

# ST. MARY HELP *of* CHRISTIANS CHURCH



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 28, 2021

### PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmono  
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. 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Iglesia

Thursday Nursing Home - **Not Yet Open to the Public**

Sat. Morning Mass 8:00AM - Church

### SUNDAY

Sat. Vigil 5:00PM - Church

8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church

**Misa en Español, 1:00PM - Iglesia**

5:00PM - Church

138 Fairfield St. SE

### CONFESSIONS

In the Church on Fairfield

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](http://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 STE. 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) **PLEASE HELP!** We are especially looking for someone for **Friday at 4PM and Friday night at 12 MDNT**. Also, the following hours need an additional adorer.

MON: 1 AM; 2 AM; 3 AM; 5 AM

TUES: 12 MDNT; 3 AM; 5 AM;

WED: 1 AM; 2 AM; 7 AM

THU: 12 MDNT; 2 AM; 3 AM; 5 PM; 11PM

FRI: 12 MDNT; 2 AM; 3 AM; 4 AM; 6 AM; 10 AM; 12 NOON; 4PM; 6 PM; 8 PM; 11 PM

SAT: 12 MDNT; 1 AM; 2 AM; 10 AM; 11 AM; 7 PM; 8 PM; 9 PM; 10 PM; 11 PM

SUN: 2 AM; 3 AM; 10 AM; 12 NOON; 1 PM; 11 PM

To try a weekly hour with Jesus, please contact Ivy Monahon at [jjmonahon@mindspring.com](mailto:jjmonahon@mindspring.com) or 803.292.6432, or go to St. Mary's website at

<http://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>

### PARISH PERSONNEL

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803.649.2071

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803.642.2676

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706.550.5047

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**The Parish Office will be closed  
Nov. 25th & 26th for the  
Thanksgiving Day Holiday**

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Due to an early publisher deadline **updated figures for November 21** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

#### TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2021	\$	24,706.00
WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS	\$	33,000.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$	698,218.76
YEAR TO DATE BUDGET NEEDS	\$	660,000.00
OVERAGE TO DATE	\$	38,218.76

Special Collection: Campaign for Human Development \$1,011.00

#### BISHOP'S BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN AS OF MAR. 5

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

PARISH LOAN	\$519,980.00
Current Loan Balance as of 11/15/2021	\$133,040.62

#### \*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](http://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.

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

¡Feliz Año Nuevo Eclesial! Cada Adviento, los discípulos comenzamos un nuevo año litúrgico. Nuestro ciclo del Leccionario (es decir, las lecturas dominicales del Evangelio) cambia al Año C, lo que significa que la mayoría de nuestras lecturas del Evangelio de este año vendrán del Evangelio según San Lucas. Lucas era médico de profesión que no creció en la fe judía. Era un gentil convertido al cristianismo y se convirtió en compañero de San Pablo. Además de componer su relato evangélico, San Lucas también escribió los Hechos de los Apóstoles, una especie de "secuela" de su Evangelio. Aunque San Pablo escribió más libros, las dos contribuciones de Lucas son lo suficientemente largas como para representar un mayor porcentaje del Nuevo Testamento (alrededor del 24%) que las de cualquier otro autor. Debido a su énfasis en la Virgen María y las mujeres en general, a San Lucas se le ha llamado el "Evangelio mariano" y el "Evangelio de las mujeres". También se sabe que Lucas enfatiza el amor de Jesús por los pobres y los enfermos. Su Evangelio también ha sido llamado el "Evangelio la misericordia" y el "Evangelio del perdón". Preste especial atención a estos atributos a medida que avanzamos en el asombroso Evangelio de Lucas.

