

ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, VF
Pastor

Rev. Francisco Oñate-Vargas
Parochial Vicar

Msgr. William Gomes (Retired Priest)
Dcn. Al Matousek
Dcn. Robert Pierce
Dcn. Stephen Platte

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE

During the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses
in Mother Teresa Hall — Conference Room
Ages 6 months—Less than 5 years old.

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. - 5:30PM - Church

Tues. 6:30AM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 8:30AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Iglesia

Thursday Nursing Home - **Suspended**

Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Church

SUNDAY

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church

8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church

Misa en Español 12:30PM - Iglesia

5:00PM - Church

138 Fairfield St. SE

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are being heard in the church

138 Fairfield St, SE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45-5:15PM

Sat. 3:30-4:30PM

Mail: 203 Park Ave. SE

803.649.4777

www.stmarys-aiken.org

Locations: St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE
Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE
Parish Office: 203 Park Ave. SE

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend St. Mary's regularly and consider this your parish, please register at the parish office, print a registration form from the web site under Parish tab, or you may fill out and submit the form online.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ST. CLAIRE CHAPEL!

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament awaits your visit!

"Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28)

We are especially looking for someone for Sunday 2:00AM (Saturday night) and Thursday at 12 Noon.

Get to really know Jesus by spending time with Him. Like the church and Old St. Mary's, the chapel is available during the daytime for those seeking a place of prayer.

To try this or another weekly hour of adoration, please contact Ivy Monahan at jjmonahan@mindspring.com, 803.292.6432 or go to St. Mary's website at <http://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration>.

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Parish Office Hours: 8:30AM—4:30PM Mon. through Fri.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Due to our publishers early bulletin deadline, updated financial figures for September 5 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

| | | |
|------------------------------|----|------------|
| OFFERING FOR AUGUST 29, 2021 | \$ | 31,166.00 |
| WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS | \$ | 31,800.00 |
| YEAR TO DATE TOTALS | \$ | 336,751.78 |
| YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS | \$ | 286,200.00 |
| OVERAGE TO DATE | \$ | 50,551.78 |

BISHOP'S BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN AS OF MAR. 5

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Number of Givers | 386 |
| Total Pledged | \$1,727,072.20 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| PARISH LOAN | \$519,980.00 |
| Current Loan Balance as of 8/31/2021 | \$155,210.13 |

Upcoming Special Collection: Sept. 12 Catholic University of America

*ON-LINE GIVING

The Parish Finance Committee strongly recommends using on-line giving. It has several benefits to the parish including lower cost of administration fees versus the bank. It simplifies record keeping, collection, and accounting procedures.

| ITEM | GOAL | LAST MONTH'S STATUS | CURRENT STATUS | CURRENT % GOAL | CURRENT VS. LAST MONTH |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| ON-LINE GIVING PARTICIPANTS | 750 | 642 | 642 | 86% | No Change |

ON-LINE GIVING STATUS

TO ENROLL IN ON-LINE GIVING go to the parish website: www.stmarys-aiken.org

- ◆ Click on "Giving"
- ◆ Click on "Sunday Offering"
- ◆ Create a new account and then go to "Manage My Account"
- ◆ Enroll in weekly or monthly offering*
- ◆ If you need assistance, or to discontinue on-line giving, please call 1.800.348.2886 option 4.

* Monthly offering is the preferred method recommended by the Parish Finance Committee.

Querida familia de Santa María,

Esta es la 24^ª semana del tiempo ordinario y el martes celebramos la fiesta de la exaltación de la Santa Cruz para honrar el madero en el cual Jesucristo fue crucificado.

Historia de esta Celebración:

Al principio del siglo cuarto, la madre del emperador Constantino, Santa Elena, fue a Jerusalén en busca de lugares santos de la vida de Cristo. Ella destruyó el templo del 2^º siglo de Afrodita el cual la tradición dice fue construido sobre la tumba del Salvador, y su hijo construyó la Basílica del Santo Sepulcro en el mismo lugar. Durante la excavación, los trabajadores encontraron 3 cruces y una de las cruces fue identificada como en la que murió Jesús ya que una mujer en su lecho de muerte fue sanada al ser tocada por esa cruz.

La cruz inmediatamente llegó a ser objeto de veneración para todos los creyentes. Un testigo cuenta que por el siglo cuarto durante un Viernes Santo en Jerusalén el madero fue puesto en una mesa y después todos pasaron a venerar haciendo reverencia, tocando la cruz con sus frentes y con sus ojos y después besaron el madero.

