

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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Welcome to St. Mary Help of Christians
Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

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

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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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Locations

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield Street 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 November 1

Offertory	Nov. 01	$ 39,370
Online Offertory	Nov. 01	$ 14,000
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 - Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

Aside from the holidays coming, so is Advent! The gift shop has Advent calendars, wreaths, Christmas cards and other items for home and family. We're open Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass; and Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm, and after the Spanish Mass.

AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com.

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 for our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 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.

Pastor's Corner +JMJ+

The Sacrament of Matrimony X 8
Dear Parishioners,
According to Canon 1055, marriage is defined as, "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life and which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring, has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament between the baptized." Canon 1055
As we know, Jesus gave Peter and his successors authority to govern His Church here on earth. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt 16:19) So, the Church has established rules for valid marriages. A valid marriage must be between a man and a woman, in the church, with the wedding vows expressed in front of a deacon, priest or bishop with two witnesses. If any of those elements are missing it is an invalid marriage and the persons cannot receive the sacraments of the Church.
Many times, in the lives or our parishioners, "life" gets in the way, and a couple never gets married in the Church. Now there are many reasons for this, unique to the circumstances of each couple. Often there is a civil marriage or sometimes no marriage at all; many times, the union brings children into the world.
Father Ghattas queried many couples who are in invalid marriages, asking why they did not get married in the Church. A common response was the cost of the wedding reception. After prayer and deliberation, we have decided to remove that excuse. At 1:00 pm Saturday, November 14th, at New St. Mary's we will celebrate a communal marriage for eight couples. The wedding reception will follow at St. Angela Hall. The cost of the hall, the photography, food and music have all been donated! Those who are to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony are: Samuel and Erika, Roberto and Maria, Gabriel and Rosio, Erik and Mayra, Julio and Flor, Francisco and Maria, Ruben and Viviana, Victor and Teresa.
In short then, what does all this mean? Those 16 people will be returned to a state of grace and be able to fully participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For the first time in many years, they will be able to receive Holy Communion. For the first time in many years, their children will witness their parents fully participating in the life of the Church. What a true joy that will be!
Please pray for these couples that they will grow in holiness, ever more deeply in love with Christ, the Church and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
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 begin your weekly hour with Jesus, please visit the Adoration webpage at https://www.stmarys-//aiken.org/perpetualeucharistic-adoration, or contact Lori Rainchuso at larue150@yahoo.com.

Hours in Need:

SUN: 3 am; 6 am
MON: 2 am; 3 am 5 am
TUES: 3 am
WED: 1 am; 2 am; 3 am
THU: 1 am; 3 am
FRI: 3 am; 4 am; 9 am; 5 pm; 11 pm
SAT: 4 pm; 6 pm; 7 pm

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.

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 kkeenan@charlestondiocese.org or 803.649.4777. The requested donation is $300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

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 Nov. 8- Nov. 15, 2026

Sunday, Nov. 8 readings begin on page 412 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2, 3-8
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29
Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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Holy Mass Intentions

Sunday Nov. 8
8:30am Berard Bessette
11:00am Maurice Samuelian Jr.
1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday Nov. 9
5:30pm Mary & Edward Walsh

Tuesday Nov. 10
5:30pm Grace Crea

Wednesday Nov. 11
8:30am Nora O'Shea
7:00pm Dennis Portz

Thursday Nov. 12
10:00am Irene & Charles Poole
5:30pm Annette Simard

Friday Nov. 13
5:30pm Legion of Mary L&D

Saturday Nov. 14
8:00am Rev. Robert Prendergast
5:00pm Mike Vermilye
Dorothy Haubl
Fr. Timothy Gahan
Rose Zejewski
Stanley Niziolek
Natalie Plladino & Mike Leugers

Sunday Nov. 15
8:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Joseph Mango
1:00pm Legionarios de legion de Maria

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.

