ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHOLIC CHURCH
MARCH 12, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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 turn it in 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:

Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM

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
Tuesday 6:30AM - Old St. Mary 's
Wednesday 8:20AM - Church
Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's
Thursday Nursing Home - Not Yet Open to the Public
Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

Confessions

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - 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 web-site at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

Nursery

Available during 8:30 and 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years

Gift Shop Hours - Every Sunday 9:00AM -1:00PM and the first weekend of every month after Sat. 5:00PM and Sun.1:00PM & 5:00PM Masses.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor
Rev. Orlando Serrano Ardila, Parochial Vicar
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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:
https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map

Totals as of Sunday, February 19, 2022

Envelope/Cash Offertory	Feb. 19	$	20,775.78
Online Offertory for	Feb. 19	$	11,787.29
Total Annual Budget			$ 1,924,000.00

NOTE: Feb. 26 and Mar. 5, 2023 financial updates were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

Upcoming Special Collection:
March 12 Catholic Relief Services
March 19 Black & Indian Missions

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 option 4.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

"I fear nothing because of the promises of heaven." ~~*St. Patrick*

Wheelchair Express -- Sunday Mornings

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

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

When I became the pastor of a large parish, I soon found myself, for the first time in my life, riddled with anxiety, headaches, difficulty making decisions, and fatigue. I called a therapist friend and told her my symptoms and asked if she thought I needed a serious medical exam. She said, "How much water do you drink?" I told her, "I haven't had time to drink water lately." She responded, "You're chronically dehydrated. Drink eighty-five ounces a day and call me in a week." I started guzzling water and in a week all my symptoms went away. I felt great.

Like me, the people in the Exodus wanderings were dehydrated. But unlike me, they knew it. Their symptoms were bad. They fight with each other. They accuse God of being a monster who wants them and their children to die of thirst. Their thirst drives them to plot the bloody assassination of the man who rescued them. God responds by using Moses to strike a rock from which rivers of living waters flow to quench their thirst for years to come.

The Holy Spirit is the living water of love which flows from the pierced side of Jesus, the new Moses. What symptoms in your life suggest you're spiritually dehydrated? Anger at God? Cynicism at your leaders? Bitter rivalry and bickering with others? Don't panic. *Of course* we have those symptoms. Ask God to provide His water to quench your spiritual thirst, and He will. And all those symptoms will soon disappear.

– Father John Muir ©LPi

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Ste Claire Chapel

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

We invite you to try a weekly holy hour to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as a part of your regular prayer life. **You may choose any hour, but here are the Hours in need:**

MON: 12MDNT; 2AM; 3AM
TUES: 3AM; 6AM; 8AM
WED: 1AM; 2AM
THU: 12MDNT; 1AM; 2AM; 3AM; 5AM; 6AM; 7PM
FRI: 12MDNT; 2AM; 5AM; 10PM
SAT: 1AM; 11AM; 10PM
SUN: 2AM; 3AM; 4AM; 11AM; 3PM; 5PM; 11PM

If you would like to try a weekly hour, please contact Ivy Monahon at 803.292.6432 or jjmonahon@mindspring.com or go to St. Mary's parish website at: https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ perpetual-eucharistic-adoration.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

You shall not steal; you shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Our society encourages us to want stuff. All kinds of stuff. Come to RCIA to learn how God teaches us what a healthy relationship with "stuff" looks like, and how to live free. RCIA Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street. Contact Mary Ellen Jackson, 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

As the feast day of St. Patrick falls during Lent on Friday, March 17, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has dispensed all the faithful in the diocese from abstaining from meat.

(Message from the office of Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Vicar General, Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston)

Readings for March 12 – March 19, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14 & 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-3ab-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Holy Mass Intentions

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Sunday, March 12
8:30AM For All the People of the Parish
11:00AM Donald Cadarr (L)
1:00PM Edward & Joan Pierce
5:00PM Mayard Costa King

Monday, March 13
5:30PM Daly Family (L) & (D)

Tuesday, March 14
6:30AM Jack Fann
5:30PM Susie Sadowski

Wednesday, March 15
8:20AM Paul Maddux
7:00PM Consuelo Moreno & Jose Martinez

Thursday, March 16
10:00AM Benton House Richard Rorer
5:30PM Brian Matthew Miller