Hasta hoy, las Iglesias tanto del Oriente, Ortodoxas y Católicas celebran la exaltación de la Santa Cruz en septiembre por el aniversario de la dedicación de la basílica. La Iglesia en este día celebra la veneración a las reliquias de la cruz de Cristo en Jerusalén, tras ser recuperada de manos de los persas por el emperador Heráclito.

La cruz es hoy la imagen universal de la fe cristiana. Muchos artistas la han convertido en un objeto de belleza que se lleva en procesión o para cargarse como joyería o decoración. Ante los ojos de los primeros cristianos no era objeto de belleza. Al contrario, la cruz representaba una amenaza para aquellos que quisieran desobedecer la autoridad Romana incluyendo a los cristianos que se rehusaban a adorar dioses Romanos. Los creyentes hablaban de la cruz como instrumento de salvación, pero raramente aparecía en el arte cristiana a menos como el Chi-Ro (Crismón, nombre de Cristo en griego) hasta que Constantino promulgo la tolerancia del cristianismo.

La antifona de entrada de hoy es: “Nosotros hemos de gloriamos en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo: en él está nuestra salvación, vida y resurrección; él nos ha salvado y libertado.”

Hay muchas maneras, y algunas pequeñas, para expresar nuestra devoción a la Santa Cruz en nuestra vida diaria, por ejemplo, hacer la señal de la cruz antes y después de cada comida. El papa Francisco nos dice que: “Ese momento de bendición, aunque breve, nos recuerda nuestra dependencia de Dios para siempre; fortalece nuestro sentimiento de gratitud por los dones de la creación; reconoce a quienes por sus trabajos nos proveen de estos bienes; y reafirma nuestra solidaridad con los más necesitados.”

“Levanta la cruz, el amor de Cristo proclama hasta que todo el mundo adore su sagrado nombre.”

Paz y bien,
Padre Francisco

Dear St. Mary's family,

This is the 24th Sunday in ordinary time and on Tuesday, we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross to honor the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified.

The Story of this liturgical Feast:

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She demolished the 2nd century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that same spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became for all believers an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the 4th century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table: Then, “all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.”

To this day, the Eastern, Catholic and Orthodox churches, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the 7th century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority, including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

The entrance antiphon for this feast is: “We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free.”

There are hundreds of ways, also small ones, to express our devotion to the Holy Cross in daily life, such as making the sign of the cross when saying grace before and after meals. In the words of Pope Francis, “That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labors provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need.”

“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.”

Peace and good, Fr. Francisco

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS/DONACIONES DE FLORES PARA EL ALTAR



If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, please contact Janet Morris, 803.502.3636 or 803.649.4777.

Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor y a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con Janet Morris, 803.502.3636 or 803.649.4777.

MASSES/MISAS

ALL Masses are being celebrated in the new church on Fairfield Street. On June 5, the general dispensation from attending Mass came to an end. Individual dispensation, for those who are still at risk of grave illness and for their caretakers will remain in place.

El 5 de junio, la dispensa general de asistir a misa llegó a su fin. Se mantendrá la dispensa individual, para aquellos que todavía están en riesgo de enfermedad grave y para sus cuidadores.

MASSES ON YOUTUBE LIVE

We have moved our streaming platform to YouTube and are now live streaming only the 11:00AM Mass. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. The YouTube link is in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

MISAS EN VIVO EN YOUTUBE

Hemos cambiado nuestra plataforma de transmisión en vivo a YouTube y solo estamos transmitiendo en vivo la misa de las 11:00AM. Visite el sitio web de St. Mary en www.stmarys-aiken.org. El enlace de YouTube está en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 unirme totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS



READINGS FOR SEPT. 13 – SEPT. 19

Monday

1 Tim 2:1-8

Ps 28:2, 7-9

Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday

Nm 21:4b-9

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday

1 Tim 3:14-16

Ps 111:1-6

Jn 19:25-27

or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday

1 Tim 4:12-16

Ps 111:7-10

Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tim 6:2c-12

Ps 49:6-10, 17-20

Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tim 6:13-16

Ps 100:1b-5

Lk 8:4-15

Sunday

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 54:3-4, 5-6, 8

Jas 3:16 — 4:3

Mk 9:30-37



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30AM Shirley & John C.

