

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
NOVEMBER 3, 2024

31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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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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. 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, OCTOBER 20, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Oct. 13	\$ 17,497.78
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Oct. 13	\$ 21,978.00
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Oct. 20	\$ 17,396.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Oct. 20	\$ 10,283.00
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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Take a piece of St Mary's home with you in a church key bottle opener or bottle stopper made out of the old kneelers from St. Claire's Chapel. Available in the courtyard after the **8:30AM and 11AM Masses on November 3**. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Columbus Hope Foundation.

MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Plan to join us as we watch *The Sound of Hope* on Friday, November 15 at 6:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall. Come early to socialize. This uplifting true story shows how a small church can indeed change many lives, one by one, and change the world. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

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!

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

October Surprise!

Dear Friends in Christ,

"⁶And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6)

St. Paul's letter to the Philippians was written in prison where he was in danger of death. In his letter, he rejoices in their continued progress in the Gospel. And he wants them to know that if they continue to be faithful, God will certainly be faithful to them and bring His work to completion at the end of their lives (or the day of Jesus Christ).

This verse has always been one of my life verses. It is special in many ways, but chiefly for me in that God called me from my Protestant faith into full communion with the Catholic Church. And then later...called me against great odds to be a priest of Jesus Christ. So, I don't know all the twists and turns that are in the road for me, but I know that God will bring His work to completion at the end of my life.

In this election season, I have experienced an "October surprise!" On Friday, September 27th, Hurricane Helene hit us. And while we came through much, much better than many other parts of our country, it was a challenge for all of us. I was without power for eight days. At that point, I knew that I was going to have a heart cath on Monday October 7th and my brother Warren was coming down to be with me. I was concerned whether I'd have power in the rectory for his visit.

October 7th: my heart cath procedure revealed three seriously blocked arteries. I then had cardiac calcium CT and sonic echocardiogram to determine if I was a candidate for a heart bypass. My cardiologist and my heart surgeon both agreed that I was a good candidate.

October 11th: They started surgery around 7:10AM on Friday. One of the nurses told me, just before I went under, "think of a happy place, your favorite beach." I was in surgery for about six hours. Praise God, the surgery was a success, and I left with a quadruple bypass. I spent about 2 ½ days in the ICU and 2 ½ days on the Sixth Floor of the hospital. I was discharged on Wednesday, October 16th, five days after open heart surgery.

So, from that point, I have been living in the rectory, eating those delicious meals prepared by the faithful of our parish, and walking, praying, saying a private Mass, and resting. Every day I get better. As of this writing, I am still not seeing visitors; I just get worn out and exhausted. I need the rest. Thanks for allowing me to have that!

Please know that I am most grateful for your continuous prayers, your gifts of meals, for my cardiologist, my heart surgeon, all the nurses, support staff and all who have helped me navigate this "October surprise."

I am convinced that God is not finished with me yet.

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 Saturday at 1:00AM.** 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

After the readings, the priest (or deacon) gives a homily, which is followed by the Nicene-Constantinople Creed (usually just called the Nicene Creed). This creed has been professed since the year AD 400! For over 1,500 years Catholics have been professing this *very same* creed. Think about that – many of the saints we love and our Christian ancestors professed this creed. The Church knows that it is important for each of us to know the truth about God. As you profess the creed, listen to what you are saying and think about how you are continuing a 1,600 year tradition of believers professing this same statement of faith every week. It is a link to the past – and to eternity.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bereavement Ministry announces the celebration of the annual Mass of Remembrance on **Thursday, November 7th at 6:30PM** at St. Mary's on Fairfield, to honor and remember our loved ones, especially those who have died during this past year. Reception to follow in Mother Teresa Hall.

REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, November 10 3:00 – 4:00PM

in the church

Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcomed to attend.

If you cannot attend, please contact Paul Gaynor, at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 3–10, 2024

Sunday, November 3 readings begin on page 680 of the *Word & Eucharist* books found in the pews.

