



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

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

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM - 12NOON - 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

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

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

PARISH CLERGY

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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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Sep 1	\$ 26,801.
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Sep 1	\$ 16,183.
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Sep 8	\$ 12,163.
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Sep 8	\$ 17,658.
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

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

PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!

Paragraphs 2239-2240 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church state: It is the *duty of citizens* to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society...Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community. Submission to authority and co-responsibility for the common good make it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country.

To check your voter registration status go to:

<https://vremis.scvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login>

To register to vote go to:

<https://vremis.scvotes.sc.gov/OVR/Start>

Online registration deadline: Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024

Register by mail deadline: Must be postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024

In person registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Closed On Fridays

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

FAITH AND WORKS

Dear Friends in Christ,

When Christ asks the disciples "Who do people say that I am?" Peter answers on behalf of all of them: "You are the Messiah" and lets us see his saintly tendency. But only a few minutes later, when Christ lets him see that to reach redemption, he must follow the path of the cross, he awakens in him the demonic tendency that he also carries; Christ points to him and says: "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." A saint or a devil always lies inside us.

We all carry a block of marble inside us in which we can sculpt either the image of a fool or the bust of a saint; we can live doing evil or doing good. But Jesus' words are incisive: "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

He who wishes to save his feeling of tranquility or his interests will destroy his life; but he who yields his comfort and his capital in order to coherently live Christ's charity will achieve happiness. We must awaken the hero and the saint that lies in our hearts and leave the sinner and criminal sleep.

Faith is divine conviction, but it turns into fluff if your life is not ordered around your duties to God and service to your fellowman. To believe is to pray and practice. St James tells us: "I by my works will show you my faith." To convert faith into works implies sacrifice. A believer who does not practice becomes a living paradox, a contradiction of himself, an internal split that cannot but torment him, for he first says yes and then says no. How can you distinguish the lifestyle of a believer from that of a nonbeliever? By his actions!

To follow Christ presupposes we know him, love him, think like him and act like him. Only when we feel "seduced" by him and shaped by the regenerating power of his divine person, can we catch his spirit and vision of life. The 13th century Arab scholar and philosopher Ibn Arabi wrote, "He who has been trapped by that sickness called Jesus, cannot be cured." How many Christians could witness today to the truth of these words with their personal experience?

You don't have to do flashy things to be a good Christian. It's the small everyday gestures, done with love, with joy, with a supernatural meaning, for our brothers and sisters. Ask yourself: Who is Jesus for you? What do you expect from him? What drives you to hear his word, to baptize your children, to celebrate the feast days in his honor? St James helps us find the right answer: "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

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

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Jesus is ready to pour out His blessings on you in the chapel! Can you help? We have an urgent need for an adorer on Tuesday at 4AM. If you would like to try this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

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



Have you recently retired? Does your life seem upside down? A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain peace ... and joy. St. Mary's has male

and female Stephen Ministers here to help. Leaflets are in the back of church with more information about Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to get information, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

ON THE MASS:

The Gloria is one of the most ancient hymns of the Church. All is enthusiasm and the language of love. We first repeat the words of the angels: Glory to God in the highest! And we continue with an effusion of devotion: praise! bless! adore! glorify. We turn to each member of the Trinity with unrestrained homage. After honoring the Father, the Church, in her delighted love, gives her spouse every title she can think of, and lists all he has done for her. (from *Explanation of the Holy Mass* by Dom Prosper Gueranger, OSB) During the Gloria pay attention to the words. Remember you are singing this beautiful canticle along with Catholics throughout the world, as well as those who have sung these very same words throughout the history of the Church.