Friday, March 17
5:30PM Pasquale Crea

Saturday, March 18
8:00AM Evie Watts
5:00PM Nathan Smith
Scott Honaker
Thomas Lincoln
Camz Zoglman
Dianne Hadley
Rev. Robert Kelleher

Sunday, March 19
8:30AM Norbert Theobald
11:00AM For All the People of the Parish
1:00PM Valerie Ruvalcaba
5:00PM Olivia & Dominic Pierce (L)

(L) Denotes Living
all others are deceased

Baptisms/Bautismos:

Dec. 3, 2022 Samuel Hudson Brakebill son of Clinton & Lauren Brakebill
Dec. 10, 2022 Emily Defne Bahena-Montoya daughter of Joel Bahena M. & Angela Montoya C.
Jan. 14, 2023 Lillian Margaret Lawton daughter of Edgar & Mary Catherine Lawton

Deaths/Difuntos:

February 25	Janice E. Bolstad
February 26	Edward Peter Lusczc
February 27	Lily Zionkowski
March 3	William Jesse Brantley

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 will be May 21, 2023 at 9:00AM in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris or Angela Ascherman at 256.541.1967. 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:
Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org
Confirmation: Joan LaBone at 803.214.7040 or jlabone@charlestondiocese.org

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. For information on receiving the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, please contact our parish office. 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, contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext.114 or mfrei@charlestondiocese.org

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. Please contact Mary Frei at 803.649.4777 ext. 114 or mfrei@charlestondiocese.org.

School of Christian Formation (CCD) Grades 4K – 5

Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson
mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676

Dear Parents of K – 5th graders

- Next few weeks: Class today and every Sunday in March.
- Prayers. Live Lent in you home. This week enjoy a break from your Lenten penances on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.
- First Communion parents: Make sure you're working with your child on the red Eucharist workbook.

Sunday Morning Youth Ministry Grades 6 – 12

Contact: Mrs. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org or 803.215.7040

Please sign up for Sunday Morning sessions for 6-8th grades. You can find the registration forms on our website under Formation, Middle School.

Sunday 9:45-10:45AM Grades 6-8
There will be no morning sessions on April 2 or April 9

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

March 12 – Life Teen
Mar. 19– Life Teen
Mar. 26–Middle School 6:15-7:30PM
Apr. 2 - Life Teen

SAVE THE DATES:
Apr. 4–Chrism Mass in Charleston. *Grades 6-12 sign up with Mrs. LaBone. No cost.*
Apr. 7–Living Stations 1:30PM in front of Old St. Mary's

The Tuesday High School prep class for confirmation will NOT meet on April 4 or April 11.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 12		
8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa Hall
9:45AM	CCD	School
9:45AM	Youth Ministry	Bosco
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church
Monday, March 13		
9:00AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultreya	St. Michael Hall
Tuesday, March 14		
6:30AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
7:00AM	Men's Prayer Group	Smith Hall-Down
12:00PM	Stephen Ministry	St. Michael Hall
3:30PM	Grief Share Group	Mother Teresa Hall
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	Mother Teresa Hall
Wednesday, March 15		
8:20AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Adult Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:00PM	Children's Adoration Hour	Ste. Claire
5:30PM	"Into the Deep"	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's
Thursday, March 16		
11:30AM	CWA General Mtg	Mother Teresa Hall
11:15AM	Adult Bible Study	Smith Hall-Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
Friday, March 17		
6:00AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa Hall
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's
Saturday, March 18		
8:00AM	Mass	Church
8:45AM	"Into the Deep"	St. Michael Hall
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church
Sunday, March 19		
8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Café	Mother Teresa Hall
9:45AM	CCD	School
9:45AM	Youth Ministry	Bosco
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Parish Perks!

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

Lenten Series on Prayer

You can still join us for the Lenten Series on prayer: Into the Deep with Dan Burke. This 5-session video series will help us recognize the obstacles to prayer and help us to grow in our prayer life. Wednesdays at 5:30PM or Saturdays at 8:45AM through April 1st. Both sessions are in St. Michael Hall. Wednesday and Saturday will be identical sessions – choose the best time for you. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.642.2676 or mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

Grief Support Group

We meet Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street, SE, from 3:30 - 5:00PM.

