

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
JANUARY 5, 2025



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star.

- Mt 2:10

# 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.

### CONTACT US

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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**Website:** www.stmarys-aiken.org

### 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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Dcn. Al Matousek

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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, DEC. 15, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Dec. 15	\$ 16,642.78
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	DEC. 15	\$ 18,031.00
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$ 2,020,200</b>

**NOTE:** Financial updates for Dec. 22 & Dec. 29 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print due to early print deadline

### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 12	Church in Latin America
January 26	St. Vincent de Paul
February 16	Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

### 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.

### GIFT SHOP - IS CLOSED THIS SUNDAY

We are closed this Sunday, January 5th, to usher in the New Year. Next weekend the Gift Shop will be open after the Saturday Vigil Mass (5PM) and on Sunday after all the Masses. All our Christmas items will be on sale - 25% off. Don't miss it! We will also be sampling fudge. Come on in and visit us!

### 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+

Wise Men still seek Him!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, the prophet Isaiah encourages us: "Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you." (Is 60:1) The light the prophet has seen is the star, which the Three Wise Men see in the east, like many other men. The Magi discover its meaning. Others consider it as something admirable, but that does not affect them. And, so, they do not react. The Three Wise Men realize the fact that, with the star, God is sending them an important message for which it is worthwhile leaving comfort and safety to take on the risks of an uncertain journey. The hope of finding the King leads them to follow the star, which the prophets had spoken of and which the people of Israel had been waiting for centuries.

They arrive in Jerusalem, the capital city of the Jews. They are sure that there they will be shown where the King has been born. Indeed, they will be told: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet." (Mt 2:5) The news of the arrival of the Magi and their inquiry spreads around Jerusalem in a very short time. Jerusalem was, at that time, a small city and the presence of the Magi with their escort must have been noticed by all its inhabitants. Thus, the Gospel tells us "When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him," (Mt 2:3)

Jesus Christ crosses the paths of the lives of many people who are not interested in Him, a sad situation indeed. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have found the King of Joy and Peace. This requires a willingness to look for Him, to move around, to ask without losing heart – like the Three Wise Men – to leave our comfort, our routine. It requires an effort to appreciate the immense value of finding Christ. If we do not find Him, we have not found anything in life, because only He is the Savior: finding Jesus is to find the path that leads us to know the Truth that gives us Life. And without Him, nothing is worthwhile.

May the Star lead us ever closer to Jesus!

Wise Men  
Seek Him Still



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?

We invite you to take a weekly holy hour with Jesus in the chapel. **We have an urgent need for someone at 1:00AM Saturday (Friday night).** To sign up for this or another hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact Lori Rainchuso at [larue150@yahoo.com](mailto:larue150@yahoo.com) or 860.919.5674.

### Other Hours in Need:

MON: 12AM; 2AM; 3AM  
TUES: 3AM; 4AM; Noon; **11PM**  
WED: 1AM; 2AM  
THU: 12MDNT; 1AM; 2AM; 5AM  
FRI: 12MDNT; 3AM; 4AM; 4PM; 7PM  
SAT: 12 MDNT; **1AM**; 2AM; 9AM; 11AM; 4PM;  
5PM; 6PM; 9PM  
SUN: 2AM; 3AM; 4AM; 11AM; 5PM

### THE DOMESTIC CHURCH:

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany, the day the magi come to adore Jesus. Take the children to the front of the church to see the magi. It is still the Christmas season until next Sunday which is the Baptism of the Lord. Try to keep celebrating the season, even as the world gets back to normal. Keep your nativity set up, and maybe all your decorations. Plan to have a special dinner next weekend to end the season. Prepare to tell your children about their own baptisms next weekend. Start you own family tradition of things to end the season - be creative!



The holidays can be difficult when you are struggling? 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.