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcde-3
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26b-32 Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-7 Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17–4:1 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10
Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 ©LPi

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 3

8:30AM Steve Van Deren
11:00AM Liz Kramer (L)
1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Nov. 4

5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Tuesday, Nov. 5

5:30PM Jim Bean

Wednesday, Nov. 6

8:20AM Penny Goergen
7:00PM Michael Augustine
Poole

Thursday, Nov. 7

5:30PM Roger Cabbage

Friday, Nov. 8

5:30AM Mary & Art Auel

Saturday, Nov. 9

8:00AM Goldschmidt Family (L & D)

5:00PM Ashley & Charlie More (L)

Grace Crea

Susan Reeve Shultz

Charles Ben Haywood

JoHaan Mastro

Phyllis Ann Bennett

Sunday, Nov. 10

8:30AM Nicholas Cruz (L)

11:00AM Dwight Powell (L)

1:00PM Pro Populo

Pro Populo - For the People

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS: Oct. 21 Janice W. Chuey
Oct. 21 Jimmy Darrell Best

SISTER ROBERTA FULTON



Just 12 days away! **Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30PM, Mother Teresa Hall.** Sr. Roberta Fulton will speak on the *Holy Eucharist, The Nourishment That We Need*. Sr. Roberta was born in Kingstree, SC, and is now the Director of the Buffalo Office of Cultural Diversity and Social Justice. The talk is sponsored by our parish group, Sankofa.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open regular hours this weekend -- 9AM to 1PM on Sunday. Please come browse through our inventory.

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)

Dec. 7, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield St.

- 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 Eucharist. The word Eucharist has many meanings, all intertwined. The word refers to the Eucharistic Sacrifice (the Mass); the bread and wine, which have been transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus; the Eucharistic assembly-the faithful in attendance; and more. Come learn all about the Eucharist at OCIA this Tuesday evening 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall. 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

Grades 4K-6 – Classes as scheduled 9:45-10:45AM all the month of November

No Classes on December 1 – Thanksgiving Break

YOUTH MINISTRY

Nov. 3 – Life Teen

Please pray for the middle school teens attending the Junior High Rally on November 9.

Nov. 10 – Life teen

Nov. 17 – Life teen

Nov. 23 – Middle School and High School Service day of helping St Vincent de Paul with the Thanksgiving Baskets 8:30-11:30AM

Nov. 24 – Middle School Service Night

SAVE THE DATE!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
11:00AM**

**BILINGUAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER ORLANDO'S ORDINATION
AS A PRIEST.**

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW
IN ST. ANGELA HALL
PLEASE JOIN US!**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 3

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

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa Hall
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	Mother Teresa Hall

Wednesday, November 6

8:20AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home School	Mother Teresa Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, November 7

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:30PM	Mass of Remembrance	Church

Friday, November 8

6:00AM	That Man Is You	Mother Teresa Hall
10:00AM	Book Club	St. Michael Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:00PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, November 9

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

Sunday, November 10

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa Hall
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:30PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
3:00PM	Altar Server Training	Church

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

You are invited to attend the Hispanic Food Bazaar (Kermes). Enjoy your favorite Mexican foods!

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on food selected

Please join us!

PARISH PERKS!

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

HAM DINNER

The Catholic Women's Association will be holding it's annual Ham Dinner on **Wednesday, November 13, from 5:30 to 7:30PM in St. Angela Hall**. This event is free, but tickets are needed and can be picked up at the church office, October 28 until November 11.

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH TOUR

Join us for a tour of St. Ignatios of Antioch Melkite Catholic Church in Augusta, **Friday, Nov. 8**. Meet in front of St. Mary Help of Christians church on Fairfield at 9:30AM to carpool. Fr. Alexei Woltornist will lead the tour at 10:30AM. We'll go to lunch, then drive back to Aiken. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet in **St. Michael Hall, 9:30-11AM**. We are currently studying the letters of Jude and James. Call Martha: 865.599.8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are reading the Gospel of Luke. **Thursdays at 11:15AM in Smith Hall**. All are welcome. Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