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS

Rosary Makers Ministry meets every 3rd Monday of the month in Mother Teresa Hall, at 1:00PM. **Our Next meeting is on September 16th.** Please come, participate in prayer, support, fellowship, and learning. It's a wonderful ministry that can save a soul! Contact Doug McGuinness at dpmcg871@gmail.com

READINGS FOR – SEPTEMBER 15–22, 2024

Sunday, September 15 readings begin on page 652 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a	Ps 116:1-6, 8-9
Jas 2:14-18	Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33	Ps 40:7-10, 17
Lk 7:1-10	
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a	Ps 100:1b-5
Lk 7:11-17	
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31–13:13	Ps 33:2-5, 12
and 22	Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11	Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Lk 7:36-50	
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20	Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-20
Lk 8:1-3	
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	Ps 19:2-5
Mt 9:9-13	
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20	Ps 54:3-5, 6-8
Jas 3:16–4:3	Mk 9:30-37

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 15

8:30AM Dan & Mary Tarangelo
11:00AM Ken Bailey (L)
1:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Luis Reverol Rodriguez (L)
5:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Sept. 16

5:30PM John Lahr
Tuesday, Sept. 17
5:30PM Willingness to Forgive

Wednesday, Sept. 18

8:20AM Sarah Lynn Kuzmaskus
7:00PM In gratitude for San Antonio de Padua

Thursday, Sept. 19

10:00AM BARCLAY Ronald Silton
5:30PM Linda Carr

Friday, Sept. 20

5:30PM Mary Drachenberg

Saturday, Sept. 21

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Conception to Natural Death
5:00PM Helen Werner Lou Ann Ainsworth Donald Lemponen Ginny Whitaker Lilia Gay

Sunday, Sept. 22

8:30AM Pro Populo
11:00AM Sophie Vanderbeck
1:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett
5:00PM Joy Waters (L)

Pro Populo - For the People

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

March 29, Maria Teresa Pawlaczyk
August 30, Judith Pita-Frisch
September 2, Cristobal Casillas Santillan

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning **Sunday, October 6, 2024** the 5:00PM Sunday evening Mass will be discontinued.

Sunday Mass Schedule as of October 6:

Saturday - 5:00PM – Mass in English

Sunday - 8:30AM & 11:00AM – Mass in English
1:00PM – Mass in Spanish

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestdioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

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

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Oct. 5, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

This week's topic: Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures. Come learn about how to get to know Jesus in scripture this Tuesday at OCIA. All are welcome - and bring a friend!. Tuesday evenings 6:00 - 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union St. SE). If you are interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

Please register your children for the 24/25 school year. All registrations will be online.
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>
You register all children grades 4K-8 on this form.

Formation Classes (CCD) began Sept. 8.
There is still time to register.

Reminder to those parents of those children who wish to receive the **sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation** this year. Two years of formation are required in order for them to be prepared. Children must attend St. Mary's School or Formation (CCD). (If home schooled you must use an approved Catholic home school program for all their school work.)

First Communion students are generally in second grade, Confirmation students in eighth grade. Please contact Mrs. LaBone if your child is in another grade and wishes to receive a sacrament.

YOUTH MINISTRY

September 15 — Life Teen

September 22 — Life Teen

Sept. 29 — MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT, **6:15-7:30PM**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, September 15

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:15AM	Baptism Prep Class	Smith Hall
9:45AM	Lector Meeting	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, September 16

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, September 17

3:30PM	Grief Share	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	OCIA (RCIA)	Mother Teresa Hall

Wednesday, September 18

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
9:30AM	FIAT Home School	Mother Teresa Hall
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:30PM	SHE	Mother Teresa Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, September 19

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

Friday, September 20

10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:15AM	Baptism Prep Class	Smith Hall
9:30AM	Lector Meeting	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS: If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, contact Colleen Snyder at csnyder@charlestdiocese.org or 518.524.4464. The requested donation is \$300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

PARISH PERKS!

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

SUNDAY CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us for Sunday Café. We meet in **Mother Teresa Hall, 9:45-10:45AM, between the Sunday Masses.** The Fall schedule can be found on the parish website at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/sunday-morning-adult-education>. For more information, please contact Jane Tillman at tillman3js@live.com or 410.241.0647

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. We're currently studying the second letter of St. Peter. For information call Martha, 865-599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Is back up and running. Thursdays at 11:15AM - 12:30PM in Smith Hall. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women who, like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the Faith. The group meets monthly in Old St. Mary's: plan to join us this coming Wednesday, September 18th at 1PM. For more information contact Nancy Ring at 803.221.3414

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 the sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings. The meetings are held **Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall** (125 Union St., SE).