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@charlestondiocese.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 December 5 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@charlestondiocese.org

Catholic Youth Ministry

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Dickason
hdickason@charlestondiocese.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
November 1 - Fraternus & Fidelis
November 2 - Youth Group: Fellowship Night
November 4 - Young Disciples
November 8 - Fraternus & Fidelis
November 9 - Youth Group: Night of Prayer
November 11 - Young Disciples
November 15 - Fraternus & Fidelis
November 22 - Fraternus & Fidelis
November 23 - Youth Group: Theology of the Body
November 30 - Youth Group: Fellowship Night

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 –1917) dreamed of being a missionary. She first served Italian immigrant populations, from New York to Chicago, and across the U.S. She is the first United States citizen to be canonized and is the Universal Patron of Immigrants.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

The Week Ahead

Sunday Nov. 08	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Cafe	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church
Monday, Nov. 09	
9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
Tuesday, Nov. 10	
3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
Wednesday, Nov. 11	
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, Nov. 12	
11:15am Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
Friday, Nov. 13	
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
Saturday, Nov. 14	
8:00am Mass	Old Church
3:30pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church
Sunday, Nov. 15	
8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Cafe	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00am Mass Bilingual	Church

Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9AM on Thursday November 26th. Mass will be in Old St. Marys.

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.

Parish Perks!

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

Part-time 2nd Shift maintenance position opening:

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 is 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. To include setting tables and chairs for parish events, track, and complete work orders.
Attention to Detail: Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work on time.
Please contact Patrick at 803-649-4777 ext.3 or stop by the parish office for an application.

Funeral and Wedding Coordinator

Coordinates and oversees the logistical arrangements for weddings and funerals held at the church. Serves as the primary point of contact for funeral homes, families, couples, clergy, and other participants, ensuring that all services are thoughtfully planned and carried out in accordance with church policies, traditions, and procedures. Responsibilities include scheduling, coordinating facility use, communicating service details, and working with church staff and volunteers to ensure each occasion is organized, welcoming, and respectful. Please contact the Parish Office 803-649-4777 for application.

St. Mary's Homebound Ministries

If you or a loved one is unable to come to Mass – whether temporarily (at least 3 weeks) or a more extended illness – and you'd like to see about one of our EMs for the Homebound bringing you Holy Communion, please call the parish office at 803-649-4777 (Ext. 1) or Donna Pierce at 803-552-7714. Your assigned EM can bring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament weekly, accommodating your schedule as much as possible. It does not have to be on Sunday.
For Catholics hospitalized at ARMC, our EMs bring Holy Communion every day of the week! If you are unable to receive Communion a particular day, e.g. because of restrictions for tests, they are happy to still come and pray with you and for you. Please call the office (803-649-4777) or Donna Pierce (803-552-7714) if you are hospitalized for any length of stay. If you do not call us, our EMs will not know you're in the hospital!
For more information, please visit the HB Ministries website at https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound.

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)

Save the Date for #iGiveCatholic

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School will once again participate in #iGiveCatholic, the nationwide Day of Giving on Giving Tuesday, December 1. Early Giving begins in just two weeks on November 16! Watch next weekend's parish bulletin for a special #iGiveCatholic donation envelope. Envelopes may be placed in the offertory collection, dropped off at the school or parish office. Please return NO LATER THAN Dec. 7 to guarantee the donation happens in the current tax year. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our students!

Welcome Back Dr. Daw

Recently, we welcomed Dr. Murray Daw back to St. Mary's. Dr. Daw is a retired Clemson University professor of physics and former industry scientist who worked at Sandia National Laboratories. We are blessed to have him serving as an advisor and consultant for our STEM program, and this was his third site visit to our campus. Dr. Daw spent time with our faculty, visited classrooms, and had the opportunity to speak directly with our students. He spoke to our middle school students in our STEM Lecture Hall about the difference between knowledge and belief. He challenged our students to think carefully about what we can know, what we believe, and how science helps us understand more about the world around us, including questions that point us toward God.



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.

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.

Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join us for community building fellowship and Scripture study, Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00 AM in St. Michael Hall. Contact Martha: whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473.

Espacio de Nuestro Párroco

El Sacramento del Matrimonio × 8

Queridos feligreses:

Según el Canon 1055, el matrimonio se define así:

"La alianza matrimonial, por la que un hombre y una mujer constituyen entre sí una comunidad de toda la vida, ordenada por su misma índole natural al bien de los cónyuges y a la generación y educación de los hijos, fue elevada por Cristo Señor a la dignidad de sacramento entre los bautizados."