We are reading *The Good, The Bad, and The Beautiful* with Joseph Pearce. **Fridays at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall**. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are again planning to assist those who are less fortunate by providing a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested please email or call Joe Tillman at jtill11@verizon.net 410.371.5746 or Jane Phillips-Tillman at tillman3js@live.com 410.241.0647 to receive a family name, size and details. The basket **should be dropped off at the rear parking lot of Saint Angela Hall on Saturday, November 23 from 8:00 - 9:30AM**. If you cannot shop, monetary donations are always appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

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

Closed On Fridays



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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

SERVICE PROJECTS

Students at St. Mary's School participated in several service projects last month. Our Jr. National Beta Club held a clothing drive to support ACTS of Aiken, we partnered with the Carolina Pines Quilters Guild to collect toiletries for the homeless, and we continue to collect plastic grocery bags to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society!

PUBLIX PARTNERS

Did you know you can support St. Mary's School just by grocery shopping? Simply join Club Publix and select our school and Publix will make a contribution every time you shop! Learn how at:

publix.com/partners.

HELP US KEEP FORMED!! It's renewal time. If you have benefited from FORMED, please consider a donation to pay for this exceptional 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. If you haven't used Formed you can sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY ANNUAL APPEAL

Your donation help support:

- 4 Seminarians in the Archdiocese of the Military
- Ongoing support of our Veterans at the Charlie Norwood VA Hospital.
- Twice/month visits providing refreshments to vets waiting for their appointments at the VA hospital.
- Monthly visits providing the Aiken VA clinic with refreshments.
- Providing Ward 2B Nursing Home and Hospice Care patients with items not provided by the VA.
- Providing & maintaining USA flags on Parish veterans' graves at Cavalry Cemetery and flags for our school classrooms and flagpoles.
- Work with and support "Our Community Salutes" of Aiken for our young men and women enlisting in the US Military.

Knights will be in the courtyard Nov. 10 & 11 after every Mass to accept your donations. Thank You!

FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP CRAFT DAY

Monday, November 4 at 10:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall join other homeschoolers of St. Mary Help of Christians for a time of crafting together. This month, we will be making a Rosary Abacus together. Questions? Contact Stephanie Lee at 803.634.3171

GRIEFSHARE - SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Help and hope as you navigate the upcoming holiday season

After the death of a loved one, are you wondering how you will get through the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays because everything will be different? We will have a "Surviving the Holidays" session of GriefShare especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 3:30PM (doors open at 3:00)

Mother Teresa Hall

125 Union St. SE, Aiken SC

All are welcome to attend, whether your loss is recent or not. You do not need to be participating in the current support group to attend. Details information about the program can be found at <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays>. Contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for more information.

Operation Santa 2024

The Catholic Women's Association will again be supporting Mental Health America's Operation Santa, a Christmas celebration for mental health clients in our community. St Mary's will be sponsoring 50 clients. We are looking for 50 parish families to provide toiletry items (projected cost around \$25 to \$30 retail) and another 50 families to provide an item from one of the clients' Wish List. As in the past, when you sign up to fill a toiletry or wish list bag, it will contain a list of the items that need to be included in the bag.

Bags will be distributed after all Masses Nov. 16 & 17. Filled bags can be returned after all Masses Nov. 23 & 24 and Nov. 30 & Dec. 1. There will be a designated collection area in the courtyard with a CWA member present to accept your donation. All bags MUST be returned by Dec. 1. For more information, please call Annmarie Gorensek at 803.502.0948 or 803.646.8900, or visit www.mha-aiken.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward these valued members of our community.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡SORPRESA DE OCTUBRE!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

"Y si Dios empezó tan buen trabajo en ustedes, estoy seguro de que lo continuará hasta concluirlo el día de Cristo Jesús." (Fil 1,6)

La carta de San Pablo a los filipenses fue escrita en prisión, donde estaba en peligro de muerte. En su carta, se regocija por su continuo progreso en el Evangelio. Y quiere que sepan que si continúan siendo fieles, Dios ciertamente será fiel con ellos y completará Su obra al final de sus vidas (o el día de Jesucristo).

