



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

**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.

Contact Us

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

Parish Office:

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803.649.4777

parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org

Website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

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

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 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 8:30am - 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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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!

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 OCTOBER 11 & 18

Offertory	Oct. 11	\$ 18,221
Online Offertory	Oct. 11	\$ 22,642
Offertory	Oct. 18	\$ 20,601
Online Offertory	Oct. 18	\$ 12,436
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,191,505

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 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

As our season changes, settle in with a good book you may enjoy. Find inspiration at the Gift Shop with titles by the saints, the Popes, and evangelists of today! We're open Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass; and Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm.

FATHER'S LETTER CONTINUED

It is sometimes being called every name in the book for telling the truth.

Lived correctly, it is always about being a servant in Persona Christi.

It is difficult but rewarding.

It is a constant call to give witness.

It is willingly being the poster child for being countercultural.

It is about dying to self intentionally every day.

It is about making God's grace available as much as possible.

It is not for the thin-skinned or faint of heart.

It is not for the worldly and ambitious.

It is not a job or career.

It is a way of life.

I would have it no other way.

Father Bill Peckman

I am most grateful for my assignment to St. Mary Help of Christians! With all the joys and deep challenges, it is wonderful to be Pastor here.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

PASTOR'S CORNER

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What is it like being a Catholic priest these days?

Dear Parishioners,

Father Bill Peckman of the Diocese of Jefferson City, MO wrote this. I thought it was very moving and...realistic.

What is it like being a Catholic priest these days?

It is sometimes sitting in a folding chair listening to your school kids singing Christmas songs. It is sometimes standing by the bedside of person drawing their last breath in this life. It is sometimes being amazed that you are holding the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at Mass.

It is sometimes feeling totally unworthy to do so.

It is sometimes being in the pulpit wondering if anyone is listening.

It is sometimes being in the pulpit being very aware that people are listening.

It is sometimes being the strong one in a room full of grieving people.

It is sometimes resting your head on your steering wheel trying to collect yourself after such moments.

It is sometimes the joy of a baptism.

It is sometimes the sorrow of a funeral.

It is sometimes eating a great meal at a parishioner's house.

It is sometimes getting to the end of the day trying to remember if you've eaten anything today.

It is sometimes the joy of helping the prodigal son come home.

It is sometimes the sorrow of watching a defiant prodigal son leave.

It is sometimes the hours of prayer which keep you afloat.

It is sometimes the pain of scandal which drags you down.

It is sometimes getting up and knowing you are stepping onto a battlefield.

It is sometimes moments of incredible grace.

It is sometimes moments walking in the valley of death.

It is sometimes being respected.

It is sometimes being scorned.

It is sometimes speaking words of comfort.

It is sometimes speaking unwelcome words calling people to conversion.

It is sometimes being praised for your service.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

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

Hours with urgent need for an adorer: Sat. 1 am, Mon. 1 am, and Tues. 12 Mdnt. (Mon. night)

All Hours in Need

SUN: 12 Mdnt.; 1 am; 3 am; 6 am; 4 pm

MON: 1 am; 2 am; 3 am 5 am

TUES: 12 Mdnt; 3 am; 9 am

WED: 12 Mdnt; 1 am; 2 am; 3 am

THU: 1 am; 3 am

FRI: 3 am; 4 am; 9 am; 2 pm; 5 pm; 11 pm

SAT: 1 am; 4 pm; 6 pm

To begin your weekly hour with Jesus, please visit the

Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys->

[//aiken.org/perpetualeucharistic-adoration](https://aiken.org/perpetualeucharistic-adoration), or contact

Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY IS NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

SATURDAYS AT 7AM SMITH HALL

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected. For more information visit www.catholicinrecovery.com and contact Jenny T (916) 612-0337 with questions.

REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR SERVERS

on Wednesday, 10/28/26, 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.)

