



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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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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

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY MAY 3 & 10

Offertory	May 03	\$ 18,955
Online Giving	May 03	\$ 14,975
Offertory	May 10	\$ 24,637
Online Offertory	May 10	\$ 28,484
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.

GIFT SHOP — PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost precedes Ordinary Time, however, it's anything but 'ordinary!' There's richness in our Catholic faith! Bibles and Bible studies, daily and weekly Mass, missals, and Marian devotion. Please note the gift shop is closed for the holiday weekend.

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!

GIRLS NITE OUT!

CWA Spring Dinner and Fashion Show

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Mother Teresa Hall

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Dinner served after the 5:30 Mass

Dinner will be catered by What's Cookin' Downtown with a choice of:

Poppyseed Chicken or Lasagna

Dinner includes a green salad and roll.

Please bring a dessert to share.

There is no cost for the dinner, but donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Fashion Show provided by a new clothing boutique in Downtown Aiken — The Urban Hyena! Join us for a special presentation devoted to Mother Mary in the final segment of the series, Do You Know Mary, Like I Know Mary?

LAST CHANCE TO RSVP is TUESDAY, May 19!!

RSVP to Chris Jakubec at cjakubec@aol.com, or 847-212-8252.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

Come Holy Spirit!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost. Easter Sunday is of course the center of history; but if there had never been a Pentecost, Easter would only be an event of the past. The Holy Spirit continues Christ's saving work in every generation.

This is how the Church was born: the Apostles were together in prayer, when a violent wind came, and tongues of fire settled on their heads. Wind signifies movement; this makes us understand that God's presence is active, stirring up the paralyzed, waking the lazy from their drowsiness, removing the dry branches from the lives of men. And we know that fire spreads; it means heat, enthusiasm, love.

Holy Mother Church presses on after 2000 years! Through the Holy Spirit the souls of every Christian are shaped into the image of Christ. He acts silently through the Sacraments and gives us the strength to live in obedience to the faith.

Pope St. John Paul II once told some young people who were about to be confirmed: "The love of the Holy Spirit that you are about to receive is stronger than yourselves, than your indifference, than your passivity, than your apathy, than your lack of fruits, than your discouragement, than your sin. Love can do anything. You have not received a traitor's spirit, but rather a spirit of courage in the fight, a spirit that is stronger than yourself. Love is stronger than you are."

Every day the Church begins anew. Every time a group of men and women, young people and old, children and adults gather together to hear the words of the Risen One, the powerful action of the Holy Spirit is present. In a certain sense we are always in a new springtime of the Church.

This Sunday we rejoice that 15 people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and one person, previously confirmed, will make a full profession of faith in the Catholic Church! In the past, we have celebrated these confirmations at the Easter Vigil. However, it is very appropriate that these Confirmations take place on the Solemnity of Pentecost, when we celebrate the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church.

These 16 people have been attending OCIA or the equivalent in Spanish, RICA. Upon making their Profession of Faith and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, they will for the first time, partake with us in the Most Holy Eucharist, which reflects the unity of the one, holy catholic and apostolic Church. And so, we rejoice in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Please pray for these Confirmandi and welcome them "home!"

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!

Sat. 3 am (Fri. night) and Sat. 12 Noon have need for an adorer. To sign up for this or another 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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE

Coming to South Carolina! This May, nine pilgrims will carry the Blessed Sacrament over 2,200 miles from Florida to Maine in celebration of America's 250th birthday. Five stops are happening right here in our diocese, May 28-30. Join us for Mass, processions and Eucharistic Adoration. Learn more and register at charlestdiocese.org/eucharist2026.

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.

