

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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. 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, DEC. 22, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Dec. 22	\$ 22,735
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	DEC. 22	\$ 12,244
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for Dec. 29 & Jan. 5 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
 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

We are open after the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday 1:00PM Spanish Mass. Stop in to check out our after Christmas sale All Christmas and Advent items are priced to sell. Start your Christmas shopping early!

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+

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we look at an adult Jesus. The child of the manger has grown to manhood and reaches that place in life when He must embark on the divine commission entrusted to Him by the Father. In preparation, He joins the candidates who have responded to John the Baptist in the Jordan River, who were submitting to baptism at his hands to wash away their sins.

It is at that time and place that God reveals Him as His Son: "and (He) was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" (Lk 3:21-22). It is just the preparatory stage of the great journey He is prepared to start off all the way to the cross. It is the first public act of His ministry and marks the divine manifestation of Him to the world as the promised Messiah.

His baptism is also the prologue to his public life, demonstrating that He has chosen to be obedient to the will of His Father: a sign that He will not be an agitator, nor a rabble-rouser, but He will be gentle, peaceful, and calm. He will feed His flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs into His bosom. The signs by which the Messiah will be known, as described by Isaiah, will be fulfilled in Him, and we stand blessed by Him, as we read today in Saint Paul's letter: "our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Tit 3:5-7).

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord serves to remind us of our own baptisms, compelling us to renew the promises our parents and godparents made on our behalf, when they presented us to the Church, to make of us disciples of Jesus. "Baptism has liberated us from all evil, which are the sins, but with God's grace we have to accomplish all good things." Saint Caesarius, bishop of Arles

We have work to do!

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

Baptism
OF THE Lord



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 need an adorer for Monday 4PM. If you would like to take this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharisticadoration>, or contact one of our Divisional Leaders:

12MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893
tphenr@bellsouth.net

6AM-12NOON Ken Boucher 803.226.4639
kboucher@atlanticbb.net

12NOON-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105
jcskid.suhrer@gmail.com

6PM-12MDNT. Joan Pate 908.447.9715
jandjpate@gmail.com

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH:

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord (traditionally January 6). Show your children the stained glass window of Jesus' baptism in the church. At home, read the story of His baptism in the bible. It's in all three synoptic gospels. Tell your children about their own baptisms and remind them of who their godparents are. The Christmas season ends today. Perhaps have some end-of-Christmas season dessert, or watch a last Christmas movie.

ON THE MASS: THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We have come to the Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. Dom Prosper Gueranger, in *Explanation of the Holy Mass* (published in 1885), notes that the Canon begins with the letter T, equivalent to the Hebrew letter Tau, which, by its very shape, represents the cross. “No other sign could be better placed as a heading to this great prayer, in the course of which the Sacrifice of Calvary is renewed.” Today's Eucharistic Prayer 1, also called the Roman Canon, still begins with the T. The congregation falls to its knees as the priest reads: “To You, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.”

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – MONDAY, JAN. 20
in observance of MLK, Jr. Holiday

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There will be NO Daily Masses celebrated
Monday–Wednesday, January 20–22
as all priests of the diocese will be attending the
Priests' Convocation

READINGS FOR Jan. 12, 2025– Jan. 19, 2025

Sunday, January 5 readings begin on [page 720](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 27-30	Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20		Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28		Ps 8:2ab and 5-9
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39		Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45		Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12		Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-8
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17		Ps 19:8-10, 15
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11	Jn 2:1-11	Ps 96:1-3, 7-10

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 12

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM LouAnn

Ainsworth

1:00PM Christine

Rothammer

Monday, Jan. 13

5:30PM John Gregory

Wilson

Tuesday, Jan. 14

5:30PM Mary Ann Joseph

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8:20AM Leonard J. Haubl

7:00PM John & Sarah

Cunning

Thursday, Jan. 16

5:30PM Carol & Carlos

Dorthalina (L)

Friday, Jan. 17

5:30PM Sophie Vanderbeck

Saturday, Jan. 18

8:00AM Jim Pridgen

5:00PM Carol Reeve

Jimmie Bowes

Marty Fenton

Ron Malanowski

Thomas J. Casciotta

Rebecca L. Kamaryt

Sunday, Jan. 19

8:30AM John Tucker

11:00AM Edward Swann, Jr.

1:00PM Pro Populo

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

Dec. 21 - Alma Ivy Laughlin daughter of Nathan and Sevenja Laughlin

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

Dec. 19 - Dolores Krenta

Dec. 28 - John Gibbons

Dec. 31 - John Noid Driscoll

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

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

Closed On Fridays

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.

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)

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 week, Tuesday, January 14 when we'll cover Chapter 21 on the Virtue of Hope and the Last Things. We'll meet in our regular room Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

Regular classes resumed on January 5, 2025 We have class every Sunday in January, including MLK weekend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

January 12 – Life Teen It's a night on life with a talk with Michaela and Tim. We will finish with a baby shower for their child due the beginning of May. You are invited but not obligated to bring a small gift for their newborn daughter. Call Mrs. LaBone for more information.

