



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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Website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

Locations

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield Street SE

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

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 or visit their website at Svdpaiken.org

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Closed On Fridays

Offertory
 Online Giving
 Total Annual Budget \$ 2,118,675

Attention: The totals for finances are not available at this time. They will be put back in the bulletin as soon as they are available.

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.

GIFT SHOP – HISTORY OF ICONS TALK - THIS WEDNESDAY

Learn about the history, symbolism and tradition of Icons and how they're painted. Join us on May 6 at 5:00 pm in St. Michael's Hall. This weekend, the Gift Shop is open Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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!

ICONS...NOT ART

You don't want to miss this talk! Fr. Alexi Woltonist, pastor of St. Ignatios of Antioch Melkite Catholic Church in Augusta, will be giving a talk on Icons on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30pm in St. Michael Hall (to the right of our main church). Plan to come at 5 for fellowship and snacks. The talk will include the history, tradition, and symbolism of Greek icons, and much more.



The Corporal Works of Mercy
 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 The Corporal Works of Mercy are concrete actions by which the faithful of the church come to the aid of a person's bodily or material needs. The Church calls them “corporal” because they assist people with their material necessities, and they are ways of meeting Christ present in those in need.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are traditionally seven: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, minister to the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This list is not merely symbolic; it offers a practical way to recognize human dignity — especially when a person is deprived of essentials or treated as if they were “unseen.”

At the heart of these works is Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25, where He identifies Himself with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and imprisoned. The basic fact is, when we do these works — when we give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, welcome the foreigner, and visit the sick or imprisoned—we are doing it to Christ. So, mercy is not just “feeling sorry”; it becomes visible in actions that restore what poverty, illness, isolation, or death have taken away.

So, in brief, the seven corporal works of mercy involve:

- Feed the hungry: providing food for those lacking it.
- Give drink to the thirsty: helping to ensure basic access to water and relief from thirst.
- Clothe the naked: providing clothing and protect human dignity through warmth and modesty.
- Shelter the homeless: offering safety, lodging, or concrete help to those without the stability of a home.
- Minister to the sick: ensuring to visit, care for, and support people who are ill.
- Visit the imprisoned: remembering the imprisoned to bring them presence and pastoral care.
- Bury the dead: showing reverence and care for the deceased and the bereaved.

Our small daily choices really do matter. In considering Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25, we will be judged as to whether we practiced mercy in these concrete ways. The Church's invitation to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy challenges our indifference and daily routine. It is an invitation to “open our eyes” to the needs of others and respond with generosity and compassion.

You might say that the Corporal Works of Mercy are charity made practical. We touch Christ's own suffering body through tangible acts of mercy.

We are surrounded by many physical needs here in Aiken. As we live out our lives here, may we be faithful to the Corporal Works of Mercy.

All the best...in Christ,
 Father Wilson

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL**



Needing Peace in Your Heart?
Jesus offers it! Be not Afraid!

To sign up for a weekly holy hour, please visit the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact a Divisional Leader:

12 Mdnt.-6am: Tom Henry 803-618-9086
6am-12 Noon: Ken Boucher 803-226-4639
12 Noon-6pm: Janice Suhrer 803-645-6105
6pm-12 Mdnt: Joan Pate 908-447-9715

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

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We are in need of additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30 Mass at the New Church on Fairfield Street. Volunteers would rotate with others once every three weeks or so.

Wheelchair Express is available for anyone needing wheelchair assistance into the sanctuary and back to their vehicles after Mass on Sundays. Volunteers are present 30 minutes before each of the Masses.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Bobbie or George Sich at 740-981-2961

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of any ill or grieving person in need of a hand-made blanket or shawl, please contact St. Mary's at 803.649.4777. These are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our priests. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Mary Anne Graff at 803.642.6716. There are lots of materials available to use, so please come and join us.