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We are in need of additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30 Sunday 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

READINGS FOR OCT. 25- NOV. 1, 2026

Sunday, Oct. 25 readings begin on **page 404** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26	Ps 18:2-4, 47 and 51
1 Thes 1:5c-10	Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Lk 13:10-17	
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Lk 13:18-21	
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22	Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Lk 6:12-16	
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20	Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Lk 13:31-35	
Friday: Phil 1:1-11	Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 14:1-6	
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26	Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef
Lk 14:1, 7-11	
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	Ps 24:1bc-6
1 Jn 3:1-3	Mt 5:1-12a

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Oct. 25

8:30am Pro Populo

11:00am Hager Family

1:00pm Joel Antonio Reyes-Torres

Monday Oct. 26

5:30pm **NO PRIESTS**

Tuesday Oct. 27

5:30pm **NO PRIESTS**

Wednesday Oct. 28

8:30am **NO PRIESTS**

7:00pm **NO PRIESTS**

Thursday Oct. 29

5:30pm **NO PRIESTS**

Friday Oct. 30

5:30pm Bernard Bessette

Saturday Oct. 31

8:00am Bernard Bessette

5:00pm Steve Van Deren

Edward Powers

Anne Reeve

Jean Marie Callahan

Lawrence Korb

Sunday Nov. 1

8:30am Gary L. Ware

11:00am Pro Populo

1:00pm Charles & Kathleen

Poole

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bereavement Ministry announces the annual Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's on Fairfield, to honor and remember our loved ones, especially those who have died during this past year. Reception to follow in Mother Teresa Hall.

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS

If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, contact the parish office at kkeen@charlestdiocese.org or 803.649.4777. The requested donation is \$300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

The Flowers for October 25 are donated by Patricia Johnson in honor of Phyllis Fieber.

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, November 15, 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. Two years of Faith Formation classes are required to satisfy the attendance policy. The 2 year process for First Communion begins in 1st grade, and the 2 year process for Confirmation begins in 7th grade. Catholic children registered at St. Mary's school are automatically enrolled in the sacramental program through the school. You can register and pay the fee at the parish office; registration forms can be found at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

If you have further questions, contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org

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.

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 November 7 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)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or are you an adult missing your sacrament of confirmation? OCIA classes have now begun for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. We are meeting at Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St SE at 6pm weekly. For questions, contact our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Dickason
hdickason@charlestdiocese.org
803.508.5881

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

October 11 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 12 - Youth Group: Fellowship Night

October 14 - Young Disciples

October 18 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 19 - Youth Group: Night of Prayer (Adoration and Confession)

October 21 - Young Disciples

October 25 - Fraternus and Fidelis

October 26 - Youth Group: Theology of the Body

October 28 - Young Disciples

ST. JOHN PAUL II (1920–2005)

Born Karol Wojtyla in Poland, secretly studied for the priesthood during World War II and was ordained in 1946. Elected pope in 1978, he made evangelization a focus of his papacy and traveled the world to share the Gospel. After surviving an assassination attempt, he forgave his attacker. Despite declining health, he continued his ministry until his death in 2005. He was canonized in 2014.

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

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Oct. 18

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

Monday, Oct. 19

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Tuesday, Oct. 20

3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Wednesday, Oct. 21

8:30am Mass	Church
9:30am Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, Oct. 22

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

Friday, Oct. 23

4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Saturday, Oct. 24

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

Sunday, Oct. 25

8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Cafe	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00am Mass Bilingual	Church

PRIEST RETREAT

From **Monday October 26** through **Thursday October 29**, we will have no priests available. There will be no daily Mass during this time.

JOURNEY OF HOPE DIVORCED CATHOLIC PROGRAM

All are invited to attend – Wednesday's 10/7-12/16, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

"You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." John 16:20

PLEASE JOIN THIS ENCOURAGING PROGRAM OF STRENGTH & HOPE

<https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2764513>

PARISH PERKS!

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

ROSARY MAKERS

If you are interested in joining our group to make rosaries for the church, chapel, nursing homes, and overseas missions, please contact Doug McGuinness at dpmcg871@gmail.com or Sue Bursey at sbchamois@gmail.com. We meet every third Monday of the month in Mother Teresa Hall at 1:00 PM.

PRAY & PLAY FAMILY GROUP

Looking to know other families with young children in our parish?

Join Pray & Play at Aiken Library park on Tuesdays, 9-10 am.

To know other times we meet and get connected join us on Flocknote at

<https://stmaryhelp.flocknote.com/PlayPrayinfant-p>

or give Amanda Martin (509)438-7937, or Grace Pryzwara (706)993-8004 a call or text.