Adviento significa "llegada", y cada Adviento, comenzamos enfocados en la gloriosa Segunda Venida de Cristo, cuando "Él vendrá a juzgar a vivos y muertos" (Credo). Además de las velas de Adviento y otras devociones populares para personas y familias, nuestra parroquia participa nuevamente en *Straw for Jesus*. Por cada acto de bondad u oración durante la semana, coloque un trozo de paja en las cajas en forma de corazón en cada puerta de la iglesia. Al final del Adviento, nos aseguraremos de que nuestro Señor tenga un "lecho suave". Ponte a prueba para ir más allá de la norma. Algunas sugerencias son: Donar a una organización benéfica; visitar a un feligrés anciano; voluntariado; hacer algo tangible por los pobres o los no nacidos; ofrecer más oraciones por los Fieles Difuntos, sus seres queridos o sus enemigos; perdonar a alguien.

Dentro de dos semanas, el miércoles 8 de diciembre es la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, día santo de precepto. Las misas para el Día Santo son: 7 de diciembre (vigilia) a las 5:30PM; y el 8 de diciembre a las 8:20AM (con la escuela St. Mary's); 12 mediodía; 5:30PM; y misa en español a las 7PM.

Me complace anunciar que los miembros de nuestro Consejo Pastoral Parroquial (PPC) se han estado preparando activamente para lanzar nuestro Plan Estratégico parroquial en enero. Estaremos comunicándonos con nuestra parroquia maravillosamente diversa, pidiendo opiniones y buscando las mejores formas para lograr nuestro objetivo: llevar a las personas a Cristo y cambiar sus vidas mediante un encuentro con Él. Mientras tanto, ore por la guía del Espíritu Santo.

¡Que tengas una temporada de Adviento muy bendecida y fructífera!

¡Amén, ven, Señor Jesús! (Apocalipsis 22:20)

Padre Wilson

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New (Church) Year! Each Advent, we disciples begin a new liturgical year. Our Lectionary Cycle (i.e., the Sunday Gospel readings) changes to Year C, which means *most* of our Gospel readings this year will come from the Gospel according to St. Luke. Luke was a physician by trade who did not grow up in the Jewish faith. He was a Gentile converted to Christianity and became a companion of St. Paul. In addition to composing his Gospel account, Saint Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, a sort-of "sequel" to his Gospel. Although St. Paul wrote more books, Luke's two contributions are long enough that they actually make up a greater percentage of the New Testament (about 24%) than those of any other author. Because of his emphasis on the Virgin Mary and women in general, St. Luke has been called the "Marian Gospel" and the "Gospel of women." Luke is also known to emphasize Jesus' love of the poor and sick. His Gospel has additionally been called the "Gospel of mercy" and the "Gospel of forgiveness." Pay special attention to these attributes as we make our way through Luke's amazing Gospel.

Advent means "coming near," and every Advent, we begin focused on the glorious Second Coming of Christ, when "*He will come to judge the living and the dead*" (Creed). In addition to Advent candles and other popular devotions for individuals and families, our parish is again participating in *Straw for Jesus*. For each act of kindness or prayer during the week, place a piece of straw in the heart-shaped boxes at each door of the church. By the end of Advent, we will make sure that our Lord will have a "soft bed." Challenge yourself to go beyond the norm. Some suggestions are: Donate to a favorite charity; visit a parishioner in a nursing home; volunteer; do something tangible for the poor or the unborn; offer more prayers for the Faithful Departed, your loved ones, or your enemies; forgive someone.

Two weeks from now, Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Holy Day are: Dec. 7 (vigil) at 5:30PM; and Dec. 8 at 8:20AM (with St. Mary's School); 12 noon; 5:30PM; and a Mass in Spanish at 7PM.

I'm excited to announce that the members of our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) have been actively preparing to launch our parish Strategic Plan in January. We will be reaching out across our wonderfully diverse parish, seeking input, and searching for the best ways to accomplish our goal – to bring people to Christ and change their lives by an encounter with Him. In the meantime, please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Have a very blessed and fruitful Advent season!

