

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
MAY 5, 2024



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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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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. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY

THERE IS NO NURSERY ON MAY 5 AND MAY 12

It is usually 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:

Page 1 <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY Apr. 28 \$ 19,056.26
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR Apr. 28 \$ 16,144.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 1,924,000.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Catholic Home Mission Appeal \$ 1,454.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 5,582.00

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
 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

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

We will be open this Sunday from 9AM to 1PM and there's still time to purchase a gift for that special person in your life who is celebrating a birthday, Mother's Day, their First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Check out some of Fr. Gabriel's Mysteries and other books that we've stocked up on for some enjoyable summer reading. **We will not be open May 12 or May 19**, so be sure to do your shopping this weekend. We will be open again on Sunday, May 26.

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

"I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the last Sunday before the solemnities of the Ascension and Pentecost, which close the Easter season. Throughout these Sundays, the risen Jesus has revealed himself as the Good Shepherd and the vine to which we must be connected as branches, and today he opens his Heart to us completely.

Certainly, in His Heart we can only find love. What constitutes the deepest mystery of God is that He is Love. Everything He has done from creation to redemption has been out of love. All that He expects from us in response to His actions is just love. Therefore, His words resonate today: "Abide in my love." (John 15:9). Love asks for reciprocity; it is like a dialogue that makes us respond with increasing love to His initial love.

A fruit of love is joy: "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you," (John 15:11). If our life does not reflect the joy of believing, if we let ourselves be overwhelmed by adversities without seeing that the Lord is also there present and comforting us, it is because we do not know Jesus sufficiently well.

God always takes the initiative. He explicitly tells us by saying, "I chose you." (John 15:16). We might be tempted to think that we have chosen Him, but we have done nothing more than respond to a call. He has chosen us freely to be his friends: "No longer do I call you servants... I have called you friends." (John 15:15).

In the beginning, God spoke to Adam as a friend speaks to his friend. Christ, the new Adam, has not only restored that friendship but also intimacy with God since God is Love.

Everything boils down to this word: "Love." Saint Augustine reminds us: "The good Master recommends us quite often that charity is the only possible commandment. Without charity all the other good qualities mean nothing. Charity, in fact, leads man necessarily to all the other virtues that make him good."

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

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!



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?

We have great need for an adorer on **Thursdays at 3PM**. Can you help? 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

CHURCH TOUR WITH FATHER WILSON

Fr. Wilson will give a tour of our beautiful church on Fairfield St. on **Saturday, May 18th at 10:30AM**. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-46785020-church>

Limited to 30 participants. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or 803.642.2676

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING/MEETING

(Parents may attend)

Sunday, June 2, 2024 2:30 to 3:30PM

In the church

**(Lead Servers and Server Educators
2:30 to 4:00PM)**

If you cannot attend, please contact:

Paul V. Gaynor, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547.

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS

If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandiocese.org or 803.979.3181. Due to the rising cost of flowers, we are increasing the donation request for two arrangements for the altar to \$300.00.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

READINGS FOR May 5 – May 12

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 98:1, 2-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-6a and 9b
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Ps 148:1-2,
11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1, 2-4
Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,
6-9 Eph 4:1-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 5

8:30AM Terry Aromi

11:00AM For All the People
of the Parish

1:00PM Ma. Rosa Marasco
Suarez

5:00PM Ira Edward
Thomas, Jr.

Monday, May 6

5:30PM Jerry Roberts

Tuesday, May 7

5:30PM Joan Goergen

Wednesday, May 8

8:20AM Joanne Remler

7:00PM Wade Rodgers

Thursday, May 9

10:00AM Cumberland-

C. Richard Steines

5:30PM Michael D. May, Sr.

Friday, May 10

5:30PM **No Mass**

7:00PM Confirmation Mass

Saturday, May 11

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from
Conception to Natural
Death

5:00PM Byron Wilson
Karen Schuler

Maureen Fitzgerald

Layne Bodily

Elizabeth Deal

Sunday, May 12

8:30AM Reid Bohning

11:00AM Penny Goergen

1:00PM For All the People
of the Parish

5:00PM Charles Smith

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MARRIAGES/MATRIMONIOS

April 20

Owen Thomas Hennessey & Allyson Marie Hulse

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS -- SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass. Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

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

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 this **Tuesday, May 7th** to learn about the importance of frequent confession. 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

Beginning May 5, Sunday and Tuesday Formation is on break for the summer. Please watch for registration for the 24/25 school year.

May 5–LifeTeen

May 12–No Youth Ministry, Celebrate and honor your mom!

Coming soon! Youth Ministry gatherings for the summer months!