READINGS FOR MAY 24- MAY 31, 2026

Sunday, May 24 readings begin on [page 258](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	
Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil:	Gn 11:1-9 Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Ez 37:1-14 Jl 3:1-5 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39
Day:	Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-3 and 5-7 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10, 11-13 Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Jude 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2-6 Mk 11:27-33
Next Sunday:	Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 24	Friday May 29
8:30am Russell& Patrick Boeringer	5:30pm Jessica Leigh Cadarr
11:00am Ray DeMasters Jr.	Saturday May 30
1:00pm Pro Populo	8:00am Amilcar Monroy
Monday May 25	5:00pm Penny Goergen
5:30pm Jett Caleb Fuller	Chuck & Judy Harper
Tuesday May 26	Scott Tugya & Daughter (L)
10:00am Souls in Purgatory	Refugio Serrano
5:30pm Michael Poth	Sarah Kuzmeskus (L)
Wednesday May 27	Sunday May 31
8:20am Rosemary Plante	8:30am Pro Populo
7:00pm Javier Negrete (L)	11:00am Robert Lancome
Thursday May 28	1:00pm José Jimenez Gonzales
5:30pm John F. Higgins	

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, June 18, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New members welcome. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

May 10 – No Youth Ministry (Mother's Day)

May 13 – Young Disciples

May 17 – Movie Night & Talk: Parents invited! (contact Hannah Dickason for more details)

May 20 – Young Disciples

May 24 – Youth Ministry

May 27 – Young Disciples

May 31 – 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 24

8:30am Mass	Church
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, May 25

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 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

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 28

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

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Mass	Old Church
3:30pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, May 31

8:30am Mass	Church
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church



PARISH PERKS!

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

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 CHAPTER AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

We are seeking faithful men to join Fraternus, a Catholic brotherhood committed to growing in virtue, deepening faith, and strengthening men in their calling as fathers, community leaders, and followers of Christ. Interested men of all ages are invited to attend a training and information session on June 6th to learn more about our mission and how to get involved. For more information, visit fraternus.org and contact Scott Recher at rechergs@gmail.com or Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com.



Misas de Graduación de High School

Domingo 31 de mayo
8:30 a.m. y 1:00 p.m. en español
Por favor envíe una foto de su graduado(a), junto con su nombre y sus planes para el próximo año, a la Sra. Hannah Dickason al correo Hdickason@charlestondiocese.org para incluirlo en un volante especial para el boletín.
Ejemplos: universidad o escuela técnica a la que asistirá, servicio militar o ingreso al mundo laboral.



St. Mary's Parish School

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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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

St. Mary's School is seeking volunteers to teach an after-school enrichment program class on CODING to preschool through 4th grade students during the next school year. Please contact Rebecca Wright at hwright@stmaryschoolaiken.com for details!

WELCOME DR. DAW, STEM CONSULTANT, TO SMS

Dr. Murray Daw, Clemson University Physics Professor Emeritus, will be working closely with our administration, our STEM Director, and our faculty through continuing education sessions and curriculum consultation as we continue to strengthen our STEM program. His work will help further our mission of providing students with a rigorous academic foundation while integrating the harmony between scientific discovery and the Catholic faith.

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.)

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Friday, May 29, 2026

Columbus Club

1037 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, SC

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary

Dinner begins at 5:30 -7:00pm

Cost: \$20 per adult

\$10 for children 6-12 & age 5 and under FREE

Dinner will consist of a variety of homemade entrees from different countries made by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Dinner rolls, sweet tea, lemonade and water will be available along with desserts.

This is a CASH BAR event. (including sodas)

Due to the variety of foods, there will **NOT** be any "Take-out" meals unless you come in and ask for it.

For more information, contact:

Gina Kvartek - 803.645.1130 (St. Mary Help of Christians Church)

Marsha Franklin - 803.645.1407 (Our Lady of the Valley Church)

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."

The Secular Franciscans meet the 3rd Monday @6:15PM in St. Michael's Hall.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

May 27, 2026 will be our final class for the Spring session. We will return to our study of Hebrews on September 9. May God bless you with His peace as you enjoy the summer months with family and friends.



WE WELCOME THIS SUMMER: ANTHONY SZWEST!