Group meetings have started, but you may join us at any time.

The workbook fee is $20 and scholarships are available. Registration form is available at the Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for additional information, to register, or with questions.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows – Jer. 31:13

Standing Up for the Most Vulnerable

Please prayerfully consider joining the Aiken Life Runners in Columbia on March 18th, 10:00AM until noon, to pray for the protection of human life at the Planned Parenthood clinic. It is time, more than ever, to stand up for those who have no voice. As Jesus taught, "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me." Carpools can be arranged. For questions contact Deacon Bob Pierce at bpierce@charlestondiocese.org. To join Life Runners and get a jersey go to www.liferunners.org.

St. Mary's Annual Campground Meeting

Will be Wednesday, March 22, in Mother Teresa Hall at 6:30PM. The St. Mary's campground is open to all active parishioners and is on Thurman Lake. The campground has swimming area, camping spots (RV and tent), bath house and a boat ramp. If interested in learning more about the campground contact smhoccamp@gmail.com or come to the meeting.

"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again." *~ Jn. 4:42, 15*

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: Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

Employment Opportunities

- St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking a **full-time STEM specialist** for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification.
- St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking **a full-time elementary school teacher** for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification.

Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume and cover letter to the front office by mail, in person, or electronically at office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

2023-2024 Enrollment

St. Mary's School is now accepting enrollment applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Monthly payment plans are available for all families. All applicants can apply for financial aid through March 1st. Catholic Parishioners are also eligible for discounted tuition rates. For more information, visit the school website at stmaryschoolaiken.com or call the school office at 803.649.2071.

The Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates his Church and all her members with his sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to his Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on his Body which is the Church.
– CCC 1407

Gift Shop Hours

Every Sunday 9:00AM -1:00PM
AND the first weekend of every month after Saturday's 5:00PM Mass & after Sunday's 1:00 & 5:00PM Masses.

Stop by the Gift Shop to sample (and perhaps purchase) fudge from the Abbey of Gethsemani, a Trappist monastery. We also have many wonderful books and sacramentals for you to chose from.

Hispanic Food Bazaar

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopas, ensaladas, tostadas de ceviche, frutas, postres, aguas frescas.

Today, March 12

12:00 – 3:00PM St. Angela Hall

Cost depends on the food selected.
Please join us! We are waiting for you!

The Way

A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse

March 24 - 26
Sautee Mountain Retreat
595 GA - 255, Clarkesville, GA 30523

For more information or to request an application contact: Sue Stubbs at sstubbs@archatl.com or 404.920.7544.
The retreat is Christian-based. Women of all faiths and traditions are invited.

Application Deadline: March 16th

Newman Catholic Club's Movie Night

Will be hosting a movie night, open to all!

The Passion of the Christ
(directed by Mel Gibson)
will be shown **Friday, March 31 in Mother Teresa Hall.**
Movie starts 6:00PM, come early to socialize.

Fish Fry Sponsored by Columbus Club

$15 per person $75 for families of 6 or more
Reservations $15/person
Drive through service available to pick up orders
Admittance by ticket only

Fridays during Lent: March 17 and 31
Open at 5:00PM Serving 5:30–7:30PM

Menu: Fish (baked or fried), Fries, Dinner Roll/Hush Puppies and Coleslaw

One (1) FREE draft beer for ages 21+ (indoor dining only) or one (1) FREE soda per ticket

Make checks payable to the Columbus Club

For tickets or reservations please call:
Dennis Fraser - 803.507.0066
Craig Burgess - 803.439.0468
Mark Szymanski - 803.645.1405
Jim Loftis - 803.335.8517
John Kvartek - 803.226.1597
St. Mary's Parish Office - 803.649.4777

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

Las Lecturas de las Escritura
del 12 de marzo al 19 de marzo 2023

Domingo: Ex 17, 3-7 Sal 94, 1-2. 6-9
Rom 5, 1-2. 5-8 Jn 4, 5-42 o 4, 5-15. 19-26. 39. 40-42