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## READINGS FOR Jan. 5, 2025– Jan. 12, 2025

Sunday, January 5 readings begin on [page 152](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22–4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4, 7-8  
Mk 6:34-44  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mk 6:45-52  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19–5:4 Ps72:1-2, 14 and  
15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22a  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20  
Lk 5:12-16  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a and 9b  
Jn 3:22-30  
**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25,  
27-30 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, Jan. 5

8:30AM Frank Kleffner  
11:00AM Thomas & Alice  
Pippett  
1:00PM Pro Populo

### Monday, Jan. 6

5:30PM Robert Korte

### Tuesday, Jan. 7

5:30PM Jimmie Bowes

### Wednesday, Jan. 8

8:20AM Mary Ann Joseph  
7:00PM Thomas Bennett

### Thursday, Jan. 9

5:30PM Carmen D.Gamez

### Friday, Jan. 10

5:30PM Reid Bohning

### Saturday, Jan. 11

8:00AM Ed Sadowski, Sr.  
5:00PM Timothy Lesko

Susan Reeve Shultz

John Bowers

Margaret Calderalo

Martin Columbo

Jimmie Bowes

### Sunday, Jan. 12

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM LouAnn Ainsworth

1:00PM Christine  
Rothammer

## 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 Pantry will be **closed from 12/23/24 - 1/5/25** for the Christmas Break. We will reopen 1/6/25.

**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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:csnyder@charlestandiocese.org) or 518.524.4464. The requested donation is \$300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

## 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, March 16, 2025 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@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jlabone@charlestdiocese.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)

**Feb. 1, 2025 – 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)

OCIA starts back up this coming Tuesday, January 7 when we'll cover Chapter 20 on Faith. We'll meet in our regular room in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdiocese.org).

### CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### FORMATION

**Regular classes resume on TODAY! JANUARY 5, 2025**

### YOUTH MINISTRY



**January 5** – Middle and High School Youth Adoration Night with our annual Epiphany Procession in the new church at 4:00PM. Dinner following for families and teens in St. Michael Hall at 5:00PM. Young family members are invited to attend and be a part of the procession.

**January 12** – Life Teen

### 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. We will begin the new year on Wednesday, January 15th, at 1:00PM in Old St. Mary's. If you have attended in the past, please remember to bring your folder and rosary.

Not on FORMED? Sign up at [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup), enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, January 5

8:30AM	Mass	Church
10:00AM	Baptism Preparation Class	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

### Monday, January 6

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, January 7

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	FIAT Home School Craft	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
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

### Wednesday, January 8

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

### Thursday, January 9

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Movie Night	Mother Teresa

### Friday, January 10

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

### Saturday, January 11

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

### Sunday, January 12

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

### JOURNEY OF HOPE

Are you separated or divorced? St. Mary's will offer a divorce support group using the Journey of Hope materials on Wednesday evenings starting January 8th. We'll meet in St. Michael Hall at 6:00PM. All are welcome. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org). [sign up here: https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2448399](https://web4u.forms-db.com/view.php?id=2448399) or click on the banner of the parish website.

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us this week, January 8, in St. Michael Hall, 9:30 – 11:00AM as we continue to study the letter of St. James. Our next study will be: *Dilexit Nos* encyclical. For more information contact Martha at 865.599.8473 or [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will meet this Thursday, 11:15AM – 12:30PM in Smith Hall. We are at Acts of the Apostles chapter 5. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)

### FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

This group meets Fridays at 10AM in St. Michael Hall conference room. Book: *The Good, the Bad, the Beautiful*. Joseph Peace takes us through history, explaining the fascinating situation of the faith and the Church one century at a time. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org)

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Plan to attend the 7- week series Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits starting in February. Sessions will be held weekly starting on Thursday February 20th at 6:00PM AND Saturday February 22nd at 10:00AM in St. Michael Hall (choose the day best for you). The sessions will include a short video with Dan Burk of [SpiritualDirection.com](http://SpiritualDirection.com), table discussion, and Q&A time. It will be an enlightening and challenging series. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at [mjackson@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestdioocese.org).
- Mark your calendars! Kyle Clement will be back this year for a pre-Lenten Mission February 3-7. He will give a general overview of the *Liber Christo Method Field Manual for Spiritual Combat* (a book by Dr. Dan Schneider). You do not need to have the book to benefit from the series. Times will be posted soon.

### HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

12:00 – 3:00PM

ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on food selected – Please join us!