Schreck (D)

11:00AM Doloris Clavanna(D)

12:30PM For all the People

of the Parish

5:00PM Virginia Whitaker (D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30PM Virginia Whitaker (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30AM Patricia Adams (L)

5:30PM Mary Daly (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:20AM Gary Stanley (D)

7:00PM Jose Moreno (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:30PM Frank Jordan (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:30PM For Those Who Have

Hurt Us (L) & (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM Lucille Enloe (D)

**Deaths/Difuntos: August 30 Mary Kaye Denkwalter
September 1 Camz Zoglmann**

THE HOLY ROSARY

Join us as we pray the Rosary together Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday before the 5:30PM Mass, and Wednesday before the 8:30AM Mass.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

BAUTISMOS

Para bautizar a un niño en Santa María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y registrarse en Santa María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha del bautismo. Para pedir el Sacramento del Bautismo o para recibir información acerca de las pláticas pre-bautismales, comunicarse con Luz Londoño, al 803.480.6865. Las próximas clases de preparación para el bautismo se llevarán a cabo el **12 de septiembre 2021** a partir de las 8:00AM, arriba en Smith Hall.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Norma Sacramental: Los padres de familia y niños deben estar inscritos en la Parroquia y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa todos los domingos y fiestas de precepto. Los niños, que no asisten a nuestro Colegio Católico Parroquial, deben asistir, por lo menos, dos años, completos a clases de Formación Cristiana (Catequesis Dominical) y cumplir con los reglamentos de asistencia para recibir el sacramento. Para más información, comunicarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.642.2676 o mjackson@charlestdiocese.org o con las Hermanas Glafira o Martha al 803.646.9521 o 803.645.3666

SAGRADO MATRIMONIO

Como política de la Diócesis, se pide a todas las parejas que desean tener el sacramento del matrimonio, prepararse por lo menos seis (6) meses antes de decidir una fecha para su boda. Para más información comunicarse con Guadalupe Cortes, al 803.845.9390.

MINISTERIO DE ATENCIÓN PASTORAL

¿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. Envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Frei: mfrei@charlestdiocese.org o llame al 803.649.4777 ext. 114.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Se informa a la comunidad, que el proceso de RICA en español **comenzará en Agosto**. Las personas adultas que les falte algún sacramento y están interesadas pueden asistir. Personas que no son católicas y quieren conocer y saber de la iglesia católica también están invitados. Las personas que están interesadas pueden contactar Hna. Glafira a gortega@charlestdiocese.org o Hna. Marta a mzuniga@charlestdiocese.org, o al celular 803.646.9521/803.645.3666

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

To baptize a child at St. Mary's, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish and register at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. Parents **must** attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. The Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class as well. The next class is scheduled for **Sunday, November 21, 2021**. Registration is required. Contact Chris or Angela Ascherman at 256.541.1967

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Policy: Parents and children must be registered and faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children 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:

Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Jackson: 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

Confirmation: Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or jlaborne@charlestdiocese.org

HOLY MATRIMONY

Those contemplating marriage should contact the parish office. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please understand, not all dates at the church may be available due to parish events or other conflicts.

Contact: Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114 or email: mfrei@charlestdiocese.org

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

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you have friends or family who are interested in the Catholic Church? Are *you* interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Join our RCIA class this week to learn about the Holy Spirit, including His names (Holy Spirit, Paraclete, Advocate) and symbols (water, fire, cloud, dove). **RCIA meets Tuesdays 6:00–7:45PM** in Mother Teresa Hall. For information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803-642-2676.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION (CCD) GRADES 4K-5

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson

mjackson@charlestandioocese.org Phone: 803.642.2676

Dear Parents of K – 5th graders

1. **September family challenge:** Find Christ in school. Sometimes people complain that God has been taken out of schools. Actually, God has not been taken out of the classroom because God is everywhere and in everything. God is in science, math, history – every subject, whether He is mentioned or not. This week ask about your child's favorite subject, and talk about how God is in that topic. Science is easy – the order and the complexity of living organisms (the eye is amazing) demonstrate the power and wisdom of God. If you have trouble thinking about how God is in the subject, talk about how we can use that topic to spread the joy and love of God.

2. **Sign up for CCD:** Starts this weekend September 12! Come to the school cafeteria around 9:00AM.

3. **Don't lose your CCD / Catechism books!** Bring last year's books the first day of class. If you used the Sophia Press app, your work is already turned in.