*Amen, Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)*

Father Wilson

## 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".

## MASSES ON YOUTUBE LIVE

We are now live streaming only the 11:00AM Mass. Go to St. Mary's website at [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org). The YouTube link is in the upper right hand corner of the home page.

## MISAS EN VIVO EN YOUTUBE

Solo estamos transmitiendo en vivo la misa de las 11:00AM. Visite el sitio web de St. Mary en [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://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 unirte totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén



*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.*

## 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 8:20AM Mass.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5

### Monday

Is 2:1-5                      Ps 122:1-9                      Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday

Rom 10:9-18                      Ps 19:8-11                      Mt 4: 18-22

### Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a                      Ps 23:1-6                      Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday

Is 26:1-6                      Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday

Is 29:17-24                      Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14                      Mt. 9-27-31

### Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26                      Ps 147:1-6                      Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday

Bar 5:1-9                      Ps 126:1-6                      Phil 1:4-6, 8-11                      Lk 3:1-6



## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30AM For all the People  
of the Parish

11:00AM Jessica Leigh Cadarr  
(D)

1:00PM Fr. Ernest Hepner (D)

5:00PM Jessica Leigh Cadarr  
(D)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30PM Dick King (D)

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30AM Ann Marie  
Schilkowski (D)

5:30PM Haley Creech (D)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:20AM Jennifer Powers (D)

7:00PM Members of the  
Legion of Mary (L) & (D)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00AM—Trinity -  
Fr. Michel Bineen Mukad (D)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30PM Ellis Family (L) & (D)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM Frederick, Dolores &  
Matthew Hoffman (D)

5:00PM Kim Blair (D)

Fr. Michel Bineen Mukad (D)

Jon Reid Bohning (D)

David Gaul (D)

Judith Weems (D)



## PRAYERS REQUESTED



**Baptisms/Bautismos:** Nov. 14 Natalie Tapia Lopez,  
daughter of Daisy Jasmin Lopez and Jose Alberto Tapia

**Deaths/Difuntos:** Nov. 1 Nichole Miller  
Nov. 14 John Luibrand

## ETERNAL GOD OF ENDLESS MERCY

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. 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. La próxima clase de preparación para el bautismo será en 2022. La fecha y la hora se anunciarán en diciembre.

### 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@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.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@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mfrei@charlestdioocese.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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)*

### RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

La clase de RICA se lleva a cabo los martes a las 7:00PM en Smith Hall. Los que están inscritos en la clase deben asistir todas las semanas. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacte Hna. Ana Gema a [aruiz@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:aruiz@charlestdioocese.org) o 803.989.9440 o Hna. Marta a 803.645.3666 o [mzuniga@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mzuniga@charlestdioocese.org)

## 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 date Feb. 20, 2022. 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@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)

*Confirmation:* Joan LaBone: 803.649.3049 or [jlabone@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:jlabone@charlestdioocese.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@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mfrei@charlestdioocese.org)

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

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

All about the Sacraments of Initiation ... Come learn about Baptism and Confirmation this Tuesday at **RCIA, which meets on Tuesdays 6:00pm – 7:45pm in Mother Teresa Hall**. We'll go into depth about each sacrament during future sessions. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org) or 803.642.2676.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson

mjackson@charlestdiocese.org or 803.642.2676

Dear Parents of K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders

**1. Advent family challenge:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Don't forget to start using your Advent Wreath and start your Jesse Tree. Your child should have received some Advent activities at CCD last weekend. Enjoy the season with creative Catholic activities. Sign up for Advent reflections on FORMED.

**2.** Be sure to **check your children's folders** each week to look at their work and to find activities you should do with your children. Important messages for parents may be included as well.

**3. First Holy Communion families:** Your child's First Holy Communion registration is due next week. You can submit it to your child's teacher, put it in the Sunday offering basket, or turn it in to the parish office.