Lunes: 2 Re 5, 1-15 Sal 41, 2. 3; 43, 3. 4
Lc 4, 24-30

Martes: Dn 3, 25. 34-43 Sal 24, 4-9 Mt 18, 21-35

Miércoles: Dt 4, 1. 5-9 Sal 146, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20 Mt 5, 17-19

Jueves: Jr 7, 23-28 Sal 94, 1-2. 6-9
Lc 11, 14-23

Viernes: Os 14, 2-10 Sal 80, 6-11. 14 y 17
Mc 12, 28-34

Sábado: Os 6, 1-6 Sal 50, 3-4. 18-21
Lc 18, 9-14

Domingo siguiente: 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13
Sal 22, 1-6 Ef 5, 8-14/

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Horario de Oficina de la Parroquia
8:30am – 4:30pm de lunes a viernes

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

Homilías dominicales en línea
Las reproduciones en audio de todas las homilías del fin de semana están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia. Vaya al sitio web de Santa Maria en www.stmarys-aiken.org. Desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página de inicio y haga clic en "Listen to homilies."

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

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

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

Meditación del Evangelio -Alentar Un Entendimiento Más Profundo de la Escritura

12 de marzo de 2023
3er Domingo de Cuaresma

En la aridez del desierto es donde se puede experimentar con más realidad la necesidad del agua. La sed y el calor del agobiante sol mata. El agua es esencial para la vida. Las lecturas de hoy nos revelan a Dios como fuente de agua que salva a su pueblo, haciendo que brotara agua de la roca en medio del desierto por medio de Moisés. *"Golpearás la roca y de ella saldrá agua, y el pueblo tendrá para beber. Moisés lo hizo así, en presencia de los jefes de Israel" (Éxodo 17,6).* El agua tan esencial en aquellos tiempos y en los de ahora. En muchas partes del mundo hay sequía extrema. Cuidemos el agua actuemos con responsabilidad para que llegue a todos los que la necesitan.

Pero, más importante que el agua que da vida al cuerpo, es el agua viva que da Jesús en el Espíritu a la mujer samaritana. *"Señor, dame de esa agua, y así ya no sufriré la sed ni tendré que volver aquí a sacar agua" (Juan 4,15).* La promesa de Jesús para todos se sigue cumpliendo. Basta que le pidamos agua para nuestras sequedades de la vida. Y responderá: *"El agua que yo le daré se convertirá en él en un chorro que salta hasta la vida eterna" (Juan 4,14).* Egoísmos, infidelidades, injusticias, falta de compasión y de entrega a los necesitados. Es lo que podemos pedir hoy al Señor, para que nos lave y quedando limpios salgamos como la mujer samaritana a proclamar. *"Vengan a ver…"* todo lo que he cambiado, gracias a Jesús, para bien de todos.

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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 y 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 será el 5 y 12 de marzo 2023.** 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: Sagrada Comunión: Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.642.2676 o mjackson@charlestondiocese.org. Confirmación: Joan LaBone al 803.649.3049 o jlabone@charlestondiocese.org

Santo Matrimonio

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Las siguientes fechas de preparación prematrimonio iniciará los jueves el 2 de marzo al 25 de mayo a las 7:00PM en el Salón Smith Hall. 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 Mary Frei al: 803.649.4777 ext. 114 o mfrei@charlestondiocese.org.

Misión Cuaresmal

La Cuaresma es el tiempo de gracia que Dios nos ofrece para mirar y revisar nuestra vida desde su misericordia. Del lunes 13 al jueves 16 de Marzo, estamos invitados todos, a participar de momentos de reflexión y oración. Nos acompañará el Padre Gustavo Correador de 7:00 a 9:00PM en la Iglesia Antigua de Sta. Maria. El miércoles la mission empieza con la Misa. Los esperamos.

Escuela de Formación Cristiana (CCD) Grados 4K a 5°

Contacto: Sra. Mary Ellen Jackson
mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676

Estimados padres de estudiantes de K – 5°

- Próximas semanas: Hay clase todos los domingos de marzo.
- Oraciones: Vive la Cuaresma en tu casa. Vivan la Cuaresma en su hogar. Esta semana disfruten de un descanso de sus penitencias de Cuaresma el Día de San Patricio, el 17 de marzo.
- Padres de Primera Comunión: Asegúrese de trabajar con su hijo en el libro de ejercicios rojo de la Eucaristía.