Grades 6-12–Help is needed for our Summer Camp Catholic–Vacation Bible School, **SCUBA!** We need crew leaders, help with leading activities and snack time helpers. This will be June 17-21 in the morning. Come share your enthusiasm for our faith! Call, text or email Mrs. LaBone to let us know you can help! jlabone@charlestdioocese.org, 803.215.7040

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NORTH AUGUSTA IS SEEKING A PART TIME BOOKKEEPER
25-30 HOURS PER WEEK

Candidate must possess a minimum accounting certificate or at least one year's experience in bookkeeping or equivalent in a similar position. For more information, please visit www.olpchurchna.org

"God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us."
Pope St. John Paul II

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 5

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

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

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, May 8

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, May 9

11:15AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Newman Catholic Club	St. Michael Hall

Friday, May 10

10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Confirmation Mass	Church

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12 The Ascension of the Lord

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, EDGEFIELD, SC

BUILDING RESTORATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 18th
Mount Vintage Golf Club
North Augusta, SC

For more information contact Dan Bergtholdt
803.508.3506 or Trshhlr77@gmail.com

PARISH PERKS!

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

**THE CHILDREN'S NURSERY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
ON MAY 5TH OR MAY 12TH**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00AM in St. Michael Hall as we study the first and second letters 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 or 865.599.8473

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday bible study is reading the Gospel of Luke. 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.

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

This group meets **Fridays, at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall** and is 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 or 803.642.2676.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SPRING DINNER MEETING

The CWA General Meeting and Closing Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 16, in St. Angela's Hall at 6:00PM. All women of the parish are invited to attend after 5:30PM Mass. We will have a catered dinner by What's Cooking. Entrees will be Poppy Seed Chicken and Shepherd's Pie. CWA members will be providing desserts to sample. There is no cost for the dinner, but donations will be gladly accepted at the door to defray food costs. Bound to Sing, Aiken's local boys' choir, will be our entertainment for the evening. Please contact Chris Jakubec at cjakubec@aol.com to register before May 14.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH & AIKEN SHEPARD BLOOD CENTER WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE AT:

Hitchcock Place - 353 Fabian Drive, Aiken
The third campaign for 2024 began May 1 and will end June 29. To expedite your time at the center we recommend that you call 803.643.7996 for an appointment & fill out the questionnaire online the day you donate. Tell them that you are donating for St. Mary's of Aiken. Thank You!



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.
- A full-time junior high English language arts teacher for the 2024-2026

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

MOTOR SPEEDWAY FIELD TRIP



We took a field trip to Charlotte Motor Speedway to participate in a Race Car "Design-Build-Test" challenge. Students received materials for the construction of either a pulley car or a propeller car. The goal was to have fun and win the race at the end of the day.

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Don't forget - it's still the Easter season! This Friday, May 10 is the feast of St. Damien of Molokai. Fr. Damien lived in Belgium, but offered to go to the Kingdom on Hawaii as a missionary. After serving there for 9 years, he offered to go to the leper colony on Molokai. At that time lepers were kept isolated and their communities were places of hopelessness. He became a father to the residents, teaching them about Our Lord while slowly improving their lives in practical ways. He ended up contracting leprosy and never left Molokai. Learn more about him this week. There are several movies about him, plus material on FORMED.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

MAY 10 & 11 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 or to deliver your donations call Mark (803.634.1437) or Dennis (803.507.0066).

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



As we meditate on the Eucharist, we experience Christ's love for us and for others. In the depth of prayer, we become so moved and sensitized to his love for those who suffer that the words of St. Augustine become a reality for us: "The pain of one, even the smallest member, is the pain of all." In the Eucharist, the boundlessness of the Father's love "springs up within us a lively response" that causes us to "begin to love." Contemplating Christ's sacrifice for the world in need, we are compelled to follow his example. Drawn "into the very dynamic of his self-giving" we are moved to self-giving action in solidarity with the members of our human family who face injustice. (from Eucharist, Body of Christ, Broken for the World. USCCB)

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PICK-UP SOCCER

Ages 18-35

1st and 3rd Mondays, 7–8PM at Generations Park, 700 Mack Henry Holland Dr. Come join us for a fun and laid-back match! Starts April 15th. Message Elizabeth 803.624.2026 or Grace 706.993.8004 with questions.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

"LOS HE LLAMADO AMIGOS"

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hoy celebramos el último domingo de Pascua antes de las solemnidades de la Ascensión y Pentecostés, que cierran este tiempo litúrgico. A lo largo de estos domingos, Jesús resucitado se ha revelado como el Buen Pastor y la vida a la que debemos estar unidos como sarmientos, y hoy nos abre su Corazón por completo.

Ciertamente, en Su corazón sólo podemos encontrar amor. Lo que constituye el misterio más profundo de Dios es que Él es Amor. Todo lo que Él ha hecho desde la creación hasta la redención ha sido por amor. Todo lo que Él espera de nosotros en respuesta a Sus acciones es simplemente amor. Por eso, hoy resuenan sus palabras: "Permanezcan en mi amor". (Juan 15,9). El amor pide reciprocidad; es como un diálogo que nos hace responder con amor creciente a su amor inicial.

Un fruto del amor es el gozo: "Les he dicho todas estas cosas para que mi alegría esté en ustedes" (Juan 15,11). Si nuestra vida no refleja la alegría de creer, si nos dejamos abrumar por las adversidades sin ver que el Señor también está presente y nos consuela, es porque no conocemos suficientemente a Jesús.

