

# ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,  
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,  
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.  
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY 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 Help of Christians 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 - 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](http://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

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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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 29, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Sep 29	\$ 5,951.
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Sep 29	\$ 16,833.
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 2,020,200.</b>

**NOTE:** Due to Hurricane Helene financial updates for Oct. 6. were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

## 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](http://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.

### PARISH PICNIC: POSTPONED TO SUN., OCT. 27!

Make plans to attend St. Mary's Parish Picnic on the parish campus, Sunday, Oct. 27 from 12:30-3:30PM. The event will include free food, live music, opportunities to connect with fellow parishioners, and tours of our newly completed STEM Center.

#### Mass Schedule for October 26 & 27

**5:00PM Saturday**, October 26 – Vigil Mass in English

**8:30AM Sunday**, October 27 – Mass in English

**11:00AM Sunday**, October 27 – Bilingual Mass

All Masses will be celebrated in the new church on Fairfield Street.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY**  
**WE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**AT 8:30AM**

## PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

### DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Dear Friends in Christ,

So, on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, I was at the rectory eating my lunch. Still without power, I had warmed some meatloaf, carrots and potatoes in a pan (from a very generous and giving parishioner) along with some homemade bread and a tomato. Normally I do not eat meat on Fridays, but this was what I had, so I enjoyed it and did my penance later for eating meat on a Friday.

Then...I heard a strange noise. It was like a squawk. Then I realized what had happened: I had left the refrigerator open to air out...the power came on and the alarm sounded telling me to close the doors! What a great sound! What great joy to have power back after seven and a half days in the dark!

**Darkness and light.** We have all experienced darkness and light this past week, to one degree or the other. As I write this, many still are still in the dark and do not have power. The Sacred Scriptures have a lot to say about darkness and light. Here are just a few examples:

#### Darkness in the Sacred Scriptures:

"If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth;" (1 Jn 1:6)

"Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me." (Micah 7:8)

"the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." (Matt 4:16)

#### Light in the Sacred Scriptures:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Is 60:1)

"but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 Jn 1:7)

"for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light" (Eph 5:8)

So....we have been reminded that we don't like to live in darkness! We seek the light; we want the light. Can you remember when you lived in spiritual darkness? What was that like? How long were you in it? Who helped you out of it? Have you thanked them? Do you pray for them? Is there someone that you are working and praying to bring out of the darkness?

May we walk as children of light!

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

### ON THE MASS

The First Reading is followed by a **Psalm**, usually sung. Today we pray Psalm 90. We don't usually pray the entire psalm - consider reading the whole psalm as you prepare for Mass. The congregation will respond; *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!* Psalm 90 reminds us of all the Lord has done for us, even when we have sinned. The psalms are attributed to King David; when reading the psalms, keep in mind that they were written before the Incarnation. Ponder how we have been blessed so much more! Through Jesus, we are able to know God intimately. He has given us the Holy Spirit. He has given us the sacraments. We should be singing for joy always. Sing the psalm response robustly: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

### A ROSARY FOR OUR NATION

As you know, a very critical election is fast approaching. With that in mind, we will pray a special Rosary for our Nation on three Tuesdays before the election: October 15th, 22nd and 29th. We will pray these rosaries at Old St. Mary's before Mass starting at 4:45PM. In addition to the normal prayers, we will pray specifically for the consecration of our nation, for conversion of our nation's capitol, for the various branches of our government and for each state individually. Please come and join us to pray for our nation in this time of great need.

### MILLIONS OF MONICAS

**Wednesday, October 16 at 1PM in Old St. Mary's**  
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.

## READINGS FOR OCTOBER 13–October 20, 2024

Sunday, October 13 readings begin on page 668 of the *Word & Eucharist* books found in the pews.

