



**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**APRIL 21, 2024**

“I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.” —JN 10:15

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's 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 St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please See Page 2 for New Office Hours

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - 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 - Old St. Mary's

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

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

**PERPETUAL ADORATION** - Ste Claire Chapel

**ROSARY** - Before Daily Mass

### LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

### SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://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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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:  
<http://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>



## TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Apr. 14	\$ 17,981.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Apr. 14	\$ 17,180.00
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 1,924,000.00</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:** For on-line giving the entire amount offered will be posted to the fund selected. Donations for St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Education Maintenance Fund **cannot** be made through on-line giving. They must be placed in the offering basket, be mailed in, or dropped by the office.

### 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:
  1. Go to St. Mary's website at [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)
  2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
  3. Make your selections
  4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are 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.

### THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS HAVE CHANGED!

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
8:30AM - 12NOON  
1:00PM - 4:30PM

**Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM**

Wednesday 8:30AM - **1:30PM**

Staff is available by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays. Please call the parish office at 803.649.4777 to make an appointment.

### THE GIFT SHOP

There's still time to stop in and purchase a gift for that special person in your life who is celebrating a birthday, Mother's Day, their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We have wonderful books, handmade rosaries, one decade bracelets and necklaces, and much more.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

JESUS CONTINUES TO CALL...

Dear Friends in Christ,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday, but it is also designated as the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." We are to pray and work especially for vocations to the permanent diaconate, the priesthood and consecrated religious life.

I came into full communion with the Catholic Church on September 8, 1998, at St. Joseph's in Anderson. When I came in, God led me to immediately volunteer to serve in the church. Initially, I taught CCD to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. It was a challenge since I had never done that before. But God in his mercy blessed me and blessed our class. As time progressed, I became even more involved. Not too long after my entry into the church, I found myself serving in many different roles: I counted the offering; served as a lector, sang in the choir, served as a cantor, served on the Finance Council, and became President of the St. Joseph's Men's Club. Also, for several years, I coordinated a bus trip to the capitol for the annual March for Life. I remember that it got so that when I wanted to be away for a weekend, I had to find three people to replace me in my duties at the parish.

I do not say these things to boast for they were all accomplished through the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Rather, I say these things to say that along the way, as time passed by, several people (mostly women) would ask me, "Rich, have you ever thought about becoming a priest?" Usually these were women who attended daily Mass and knew me quite well. The point that I'm making is, as involved as I was in various ministries of the parish, I could not see what others saw in me. I could not see that my service in the church was quite unusual when compared to other men at my age and circumstances. These people, again, mostly women, saw things in me that I had not recognized.

Eventually, I continued in prayer and applied for the priesthood and the rest, as they say, is history. So, what about you? Are you observant of the young people (and older ones too) in our parish? Are you praying about which ones might have a vocation to the permanent diaconate, the priesthood, or the consecrated religious life? Are you asking them if they are considering a vocation?

"And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6) God is always faithful to work in us...if we answer His call!

All the best...in Christ,  
Father Wilson



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

"Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Please help! We have an urgent need for an adorer Fridays at 4AM. For this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at:

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893 (no text)  
6AM-Noon Ken Boucher 803.226.4639  
Noon-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105  
6PM-MDNT. Joan Pate 803.226.0263

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

When you're feeling down, the beautiful springtime weather and flowers blooming can just make you feel worse. Are you struggling with separation or divorce? Dealing with difficulties due to health problems? God didn't create us to go it alone. He's about hope and love! St Mary's has a community of Stephen Ministers who are here to walk you through the darkness and back to the joy, enthusiasm, and wholeness God made you for. If you or someone you know is in need of strictly confidential resources to help you navigate the valley, we want to help. Leaflets are in the back of church with more information on Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact with us, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

### WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS -- SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 9:00 and 11:00AM Easter Sunday. We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass. Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at [riverhost.rs@gmail.com](mailto:riverhost.rs@gmail.com) or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.