Ministerio Juvenil Grados 6° – 12°

Contacto: Sra. Joan Marie LaBone
jlabone@charlestondiocese.org o 803.215.7040

Por favor inscríbase a las sesiones dominicales de la mañana para los grados 6-8. Los formularios de inscripción están en nuestra página web bajo Formation, Middle School.

Domingo 9:45-10:45AM Grados 6-8

No habrá clases por mañana el 2 de abril ni el 9 de abril

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

ESCUELA INTERMEDIA (GR. 5-8) O LIFE NIGHT (GR. 9-12)

12 de marzo - Life Teen
19 de marzo - Life Teen
26 de marzo - Noche de Escuela Intermedia 6:15-7:30PM
2 de abril - Life Teen

Aparten la fecha:
4 de abril–Misa Crismal en Charleston. Los grados 6-12 se pueden registrar con la Sra. LaBone. Evento gratis.

7 de abril–Via Crucis viviente 1:30PM frente a Sta. María Histórica.

La clase de Confirmación de la escuela secundaria de los martes **NO** se reunirá el 4 y el 11 de abril.

El Día de San Patricio es el próximo viernes 17 de marzo. El obispo Jacques Fabre nos ha concedido una dispensa de nuestras habituales penitencias cuaresmales.

Kermes Hoy, 12 de marzo

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes de este ciclo, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos: tacos, tamales, tostadas, sopes, ensaladas, tostadas de ceviche, frutas, postres, y aguas frescas.

Hora: de 12:00 del mediodía hasta las 3:00PM
Donde: Salón Santa Angela

El costo depende de la comida seleccionada
¡Ven, Participa, Convive, Colabora, Te esperamos!

Escuela Parroquial de Santa María

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Horario de oficina de la escuela es lunes a viernes
7:30AM – 3:30PM

Oportunidades de Empleo

- La escuela católica St. Mary Help of Christians está **buscando un especialista en STEM de tiempo completo para el año escolar 2023-2024.** Los solicitantes deben estar certificados y/o ser elegibles para la certificación SC.
- La escuela católica St. Mary Help of Christians está **buscando un maestro de escuela primaria de tiempo completo para el año escolar 2023-2024.** Los solicitantes deben estar certificados y/o ser elegibles para la certificación SC.

Los solicitante calificados debe enviar su currículum y carta de presentación a la oficina principal por correo, en persona o electrónicamente a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

Inscripción 2023-2024

La Escuela de Sta. María está aceptando solicitudes de inscripción para el año escolar 2023-2024. Los planes de pago mensual están disponibles para todas las familias. Todos los solicitantes pueden aplicar para ayuda financiera hasta el 1 de marzo. 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.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adulto (RICA)

El proceso de formación para adultos que necesitan Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación, se reúne los martes a las 7:00PM en el Smith Hall, arriba.

Eventos para la proxima semana

Domingo, 12 de marzo

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Clase prebautismale	Smith Hall
9:45AM	Clases de Formación Cristiano	Escuela
9:45AM	Ministerio Juvenil	Bosco
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica de coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	Salón Santa Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Lunes, 13 de marzo

5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Misión Cuaresmal	Iglesia Antigua

Martes, 14 de marzo

5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misión Cuaresmal	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	RICA	Smith Hall

Miércoles, 15 de marzo

8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Misión Cuaresmal	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 16 de marzo

5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Preparación Prematrimonio	Smith Hall
7:00pm	Misión Cuaresmal	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 17 de marzo

5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Vía Crucis	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonios	Smith Hall

Sábado, 18 de marzo

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:00PM	Misa (vigilia)	Iglesia

Domingo, 19 de marzo

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:45AM	Clases de Formación Cristiano	Escuela
9:45AM	Ministerio Juvenil	Bosco
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica de coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Anuncio de Avivamiento Eucarístico

La Eucaristía es el corazón y la cumbre de la vida de la Iglesia, pues en ella Cristo asocia su Iglesia y todos sus miembros a su sacrificio de alabanza y acción de gracias ofrecido una vez por todas en la cruz a su Padre; por medio de este sacrificio derrama las gracias de la salvación sobre su Cuerpo, que es la Iglesia. *CIC 1407*