**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17  
Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31–5:1  
Ps 113:1b-5a and 6-7 Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47, 48  
Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-3 and 6  
Lk 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2-6 Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b Ps 145:10-13, 17-18  
Lk 10:1-9  
**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7  
Lk 12:8-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, Oct. 13

8:30AM Cindy Starr  
11:30AM James Zaremba  
1:00PM Pro Populo

### Monday, Oct. 14

5:30PM No Mass—Priests  
Away

### Tuesday, Oct. 15

5:30PM No Mass—Priests  
Away

### Wednesday, Oct. 16

8:20AM No Mass—Priests  
Away

7:00PM No Mass—Priests  
Away

### Thursday, Oct. 17

10:00AM CUMBERLAND  
No Mass—Priests Away

5:30PM No Mass—Priests  
Away

### Friday, Oct. 18

5:30PM Gary & Beth More  
(L)

### Saturday, Oct. 19

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from  
Conception to Natural Death  
5:00PM Agnes Reynolds (L)  
Linda & Jim Krone (L)  
Fr. Gregory B. Wilson (L)  
Susan Colombo  
Carol Reeve  
Kathleen Kelly

### Sunday, Oct. 20

8:30AM Pro Populo  
11:00AM Sarah Bursey  
1:00PM Joel Antonio Reyes  
Torres

Pro Populo - For the People

### DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

Sept. 29 Juan Francisco Paz Estrada, Sr.  
Oct. 2 Joan Terry Weinle

### PLEASE NOTE:

**DAILY MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED  
OCTOBER 14 THRU OCTOBER 17  
ALL DIOCESAN PRIESTS WILL BE ON RETREAT**

*“Let us remember that within us there is a palace of immense magnificence.” St. Teresa of Avila*

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

### NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

**Nov. 2, 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: The Holy Spirit. In the creed we profess that the Holy Spirit is the Lord, the giver of life. Come learn all about the Holy Spirit 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](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org).

### CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE  
[JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG)  
803.215.7040

#### FORMATION

**October 13** – Sunday Morning Formation

**October 13** – 11:30AM Confirmation Class will meet at regular time in Bosco.

**October 20** – Teaching Touching Safety lessons in all classes.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Oct. 13 – Life Teen

Oct. 20 – Life Teen

**October 20 – CCD Parent First Communion Meeting  
9:45AM in the school Cafeteria (for students  
in Grades 2-7 only)**

**October 20 – Parent and Teen Confirmation Meeting,  
St. Angela Hall (gym) 7 – 8:15PM**

#### Save the Date: Sunday, October 27

4-5PM – Sainly Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot of the Bosco Center. Anyone who would like to decorate a car (Saints theme) please contact Joan LaBone.

5-6:30PM – Middle School Halloween Night

### AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, October 13

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

### PARISH PICNIC POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 27

### Monday, October 14 Columbus Day - Office Closed

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa Hall
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultraya	St. Michael Hall

### Tuesday, October 15

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa Hall
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa Hall
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Mother Teresa Hall

### Wednesday, October 16

8:20AM	No Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
9:30AM	Fiat Homeschool Coop	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:30PM	Father Timothy Reid	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa Hall
7:00PM	No Mass	

### Thursday, October 17

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Church

### Friday, October 18

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
6:30PM	Movie Night	Mother Teresa Hall

### Saturday, October 19

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
9:00AM	Secular Franciscans	Mother Teresa Hall
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

### Sunday, October 20

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

### GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open on Saturday, Oct. 12 after the 5PM Vigil Mass and Sunday, Oct. 13 after the 8:30AM and 11:00AM Masses. Please come visit us!

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### DIVORCE SUPPORT WEBINAR

**Tomorrow night, October 14 at 7:30PM. Don't forget to sign up!** The holidays can be especially hard if you are dealing with the losses that come with divorce or separation. Plan to attend the webinar *Surviving the Holidays: Strategies for Coping with Divorce During the Holiday Season*, offered by the Catholic Divorce Support group **Journey of Hope**. For information, contact Mary Ellen at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org). Sign up at <https://journeyofhopeprogramonline.com/pages/event-registration>

### TEACHING MASS

The Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you wondered about the gestures the priest makes at Mass or about the vestments he wears? Fr. Wilson will explain the Mass in "A Teaching Mass", to be held in **Old St. Mary's on Saturday, October 19 at 10:00AM**. Mark your calendars! It is sure to be enlightening.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 9:30-11:00AM

We meet in St. Michael Hall. 2 Peter 2 is this week's lesson. You may join at anytime. Contact Martha at [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com) or 865-599-8473.