Sept. 17, the regular 13-week GriefShare program begins.

Nov. 12, a one-time session on Surviving the Holidays.

The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. For additional information and to register please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestdiocese.org



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Mr. Matthew Kuhn, Interim Principal
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Our 5th Annual SMS PTO Golf Tournament will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024**, at Houndslake Country Club. To register please call the school office 803.649.2071 or visit stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm.

TEACHERS' WISHLIST

We are still accepting donations from our teachers' wishlist. Visit this website <https://a.co/7gh2tDJ> to make a wish come true. Please fill out the gift message box and choose our registry address at checkout to have the item shipped directly to school! Thank you for supporting our teachers!



SMS first graders played a question game to get to know each other! They loved getting to know each other better!

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Join us for faith, fellowship, and food – **September 18, 6:00PM** in Mother Teresa Hall All women are welcome! For more information, email www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com, contact Alisa Hamrick 803.270.2503 or scan the QR code to register



FIAT HOMESCHOOL COOP

Join us September 18th at 10:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall for a unit study on Tommy dePaolo's book "The Clown of God". Come prepared to think about your God given talents. Any questions, please contact Stephanie Lee at 803.634.3171.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 16 at 5:30PM – Fr. Timothy Reid from St. Ann's in Charlotte will speak on Prayer from a Carmelite Perspective in Mother Teresa Hall

October 16 – Day Trip to Milledgeville home of Southern Catholic author Flannery O'Connor.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-50245896-daytrip#

November 2 Christmas Craft Day. Come join other parishioners as we make Christmas ornaments with oyster shells. Mother Teresa Hall. More details to follow.

November 14 at 6:30PM – Sr. Roberta Fulton will speak on "The Holy Eucharist, The Nourishment That We Need" in Mother Teresa Hall (Sponsored by our parish group, Sankofa)

For more information on these events contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

THE GIFT SHOP IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

Our shelves are full and we're excited to welcome you back to the Church Gift Shop! Come in for your old favorites, including:

- **Homemade Fudge:** A sweet treat to enjoy or share.
- **Delicious Coffee:** Perfect for your morning routine or a thoughtful gift.
- **Veils & Rosary Beads:** Beautiful items for personal devotion.
- **Statues, Fonts, and Crucifixes:** Bring the sacred into your home.
- **Restocked Medals:** Now with new saints to inspire your faith.

Plus, we've added some new adult and children's books, along with many other treasures waiting to be discovered. We've missed you—come in and visit us soon!

12TH MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

October 25 and 26

Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, SC. Speakers include: Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Christopher Smith, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Fr. Roger Landry, and Fr. Bart Leon. General admission: \$125, Youth: \$90. Includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Registration by mail is due by October 12. After October 12, registration is \$135.

For more information, representatives may be reached at (864)354-7160 or the website is

<http://www.meconferencesc.net>

Drugs & Human Trafficking:

What We Need to Know

Wednesday, September 25th | 6:00pm



South Carolina Attorney General
Alan Wilson

Join us as we learn
from Mr. Alan Wilson

how to recognize warning signs,
how to help and prevention strategies,
how trafficking hurts and impacts
our community.

Did you know?

Aiken County was **ranked #4** in South Carolina for reported incidents by the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

According to SC 2023 annual report, minors under 21 are the majority group of the 46 new trafficking charges.



St. Angela Hall
118 York Street SE

For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803-649-4777



St. Mary Help of Christians Supper Club

Meet parishioners and
make lasting friendships while
sharing meals together in each
other's homes!

This ministry is open to adults – singles and couples – who are willing to host no more than 6 - 7 people in their homes. Each group sets their dining schedule at each home on a rotating basis approximately every six weeks for a meal and fellowship.