### ESCUELA DE FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA (CCD) GRADOS 4K A 5º

Estimados padres de estudiantes de K - 5º:

**1. Reto familiar de Adviento:** Hoy es el domingo primero de Adviento. No olvide comenzar a usar su Corona de Adviento y comenzar su Árbol de Jesse. Su hijo debería haber recibido algunas actividades de Adviento en CCD el fin de semana pasado. Disfruten la temporada con cosas católicas creativas para hacer. Apúntate a las reflexiones de Adviento sobre FORMED

**3. Asegúrese de revisar las carpetas de sus hijos** todas las semanas para ver su trabajo y encontrar actividades que pueda hacer con ellos. A veces, también se pueden incluir mensajes importantes para los padres.

**4. Familias de la Primera Comunión:** La inscripción para la Primera Comunión de su hijo vence la próxima semana. Puede enviarlo al maestro de su hijo, ponerlo en la canasta de ofrendas dominicales o entregarlo en la oficina parroquial.



### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori method of catechizing children as young as 3 years old. It involves a hands-on approach, with the catechist guiding the child as he or she gets to know Our Lord. CGS Catechist training will be offered in Augusta

starting January 2022. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd would be a great addition to our parish programs. If you are interested in getting involved or just want to learn more, contact Mary Ellen at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

### SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 6 – 12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone

jlabone@charlestdiocese.org or 803.215.7040 cell

*No Morning session on November 28—Thanksgiving*

9:45—10:45AM grades 6-8

11:15AM—12:15PM grades 9-12

**Youth Ministry  
Middle School (GR. 5-8) or  
Life Night (GR. 9-12)**

**Nov. 28**—No regular Youth Ministry

**Dec. 5**—Life Teen

**Dec. 12**—Life Teen

**Dec. 19**—Annual Christmas Cookie decorating Party for Grades 6-12

### MINISTERIO JUVENIL DEL DOMINGO POR LA MAÑANA GRADOS 6º – 12º

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone

jlabone@charlestdiocese.org o 803.215.7040 celular

*No hay sesión del domingo por la mañana  
el 28 de noviembre—Acción de Gracias*

9: 45—10: 45AM grados 6-8

11: 15—12: 15PM grados 9-12

**Ministerio Juvenil  
Escuela intermedia (GR. 5-8) o  
Life Night (GR. 9-12)**

**28 de noviembre**—no hay ministerio juvenil regular

**5 de diciembre** — Life Teen

**12 de diciembre** — Life Teen

**19 de diciembre** — Fiesta anual de decoración de galletas navideñas para grados 6-12

### BRINGING THE FAITH INTO THE HOME, THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Advent starts today! Don't forget to light your advent wreath at family meal time. Take turns leading the prayers. Make a Jesse Tree. Use the Straw for Jesus activity. There are many fun activities that can help keep your focus on preparing for Jesus to come into the world and into your own heart. Search the internet for Catholic Advent activities. Don't let the secular world distract you with all you have to do and buy. Keep all that simple, and keep you and your family's attention on Christ.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION)

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.

11/28 **Thanksgiving — No Class**

12/5 New Moses, New Covenant (Jesus fulfills the Davidic covenant)

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

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### WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This group will meet again **beginning January 5th**. Please spend time with the Lord in prayer, adoration and especially celebrating the Holy Day Masses. Our next study will be: **JESUS — THE WAY, THE TRUTH & THE LIFE** a 10 week study aimed at bringing us into a deeper relationship with Christ. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. Call Martha at 865.599.8473 or email [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)

May God bless your Thanksgiving Day holiday!

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### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

It's a great time to join! We're starting the **Gospel of Luke**. Come join us on Thursdays 11:15AM – 12:30PM in Smith Hall (next to Old St. Mary's; 125 Park Ave. SE). You only need to bring your Bible. Join us as we get to know Jesus better and make some new friends. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandiocese.org) or 803.642.2676.