READINGS FOR MAY 3- MAY 10, 2026

Sunday, May 3 readings begin on [page 242](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7 1 Pt 2:4-9	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8	Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21	Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18	Ps 66:1-7, 16 and 20 Jn 14:15-21

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 3

8:30am Jan Walbring (L)
11:00am James Hunter
1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday May 4

5:30pm James R Hunter

Tuesday May 5

5:30pm Jerry Roberts

Wednesday May 6

8:20am Carol Burke
7:00pm Damian Jeremiah Casillas (L)

Thursday May 7

10:00am Pierce Family
5:30pm Joan Goergen

Friday May 8

5:30pm Susan Reeve Shultz

Saturday May 9

8:00am Reed Family (L)
5:00pm Susan Reeve Shultz
Thomas Victor Malinowski

Clark Geddis

Bill & Loretta Nitch

Don Lemponen

Virginia Whitaker

Sunday May 10

8:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Audrey Ware (L)
1:00pm Enedina Guzman (L)

DEATHS / DIFUNTOS

Apr. 16 - Dolores Hamrick

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or Confirmation sponsor? Please join with other Catholic women who, like St. Monica, pray together for our children 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, May 20th 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.

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, May 17, 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@charlestdioocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at hdickason@charlestdioocese.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 June 6 at 11:00am 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@charlestdioocese.org 803-716-8451.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestdioocese.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

April 5 – No class

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 12 – Youth Night

April 15 – Young Disciples

April 15 – Night of Prayer (Youth Adoration and Confession)

April 19 – Youth Night

April 22 – Young Disciples

April 26 – Youth Ministry

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 CCD volunteers. If you are in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or

dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org

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

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 3

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

Monday, May 4

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry Smith Hall
 11:45am Lunch & Learn Book Club Bosco
 4:45pm Confessions Old Church
 5:30pm Mass Old Church

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

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, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

8:00am Mass Old Church
 9:00am First Holy Communion Church
 4:45pm Confessions Church
 5:00pm Vigil Mass Church

Sunday, May 10

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



National Day of Prayer

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

VIA FIDELIS

MAY 2026

SCRIPTURE Read: John 8:31-59

REFLECT:

1. What is the image of discipleship that Jesus gives in this passage? How can we attain to that image in practice?
2. Jesus speaks here of slavery to sin and contrasts it with the freedom of the life of the disciple, where one finds truth. In what ways are we affected by slavery to sin? In ways do we find freedom in Christ?
3. Why do you think Jesus is so harshly criticized by those he is speaking to in this passage? How does this passage reveal who Jesus is and how he changes our relationship with God and with the world?

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



St. Mary's Parish School

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Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE IGNATIUS BOOKFAIR

SMS is opening its annual bookfair to the parish! Shop the fair on Sunday, May 3 in between the 8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses. The fair will be located in the school library. At Ignatius Bookfairs, children can discover books that foster creativity, imagination, and wonder while providing easy access to the best in literature for schools and parishes that are aligned with Catholic virtues. They offer books that can shape character and deepen faith. Please join us!

ESTATE SALE TO BENEFIT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

May 8-9 & May 14-16 from 8am to 1:00pm, at the Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Drive. Many thanks to Mr. Gilmore, who generously bequeathed his estate to our parish school to help families with tuition assistance. Also, thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus for their countless hours of volunteering! Come find a treasure, while supporting our school!

LEGION OF MARY

Having a true love for Mary and being a Catholic in good standing are the basic requirements for Legion of Mary membership. Currently in our parish we have 3 groups, each called a praesidium.

As legionaries we meet for prayer, planning and discussion. Then in pairs, we do two hours of definite work that can include, among other things, visiting the aged, bringing communion to the homebound, distributing rosaries, medals and Catholic literature. We also strive to be an extension of the heart and hands of our pastor.

If you are interested in working, "For Jesus through Mary," contact Lois Tugya at 803.262.6368

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, May 21, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New members welcome. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547.

REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for Servers on Wednesday, 5/27/26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please reach out to Paul Gaynor, the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547. (Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome.)