ESCUELA DE FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA (CCD) GRADOS KINDER A 5º

Sra. Mary Ellen Jackson

mjackson@charlestandioocese.org Teléfono: 803.642.2676

Estimados padres de estudiantes de K - 5º:

1. **Desafío familiar de septiembre:** Encuentra a Cristo en la escuela. A veces la gente se queja de que se ha sacado a Dios de las escuelas. En realidad, no se ha sacado a Dios del aula porque Dios está en todas partes y en todo. Dios está en la ciencia, las matemáticas, la historia, en todas las materias !, ya sea que se lo mencione o no. Esta semana pregunte sobre el tema favorito de su hijo y hable sobre cómo es Dios en ese tema. La ciencia es fácil: el orden y la complejidad de los organismos vivos (el ojo es asombroso) demuestran el poder y la sabiduría de Dios. Si tiene problemas para pensar en cómo está Dios en el tema, hable sobre cómo podemos usar ese tema para difundir el gozo y el amor de Dios.

2. **¡Regístrese en CCD!** ¡Empieza este fin de semana! 12 de septiembre. Ven a la cafetería de la escuela alrededor de las 9 am.

3. **¡No pierda sus libros de CCD / Catecismo!** Traiga los libros del año pasado el primer día de clase. Si usó la aplicación Sophia Press, su trabajo ya está entregado.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance,
call 803.642.3211

Monday - Thursday 9:00AM - 1:00PM

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6-12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

Sunday morning ministry begins today -- September 12

**This class is necessary for public school students
who wish to be confirmed.**

9:45-10:45AM grades 6-8

11:15-12:15 PM grades 9-12

Youth Ministry

Middle School (GR. 5-8) or

Life Night (GR. 9-12)

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

jlabone@charlestandioocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

Sept. 12 —Middle School and High School

REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW YEAR!!!! 6:15-8:00PM

Sept. 19 —Life Teen

Sept. 26 — Middle School, Grades 5-8 night.

Oct. 3 —Life Teen

MINISTERIO JUVENIL DEL DOMINGO POR LA MAÑANA GRADOS 6º - 12º

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone

El ministerio del domingo por la mañana

Comienza hoy el 12 de septiembre

**Esta clase es necesaria para estudiantes de escuelas públicas
que deseen ser confirmados.**

9: 45-10: 45am grados 6-8

11: 15-12: 15 pm grados 9-12

Ministerio Juvenil

Escuela intermedia (GR. 5-8) o

Life Night (GR. 9-12)

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone

jlabone@charlestandioocese.org o 803.215.7040 celular

12 de septiembre - secundaria y preparatoria

INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EL AÑO NUEVO !!!!! 6: 15-8 p. M.

19 de septiembre - Life Teen

26 de septiembre - Escuela secundaria, grados 5-8 por la noche.

3 de octubre - Life Teen



CALLING ALL U OF SC-A STUDENTS!

Plan to come to our Newman Catholic Club
(NCC)—Aiken organizational meeting **this
Sunday, September 12** at 3:30PM at the

USCA Alley building on Newberry Avenue (139 Newberry St.). Come get to know other Catholic students. Enjoy fellowship, a meal, and a bit of learning, and perhaps join us for 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's afterward. Interested? Want more information? contact Karen Edgington at karene@usca.org or 970.988.9172.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAY MORNING CAFE (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION)

Sunday Café resumes today, September 12. In our Fall session we will gain a deeper understanding of the Bible with the *Genesis to Jesus* program, presented by Matthew Leonard and Dr. Scott Hahn.

- 9/12 Reading Scripture with the Church (Salvation History and How Catholics should read the Bible)
9/19 The Old and the New (How Old and New Testaments are linked)

We meet between masses 9:45-10:45AM in Mother Teresa Hall. For questions contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or rampierce@atlanticbb.net

LUNCH AND LEARN

Come join us as the Lunch and Learn Book Club begins again on Monday, September 13th in the John Bosco Youth Center at NOON. For more information please contact Kathy Monahan at kmonahan@atlanticbb.net or 803.648.9925.

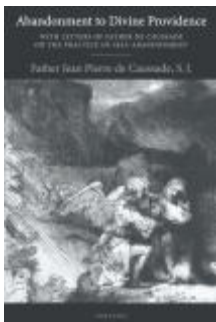
WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

It's only 1 1/2 weeks until our study of the Song of Solomon begins on Wednesday, September 22 in St. Michael Hall, 9:30-11:00AM. The first week we'll cover an introduction to the book and begin chapter 1. For more information, contact Martha at 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com
Everyone is welcome to join this discussion group.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come join us Thursdays from 11:15AM – 12:30PM in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's; 125 Park Ave. SE). You only need to bring your Bible. We will be reading the Book of Sirach (sometimes called Ecclesiasticus), one of the 7 books that are not in the Protestant bible. For more information, contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or 803.642.2676. All are invited.