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### FRIDAY BOOK CLUB



Next Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> we start ***The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living*** by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV. St. Ignatius developed these rules to help believers distinguish which spiritual experiences are from the Lord and which are not, and to navigate the ups and downs of the spiritual life. We meet in St. Michael Hall (next to the church) on Fridays 10:00–11:30AM. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandiocese.org) or 803.642.2676.

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### 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

### ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Journeying ever closer to Our God  
*"Do not be afraid"*

**Saturday, December 4**

8:00AM Holy Mass in the Church  
then meeting in Mother Teresa Hall until 11:45AM

Featured Speaker: Miss Pricilla Estrada

All women are invited.

A light continental breakfast will be provided.

Cost: \$35

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's

Please register by November 24. Space is limited.

Joan Labone, 803.215.7040

Kathy Monahan, 803.648.9925

or in the parish office.

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### LUNCH AND LEARN

Come join us as the Lunch and Learn Book Club meets on Mondays, in the John Bosco Youth Center at Noon. For more information please contact Kathy Monahan at [kmonahan@atlanticbb.net](mailto:kmonahan@atlanticbb.net) or 803.648.9925.

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### CHILDREN'S ADORATION

*"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* Proverbs 22:6

**Wednesday, December 8, 4:00 — 5:00PM** we will have Children's Adoration in St. Claire Chapel. Children and parents are especially welcome during this time to learn how to make a reverent holy hour.

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### THAT MAN IS YOU (TMIY)

**TMIY will NOT meet on Friday, November 28**

Week 12 – The Gospel of John: The Book of Glory (Dec. 3)

- Speaker: Dr. John Cavadini
- The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ
- Christ's Ultimate Moment of Glory
- Mary Our Spiritual Mother
- A Superabundance of Joy from the Wedding Feast in Cana

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

## PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS / EVENTOS PARROQUIALES Y COMUNITARIOS

### HISTORIC CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATES

#### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Flat roof replacement over priest and work sacristy is complete.
- Eastside of nave has shingles removed with new material going on. We plan to remove and replace Westside of nave **starting week of 11/22/21**.
- **Starting the week of 12/6/21** our target is to begin work using a crane for the spheres in front of the church.
- Also **starting the week of 12/6/21**, in need of increased safety precautions, the building and surrounding structures will be under strict access restrictions.

**Please respect all area marked DO NOT ENTER.**

The parish staff will be contacting all ministries that this will have a direct affect on and communicating relocation space and or logistics. Our goal to reopen foot traffic will be mid-January 2022.

#### ORGAN REFURBISHMENT

J. Allen Farmer, Inc. selected as contractor and is under contract. Visit web page <https://farmerpipeorgans.com> Work is scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2022.

#### PLEDGES/DONATIONS STILL ACCEPTED

If you have not made a pledge/donation to the Bicentennial Campaign – it is not too late! Please use the online giving link found on our web page or contact our Parish Office to learn more.

For more details, photos of campus progress, and link to online giving please visit our web page at:

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campaign>

### OUTDOOR NATIVITY SETS



The Knights of Columbus once again have a limited number of Knights-made outdoor Nativity sets for sale. They will be available after all Masses **November 27-28** and **December 4-5**. All proceeds from the sales will support both Special Olympics and the Child Advocacy Center. Cost: \$50.00 per set.

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE



The Catholic Women’s Association (CWA) and St. Mary’s Youth will host a Christmas cookie sale after all Masses in St. Michael’s Hall **December 4th & 5th**

All cookies will be homemade and packed in half dozens or in 8-10 if the cookies are small.

Women and families are asked to bring three dozen cookies ready to sell. Please mark if they are gluten free or if they contain nuts. Put cookies in small gift cellophane bags or Ziploc bags. When you bring them they should be ready to put on the table to sell.

**\$3 per bag of six  
or four bags for \$10**

All proceeds will be split between Youth Ministry Retreats and the charities of the CWA.