Este versículo siempre ha sido uno de los versículos de mi vida. Es especial en muchos sentidos, pero principalmente para mí porque Dios me llamó de mi fe protestante a la plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica. Y luego, más tarde... me llamó contra grandes adversidades a ser sacerdote de Jesucristo. Así que no sé todos los giros y vueltas que me esperan en el camino, pero sé que Dios completará Su obra al final de mi vida.

En esta temporada electoral, ¡he experimentado una "sorpresa de octubre"! El viernes 27 de septiembre, el huracán Helene nos azotó. Y aunque salimos mucho mejor parados que en muchas otras partes de nuestro país, fue un desafío para todos nosotros. Estuve sin electricidad durante ocho días. En ese momento, supe que me iban a hacer un cateterismo cardíaco el lunes 7 de octubre y que mi hermano Warren vendría a estar conmigo. Me preocupaba si tendría electricidad en la rectoría para su visita.

7 de octubre: mi procedimiento de cateterismo cardíaco reveló tres arterias gravemente bloqueadas. Luego me hicieron una tomografía computarizada de calcio cardíaco y un ecocardiograma sónico para determinar si era candidato para un bypass cardíaco. Mi cardiólogo y mi cirujano cardíaco estuvieron de acuerdo en que era un buen candidato.

11 de octubre: Comenzaron la cirugía alrededor de las 7:10 am del viernes. Una de las enfermeras me dijo, justo antes de que me cayera, "piensa en un lugar feliz, tu playa favorita". Estuve en cirugía durante aproximadamente seis horas. Alabado sea Dios, la cirugía fue un éxito y salí con un bypass cuádruple. Pasé aproximadamente 2 días y medio en la UCI y 2 días y medio en el sexto piso del hospital. Me dieron de alta el miércoles 16 de octubre, cinco días después de una cirugía a corazón abierto.

*Espacio de Nuestro Párroco continúa en
la segunda columna de esta página* →

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 3 DE NOVIEMBRE
COMIENZAN EN LA PAGINA 681 EN EL LIBRO
"PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE AL 10 DE NOVIEMBRE 2024

Domingo: Dt 6, 2-6 Sal 17, 2-4. 47. 51

Heb 7, 23-28 Mc 12, 28-34

Lunes: Flp 2, 1-4 Sal 130, 1-3 Lc 14, 12-14

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¡APARTA LA FECHA!

DOMINGO, 17 NOVIEMBRE

11:00AM

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Estoy convencido de que Dios aún no ha terminado conmigo.

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 y 10 de noviembre.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Reyna Salas a 404.886.5653

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@charlestandiocese.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)

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

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE

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FORMACIÓN

Grados 4k a 6 – la clase de CCD será de 9:45 a 10:30AM.

No habrá clases el 1 de diciembre: descanso por el Día de Acción de Gracias

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

3 de noviembre - Life Teen

Por favor, oren por los adolescentes de la escuela secundaria que asistirán a la manifestación de la escuela secundaria el 9 de noviembre.

10 de noviembre - Life Teen

23 de noviembre - Día de servicio para la escuela secundaria y preparatoria para ayudar a San Vicente de Paúl con las canastas de Acción de Gracias de 8:30 a 11:30AM.

24 de noviembre - Noche de servicio para la escuela secundaria

KERMES

Se invita a la comunidad parroquial a participar en la Kermes de este ciclo, donde tendremos antojitos mexicanos.

DOMINGO, 10 NOVIEMBRE

de 12:00 al 3:00PM–Salón Santa Angela

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 3 de noviembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Clase de Preparación Bautismo	Smith
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 4 de noviembre

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

Martes, 5 de noviembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 6 de noviembre

8:20AM	Misa escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Reunión de coordinadores	Smith Hall

Jueves, 7 de noviembre

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	Misa de Recuerdo	Iglesia
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 8 de noviembre

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

Sábado, 9 de noviembre—

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

Domingo, 10 de noviembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Clase de Preparación Bautismo	Smith
10:00AM	Clase de Preparación para Quinceañera	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
12:00PM	Kermes	San Angela
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

REZO DEL SANTO ROSARIO

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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