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: billynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying the letter to the Hebrews. All are welcome to join at any time. We meet 9:30 to 11:00 am each Wednesday in St. Michael Hall. For info contact Martha, 865-599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / COLUMBUS CLUB

The Knights of Columbus/Columbus Club will no longer be accepting donations for the Rummage Sale. After many years of coordinating this event, we are sad to announce its cessation. Thank you for all the past donations.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Las Obras de Misericordia Corporales

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Las Obras de Misericordia Corporales son acciones concretas mediante las cuales los fieles de la Iglesia ayudan a las personas en sus necesidades corporales o materiales. La Iglesia las llama “corporales” porque atienden las necesidades físicas de las personas, y son maneras de encontrarnos con Cristo presente en quienes sufren necesidad.

Tradicionalmente, las Obras de Misericordia Corporales son siete: dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, dar posada al peregrino, asistir a los enfermos, visitar a los presos y sepultar a los difuntos. Esta lista no es simplemente simbólica; ofrece un modo práctico de reconocer la dignidad humana, especialmente cuando una persona carece de lo esencial o es tratada como si fuera “invisible”.

En el corazón de estas obras está la enseñanza de Jesús en Mateo 25, donde Él se identifica con el hambriento, el sediento, el forastero, el desnudo, el enfermo y el encarcelado. La realidad es que, cuando realizamos estas obras —cuando damos de comer al hambriento, de beber al sediento, vestimos al desnudo, acogemos al extranjero o visitamos al enfermo o al preso— lo hacemos a Cristo mismo. La misericordia no es solo “sentir lástima”; se hace visible en acciones que restauran lo que la pobreza, la enfermedad, el aislamiento o la muerte han arrebatado.

En resumen, las siete Obras de Misericordia Corporales consisten en:

- Dar de comer al hambriento: proveer alimento a quienes carecen de él.
- Dar de beber al sediento: ayudar a asegurar el acceso básico al agua y aliviar la sed.
- Vestir al desnudo: proporcionar ropa y proteger la dignidad humana mediante abrigo y modestia.
- Dar posada al peregrino: ofrecer seguridad, alojamiento o ayuda concreta a quienes no tienen un hogar estable.
- Ayudar a los enfermos: visitar, cuidar y acompañar a quienes están enfermos.
- Visitar a los presos: recordar a los encarcelados y llevarles presencia y atención pastoral.
- Sepultar a los difuntos: mostrar reverencia y cuidado por los fallecidos y sus seres queridos.

Nuestras pequeñas decisiones diarias realmente importan. A la luz de la enseñanza de Jesús en Mateo 25, seremos juzgados por si practicamos la misericordia de estas maneras concretas. La invitación de la Iglesia a vivir las Obras de Misericordia Corporales desafía nuestra indiferencia y nuestra rutina diaria. Es una invitación a “abrir los ojos” a las necesidades de los demás y responder con generosidad y compasión.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 3 DE MAYO AL 10 DE MAYO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 26 de abril comienzan en la [pagina 243](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Hch 6, 1-7 1 Pe 2, 4-9	Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19 Jn 14, 1-12
Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18 Jn 14, 21-26	Sal 113, 1-4. 15-16
Martes: Hch 14, 19-28 Jn 14, 27-31	Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21
Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6 Jn 15, 1-8	Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5
Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21 Jn 15, 9-11	Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10
Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31 Jn 15, 12-17	Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12
Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10 Jn 15, 18-21	Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5
Domingo siguiente: Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17 Sal 65, 1-7. 16 y 20	1 Pe 3, 15-18 Jn 14, 15-2

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

CONTINUACION DE ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Podemos decir que las Obras de Misericordia Corporales son la caridad hecha práctica. Tocamos el Cuerpo sufriente de Cristo mediante actos tangibles de misericordia.

Estamos rodeados de muchas necesidades físicas aquí en Aiken. Que, al vivir nuestra vida aquí, seamos fieles a las Obras de Misericordia Corporales.