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Is back up and running. We are in the middle of the Gospel of Luke (but you can still join us!). **Thursdays at 11:15AM - 12:30PM in Smith Hall**. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org)

### FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

*The Good, The Bad, and The Beautiful* with Joseph Pearce. The Friday book club has just started this fascinating book in which Joseph Pearce tells the story of Christendom, a century at a time. Come join us, and learn history in this unique way. **Fridays 10 - 11:30AM in St. Michael Hall**. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are once again constructing a limited number of outdoor nativity displays. They will be available for sale after all Masses beginning November 9 for \$49.99 until gone. If you would like to reserve a display now, please sign up at the table in front of the Gift Shop. Thank you!



## ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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Mr. Matthew Kuhn, Interim Principal  
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092  
excelatstmarys.com

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

### STEM CENTER TOURS AT THE PARISH PICNIC

The STEM Center will be open during the parish picnic Sunday, Oct. 27 from 12:30 to 3:00PM! Don't miss the chance to join us for a tour! We are eager to showcase the results of your contributions of your prayers, time, and treasure!

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**K-8 STEM Teacher** for the 2024-2025 School Year

- Must be certified and/or eligible for SC certification.
- Special consideration will be given to applicants with the following areas of expertise: project-based learning, robotics, coding, engineering, information technology, 3D printing, physical science, and natural science.
- Must be able to manage students of all ages in a hands-on environment, and collaborate with other teachers.
- Responsible for preparing and disassembling labs, and seeking grant opportunities.

Qualified applicant should send a cover letter and resume to [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

**PLEASE HELP US KEEP FORMED!!** It's renewal time. If you have benefited from FORMED, **please consider a donation to pay for this fabulous resource.** Write FORMED on an envelope with a donation and put it in the Sunday offertory basket. FORMED has movies, bible studies, children's material, audio books, etc. Haven't used Formed? Sign up today! [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup), enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians

### THIS COMING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, MOTHER TERESA HALL, FATIMA (2020, PG-13)

Inspired by the true story, the movie is about three children, ages 7 to 10, who witness visitations of the Virgin Mary. The Virgin Mary asked them to deliver her message of peace for the world, if people would be willing to pray and "suffer greatly." Despite intense pressure by those in positions of power to change their story, the children demonstrate true integrity and continue to tell the truth. The timeline jumps between 1917 and 1989, when a skeptical professor is interviewing Lucia, the oldest Visionnaire, now an elderly nun, about the events of Fatima. This movie is not a documentary. **6:00PM refreshments - Movie starts at 6:30PM.** Bring pop, popcorn and a friend.

### LOOKING AHEAD

**October 18 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall** Movie Night. *Fatima* (2020, PG-13)

**November 2** Christmas Craft Day. Come join other parishioners as we make Christmas ornaments with oyster shells. Mother Teresa Hall. 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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org)

### THIS COMING WEDNESDAY!!



Cultivating a deep prayer life is important, but often we don't know where to start. Plan to attend the talk *Prayer from a Carmelite Perspective* with Fr. Timothy Reid from St. Anne's, Charlotte. **Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30PM in Old St. Mary's.**

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandioocese.org)

### EMPOWER MOTHERHOOD: BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Speak with your dollar and support LIFE! Please fill a baby bottle with change, cash and checks to support Aiken's Life Choices Pregnancy Center. Drop off full bottles in the bassinet in the narthex before all weekend masses until October 27. Makes checks payable to Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center or you can give online at: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2036777?widget=1](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2036777?widget=1) or scan the QR code.

Please put St. Mary's Baby Bottle Campaign in the memo. Questions? call 803.634.3171 or [sdzlee87@gmail.com](mailto:sdzlee87@gmail.com).



### COOKIES FOR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

The Kairos Prison Ministry is a three-day non-denominational short course in Christianity that is a spin-off of Catholic Cursillo. We distribute cookies to the residents of the Broad River Correctional Institution October 16–20, to show them Christ's love. If you are providing cookies, **please have your contribution to Don Trapp by noon on Wednesday, October 16.** (remember no nuts or coconut). He will be leaving for Broad River Correctional institution shortly after noon on the 16th. For more information call Don at 803.979.0966.