Dios siempre toma la iniciativa. Nos lo dice explícitamente diciendo: "Yo te elegí". (Juan 15,16). Podríamos sentirnos tentados a pensar que lo hemos elegido, pero no hemos hecho más que responder a un llamado. Nos ha elegido libremente para ser sus amigos: "Ya no les llamo servidores... los llamo amigos". (Juan 15,15).

En el principio, Dios le habló a Adán como un amigo le habla a su amigo. Cristo, el nuevo Adán, no sólo ha restablecido esa amistad sino también la intimidad con Dios ya que Dios es Amor.

Todo se reduce a esta palabra: "Amor". San Agustín nos recuerda: "El Maestro bueno nos recomienda tan frecuentemente la caridad como el único mandamiento posible. Sin la caridad todas las otras buenas cualidades no sirven de nada. La caridad, en efecto, conduce al hombre necesariamente a todas las otras virtudes que lo hacen bueno".

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

"Permanezcan en mi amor." Juan 15, 9

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 5 DE MAYO AL 12 DE MAYO 2024

Domingo: Hch 10, 25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Sal 97, 1-4 1 Jn 4, 7-10 Jn 15, 9-17

Lunes: Hch 16, 11-15 Sal 149, 1-6 y 9
Jn 15, 26-16, 4

Martes: Hch 16, 22-34 Sal 137, 1-3. 7-8
Jn 16, 5-11

Miércoles: Hch 17, 15. 22-18, 1 Sal 148, 1-2.
11-14 Jn 16, 12-15

Jueves: Hch 18, 1-8 Sal 97, 1-4 Jn 16, 16-20

Viernes: Hch 18, 9-18 Sal 46, 2-7 Jn 16, 20-23

Sábado: Hch 18, 23-28 Sal 46, 2-3. 8-10
Jn 16, 23-28

Domingo siguiente: Ascensión: Hch 1, 1-11
Sal 46, 2-3. 6-9 Ef 1, 17-23 o Ef 4, 1-13 o
4, 1-7. 11-13 Mc 16, 15-20

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ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Mi Jesús, Creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo poseerte dentro de mi alma. Ya que soy incapaz en este momento para recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí, y unirte totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén

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SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 19 & 26 de mayo.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

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 jlaborne@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

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.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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A partir del 5 de mayo, las clases de formación de los domingos y martes está en receso durante el verano. Por favor, esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25.

5 de mayo - LifeTeen

12 de mayo - No habrá ministerio juvenil. ¡Celebra y honra a tu mamá!

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Patrocine a un estudiante regalándole una educación católica. Los patrocinadores donan fondos que se aplicarán directamente a la matrícula del estudiante. Los patrocinadores reciben cartas y/o ilustraciones de su estudiante apadrinado. Las donaciones se pueden hacer por cualquier monto, llevarlas a la oficina de la escuela o hacerlas en línea en stmaryschoolaiken.com en la pestaña SMS de soporte.

ANUNCIO DE AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO



Al meditar sobre la Eucaristía experimentamos el amor que Cristo nos tiene a nosotros y a todos los demás. En la profundidad de la oración, el amor de Cristo por quienes sufren nos mueve y sensibiliza tanto que las palabras de san Agustín se hacen para nosotros una realidad: "El dolor de una persona, incluso del miembro más pequeño, es el dolor de todos"...En la Eucaristía la abundancia sin límites del amor del Padre hace que nazca "en nosotros una viva respuesta de amor," la cual hace que "que nosotros mismos comenzamos a amar." Al contemplar el sacrificio de Cristo por un mundo de necesidad, nos sentimos obligados a seguir su ejemplo. Adentrados "en la dinámica de su entrega" nos sentimos llamados a darnos a nosotros mismos en solidaridad con los miembros de nuestra familia humana que afrontan injusticias.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 5 de abril		
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Lunes, 6 de mayo		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa
Martes, 7 de mayo		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	RICA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel
Miércoles, 8 de mayo		
8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
Jueves, 9 de mayo		
4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua
Viernes, 10 de mayo		
4:45PM	No Hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No Hay Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa de Confirmación	Iglesia
Sábado, 11 de mayo		
8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia
Domingo, 12 de abril		
8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

LA TIENDA DE REGALOS

Esta abierta de 9:00AM a 1:00PM hoy, 5 de mayo. La tienda de regalos estará cerrado el 12 y 19 de mayo.

SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA

La mayor parte de la información en el sitio web de la parroquia ahora está disponible en español. Haga clic en la bandera mexicana en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio en www.stmarys-aiken.org

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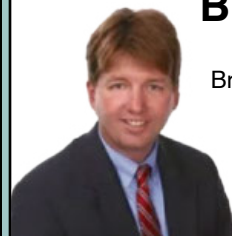


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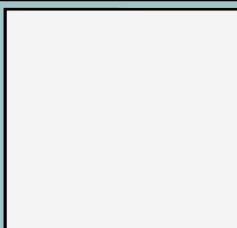
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