Con todo mi aprecio... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

¿Embarazo Inesperado?

¡No estás sola! Recursos de ayuda gratuitos:
Ministerio Respeto a la Vida 803.634.3171
Centro de Atención de Embarazo Life Choices
803.648.9890 <https://pregnancyaiken.com>
Birth Right Columbia 803.765.0165
Línea de ayuda 24/7 1.800.550.4900
<https://birthright.org>

Necesitamos Monaguillos!

¿Te gustaría servir en el altar y estar más cerca de Jesús durante la Misa? Estamos buscando niños que deseen ser monaguillos.

Requisitos:

- Haber recibido su Primera Comunión
- Para más información o para inscribirte, comunícate con: Karina Bonilla – 803.262.5185

¡Ánimate a servir al Señor con alegría!

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

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

Próxima clase: **17 de Mayo 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

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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.

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Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **19 de Julio y 26 de Julio** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803-522-3988.

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

13 de Junio 2026 a las 11:00am en la iglesia Nueva.

- 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 Adriana Galvan al 803.649.4777 x 100

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason
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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

April 5 – No class

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

April 12 – Youth Night

April 15 – Young Disciples

April 15 – Night of Prayer Adoracion y confecciones

April 19 – Youth Night

April 22 – Young Disciples

April 26 – Youth Ministry

¿Te Gustaría Ser Lector ?

La proclamación de la Palabra de Dios es un servicio sagrado y una hermosa manera de participar activamente en la liturgia. Estamos buscando personas que deseen unirse al equipo de lectores de nuestra parroquia. Comunícate con Mercedith 706.231.5253 para más información.



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Visita la feria el domingo 3 de mayo, entre las Misas de 8:30 am y 11:00 am. La feria estará ubicada en la biblioteca de la escuela.

En las Ferias del Libro Ignatius, los niños pueden descubrir libros que fomentan la creatividad, la imaginación y el asombro, mientras ofrecen acceso a lo mejor de la literatura para escuelas y parroquias alineadas con las virtudes católicas. Ofrecen libros que ayudan a formar el carácter y profundizar la fe. ¡Te esperamos!

Venta de Bienes (Estate Sale) a Beneficio de la Escuela St. Mary's

Del 8 al 9 de mayo y del 14 al 16 de mayo, de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., en el Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Drive.

Muchas gracias al Sr. Gilmore, quien generosamente legó su patrimonio a nuestra escuela parroquial para ayudar a las familias con asistencia de matrícula. También agradecemos al Ladies Auxiliary de los Knights of Columbus por sus incontables horas de voluntariado.

¡Ven y encuentra un tesoro mientras apoyas a nuestra escuela!

Hora Santa

Ven a estar con Jesús
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Por Favor, Háganos Saber ...

Si usted a tenido algún cambio de dirección, numero de teléfono o tiene un nuevo integrante en la familia, por favor llámenos para actualizar su información en nuestros registros.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 3 de mayo

8:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia
11:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia
1:00pm Misa español Iglesia

Lunes, 4 de mayo

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

Martes, 5 de mayo

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

Miércoles, 6 de mayo

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

Jueves, 7 de mayo

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

Viernes, 8 de mayo

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

Sábado, 9 de mayo

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

Domingo, 10 de Mayo

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

¿Te gustaría aprender a rezar el Santo Rosario? ¿O has perdido a un ser querido y deseas rezar el Novenario?

La Legión de María está aquí para acompañarte y ayudarte en estos momentos tan importantes.

Con mucho cariño, pueden guiarte paso a paso en la oración

Comunícate con la coordinadora

Mary Hernandez 803-522-3988

No estás solo(a), estamos para servirte

**¡Aparta la fecha!
Pentecostés, 30 de mayo
Como invitado especial, Iván Molina.**

**La oficina parroquial ofrece asistencia en español de lunes a viernes,
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