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

### OSCURIDAD Y LUZ

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

El viernes 6 de octubre estaba en la rectoría comiendo mi almuerzo. Todavía sin electricidad, había calentado un poco de pastel de carne, zanahorias y papas en una sartén (de un feligrés muy generoso y dadivoso) junto con un poco de pan casero y un tomate. Normalmente no como carne los viernes, pero esto fue lo que comí, así que lo disfruté e hice mi penitencia más tarde por comer carne un viernes.

Entonces... escuché un ruido extraño. Era como un graznido. Entonces me di cuenta de lo que había sucedido: había dejado el refrigerador abierto para que se ventilara... ¡se restauró la electricidad y sonó la alarma que me decía que cerrara las puertas! ¡Qué gran sonido! ¡Qué gran alegría tener electricidad de nuevo después de siete días y medio en la oscuridad!

**Oscuridad y luz.** Todos hemos experimentado oscuridad y luz esta semana pasada, en un grado u otro. Mientras escribo esto, muchos todavía están en la oscuridad y no tienen electricidad. Las Sagradas Escrituras tienen mucho que decir sobre la oscuridad y la luz. He aquí algunos ejemplos:

#### La oscuridad en las Sagradas Escrituras:

"Si decimos que estamos en comunión con él mientras caminamos en tinieblas, somos unos mentirosos y no estamos haciendo la verdad." (1 Jn 1,6)

"No te alegres de mi desgracia, oh enemiga mía, pues si he caído, me levantaré; si ahora estoy a oscuras, Yavé será mi luz." (Miqueas 7, 8)

"El pueblo que habitaba en tinieblas ha visto una gran luz; a los que habitaban en paraje de sombras de muerte una luz les ha amanecido." (Mt 4,16)

#### La luz en las Sagradas Escrituras:

"Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti." (Is 60,1)

"En cambio, si caminamos en la luz, lo mismo que él está en la luz, estamos en comunión unos con otros, y la sangre de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, nos purifica de todo pecado." (1 Jn 1,7)

"En otro tiempo ustedes eran tinieblas, pero ahora son luz en el Señor. Pórtense como hijos de la luz," (Efesios 5,8)

Por eso... se nos ha recordado que no nos gusta vivir en la oscuridad. Buscamos la luz; queremos la luz. ¿Puedes recordar cuando vivías en la oscuridad espiritual? ¿Cómo era eso? ¿Cuánto tiempo

*Espacio de Nuestro Párroco Continúa en la página nueve, columna uno.*

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 13 DE OCTUBRE  
COMIENZAN EN LA PAGINA 669 EN EL LIBRO  
"PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

#### DEL 13 DE OCTUBRE AL 20 DE OCTUBRE 2024

**Domingo:** Sab 7, 7-11 Sal 89, 12-17

Heb 4, 12-13 Mc 10, 17-30 o 10, 17-27

**Lunes:** Gal 4, 22-24. 26-27. 31-5,1 Sal 112, 1-7  
Lc 11, 29-32

**Martes:** Gal 5, 1-6 Sal 118, 41. 43-45. 47. 48  
Lc 11, 37-41

**Miércoles:** Gal 5, 18-25 Sal 1, 1-3. y 6  
Lc 11, 42-46

**Jueves:** Ef 1, 1-10 Sal 97, 1-6 Lc 11, 47-54

**Viernes:** 2 Tim 4, 10-17 Sal 144, 10-13. 17-18  
Lc 10, 1-9

**Sábado:** Ef 1, 15-23 Sal 8, 2-7 Lc 12, 8-12

**Domingo siguiente:** Is 53, 10-11 Sal 32, 4-5.  
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10, 42-45

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

### AVISO

**LA MISA DIARIA NO SE CELEBRARÁ  
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### LA TIENDA DE REGALOS ESTÁ ABIERTA

Horario: todos los domingos de 9:00AM a 1:00PM y el primer fin de semana de cada mes después de la misa del sábado a las 5:00PM y las misas de los domingos de 8:30AM, 11:00AM and 1:00PM

### UN ROSARIO POR NUESTRA NACIÓN

Como ya saben, se acercan rápidamente unas elecciones muy importantes. Con eso en mente, rezaremos un rosario especial por nuestra nación los tres martes antes de las elecciones: el 15, el 22 y el 29 de octubre. Rezaremos estos rosarios en Old St. Mary's antes de la misa a partir de las 4:45PM. Además de las oraciones normales, rezaremos específicamente por la consagración de nuestra nación, por la conversión de los órganos legislativos de nuestra nación, por las diversas ramas de nuestro gobierno y por cada estado individualmente. Por favor, vengan y únense a nosotros para orar por nuestra nación en este momento de gran necesidad.



