad, la alegría y la vida que Cristo resucitado nos da?
Cristo nos dice a nosotros, así como le dijo a Lázaro: "¡Sal afuera!"
Con mis mejores deseos... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

Formación Cristiana

Las Lecturas de las Escrituras del 22 de Marzo al 29 de marzo, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 22 de marzo comienzan en la pagina 191 en el libro "Palabra y Eucharistía"

Domingo: Ez 37, 12-14 Sal 129, 1-4. 5-8 Rom 8, 8-11
Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45
Lunes: Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62
Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 Jn 8, 1-11
Martes: Nm 21, 4-9 Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21
Jn 8, 21-30
Miércoles: Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10 Sal 39, 7-8. 8b-9. 10. 11
Heb 10, 4-10 Lc 1, 26-38
Jueves: Gn 17, 3-9 Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
Jn 8, 51-59
Viernes: Jr 20, 10-13 Sal 17, 2-4. 5-7 Jn 10, 31-42
Sábado: Ez 37, 21-28 Jr 31, 10. 11-13 Jn 11, 45-56
Domingo siguiente: Mt 21, 1-11 (37)
Sal 21, 8-9. 17-20. 23-24 Is 50, 4-7 Flp 2, 6-11
Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54

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

La Oficina del Ministerio Hispano los invita a el XII Congreso Católico de Fe reunirá a familias, jóvenes y comunidades para profundizar en las nuestra fe y dejarnos renovar por la presencia viva de Jesús en la Eucaristía.

FECHAS
25 y 26 de abril de 2026
8AM - 5PM

LUGAR
Bishop England High School
363 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492

ORADORES
* Mari Pablo – Predicadora laica y fundadora del Ministerio en Su Corazón
* Rev. Pedro Núñez – Presentador de "Conozca Primero Su Fe Católica" en EWTN
* Sandy Caldera – Psicóloga y cantante católica de "Bendita Eucaristía"

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Santo Bautismo

¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!
Para bautizar en Sta. María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir a Misa y estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de pedir fecha. Ambos padres deben tomar clases pre-bautismales. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes.

Próximas clase: **17 de Mayo 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@charlestondiocese.org.
Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a hdickason@charlestondiocese.org

Santo Matrimonio

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

Unción de Enfermos

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 100

CCD

Las clases de CCD de 4° a 6° grado se llevan a cabo en las aulas de la Escuela St. Mary los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45am. ¡Esperamos verlos entonces! ¿Preguntas? Contacte a Derrick Huestis en dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org 803.716.8451

Entrenamiento de Monaguillos

Entrenamiento obligatorio para monaguillos el miércoles 25 de marzo de 2026, de 7:00 a 8:00 p.m. Iglesia Nueva

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español
11 de Abril 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 x 100

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA) Los Martes a las 7:00pm

Todos están invitados a las Clases de RICA. Nos reunimos los martes en el Salón Smith Hall a las 7:00pm. Para más información, contacte a Omar o Mercedith Cardona 706.231.5253. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad.

Ministerio Católico para Jóvenes

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestondiocese.org
615.638.7137
Para más detalles sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, por favor visite nuestro sitio web o contacte a Hannah Dickason.

FORMACIÓN
29 de marzo — No hay clases
MINISTERIO JUVENIL
15 de marzo — Noche de Jóvenes
18 de marzo — Jóvenes Discípulos
22 de marzo — Noche de Jóvenes
25 de marzo — Jóvenes Discípulos
29 de marzo — Noche de Jóvenes

¡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.
· No importa si es tu primera vez, todos son bienvenidos.
· Un momento para la paz y la esperanza.
¡Te esperamos con los brazos abiertos!

Escuela Parroquial de Santa María

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Sr. Carlos Overstreet, Director
803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

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

Oficina de la Escuela Cerrada por Vacaciones de Pascua

La oficina de la escuela estará cerrada por las vacaciones de Pascua a partir del jueves 2 de marzo y las clases se reanudarán el lunes 13 de marzo.

Tenga en cuenta que las consultas de admisión recibidas durante el receso serán respondidas tan pronto como regresemos. ¡Las clases para el próximo año se están llenando rápidamente!

Actualización sobre Proyectos Recientes de Servicio

Los proyectos de servicio son una parte importante de la vida estudiantil en nuestra escuela parroquial, porque ayudan a formar a nuestros estudiantes en los valores del Evangelio. A través de estas oportunidades, los estudiantes aprenden que vivir su fe significa cuidar de los demás y responder a las necesidades de la comunidad.

Recientemente, nuestro consejo estudiantil organizó una colecta de pañales y toallitas húmedas para apoyar a centros locales de ayuda para el embarazo, proporcionando suministros esenciales para madres y familias necesitadas.

Además, un grupo de exalumnos recientes puso en práctica los valores que aprendieron en SMS al organizar una recaudación de fondos para apoyar la lucha contra el cáncer de la sangre. Nuestros estudiantes actuales contribuyeron con aproximadamente $450 a esta causa.

¡Buen trabajo, Saints!

Horarios Extendidos de Confesiones antes de Pascua

Martes 17 — 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
Miércoles 18 — 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM
Jueves 19 — 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
Martes 24 — 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
Miércoles 25 — 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM
Jueves 26 — 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Habrá dos sacerdotes escuchando confesiones en estos días.

Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **19 de Abril** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803-522-3988.

VIA-CRUSIS

Acompañanos a rezar el Santo Viacrucis este viernes a las 7:00 de la tarde en la Iglesia Antigua.

Tengamos juntos en este tiempo de Santa Cuaresma, reflexionando sobre la pasión de Cristo.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 22 de marzo	
8:30am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Practica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia
Lunes, 23 de marzo	
4:45pm Confesiónes	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00pm Legión de María	Smith
7:00pm Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa
Martes, 24de marzo	
4:15pm Confesiónes	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
Miércoles, 25 de marzo	
8:20am Misa	Iglesia
5:45pm Confesiónes	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia
Jueves, 26 de marzo	
4:15pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua
Viernes, 27 de marzo	
4:45pm Confesiónes	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Santo Viacrusis	Iglesia
Sábado, 28 de marzo	
8:00am Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm Confesiónes	Iglesia
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia
Domingo, 29 de marzo	
8:30am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Misa	Iglesia
11:00am Practica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia

Síguenos en Nuestro canal de WhatsApp

¡Escanea el código y activa las notificaciones para recibas las actualizaciones más recientes en español de nuestra parroquia!