FUNERAL MASSES & LITURGIES

For all funeral Masses & Liturgies celebrated at St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, a licensed funeral home must be involved in coordinating the care and transportation of the deceased and in assisting with the funeral arrangements. It is necessary that families select the funeral home they wish to use.

PART-TIME 2ND SHIFT MAINTENANCE POSITION

OPENING:

Building Maintenance - Maintain and repair needs at multiple buildings, equipment, and property; able to take direction, work flexible hours, weekends, holidays, and Holy days required. Able to perform remodeling, painting, landscaping tasks including the knowledge of tools, plumbing, electrical and mechanical utilities a plus.

Duties and responsibilities will include lifting, bending, walking, climbing ladders, general housekeeping cleaning of buildings and keeping all property maintained and in good condition. This can include vacuuming, mopping, sanitizing restrooms, taking out trash, recycling, washing, and cleaning windows. Attention to Detail - Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work on time, to include setting tables and chairs for parish events, track, and complete work orders.

Please contact Patrick at 803-649-4777 Ex 3 or stop by the parish office for an application.



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)

SAVE THE DATE FOR #IGIVECATHOLIC

St. Mary's School will once again be participating in #iGiveCatholic the Nation-Wide Day of Giving on Giving Tuesday which falls on Tuesday, Dec. 1 this year. Early giving begins Nov. 16. Thank you for your continued support!

A Beautiful Gift of Faith

A heartfelt thank you to the parish gift shop for generously donating the beautiful statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph that now grace our school chapel. Their gift has helped create a prayerful and welcoming space where our students and staff can grow closer to Christ.

This year, students have the wonderful opportunity to attend Mass in our school chapel twice a week before the start of the school day. We are deeply grateful for the Gift Shop's generosity, which has enriched this sacred space and supports our mission of helping students grow in faith through prayer and the sacraments.



You are invited to
**St. Mary's
Holiday Ham Dinner**
Prepared and Hosted by
Catholic Women's Association

Tuesday November 10	Saint Angela Hall	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
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Dinner is FREE, but tickets are required. *You must have a ticket for the dinner.* Tickets can be picked up at the Parish Office through Friday, November 6. Also, donations for the dinner are appreciated!

Our menu includes: Baked Ham Slices;
Creamy Scallop Potatoes; Cheddar-cheesy
Pineapple Casserole; Country-style Green Beans;
Glazed Carrots; Dinner Rolls; and, a variety of
Desserts provided by CWA Members.



**Tables of 8 can be reserved by
Contacting Chris Jakubec at
847-212-8252**

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"Spiritual joy arises from purity of the heart and
perseverance in prayer."

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

CHESTERTON ACADEMY

The Chesterton Academy of Augusta is a 4-year, full-time Catholic high school planning to open its doors in the Augusta region in Fall of 2027. The mission of the Chesterton Academy is to raise up a generation of joyful leaders and saints, educated in the classical tradition and the truths of the Catholic Faith.



Our school will offer an integrated, classical curriculum in the Catholic intellectual tradition - one that emphasizes truth, goodness, and beauty in every subject. Our goal is to awaken wonder and to cultivate a love of wisdom in our students. We place a special emphasis on 1) The development of strong intellectual habits of the mind; 2) Character growth and leadership; and 3) Spiritual formation and the opportunity to grow in faith, hope, and charity. All faculty, Board members, and staff take an Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Church, and students and teachers attend daily Mass and have frequent access to the sacraments. Our school is part of the Chesterton Schools Network, an educational initiative that currently has over eighty schools operating across the country, with around twenty more planning to open in Fall of 2027. These schools have sought to broaden the reach of Catholic education by offering an affordable opportunity for a unique, classical curriculum.

We will host an information session at St. Mary Help of Christians in the Parish Hall after the 8 AM Mass on Saturday November 7th to explain our school's mission, to elaborate on the purpose of a classical education in general, to provide more details on the curriculum and other aspects of the school's culture, and to answer any other questions. We are looking for individuals and families who may be interested in attending this school, and benefactors willing to support this cause. To RSVP or to contact us for more information, please email infochestertonaugusta@gmail.com or call/text Philip O'Herron at 706-526-8906. More information about the school can be found at www.chestertonaugusta.org.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¿Cómo es ser un sacerdote católico hoy en día?