## 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@charlestdioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

### SANTO MATRIMONIO

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

### 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](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)*

## PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

**9 de noviembre 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 necesiten 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

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### FORMACIÓN

**13 de octubre**—Formación del domingo por la mañana

**13 de octubre**—11:30AM La clase de Confirmación se reunirá a la hora habitual en Bosco.

**20 de octubre**—lecciones sobre seguridad en el contacto físico en todas las clases

### MINISTERIO JUVENIL

**13 de octubre**—Life Teen

**20 de octubre**—Life Teen

**20 de octubre** – Reunión de primera comunión de padres de CCD a las 9:45AM en la cafetería de la escuela (solo para estudiantes de 2.º a 7.º grado)

**20 de octubre—Reunión de confirmación de padres y adolescentes, en St. Angela Hall (gimnasio) de 7:00 a 8:15PM**

**Reserve la fecha: domingo 27 de octubre**

4:00 a 5:00PM Sainly Trunk or Treat en el estacionamiento del Bosco Center

5:00 a 6:30PM Noche de Halloween en la escuela secundaria.

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### OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO:

**Maestro de STEM K-8** para el año escolar 2024-25

- Debe estar certificado y/o ser elegible para la certificación SC.
- Se dará consideración especial a los solicitantes con las siguientes áreas de especialización: aprendizaje basado en proyectos, robótica, codificación, ingeniería, tecnología de la información, impresión 3D, ciencias físicas y ciencias naturales.
- Debe poder dirigir a estudiantes de todas las edades en un entorno práctico y colaborar con otros maestros.
- Responsable de preparar y desmontar laboratorios y buscar oportunidades de Becas.
- Los solicitantes calificados deben enviar una carta de presentación y un currículum a [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

### OFICINA PARROQUIAL CERRADA

LUNES 14 DE OCTUBRE

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### QUINCEAÑERA

Para registrar o más información, por favor comunicarse con Maria Hernandez al 803.522.3988

### CONTINUACIÓN DEL ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO DE LA PÁGINA SIETE, COLUMNA UNO

estuviste allí? ¿Quién te ayudó a salir de ella? ¿Les has dado las gracias? ¿Oras por ellos? ¿Hay alguien por quien estás trabajando y orando para sacarlo de la oscuridad?

¡Que caminemos como hijos de luz!  
Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

### EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

#### Domingo, 13 de octubre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

#### EL PICNIC PARROQUIAL SE HA SIDO REPROGRAMADO PARA EL 27 DE OCTUBRE

#### Lunes, 14 de octubre

4:45PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No hay misa diaria	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

#### Martes, 15 de octubre

4:45PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No hay misa diaria	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Smith Hall

#### Miércoles, 16 de octubre

8:20AM	No hay misa diaria	Iglesia
6:15PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	No hay misa diaria	Iglesia Antigua

#### Jueves, 17 de octubre

4:45PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No hay misa diaria	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

#### Viernes, 18 de octubre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	Retiro de Parejas	San Angela

#### Sábado, 19 de octubre

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
8:00AM	Retiro de Parejas	San Angela
1:00PM	Hora Santa para el Retiro	Iglesia Antigua

3:30PM	Confesiones y Misa para el Retiro	Iglesia Antigua
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3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de vigilia	Iglesia

#### Domingo, 20 de octubre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Practica del Coro	San Miguel

### Retire de Parejas 18 y 19 de Octubre Santa Angela

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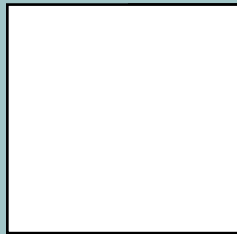
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