Sunday, April 21, 2024

### AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

### READINGS FOR April 21 – April 28

<b>Sunday:</b> Acts 4:8-12	Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29	Jn 3:1-2	Jn 10:11-18
<b>Monday:</b> Acts 11:1-18	Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4	Jn 10:1-10	
<b>Tuesday:</b> Acts 11:19-26	Ps 87:1b-3-7	Jn 10:22-30	
<b>Wednesday:</b> Acts 12:24–13:5a and 8	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6	Jn 12:44-50	
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Pt 5:5b-14	Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17	Mk 16:15-20	
<b>Friday:</b> Acts 13:26-33	Ps 2:6-11ab	Jn 14:1-6	
<b>Saturday:</b> Acts 13:44-52	Ps 98:1, 2-4	Jn 14:7-14	
<b>Next Sunday:</b> Acts 9:26-31	Ps 22:26-28, 30-32	1 Jn 3:18-24	Jn 15:1-8

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### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, April 21

8:30AM Raymond Kleffner  
11:00AM Pat Kruse  
1:00PM José Manuel Esparza  
5:00PM For All the People of the Parish

#### Monday, April 22

5:30PM Clare Hengesbaugh

#### Tuesday, April 23

5:30PM Thursa Sotak

#### Wednesday, April 24

8:20AM Sarah Lynn Kuzmeskus  
7:00PM Javier & Esperanza Negrete (L)

#### Thursday, April 25

5:30PM Michael Miller

#### Friday, April 26

5:30PM Val Cadarr (L)

#### Saturday, April 27

8:00AM Marion Thelen  
5:00PM Byron Wilson  
Betty Jane Pumarlo  
Mary Catherine Cunning  
Marion Thelen  
Michael Lemmon (L)

#### Sunday, April 28

8:30AM Anna Hewitt  
11:00AM Mildred Gall  
1:00PM For All the People of the Parish  
5:00PM Phyllis A. Bennett

(L) Denotes Living

### BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS: April 6

Amelia Raine Cushman, daughter of Michael & Brandy Cushman  
Elijah Jason Borja, son of Jason & Nicole Borja

### DEATHS/DIFUNTOS: April 10 James Bowes

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211  
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM  
Closed On Fridays.

## 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 26, 2024 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 session 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 & 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 contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestdioocese.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 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.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:  
[www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

### NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

**May 11, 2024 – 11:00AM** in the church on Fairfield

- 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

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA will meet **Tuesday, April 23** to learn about Holy Communion and Eucharistic Adoration. RCIA meets Tuesdays 6:00–7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St. SE). For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org or 803.642.2676.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE  
JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG  
803.215.7040

**Apr. 21** – Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM

6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

**Apr. 21** – Life Teen

**Apr. 23** – Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6:00-7:00PM

High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco

**Apr. 28** – Sunday Morning CCD 9:45-10:45AM

6-8 Formation Class in Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

**Apr. 28** – Middle School Night

**Apr. 30** – Grade 6-8 Formation Class 6:00-7:00PM

High School Catch Up Class 7:15-8PM Bosco

**Apr. 27** – 9-10:30AM *Second Grade First Communion Retreat – Mother Teresa Hall*

**Apr. 27** – 10:30-11:30AM *First Communion Practice in the Church for all those making their First Communion May 4.*

**Cake and Pie sale** after all masses **Apr. 27 and 28**. All proceeds will go to help with transportation costs for youth ministry summer camp and mission trips. Text Joan at 803-215-7040 to reserve a Derby pie or Peanut Butter Pie.

### COOKIES FOR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a three-day nondenominational short course in Christianity that is a spin-off of Catholic Cursillo. We will bring Christ's love and forgiveness to 42 men at Broad River Correctional institution (BRCI) on April 25 through 28. We distribute cookies to each resident of the prison each of those days to show them Christ's love. This will require 5,000 dozen cookies! If you would like to bake cookies or buy some for Kairos, then please call Don Trapp at 803.979.0966.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, April 21

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### Monday, April 22

9:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

### Tuesday, April 23

6:30AM	Rosary	Old St. Mary's
7:00AM	Men's Prayer Group	Smith Hall Down
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	RCIA-English	Mother Teresa

### Wednesday, April 24

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:15PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

### Thursday, April 25

11:15AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

### Friday, April 26

6:00AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

### Saturday, April 27

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### Sunday, April 28

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### IN THE HOSPITAL?