### PRAYER TO ST. ANDREW

*Feast Day November 30*

*O Glorious St. Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend St. John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. As you led your brother St. Peter to Christ, and many others after him, draw us also to Him.*

*Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him, and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.*

*Amen.*

### ACTIVIDADES DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA EN DICIEMBRE

#### Novena con Rosario

Dic. 3 - 11 7:00 pm  
En el Jardín de la Virgen

#### Retiro Parroquial

Dic. 4 9:00 am  
En el Salón Santa Angela

#### Dic. 12

Mañanitas 6:00 am

Desayuno 7:00 am

Eucaristía 1:00 pm

Comida y Festival 2:00 pm

En el Salón Santa Angela

#### Posadas

Dic. 16 - 23 7:00 pm

En el atrio de la iglesia

Dic. 19 7:00 pm, Posada Parroquial

En el Salón Santa Angela

#### Misa de Navidad

Dic. 24 8:00pm



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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

#### Toys For Tots

SMS is partnering with Toys for Tots for a Christmas Toy Drive December 1st — 3rd. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at school carline from 7 to 8:15AM. If you have questions, please contact the SMS PTO secretary, Christi Williams, at [cwilliams@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:cwilliams@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

#### GINGERBREAD DASH 5K



St. Mary's School will be hosting a 5K on Saturday, December 11th at Citizen's Park. Registration is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Kids 5 and under are free with paying adult. For more details and to register online visit [stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/5k.cfm](http://stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/5k.cfm) or use the QR code.

#### INSTANTÁNEA DE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Juguetes para niños

SMS se está asociando con Toys for Tots para una campaña navideña de juguetes del 1 al 3 de diciembre. Los juguetes nuevos y sin envolver se pueden dejar en la línea de automóviles de la escuela de 7 a 8:15AM. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la secretaria de PTO de SMS, Christi Williams, en [cwilliams@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:cwilliams@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

#### GINGERBREAD FUN RUN AND 5K



La escuela Santa María será la anfitriona de un 5K el sábado 11 de diciembre en Citizen's Park. La inscripción cuesta \$20 para adultos y \$15 para niños. Los niños menores de 5 años entran gratis con un adulto que pague. Para obtener más detalles y registrarse en línea, visite [stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/5k.cfm](http://stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/5k.cfm) o use el código QR a continuación

#### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT



Come join us for the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. This is a confidential, amazing retreat to find mercy and forgiveness for others and ourselves. **December 3-5, 2021**, in the

Charleston area. For more information call

Christy 803.554.6088 or Kathy 803.546.6010  
or [grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:grace4healing@gmail.com) or [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org)

#### BOY SCOUT ADVENT CANDLE SALE



St. Mary's Troop 115 will sell Advent wreaths & candles before and after Masses the weekend of

**November 27-28**

Set of 4 Candles \$10

Gold/Green metal Candle Ring \$10

We will take orders for 6 inch potted poinsettias \$20

If you cannot make it to Mass and would like to place an order call or text John Theobald at 803.270.0777

#### USHERS NEEDED

We are still in need of ushers for all Sunday Masses. If you are interested in being an usher or would like more information, contact Maryann Burgess at e-mail [garnetgirlmb@gmail.com](mailto:garnetgirlmb@gmail.com) or 803.439.0468

#### THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



**Pope Saint Paul VI:** "The Gospel does not record a single word from [St. Joseph], his language is silence."

**To think about:** Many of us are uncomfortable with silence, and we rush to fill empty time in conversations. Often silence is what is needed. Sometimes people just need our presence, perhaps a pat on the shoulder or a hug, or just sitting together in silence. It is hard to silence

our thoughts, but internal silence is needed in prayer, in order to hear Our Lord's gentle movements in our souls.

#### 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.

#### PLEASE RETURN BABY BOTTLES



As of November 10th **St. Mary parishioners have contributed \$9,607.94** to Life Choices Pregnancy Center. We still have 141 bottles that have not been returned. You may return full bottles to the parish office (203 Park Ave., SE) or to the Center behind McDonald's on Whiskey Road.