Queridos feligreses:

El Padre Bill Peckman, de la Diócesis de Jefferson City, Missouri, escribió esto. Me pareció muy conmovedor y... realista.

¿Cómo es ser un sacerdote católico hoy en día?

A veces es sentarse en una silla plegable escuchando a los niños de la escuela cantar villancicos de Navidad.

A veces es estar de pie junto a la cama de una persona que está dando sus últimos respiros en esta vida.

A veces es maravillarse al sostener el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de Jesucristo durante la Santa Misa.

A veces es sentirse totalmente indigno de hacerlo.

A veces es estar en el púlpito preguntándose si alguien está escuchando.

A veces es estar en el púlpito plenamente consciente de que la gente sí está escuchando.

A veces es ser la persona fuerte en una habitación llena de personas afligidas por el dolor.

A veces es apoyar la cabeza sobre el volante del automóvil tratando de recomponerse después de esos momentos.

A veces es la alegría de un bautismo.

A veces es la tristeza de un funeral.

A veces es disfrutar una excelente comida en casa de un feligrés.

A veces es llegar al final del día tratando de recordar si comiste algo.

A veces es la alegría de ayudar al hijo pródigo a regresar a casa.

A veces es la tristeza de ver a un hijo pródigo desafiante alejarse.

A veces son las horas de oración las que te mantienen a flote.

A veces es el dolor de los escándalos el que te arrastra hacia abajo.

A veces es levantarte sabiendo que estás entrando en un campo de batalla.

A veces son momentos de gracia extraordinaria.

A veces son momentos de caminar por el valle de la sombra de la muerte.

A veces es ser respetado.

A veces es ser despreciado.

A veces es pronunciar palabras de consuelo.

A veces es decir palabras incómodas que llaman a la conversión.

A veces es recibir elogios por tu servicio.

A veces es que te llamen de todo por decir la verdad.

Vivido correctamente, siempre se trata de ser un servidor in persona Christi (en la persona de Cristo).

Es difícil, pero gratificante.

Es una llamada constante a dar testimonio.

Es aceptar voluntariamente ser un símbolo de una vida contracultural.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 25 DE OCTUBRE AL 1 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 25 de octubre comienzan en la **pagina 405** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: Ex 22, 20-26	Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47 y 51
1 Tes 1, 5-10	Mt 22, 34-40
Lunes: Ef 4, 32-5, 8	Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6
Lc 13, 10-17	
Martes: Ef 5, 21-33	Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5
Lc 13, 18-21	
Miércoles: Ef 2, 19-22	Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5
Lc 6, 12-16	
Jueves: Ef 6, 10-20	Sal 143, 1. 2. 9-10
Lc 13, 31-35	
Viernes: Flp 1, 1-11	Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6
Lc 14, 1-6	
Sábado: Flp 1, 18-26	Sal 41, 2. 3. 5
Lc 14, 1. 7-11	
Domingo siguiente: Ap 7, 2-4. 9-14	Sal 23, 1-6
1 Jn 3, 1-3	Mt 5, 1-1

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

CONTINUACION DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Es morir a uno mismo intencionalmente cada día.

Es hacer que la gracia de Dios esté disponible tanto como sea posible.

No es para personas de piel sensible ni para los débiles de corazón.

No es para quienes buscan el mundo ni la ambición.

No es un trabajo ni una carrera.

Es una forma de vida.

No lo cambiaría por nada.

Padre Bill Peckman

Estoy profundamente agradecido por mi asignación en Santa María Auxiliadora de los Cristianos. Con todas sus alegrías y profundos desafíos, es maravilloso ser pastor aquí.

Mis mejores deseos... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson.

RETIRO DE LOS SACERDOTES

DEL LUNES 26 DE OCTUBRE AL JUEVES 29 DE OCTUBRE, NO TENDREMOS SACERDOTES DISPONIBLES. NO HABRÁ MISA DIARIA DURANTE ESTE PERÍODO.

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: **8 de Noviembre 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

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Estos increíbles sacramentos nos alimentan y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como «la luz del mundo» (San Mateo 5:14).

Importante: Los padres y los hijos deben estar inscritos en la parroquia de St. Mary's y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa los domingos y en los Días Santos de Precepto.