St. Mary's Hospital Ministry strives to bring Holy Communion **daily** to Catholic patients in the Aiken hospital. If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please **contact the parish office at 803.649.4777**. If you are not able to receive Communion, we can still come and pray with you! Because of confidentiality, the hospital cannot tell us you're there without your permission. Please help us bring you the healing and strength of Jesus!

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us **Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00AM** in St. Michael Hall as we study the first letter of St. Peter. A Catholic edition of the Bible will help you get the most out of this study. If you have questions contact Martha Whittingham at [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com) or 865.599.8473

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday bible study is reading the Gospel of John. Thursdays at 11:15am in Smith Hall. All are welcome! Just bring your Bible. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or [mjackson@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org).

### FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

Meets on **Friday, April 19 at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall** as we continue reading *Enter the Narrow Gate, St. Benedict's Steps to Christian Maturity* by Susan Muto. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen at [mjackson@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org) or 803.642.2676.

### The Domestic Church

The Easter Season lasts until Pentecost. Continue talking about the resurrection of Jesus with your family. This Thursday, April 25 is the feast day of St. Mark. His is the shortest gospel. Perhaps read through it this week at family meal times. Mark (or John Mark) is mentioned in Acts 12 as a companion of Paul and Barnabas. Mark decided not to continue travelling with Paul, which caused contention among the missionaries. Read about that in Acts 15. The conflict was resolved, as we see in Colossians 4:10-11. We all have difficulties working with others - even when we are working for the Lord. Your children will experience this. You could share how you have worked through disagreements in your life. Mark is a great example of someone who didn't give up, even when he was shunned by Paul. He found his way and his writings became a gospel. Encourage each other in the family to press on in the faith.

### UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY?

You are not alone! Free help resources:

Respect Life Ministry – 803.634.3171  
Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center  
803.648.9890 <https://pregnancyaiken.com>  
Birthright – Columbia 803.765.0165  
24/7 Helpline 1.800.550.4900 or  
<https://birthright.org>





## ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801  
Mrs. Laura Webster, Principal  
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092  
www.stmaryschoolaiken.com

**OFFICE HOURS: MON – FRI 7:30AM–3:30PM**

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking

- A full-time elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
- A full-time junior high math teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification. Qualified applicant should submit his/her resume and cover letter to the front office by mail, in person, or electronically at [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com)

### Friends of SMS

Sponsor a student by giving the gift of a Catholic education. Sponsors donate funds that will be applied directly to a student's tuition. Sponsors receive letters and/or illustrations from their sponsored student. Donations can be made in any amount, brought to the school office, or made online at [stmaryschoolaiken.com](http://stmaryschoolaiken.com) under the support SMS tab.

### Audubon Silver Bluff Center



First Grade had a wonderful time at the Audubon's Silver Bluff Center. We learned about

plant parts and functions, investigated life cycles of different animals, and explored a trail through the woods. It was a beautiful day to be surrounded by nature with our friends.

### SISTER ROSE MARIE TULACZ, SND

Stop by St. Michael Hall after Masses – **May 11 & 12** to view and purchase the award-winning fine art – liturgical, nature, and landscape photography of Sister Rose Marie Tulacz. Original cards, prints, and framed artwork will be available for purchase. All proceeds support the spiritual and humanitarian outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Learn more at [www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com](http://www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com)

Father Wilson and Father Orlando met sister at the recent priest convocation and learned of her ministry and the great needs her Notre Dame Creations ministry support. Sister has been invited to share her photography with our parish. Please give her a warm welcome.

### THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



In the Eucharistic Liturgy and our prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, we encounter God's presence in personal and profound ways. But the Eucharist is also social, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in *Deus Caritas Est* (God Is Love): "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (no. 14). The Eucharist, celebrated as a community, teaches us about human dignity, calls us to right relationship with God, ourselves, and others. As the Body of Christ, it sends us on mission to help transform our communities, neighborhoods, and world. Church teaching, rooted in both Scripture and Tradition, emphasizes both the personal and social natures of the Eucharist. (from *Eucharist, Body of Christ, Broken for the World*, USCCB)

### SCOTT HAHN PRESENTS THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The Purification Heritage Center in Crawfordville, GA, will host a weekend event *The Road to Emmaus* with Dr. Scott Hahn, **May 3–5**. The event will include several talks, meals, fellowship time, and ends with Mass on Sunday. The Purification is a beautiful retreat center about 1½ hours west of Aiken, built in the area of the first Catholic settlement in GA founded in the 1790's. Lodging is available at the center. You can also just sign up for Saturday May 4. <https://www.heritagega.org/book> scroll down for *The Road to Emmaus*.

### PASTA DINNER THIS FRIDAY

Just a little reminder to those of you who have purchased tickets for the Pasta Dinner on **Friday, April 26 at the Columbus Club**.

Address: 1037 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, SC.  
Doors will open at 5:00PM with dinner being served starting at 5:30PM.

The Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Columbus are looking forward to seeing you there! Plan on having a delicious dinner while visiting friends or getting to know new friends. (Ticketed dinner only.)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

**MAY 10 & 21 AND MAY 17 & 18**

Please donate household items, baby and kitchen items, lamps, furniture, tools, jewelry, antiques, clothing, books, toys, bedding, outdoor furniture. For pick ups call Mark (803.634.1437) or Dennis (803.507.0066).

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

JESÚS CONTINÚA LLAMANDO...

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El cuarto domingo de Pascua a menudo se conoce como Domingo del Buen Pastor, pero también se lo designa como el "Día Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones". Debemos orar y trabajar especialmente por las vocaciones al diaconado permanente, al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa consagrada.

Entré en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica el 8 de septiembre de 1998, en la iglesia San José, en Anderson. Cuando entré, Dios me llevó inmediatamente a ofrecerse como voluntario para servir en la iglesia. Inicialmente, enseñé catequesis a alumnos de noveno y décimo grado. Fue un desafío ya que nunca antes había hecho eso. Pero Dios en su misericordia me bendijo y bendijo a nuestra clase. A medida que pasó el tiempo, me involucré aún más. No mucho después de mi ingreso a la iglesia, me encontré desempeñando muchos roles diferentes: contaba la ofrenda; fui lector, canté en el coro, fui cantor, formé parte del Consejo de Finanzas y fui presidente del Club de Hombres de San José. Además, durante varios años, coordiné un viaje en autobús al capitolio para la Marcha anual por la Vida. Recuerdo que llegó el momento en que cuando quería ausentarme un fin de semana, tenía que buscar a tres personas para que me reemplazaran en mis deberes en la parroquia.

No digo estas cosas para jactarme porque todas fueron realizadas mediante el poder y la inspiración del Espíritu Santo. Más bien digo estas cosas para decir que en el camino, a medida que pasaba el tiempo, varias personas (en su mayoría mujeres) me preguntaban: "Rich, ¿alguna vez has pensado en ser sacerdote?" Generalmente eran mujeres que asistían a Misa diaria y me conocían bastante bien. Lo que quiero decir es que, a pesar de lo involucrado que estaba en varios ministerios de la parroquia, no podía ver lo que otros veían en mí. No podía ver que mi servicio en la iglesia fuera bastante inusual en comparación con otros hombres de mi edad y circunstancias. Estas personas, nuevamente, en su mayoría mujeres, vieron cosas en mí que yo no había reconocido.

Finalmente, continué en oración y solicité el sacerdocio y el resto, como dicen, es historia. ¿Y qué me dices de ti? ¿Observas a los jóvenes (y también de los mayores) de nuestra parroquia? ¿Estás orando por cuáles podrían tener vocación al diaconado permanente, al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa consagrada? ¿Les estás preguntando si están considerando una vocación?