Anthony is a seminarian for the Diocese of Charleston and is currently in the discipleship stage of formation studying Philosophy. What he enjoys the most in seminary is the fellowship amongst his classmates, and more importantly the fellowship with the Lord. Anthony grew up in Charleston, SC, with three siblings (two sisters and a brother) who are happily married, and his parents now reside in Summerville. Prior to seminary, Anthony studied Environmental Engineering at Clemson and worked for three years in Atlanta. He has a love for outdoor adventures, going hiking or rock climbing when he gets the chance, and also enjoys reading authors like Flannery O'Connor. Anthony is eager to get to know the members of the parish, so please introduce yourself when you see him around! And of course, keep all of our seminarians in your prayers.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Ven, Espíritu Santo!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de Pentecostés. El Domingo de Pascua es, por supuesto, el centro de la historia; pero si nunca hubiera habido un Pentecostés, la Pascua sería solo un acontecimiento del pasado. El Espíritu Santo continúa la obra salvadora de Cristo en cada generación.

Así nació la Iglesia: los Apóstoles estaban reunidos en oración cuando un viento impetuoso llegó, y lenguas de fuego se posaron sobre sus cabezas. El viento significa movimiento; nos hace comprender que la presencia de Dios es activa, que sacude a los paralizados, despierta a los perezosos de su somnolencia y elimina las ramas secas de la vida de los hombres. Y sabemos que el fuego se propaga; significa calor, entusiasmo, amor.

¡La Santa Madre Iglesia sigue adelante después de 2000 años! Por medio del Espíritu Santo, las almas de cada cristiano son configuradas a la imagen de Cristo. Él actúa silenciosamente a través de los Sacramentos y nos da la fuerza para vivir en obediencia a la fe.

San Juan Pablo II dijo una vez a unos jóvenes que estaban a punto de ser confirmados:

“El amor del Espíritu Santo que están a punto de recibir es más fuerte que ustedes mismos, más fuerte que su indiferencia, que su pasividad, que su apatía, que su falta de frutos, que su desánimo, que su pecado. El amor lo puede todo. No han recibido un espíritu de traición, sino un espíritu de valentía en la lucha, un espíritu más fuerte que ustedes mismos. El amor es más fuerte que ustedes.”

Cada día la Iglesia comienza de nuevo. Cada vez que un grupo de hombres y mujeres, jóvenes y ancianos, niños y adultos se reúnen para escuchar las palabras del Resucitado, está presente la acción poderosa del Espíritu Santo. En cierto sentido, siempre estamos en una nueva primavera de la Iglesia.

Este domingo nos alegramos de que 15 personas recibirán el Sacramento de la Confirmación, y una persona, ya confirmada, hará una profesión de fe completa en la Iglesia Católica. En el pasado, hemos celebrado estas confirmaciones en la Vigilia Pascual. Sin embargo, es muy apropiado que estas Confirmaciones tengan lugar en la Solemnidad de Pentecostés, cuando celebramos la gran efusión del Espíritu Santo sobre la Iglesia.

Estas 16 personas han estado asistiendo a OCIA o su equivalente en español, RICA. Al hacer su Profesión de Fe y recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación, participarán por primera vez con nosotros en la Santísima Eucaristía, que refleja la unidad de la Iglesia una, santa, católica y apostólica.

Y así, ¡nos regocijamos en esta efusión del Espíritu Santo! Por favor, recen por estos Confirmandos y denles la bienvenida “a casa”.

Con todo mi afecto... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 24 DE MAYO AL 31 DE MAYO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 24 de mayo comienzan en la [pagina 259](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo:

Vigilia: Gn 11, 1-9 o Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 o Ez 37, 1-14 o Jl 3, 1-5 Sal 103, 1-2. 24. 35. 27-30 Rom 8, 22-27 Jn 7, 37-39

Vigilia Extensa: Gn 11, 1-9/Ex 19, 3-8. 16-20 Ez 37, 1-14/Jl 3, 1-5 Rom 8, 22-27 Jn 7, 37-39

Día: Hch 2, 1-11 Sal 103, 1. 24. 29-31. 34 1 Co 12, 3-7. 12-13 Jn 20, 19-23

Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20 o Hch 1, 12-14 Sal 86, 1-3 y 5-7 Jn 19, 25-34

Martes: 1 Pe 1, 10-16 Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4 Mc 10, 28-31

Miércoles: 1 Pe 1, 18-25 Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 Mc 10, 32-45

Jueves: 1 Pe 2, 2-5. 9-12 Sal 99, 2-5 Mc 10, 46-52

Viernes: 1 Pe 4, 7-13 Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13 Mc 11, 11-26

Sábado: Jud 17. 20-25 Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6 Mc 11, 27-33

Domingo siguiente: Ex 34, 4-6. 8-9 Dn 3, 52- 56 2 Co 13, 11-13 Jn 3, 16-18

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

¡DAMOS LA BIENVENIDA ESTE VERANO A

ANTHONY SZWAST!