Host provides the entrée and non-alcoholic beverages; guests provide the sides and dessert. The meal does not have to be elaborate. The focus should be on getting together with fellow parishioners and having an enjoyable time.

Group assignments will be given out in October.

Sign up for Supper Club via Flocknote by September 21, or contact Joan and Jim Pate at jandjpate@gmail.com.



Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

2024 PARISH PICNIC

You're Invited!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:30 PM to 3 PM

COME ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH
THE PARISH COMMUNITY!

Free Food & Drinks ■ **Live Music** ■ **Games**

ON THE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AND CHURCH CAMPUS



Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

2024 PICNIC PARROQUIAL

¡Estas Invitado!

DOMINGO, 13 DE OCTUBRE

12:30 PM al 3 PM

¡VEN A DISFRUTAR DE COMIDA Y LA COMPAÑIA
DE LA COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL!

Comida y bebida gratis Música en vivo Juegos

EN EL CAMPUS DE LA IGLESIA Y ESCUELA DE SANTA
MARIA AUXILIO DE LOS CRISTIANOS
Horario especial de Misa 12 y 13 de
octubre sábado 5 PM
domingo 8:30 & 11 AM (Bilingüe)

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

LA FE Y LAS OBRAS

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Cuando Cristo pregunta a los discípulos “¿Quién dice la gente que soy yo?”, Pedro responde en nombre de todos: “Tú eres el Mesías” y nos deja ver su tendencia santa. Pero sólo unos minutos después, cuando Cristo le hace ver que para llegar a la redención debe seguir el camino de la cruz, despierta en él la tendencia demoníaca que también lleva consigo; Cristo lo señala y le dice: “Quítate de mí vista, Satanás. Tú no piensas como Dios, sino como los hombres”. En nuestro interior siempre hay un santo o un diablo.

Todos llevamos dentro un bloque de mármol en el que podemos esculpir tanto la imagen de un loco como el busto de un santo; podemos vivir haciendo el mal o haciendo el bien. Pero las palabras de Jesús son incisivas: “El que pierda su vida por mí y por el Evangelio, la salvará”.

El que quiera salvar su tranquilidad o sus intereses, destruirá su vida; pero quien cede su comodidad y su capital para vivir coherentemente la caridad de Cristo alcanzará la felicidad. Hay que despertar al héroe y al santo que hay en nuestro corazón y dejar dormir al pecador y al criminal.

La fe es convicción divina, pero se convierte en pelusa si la vida no está ordenada en torno a los deberes hacia Dios y al servicio al prójimo. Creer es rezar y practicar. Santiago nos dice: «Yo con mis obras les mostraré mi fe». Convertir la fe en obras implica sacrificio. El creyente que no practica se convierte en una paradoja viviente, en una contradicción de sí mismo, en una cisma interior que no puede dejar de atormentarle, porque primero dice sí y después dice no. ¿Cómo se puede distinguir el estilo de vida de un creyente del de un no creyente? ¡Por sus acciones!

Seguir a Cristo supone conocerlo, amarlo, pensar como Él y actuar como Él. Sólo cuando nos sentimos «seducidos» por Él y plasmados por la fuerza regeneradora de su persona divina, podemos captar su espíritu y su visión de la vida. El erudito y filósofo árabe del siglo XIII Ibn Arabi escribió: “Quien ha sido atrapado por esa enfermedad llamada Jesús, no puede ser curado”. ¿Cuántos cristianos podrían hoy dar testimonio de la verdad de estas palabras con su experiencia personal?

Para ser un buen cristiano no hace falta hacer cosas llamativas. Son los pequeños gestos cotidianos, hechos con amor, con alegría, con un sentido sobrenatural, hacia nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Pregúntate: ¿Quién es Jesús para ti? ¿Qué esperas de Él? ¿Qué te impulsa a escuchar su

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FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE
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CAMBIO EN EL HORARIO DE MISAS DOMINICALES

A partir del domingo 6 de octubre de 2024, se suspenderá la Misa del domingo por la tarde a las 5:00PM.