**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

### **3K - 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS WEDNESDAY, 1/8/25!**

Registration for current school families and parish families will begin this Wednesday. Our parish and current school families will have the opportunity to enroll students before enrollment opens to the public on 1/18/25. Families who enroll by Feb. 3, 2025 will have the application fee waived. To enroll, please go to our website, [excelatstmarys.com](http://excelatstmarys.com), and click on the link to register on the homepage! All active parish members receive tuition discounts and tuition assistance may be available. Tours by appointment can be made by calling the school office at 803.649.2071 or by emailing [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

Full-time 3K/4K Classroom Aids for the 2025-2026 School Year

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

#### **ON THE MASS**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist. After the offertory we begin the portion of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The priest directs us: "Lift up your hearts;" we reply: "We lift them up to the Lord." The dialogue continues: "Let us give thank to the Lord our God." "It is right and just." Listening and responding to these prayers should touch our hearts. We are to lift our hearts to the Lord. 'Our heart' includes our heart, minds, soul, ... our everything. We are in the presence of the Lord. The cares, concerns, worries of the world are as *nothing* compared to the glory of God. Jesus will soon be present in a physical way in Holy Communion, and we lift our heart up to God not only to prepare and thank Him and love Him, but also because it is right and just. After a longer prayer called the preface, we join in signing with the angels the Sanctus. This ancient hymn from the 1<sup>st</sup> century starts with the words Isaiah hears the angels calling to one another in a vision (Isaiah 6). The angels are there in the church building with us singing praises to God. This is amazing, true and offers us lots to ponder, and to humble us.

#### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

##### **PART TIME BOOKKEEPER, 20-30 HOURS/WEEK**

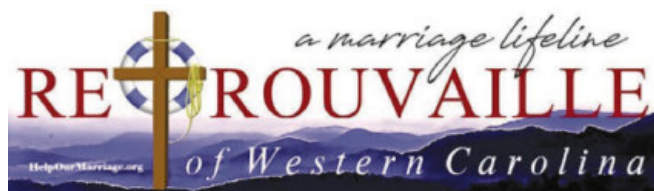
###### **Responsibilities & Duties:**

- Proficiency with school and parish financial accounting systems and records database management systems.
- Accounts Payable: verify, code, and input invoices. Prepare and process payments and vendor payments.
- Accounts Receivable: process cash receipts, including posting bank deposits, reconciling errors and posting to the general ledger using Sylogist Accounting software.
- Reconciliations include, but may not be limited to, banking, credit card, and sales and use tax reconciliations and reporting processes in required reconciliation and reporting schedules.
- Maintain clear records, and in accordance with supervisory needs, Diocese guidance, and related regulatory requirements.
- Performing routine office duties

If interested, please contact Patrick Wray, Administrator at [pwray@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:pwray@charlestondiocese.org) or 803.649.4777 ext. 112

##### **YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

This position will be available Spring, 2025. Please watch our website and bulletin for details.



North Carolina, South Carolina & Eastern Tennessee **Retrouvaille Marriage Help** offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on January 24-26th for couples, Email:

[3062r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3062r@helpourmarriage.org) or Call: 727.343.6701  
Website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Los Magos siguen buscándolo!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hoy el profeta Isaías nos anima: «¡Levántate, resplandece, porque llega tu luz y la gloria del Señor brilla sobre ti!» (Is 60,1). La luz que ha visto el profeta es la estrella que, como muchos otros hombres, los Magos ven en oriente. Los Magos descubren su significado. Otros la consideran algo admirable, pero eso no les afecta. Por eso no reaccionan. Los Magos se dan cuenta de que, con la estrella, Dios les envía un mensaje importante, por el que vale la pena dejar la comodidad y la seguridad para correr los riesgos de un viaje incierto: la esperanza de encontrar al Rey los lleva a seguir la estrella, de la que habían hablado los profetas y que el pueblo de Israel esperaba desde hacía siglos.

Llegan a Jerusalén, la capital de los judíos. Están seguros de que allí les mostrarán el lugar donde ha nacido el Rey. En efecto, se les dirá: «En Belén de Judea, porque así está escrito por el profeta» (Mt 2,5). La noticia de la llegada de los Magos y de su búsqueda se difunde en muy poco tiempo por Jerusalén. Jerusalén era, en aquel tiempo, una ciudad pequeña y la presencia de los Magos con su escolta debió ser notada por todos sus habitantes. Así, el Evangelio nos dice: «Al enterarse, el rey Herodes quedó desconcertado y con él toda Jerusalén» (Mt 2,3).