Anthony es seminarista de la Diócesis de Charleston y actualmente se encuentra en la etapa de discipulado de su formación, estudiando Filosofía.

Lo que más disfruta del seminario es la fraternidad con sus compañeros y, sobre todo, su relación

con el Señor. Anthony creció en Charleston, Carolina del Sur, junto a sus tres hermanos (dos hermanas y un hermano), quienes están felizmente casados. Sus padres ahora viven en Summerville. Antes de entrar al seminario, Anthony estudió Ingeniería Ambiental en Clemson y trabajó durante tres años en Atlanta.

Le encantan las actividades al aire libre, como el senderismo

y la escalada en roca cuando tiene la oportunidad, y también

disfruta leer autores como Flannery O'Connor.

Anthony está muy entusiasmado por conocer a los miembros

de la parroquia, así que no duden en presentarse cuando lo vean.

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SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

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¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!
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Próxima clase: **17 de Mayo 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

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Para más información sobre la Primera Comunión, contactarse con Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 o dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org.

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

SANTO MATRIMONIO

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

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

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.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

13 de mayo – Jovenes Discipulos
17 de mayo – Noche de Película y Charla:
¡Padres invitados!
(contacta a Hannah Dickason para más detalles)
20 de mayo – Young Disciples
24 de mayo – Ministerio Juvenil
27 de mayo – Jovenes Discipulos
31 de mayo – Ministerio Juvenil

PEREGRINACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA NACIONAL

¡Camina con Cristo!

La Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional 2026, con el tema “Una Nación Bajo Dios,” es un histórico recorrido de fe a través de nuestro país en celebración del 250.º aniversario de los Estados Unidos. Nueve peregrinos recorrerán más de 2,200 millas desde Florida hasta Maine, y nuestra diócesis se honra en recibir cinco paradas del 28 al 30 de mayo en Bluffton, Charleston, Orangeburg, Columbia y Lancaster.

Los eventos incluirán la Santa Misa, Adoración Eucarística, procesiones eucarísticas y más. ¡Todos están invitados! Por favor regístrese con anticipación para ayudarnos a planificar adecuadamente.

Para ver el horario completo y registrarse, visite: charlestdiocese.org/eucharist2026



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¡Actualización del Día de Donaciones – Sistema HVAC!

Durante las vacaciones de primavera, se instalaron tres nuevas unidades de aire acondicionado (HVAC) en los techos de nuestro campus, ¡justo a tiempo para el clima más cálido! Se utilizaron grúas para colocar las nuevas unidades, marcando una gran mejora para nuestras instalaciones escolares.

Estamos especialmente agradecidos con los generosos donadores de nuestra campaña del Día de Donaciones, ya que gracias a sus aportaciones se logró cubrir el costo de las tres unidades, aproximadamente \$12,000 cada una. Con estas nuevas instalaciones, ya hemos reemplazado 3 de las 7 unidades HVAC que habían sido identificadas como dañadas o cerca de fallar.

¡Gracias por ayudarnos a continuar brindando un ambiente seguro y cómodo para nuestros estudiantes y personal!

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 24 de mayo

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

Lunes, 25 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, 26 de mayo

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

Miércoles, 27 de mayo

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

Jueves, 28 de mayo

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

Viernes, 29 de mayo

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

Sábado, 30 de mayo

8:00am Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia
7:00pm LLuvia de Gracia Ivan Molina	Iglesia Antigua

Domingo, 31 de Mayo

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



Misas de Graduación de High School

Domingo 31 de mayo
8:30 a.m. y 1:00 p.m. en español
Por favor envíe una foto de su graduado(a), junto con su nombre y sus planes para el próximo año, a la Sra. Hannah Dickason al correo Hdickason@charlestondiocese.org para incluirlo en un volante especial para el boletín.
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