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### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 21 DE ABRIL AL 28 DE ABRIL 2024

<b>Domingo:</b> Hch 4, 8-12	Sal 117, 1. 8-9. 21-23.	
26. 28. 29	Jn 3, 1-2	Jn 10, 11-18
<b>Lunes:</b> Hch 11, 1-18	Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4	
Jn 10, 1-10		
<b>Martes:</b> Hch 11, 19-26	Sal 86, 1-7	
Jn 10, 22-30		
<b>Miércoles:</b> Hch 12, 24-13, 5	Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8	
Jn 12, 44-50		
<b>Jueves:</b> 1 Pe 5, 5-14	Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17	
Mc 16, 15-20		
<b>Viernes:</b> Hch 13, 26-33	Sal 2, 6-11	Jn 14, 1-6
<b>Sábado:</b> Hch 13, 44-52	Sal 97, 1-4	
Jn 14, 7-14		
<b>Domingo siguiente:</b> Hch 9, 26-31	Sal 21, 26-28.	
30-32	1 Jn 3, 18-24	Jn 15, 1-8

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

### LA TIENDA DE REGALOS

Está abierta de 9:00AM a 1:00PM todos los domingos y el primero de cada mes después de la misa de la 1:00PM.

### ¡EL HORARIO DE LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL HA CAMBIADO!

El horario de la oficina parroquial ha cambiado a

**Lunes, martes, jueves y Viernes**

8:30AM - 12 DEL MEDIODÍA

1:00PM - 4:30PM

Cerrado para el almuerzo de 12:00PM a 1:00PM

**Miércoles**

8:30AM - 1:30PM

Los miércoles, el personal estará disponible solo con cita previa después de la 1:30PM. Por favor llame a la oficina con anticipación al 803.649.4777 para hacer una cita.

### CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO DE LA PRIMERA COLUMNA DE ESTA PÁGINA

"Y si Dios empezó tan buen trabajo en ustedes, estoy seguro de que lo continuará hasta concluirlo el día de Cristo Jesús.". (Filipenses 1,6) Dios siempre es fiel para obrar en nosotros... ¡si respondemos a su llamado!

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## SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

### SANTO BAUTISMO

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### SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestdioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

### 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 o con la Hna. Ana Gema 803.989.9440

### 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. 113.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

## PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

11 de mayo 2024 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

## RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

El programa de formación para adultos que requieren los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación, son los martes de 7:00 a 9:00PM en el Smith Hall. Para información puede acudir con las hermanas Ana Gema a 803.989.9440 or Martha a 803.645.3666 o el equipo de RICA.

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**21 de abril** - domingo por la mañana CCD  
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6-8 Clase de Formación en Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

**21 de abril** - Life Teen

**23 de abril** - Clase de formación para grados 6-8,  
6:00-7:00PM

Clase de recuperación de la escuela secundaria  
7:15-8:00PM Bosco

**28 de abril** - domingo por la mañana CCD de 9:45  
a 10:45AM

6-8 Clase de Formación en Bosco 9:45-10:45AM

**28 de abril** - Noche de escuela secundaria

**30 de abril** - Clase de formación para grados 6-8, 6-  
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7:15-8PM Bosco

**27 de abril** - 9 -10:30AM *Retiro de primera comunión  
de segundo grado–Salón Madre Teresa*

**27 de abril** - 10:30-11:30AM *Práctica de Primera  
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**Venta de pasteles y tartas** después de todas las misas el 27 y 28 de abril. Todas las ganancias se destinarán a ayudar con los costos de transporte para el campamento de verano del ministerio juvenil y los viajes misioneros.

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## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### Domingo, 21 de abril

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Preparación Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

### Lunes, 22 de abril

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

### Martes, 23 de abril

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	RICA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Este Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

### Miércoles, 24 de abril

8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

### Jueves, 25 de abril

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

### Viernes, 26 de abril

9h a 17h	Consulado Movil	Santa Angela
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith Hall

### Sábado, 27 de abril

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
9h a 17h	Consulado Movil	Santa Angela
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

### Domingo, 28 de abril

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9h a 17h	Consulado Movil	Santa Angela
10:00AM	Preparación Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

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El fin de semana del 27 y 28 de abril, estará el Consulado Móvil de México en las instalaciones del Salón Santa Ángela. Los servicios que ofrecerá son: Pasaporte, Matrícula Consular, Doble Ciudadanía y la Mesa de Salud.

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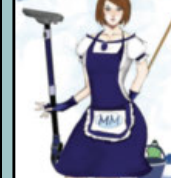
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