Life Choices Pregnancy Center appreciates your support!

## OPERATION SANTA – 2021

The CWA at St. Mary's is again supporting Mental Health America of Aiken County this year through Operation Santa, a Christmas celebration for the mental health clients in this area. Due to the continuing threat of COVID 19, the program will be as it was last year with gift cards rather than a gift requested by each client on their Wish List.

St. Mary's will again sponsor 50 clients. We are looking for 50 families to provide the toiletry items (around \$25) and 50 people to provide a \$25 gift card in lieu of the Wish List bags as have been done in the past. As in the past, when you sign-up for a toiletry bag it will contain a list of the items to be returned in the bag.

To keep this project safe for all, there will not be the party with lunch and Santa this year but rather an opportunity to wave hello to Santa at a drive-thru event to be held on December 17 at the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health facility.

**Bags need to be returned to the church no later than the weekend of December 4 and 5.**

There will be a designated location in the Courtyard for you to drop off your gift items. A CWA member will get them to Mental Health America to distribute them at their drive-thru on December 17.

For additional information, call Jeanne Malanowski at 803.648.7188 or 803.507.0834 or visit [www.mha-aiken.org](http://www.mha-aiken.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity to help these valued members of our community.

### IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please contact the parish office at 803.649.4777. Patient information is a confidential matter and the hospital cannot notify us without express permission of the patient or a family member.

### ¿EN EL HOSPITAL?

Si usted o un miembro de su familia está en el hospital, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial al 803.649.4777. La información del paciente es un asunto confidencial y el hospital no puede notificarnos sin el permiso expreso del paciente o de un familiar.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Save the date: January 28-30, 2022 for a Marriage Encounter experience in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early registration is recommended. For information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact SC Marriage Matters at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803.810.9602

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Would like to send a great big THANK YOU to all who supported our Thanksgiving Basket Program this year, either with a meal or a monetary donation. We provided 83 clients with a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. We sincerely appreciate all your support over the years.

## SECRET SANTA OF AIKEN COUNTY

Thank you to all the parishioners who chose an ornament and agreed to sponsor a child. Please remember that the wrapped gift should be turned in Monday-Friday, **November 29-December 10 from 9:00AM-1:00PM at South Aiken Presbyterian Church**, 1711 Whiskey Road (you will actually enter the parish office on the Silver Bluff side of the property--next to Aiken Public Safety).

If you are interested in helping shop for others or helping wrap gifts please. You may also call 803.648.1214 or email [secretsantasapc@gmail.com](mailto:secretsantasapc@gmail.com).



## ADVENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE ON FORMED



FORMED has many special Advent programs. There is something for everyone – adults, children, or the whole family. Check it out! It is easy to sign up for the free service. Sign up at [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup), enter Aiken, SC., then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

### IF YOU ARE ENJOYING FORMED...

It's renewal time. Please consider donating toward the subscription cost with a gift of \$50.00 or whatever you can afford. Donations can be put in the Sunday basket, but mark your envelope and check "for FORMED." If you have questions Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestondiocese.org) or 803.642.2676

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Mary's Help of Christians and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to creating and ensuring a safe environment for children. If you have any specific questions on policies or procedures, feel free to contact the parish coordinator, Cynthia Foley at 803.649.4777. You may also contact the Diocese of Charleston Office of Child and Youth Protection at 843.261.0430; or to report an allegation contact the Diocese of Charleston Victim Assistance Coordinator, Louisa Storen at 800.921.8122

## WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS – SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those in need from curb to pew at the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. Please contact Donna Pierce at [rampierce@atlanticbb.net](mailto:rampierce@atlanticbb.net) or 803.552.7714 for information or to volunteer.

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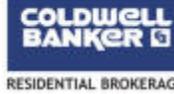


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