Canon 1055

Como sabemos, Jesús dio a Pedro y a sus sucesores la autoridad para gobernar Su Iglesia aquí en la tierra:

"Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los Cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra quedará desatado en el cielo."

(Mateo 16, 19)

Por ello, la Iglesia ha establecido normas para que un matrimonio sea válido. Un matrimonio válido debe celebrarse entre un hombre y una mujer, en la Iglesia, con el intercambio de los votos matrimoniales ante un diácono, sacerdote u obispo y en presencia de dos testigos. Si falta alguno de estos elementos, el matrimonio es inválido y las personas no pueden recibir los sacramentos de la Iglesia.

Muchas veces, en la vida de nuestros feligreses, las circunstancias dificultan que una pareja llegue a casarse por la Iglesia. Existen muchas razones para ello, propias de la situación particular de cada pareja. Con frecuencia existe un matrimonio civil o, en algunos casos, ninguna unión matrimonial formal; sin embargo, muchas veces estas uniones han dado fruto con el nacimiento de hijos.

El Padre Ghattas habló con muchas parejas que se encuentran en matrimonios inválidos y les preguntó por qué no se habían casado por la Iglesia. Una respuesta común fue el costo de la recepción de la boda. Después de mucha oración y reflexión, hemos decidido eliminar ese obstáculo.

A la 1:00 p. m. del sábado 14 de noviembre, en la Nueva Iglesia de Santa María, celebraremos un matrimonio comunitario para ocho parejas. La recepción se llevará a cabo posteriormente en el Salón Santa Ángela. Los gastos del salón, la fotografía, la comida y la música han sido donados generosamente.

Las parejas que recibirán el Sacramento del Matrimonio son:

Samuel y Erika, Roberto y Maria, Gabriel y Rosio, Erik y Mayra, Julio y Flor, Francisco y Maria, Viviana y Ruben, Victor y Teresa

En resumen, ¿qué significa todo esto? Estas dieciséis personas volverán a vivir en estado de gracia y podrán participar plenamente en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia.

formación cristiana

Las Lecturas de las Escrituras del 8 de Noviembre al 15 de Noviembre, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 8 de noviembre comienzan en la pagina 413 en el libro "Palabra y Eucharistía"

Domingo: Wis 6, 12-16 Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8
1 Tes 4, 13-18 o 4, 13-14 Mt 25, 1-13
Lunes: Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12 Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9
1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17 Jn 2, 13-22
Martes: Ti 2, 1-8. 11-14 Sal 36, 3-4. 18 y 23. 27 y 29
Lc 17, 7-10
Miércoles: Ti 3, 1-7 Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6
Lc 17, 11-19
Jueves: Flm 7-20 Sal 145, 7. 8-9. 9-10
Lc 17, 20-25
Viernes: 2 Jn 4-9 Sal 118, 1. 2. 10. 11. 17. 18
Lc 17, 26-37
Sábado: 3 Jn 5-8 Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6
Lc 18, 1-8
Domingo siguiente: Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31
Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 1 Tes 5, 1-6
Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21

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

Continuacion de espacio de nuestro Párroco

Por primera vez en muchos años, podrán recibir la Sagrada Comunión. Por primera vez en muchos años, sus hijos verán a sus padres participar plenamente en la vida de la Iglesia. ¡Qué gran alegría será para todos!

Les pedimos que oren por estas parejas, para que crezcan en santidad y profundicen cada día más en su amor por Cristo, por la Iglesia y por la Santísima Virgen María.

Mis mejores deseos en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

Misa del Recuerdo

El Ministerio de Duelo anuncia la Misa Anual de Recordación, que se celebrará el jueves 12 de noviembre a las 6:30 p. m. en la Iglesia de Santa María de Fairfield, para honrar y recordar a nuestros seres queridos, especialmente a quienes han fallecido durante el último año.

Al finalizar la misa, se ofrecerá una recepción en el Salón Madre Teresa.

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.