Jesucristo se cruza en el camino de la vida de muchas personas que no se interesan por Él, situación triste. Un pequeño esfuerzo hubiera cambiado sus vidas, hubieran encontrado al Rey de la Alegría y de la Paz. Esto requiere la voluntad de buscarlo, de moverse, de pedir sin desanimarse – como los Reyes Magos– para salir de la comodidad, de la rutina. Requiere un esfuerzo para apreciar el inmenso valor de encontrar a Cristo. Si no lo encontramos a Él, no hemos encontrado nada en la vida, porque sólo Él es el Salvador: encontrar a Jesús es encontrar el camino que nos lleva a conocer la Verdad que nos da la Vida. Y sin Él, nada vale la pena.



¡Que la Estrella nos lleve cada vez más cerca de Jesús!

Todo lo mejor...en Cristo,  
Padre Wilson

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 5 DE ENERO  
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LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS  
DEL 5 al 12 de enero 2025

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**Miércoles:** 1 Jn 4, 11-18 Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13  
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## FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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### FORMACIÓN

**El 5 de enero de 2025 – Las clases regulares se reanudan**

### MINISTERIO JUVENIL

**5 de enero** Noche de adoración para jóvenes de secundaria y preparatoria con nuestra procesión anual de la Epifanía en la nueva iglesia a las 4:00PM. Cena a continuación para las familias y los adolescentes en San Miguel Hall a las 5:00PM. Los miembros jóvenes de la familia están invitados a asistir y ser parte de la procesión.

**12 de enero** - Life Teen

### KERMES

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

**Domingo – 12 DE ENERO**

de 12:00 al 3:00PM–Salón Santa Angela

El costo depende de la comida seleccionada.

¡Te esperamos!



## 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 5 y 12 de enero de 2025.** 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@charlestandioecese.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)

**11 de enero 2025 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.

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## ¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LOS NIÑOS DE 3K Y DE 8º GRADO DE EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2025-2026 COMIENZA EL MIÉRCOLES 8 DE ENERO DE 2025!

La inscripción para las familias de la escuela actual y las familias de la parroquia comenzará este miércoles. Nuestra parroquia y las familias de la escuela actual tendrán la oportunidad de inscribir a los estudiantes antes de que se abra la inscripción al público el 18 de enero de 2025. Las familias que se inscriban antes del 3 de febrero de 2025 no tendrán que pagar la cuota de inscripción. Para inscribirse, visite nuestro sitio web, [excelatstmarys.com](http://excelatstmarys.com), y haga clic en el enlace para registrarse en la página de inicio. Todos los miembros activos de la parroquia reciben descuentos en la matrícula y puede haber asistencia para la matrícula disponible. Se pueden programar visitas con cita previa llamando a la oficina de la escuela al 803.649.2071 o enviando un correo electrónico a [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com).

### OPORTUNIDAD DE EMPLEO:

Asistentes de aula de 3K/4K a tiempo completo para el año escolar 2025-2026  
Los solicitantes calificados deben enviar una carta de presentación y un currículum a [office@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:office@stmaryschoolaiken.com)

### QUINCEAÑERA

A los interesados en una celebración de XV años deben tener en cuenta lo siguiente:

- Deben ser católicos practicantes y asistir a Misa.
- Deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la celebración.
- Deben asistir a la preparación catequética que ofrece la parroquia. **Las próximas clases de preparación para quinceañera se llevarán a cabo 12, 19 y 26 de enero.**

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

### LA TIENDA DE REGALOS ESTÁ CERRADA

Estará cerrada este fin de semana. Estaremos abiertos el próximo fin de semana después de la Misa de Vigilia el sábado y después de todas las Misas de domingo. Todos los artículos de Navidad estarán a la venta con un 25% de descuento.

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### Domingo, 5 de enero

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

### Lunes, 6 de enero

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

### Martes, 7 de enero

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

### Miércoles, 8

8:20AM	Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

### Jueves, 9 de enero

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

### Viernes, 10 de enero

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

### Sábado, 11 de enero

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

### Domingo, 12 de enero

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

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