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB



We will be reading Jean-Pierre DeCausade's *Abandonment to Divine Providence*. This inspirational classic has guided generations to holiness and spiritual peace.

Come join us in **St. Michael Hall** (next to the church) on Fridays 10:00 – 11:30AM. For information, contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or 803.642.2676. All are invited.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION/CCD

We start today September 12! Make sure you sign up your children for Sunday morning Religious Education classes; forms are in the parish office and on the website - <https://stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

It's important to share with others all the good things the Lord has done for us – Join our CCD team and share stories of how the Lord has worked in your life. You will be surprised that you may learn from the students as well! For more information, email Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandiocese.org or call 803.642.2676

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA / CCD

¡Comenzamos hoy el 12 de septiembre! Asegúrese de inscribir a sus hijos en las clases de educación religiosa los domingos por la mañana; los formularios están en la oficina parroquial y en el sitio web. <https://stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>
Es importante compartir con los demás todas las cosas buenas que el Señor ha hecho por nosotros. Únase a nuestro equipo de CCD y comparta historias de cómo el Señor ha trabajado en su vida. ¡Se sorprenderá de que también pueda aprender de los estudiantes! Para obtener más información, envíe un correo electrónico a Mary Ellen Jackson a mjackson@charlestandiocese.org o llame al 803.642.2676

THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

Week 2 – Out of Bondage

- Speaker: Fr. Dave Pivonka
- What is True Freedom
- St. John Paul II's Words on Freedom to the US
- Fall from Freedom into Bondage
- The Story of Moses, the Israelites, & Pharaoh
- The One Who Came to Set Us Free

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Friday mornings 6:15 to 7:30AM

For more information or to register please email the ministry team at: aikentmiy@charlestandiocese.org

Or call, Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568
or Derron Judd at 803.439.2229

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

– Proverbs 27:17

ROSARIES

Rosaries, hand made by parishioners, are available in the parish office for anyone who would like one. The rosaries have been blessed.

"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace in the world."

~ Our Lady of Fatima, 1917



PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS / EVENTOS PARROQUIALES Y COMUNITARIOS



The Holy Spirit. The Paraclete. The Advocate. Water. Fire. A cloud. A dove. Come to our RICA class to learn about The Holy Spirit, including His names and symbols. All are invited. **RCIA meets on Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:45PM in Mother Teresa Hall starting September 7th.** For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803-642-2676.



SAINT MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS MISSION

This is an invitation to Our Lady's Rosary Makers Mission. Please join us if you have talent or just a desire to participate in learning and

making rosaries for those in need in less fortunate places or situations around the world and at home. We will have monthly meetings to support each other in faith, and participate in the mission of spreading Our Blessed Mother's call for prayer and conversion, and of course pray the rosary as a group. We will learn how to make mission rosaries in cord, wire and knots. Each month we will turn in completed rosaries to be packaged and shipped to the national rosary headquarters, where they are sent to parishes in need all over the world. We will be members of a very large national rosary making community and all supplies will be at no cost to the makers. No quotas or pressure, it's all done in the kindness of a loving heart for Our Lady and Our Lord. It's a wonderful opportunity to participate and serve.

"The Angelic Psalter [the Hail Mary] the foundational stone of the New Testament."

For more information contact Douglas McGuinness at 803.979.2271 or dpmcg871@gmail.com

One rosary can change a life! Many is incomprehensible!



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Peter Julian Eymard: "We may well call St. Joseph the martyr of the hidden life."

To think about: St. Joseph doesn't say anything in scripture, and nothing is mentioned about him except in relation to Jesus or Mary. He had a "hidden life." Sometimes we may feel like no one

listens to us, or even cares about us, unless it affects the other person. Go to Joseph! He can give you strength!

KERMES

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en nuestra Kermes.



Hoy — 12 de septiembre

Hora: de 12:00 del medio día hasta las 4:00PM

Donde: Salón Santa Angela.

El costo depende de la comida seleccionada

Ven! Participa! Convive! Colabora!