Todas las demás Misas del domingo permanecerán como están programadas actualmente.

LA TIENDA DE REGALOS ESTÁ ABIERTA

Nuestras estanterías están llenas y nos complace darle la bienvenida de nuevo a la tienda de regalos de la iglesia. Venga por sus cosas favoritas: Dulces caseros, delicioso café, velos, rosarios, estatuas, crucifijos y medallas.

Además, hemos añadido algunos libros nuevos para adultos y niños, junto con muchos otros tesoros que esperan ser descubiertos. Te hemos echado de menos. ¡Ven a visitarnos pronto!

CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

palabra, a bautizar a tus hijos, a celebrar las fiestas en su honor? Santiago nos ayuda a encontrar la respuesta correcta: “Así que la fe, si no tiene obras, está muerta por sí sola”.

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 3, 10 and 17 de noviembre.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

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

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370.

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

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

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

12 de octubre 2024 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

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

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

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Formación y Preparación para adultos que necesitan recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Nos reunimos a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. Para registrarse y más información acudir con Omar Cardona, o Equipo de RICA.

Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad, como oportunidad de profundizar en nuestra Fe y Doctrina Católica.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE

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Esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25. Todas las inscripciones estarán en línea a partir del 1 de julio. <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>. Puede registrar a todos los niños de 4K a 8º grado en este formulario.

Las clases de Formación (CCD) comenzaron el 8 de septiembre. Todavía hay tiempo para inscribirse.

Recordatorio a aquellos padres de los niños que desean recibir el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o Confirmación este año. **Se requieren dos años de formación para que estén preparados.** Los niños deben asistir a la Escuela o Formación St. Mary's (CCD). (Si recibe educación en el hogar, debe utilizar un programa católico de educación en el hogar aprobado para todo su trabajo escolar).

Los estudiantes de Primera Comunión generalmente están en segundo grado, los estudiantes de Confirmación en octavo grado. Comuníquese con la Sra. LaBone si su hijo está en otro grado y desea recibir un sacramento.

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¡Los alumnos de **primer grado** de SMS participaron en un juego de preguntas para conocerse mejor! ¡Les encantó conocerse mejor!

¿SE HA INSCRITO PARA VOTAR?

Los católicos estamos moralmente obligados a votar. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en los párrafos #2239-2240 afirma: Deber de los ciudadanos es cooperar con la autoridad civil al bien de la sociedad...La sumisión a las autoridades legítimas y el servicio del bien común exigen de los ciudadanos que cumplan con su responsabilidad en la vida de la comunidad política. La sumisión a la autoridad y la corresponsabilidad en el bien común exigen moralmente el pago de los impuestos, el ejercicio del derecho al voto, la defensa del país...

Para comprobar el estado de su censo electoral vaya a:

<https://vrem.scvotes.sc.gov/Voter/Login>

Para inscribirse para votar en:

<https://vrem.scvotes.sc.gov/OVR/Start>

Plazo de inscripción en línea: domingo, el 6 de octubre

Plazo de inscripción por correo: Debe llevar matasellos del lunes, el 7 de octubre

Plazo de inscripción en persona: viernes, el 4 de octubre

"Somos hijos de Dios, seamos amantes de la paz."
San Cipriano

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 15 de septiembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación Bautismal	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Lunes, 16 de septiembre

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

Martes, 17 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Smith Hall

Miércoles, 18 de septiembre

8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Coordinadores	Smith Hall

Jueves, 19 de septiembre

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

Viernes, 20 de septiembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith Hall

Sábado, 21 de septiembre

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 22 de septiembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

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Todos los domingos, a las 12:30PM, antes de la Misa en español, está invitado a saludar a la Santísima Virgen con la oración del Santo Rosario. Si gustas participar dirigiendo esta oración, comunícate con Carlos Fierros y Nancy Rubio al 803.645.9169.

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