Se requieren dos años de clases de Formación en la Fe para cumplir con la política de asistencia.

- El proceso de dos años para la Primera Comunión comienza en 1.º grado.
- El proceso de dos años para la Confirmación comienza en 7.º grado.

Los niños católicos inscritos en la escuela St. Mary's son inscritos automáticamente en el programa sacramental a través de la escuela.

Puede inscribirse y pagar la cuota en la oficina parroquial. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en:

Para más información sobre contactarse con

Derrick Huestis 803-716-8451 o

dhuestis@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

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

14 de noviembre 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

¿INTERESADO EN CONVERTIRSE EN CATÓLICO?

¿Está interesado en convertirse en católico, o es un adulto que aún no ha recibido el sacramento de la confirmación? Las clases de RICA comenzarán en agosto para aquellas personas que desean convertirse en católicas y recibir los sacramentos de iniciación.

Favor de Contactar a

Derrick Huestis 803-716-8451

Ministerio Juvenil Católico

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason

Correo electrónico:

hdickason@charlestdiocese.org

Teléfono: 615-638-7137

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, visite nuestro sitio web o comuníquese con Hannah Dickason.

18 de octubre – Fraternus y Fidelis

19 de octubre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de oración (Adoración y Confesión)

21 de octubre – Jóvenes Discípulos

25 de octubre – Fraternus y Fidelis

26 de octubre – Grupo Juvenil: Teología del Cuerpo

28 de octubre – Jóvenes Discípulos

Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **18 de Octubre y 25 de Octubre** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con **María Hernández 803-522-3988.**

TIENDA DE REGALOS HORARIO

Domingos de 9:00am to 1:00pm y el primer fin de semana de cada mes después de las misa del sábado a las 5:00pm y del domingo a la 1:00pm.



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UN HERMOSO REGALO DE FE

Expresamos nuestro más sincero agradecimiento a la tienda de artículos religiosos de nuestra parroquia por la generosa donación de las hermosas imágenes de la Santísima Virgen María y San José, que ahora adornan la capilla de nuestra escuela.

Su generoso regalo ha contribuido a crear un espacio acogedor y lleno de oración, donde nuestros estudiantes y el personal pueden acercarse más a Cristo.

Este año, nuestros estudiantes tienen la maravillosa oportunidad de asistir a la Santa Misa en la capilla de la escuela dos veces por semana, antes del inicio de la jornada escolar.

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por la generosidad de la tienda de artículos religiosos, cuya contribución ha enriquecido este sagrado espacio y apoya nuestra misión de ayudar a los estudiantes a crecer en la fe por medio de la oración y los sacramentos.

¡INVITACIÓN ESPECIAL A LA VIGILIA DE REPARACIÓN!

El Grupo de Oración les hace una cordial invitación a participar en nuestra Vigilia de Reparación, que se llevará a cabo el día 31 de octubre de 2026 en la Iglesia Antigua.

¡Invitamos a los niños a participar!

Pueden traer a sus pequeños vestidos de algún santo o ángel para una presentación especial junto al Padre. Será un momento muy hermoso para compartir nuestra fe, honrar a Dios y fomentar en nuestros niños el amor por nuestra Iglesia.

¡Los esperamos con mucha alegría y el corazón dispuesto para vivir juntos esta noche especial de oración, fe y adoración!

¡No falten!



La oficina parroquial ofrece asistencia en español de lunes a Jueves, de 8:30 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. Durante este horario, podrá encontrar apoyo disponible.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 25 de Octubre

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

Lunes, 26 de Octubre

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

Martes, 27 de Octubre

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

Miércoles, 28 de Octubre

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

Jueves, 29 de Octubre

4:45pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm RICA	Salón Madre Teresa

Viernes, 30 de Octubre

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

Sábado, 31 de Octubre

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

Domingo, 1 de Noviembre

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



¿ERES NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?

¡Te damos la bienvenida a la familia de Santa María! Te invitamos a registrarte y ser parte activa de nuestra comunidad. Al hacerlo, podrás crecer con nosotros en el amor y conocimiento de Jesucristo, a través de la celebración fiel de los sacramentos y el estudio de la Palabra de Dios.

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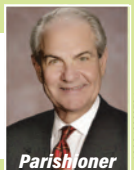
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