FOOD BAZAAR

You are invited to attend our monthly Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes).

Today — September 12

12NOON - 4:00PM—St. Angela Hall

Cost depends on the food selected.

Please join us!

CWA OPENING DINNER

Ladies, please join us for our opening meeting this Thursday, **Sept.16** Attend 5:30PM Mass in St. Mary's on Fairfield followed by a catered buffet dinner in St. Angela Hall: Baked Chicken Florentine on rice with a parmesan cream sauce served with salad and rolls and butter as well as beverages. \$20 per person. Payment may be made at the door. Music by Chris Morgan. Contact Karen Van Deren at klvd@aol.com with questions or to sign up.

ST. MARY'S LADIES' BRIDGE GROUP

We will resume play on Wednesday, September 15th. Play takes place the first Monday and the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00 — 4:00PM in St. Michael Hall. We need new players and also substitutes. For more information contact Sue Kosko at 803.642.6489.

BRINGING FAITH INTO THE HOME, THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

This week we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Tuesday September 14. Some ways to celebrate: Find all the crosses and crucifixes you have in your home (how many do you have?), and take them to church to be blessed by the priest on Tuesday.

At home, have a procession with each person carrying a cross, singing a hymn (Lift High the Cross would be a good hymn to sing). The children could make or draw crosses. Look up the story of St. Helen finding and identifying the Cross of Christ. Younger children might enjoy looking for hidden crosses. Display a cross in your yard for the day. Be creative! Here's a short video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_4ns_xzIVs





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Teacher Wish List

Support SMS when you shop online! Visit smile.amazon.com and select St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School in Aiken. You can also view teacher-requested classroom supplies and materials. Your eligible purchases will support the school at no additional charge. All of your Prime benefits remain the same too! St. Mary's School does not see individual purchases and collects no data from this program.

Fitness Equipment Needed

Do you have new or used exercise equipment that you no longer need? SMS has a Junior High fitness class that is looking for equipment including dumbbells, kettlebells, resistance bands, chin up bars, and weight benches. Items can be dropped off in the school office or purchased on the Amazon wish list. Thank You!



INSCRIPCIÓN 2021-2022:

La escuela de Santa María ya está aceptando solicitudes de inscripción para el año escolar 2021-2022. Planes de pago mensuales están disponibles para todas las familias. Los feligreses católicos también son elegibles para tarifas de matrícula con descuento. Para obtener más información, visite el sitio web de la escuela en stmaryschoolaiken.com o llame a la oficina de la escuela al 803.649.2071.



Lista de deseos del maestro

¡Apoye a SMS cuando compre en línea! Visite smile.amazon.com y seleccione la escuela católica St. Mary Help of Christians en Aiken. También puede ver los útiles y materiales que han solicitado los maestros de aula. Sus compras que califiquen apoyarán a la escuela sin cargo adicional. ¡Todos sus beneficios Prime también siguen siendo los mismos! St. Mary's School no ve compras individuales y no recopila datos de este programa.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We have begun a 15-week grief support group. Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you are comfortable. The group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. You may join the group at any point. The meetings are held from **3:30-5:00PM on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall**. We begin promptly at 3:30PM.

The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 14—The regular 13-week GriefShare program will begin

Nov. 9 – Surviving the Holidays special one week program

The workbook fee is \$20 (scholarships are available). The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for additional information and to register.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows — Jeremiah 31:13



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGION OF MARY

Founded September 7, 1921 in Dublin, Ireland the Legion of Mary is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. The Legion of Mary involves lay people through apostolic work and evangelization as approved by the pastor of the parish.

Come and see who we are!

We will have a display under the portico
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Saturday, September 11 after 5:00PM Mass

Sunday, September 12 after all Masses



FR. FRANCISCO PRESENTATION ON "THE CHRISTIAN AS WITNESS"

Are you looking for a boost to your faith? Are you looking for encouragement to make a difference? Or do you simply enjoy listening to Fr. Francisco? **On Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30PM**, Fr. Francisco give a presentation on "The Christian as Witness." Receive a better understanding of our call to be witnesses, how this has occurred in the history of the Church, and some of the best ways to do so today. The presentation will be in Mother Teresa Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. For questions about this event, contact Deacon Bob Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net.



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which marks the site of the Crucifixion.

The feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

Plan to attend Mass at 5:30PM on September 14th and bring the crosses and crucifixes from your home to have them blessed. There will be a special blessing for all your unblessed crosses and crucifixes following Mass.



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