Próximas clase: **8 de Noviembre 2026**
Registro requerido.
Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

Sagrada Comunión y Confirmación

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@charlestondiocese.org.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

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

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

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

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español
9 de enero 2026 a las 12:00am 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@charlestondiocese.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.

1 de noviembre – Fraternus y Fidelis
2 de noviembre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de Convivencia
4 de noviembre – Jóvenes Discípulos
8 de noviembre – Fraternus y Fidelis
9 de noviembre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de Oración
11 de noviembre – Jóvenes Discípulos
15 de noviembre – Fraternus y Fidelis
22 de noviembre – Fraternus y Fidelis
23 de noviembre – Grupo Juvenil: Teología del Cuerpo
30 de noviembre – Grupo Juvenil: Noche de Convivencia

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.**

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

Reserve la Fecha para #iGiveCatholic

La Escuela Católica Santa María Auxiliadora de los Cristianos participará una vez más en #iGiveCatholic, la jornada nacional de donaciones que se celebra el Martes de Dar (Giving Tuesday), el 1 de diciembre.

¡Las donaciones anticipadas comenzarán dentro de tan solo dos semanas, el 16 de noviembre!

Esté atento al boletín parroquial del próximo fin de semana, donde encontrará un sobre especial para donaciones de #iGiveCatholic. Los sobres pueden depositarse en la colecta del ofertorio o entregarse en la oficina de la escuela o de la parroquia.

Por favor, devuélvalos a más tardar el 7 de diciembre para garantizar que la donación se aplique al año fiscal correspondiente.

¡Gracias por su continua generosidad y apoyo a nuestros estudiantes!

Bienvenido de Nuevo, Dr. Daw

Recientemente, dimos la bienvenida nuevamente al Dr. Murray Daw en Santa María.

El Dr. Daw es profesor jubilado de Física de la Universidad Clemson y ex científico de la industria que trabajó en los Laboratorios Nacionales Sandia. Nos sentimos bendecidos de contar con su servicio como asesor y consultor de nuestro programa STEM (Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas), y esta fue su tercera visita a nuestro campus.

Durante su estancia, el Dr. Daw compartió tiempo con nuestro personal docente, visitó varios salones de clase y tuvo la oportunidad de conversar directamente con nuestros estudiantes.

También ofreció una charla a los estudiantes de secundaria en nuestro Salón de Conferencias STEM, donde habló sobre la diferencia entre el conocimiento y la creencia. Desafió a nuestros alumnos a reflexionar cuidadosamente sobre lo que podemos saber, lo que creemos y cómo la ciencia nos ayuda a comprender mejor el mundo que nos rodea, incluyendo aquellas preguntas que nos conducen hacia Dios.



EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 8 de Noviembre

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

Lunes, 9 de Noviembre

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

Martes, 10 de Noviembre

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

Miércoles, 11 de Noviembre

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

Jueves, 12 de Noviembre

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

Viernes, 13 de Noviembre

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

Sábado, 14 de Noviembre

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

Domingo, 15 de Noviembre

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

La Misa de Acción de Gracias se celebrará a las 9:00 a. m. el jueves 26 de noviembre.
La Santa Misa tendrá lugar en la Antigua Iglesia de Santa María.

REZO DEL SANTO ROSARIO

Todos los domingos, a las 12:30pm, antes de la Misa en español, está invitado a saludar a la Santísima Virgen con la oración del Santo Rosario. Si gustas participar dirigiendo esta oración, comunícate con **Carlos Fierros y Nancy Rubio al 803.645.9169**.

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.

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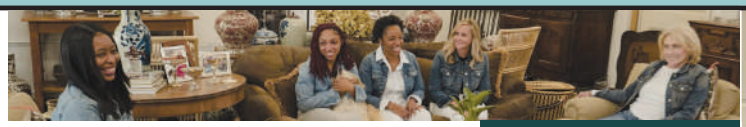

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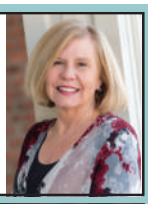
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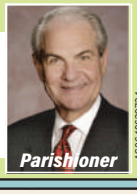
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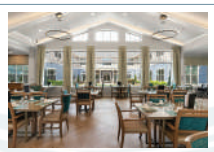
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