January 19 – No Youth Ministry

January 26 – MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE- SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Intergenerational talk (for all ages) by Mike Patin at 4:00PM followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. All are invited to hear Mike. We will be finished by 6:30PM.

Mike Patin—the "Engagin' Cajun"- uses energy, humor and stories to remind people of God's presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God.

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 this 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 12

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, January 13

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:30AM	Classic Ladies	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultreya	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, January 14

9:00AM	Play & Pray	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 15

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home Sch. Co Op	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
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 16

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

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 divorce support group using the Journey of Hope has started, but you can still join us. We meet in St. Michael Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00PM. All are welcome. Questions? contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

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, Wednesday, January 15, 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

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thursday bible study will start back up this Thursday. We are reading Acts of the Apostles. We meet Thursdays at 11:15AM in Smith Hall. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

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@charlestandioocese.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 20 at 6:00PM AND Saturday, February 22 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, table discussion, and Q&A time. It will be an enlightening and challenging series. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.
- [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!

TODAY - 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. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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excelatstmarys.com

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

3K - 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for current school and parish families is underway. These families will have the opportunity to enroll students before enrollment opens to the public on January 15. Families who enroll by February 3, 2025 will have the application fee waived. To enroll, please go to our school website, 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

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

Full-time Elementary School Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year - Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

CWA GENERAL MEETING & BABY SHOWER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 11:30AM

CWA General Meetings are open to all women of St. Mary's. We will begin by praying the Rosary at 11:30AM in the church on Fairfield Street. Our potluck luncheon will begin after that in Mother Teresa Hall. The baby shower will benefit the Life Choices Center. Please bring a gift to support their efforts. More information about suggested items will be forthcoming in a Flocknote message. In addition, there will be a link included to sign up for the potluck. For additional inquiries, contact Chris Jakubec at cjakubec@aol.com or 847-212-8252. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE- LECTOR TRAINING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00AM Mass in Old St Mary's

9:00AM Training in Mother Teresa Hall

This training is for **ALL** Lectors (old and new) who have completed the required Diocese of Charleston training "Protecting God's Children". The Diocesan training must be completed before you can serve as a lector at daily or Sunday Mass. For more information please contact Betty Ryberg at 803.270.6403 or Barbara Sue Brodie at 803.215.6601

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, Director of Administration at pwray@charlestandioocese.org or 803.649.4777, ext. 112

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

This position will be [available Spring, 2025](#). Please watch our website and the bulletin for more details.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

Calling All Young Hoopsters ages 9 - 14!

The Aiken Council of the Knights of Columbus is hosting their Annual Free Throw Contest!

January 18, 9:00AM in St. Angela Hall

Show off your skills and have a blast! All boys and girls ages 9 -14 are welcome. Registration will be at the contest location. For more information contact Randall Brown at 803.292.1353

Let's see those nets SWISH!

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

EL BAUTISMO DE NUESTRO SEÑOR

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Hoy, contemplamos a un Jesús adulto. El niño del pesebre ha crecido hasta la edad adulta y llega a ese momento de la vida en el que debe emprender la comisión divina que le ha confiado el Padre. En preparación, se une a los candidatos que han respondido a Juan el Bautista en el río Jordán, quienes se sometían al bautismo de sus manos para lavar sus pecados.

Es en ese momento y lugar que Dios lo revela como su Hijo: "Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco"." (Lc 3,21-22). Es sólo la etapa preparatoria del gran viaje que está dispuesto a emprender hasta la cruz. Es el primer acto público de su ministerio y marca la manifestación divina de Él al mundo como el Mesías prometido.

Su bautismo es también el prólogo de su vida pública, demostrando que ha elegido ser obediente a la voluntad de su Padre: signo de que no será un agitador ni un demagogo, sino que será manso, pacífico y sereno. Apacentará a su rebaño como un pastor y reunirá a los corderos en su seno. En Él se cumplirán los signos por los que será conocido el Mesías, descritos por Isaías, y nosotros somos bendecidos por Él, como leemos hoy en la carta de san Pablo: «Al manifestarse la bondad de Dios, nuestro salvador, y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no porque nosotros hubiéramos hecho algo digno de merecerlo, sino por su misericordia. Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo, a quien Dios derramó abundantemente sobre nosotros, por Cristo, nuestro salvador. Así, justificados por su gracia, nos convertiremos en herederos, cuando se realice la esperanza de la vida eterna.» (Tt 3,5-7).

La fiesta del Bautismo de nuestro Señor nos sirve para recordar nuestros propios bautismos, impulsándonos a renovar las promesas que nuestros padres y padrinos hicieron en nuestro nombre, cuando nos presentaron a la Iglesia, de hacer de nosotros discípulos de Jesús. "El bautismo nos ha liberado de todo mal, que son los pecados, pero con la gracia de Dios tenemos que realizar todo bien". San Cesáreo, obispo de Arles

¡Tenemos trabajo que hacer!

Todo lo mejor...en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 12 DE ENERO
COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 721** EN EL LIBRO
"PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 12 al 19 de enero 2025

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11 Sal 103, 1-4. 24-25.
27-30 Tit 2, 11-14; 3-7 Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

Lunes: Heb 1, 1-6 Sal 96, 1 y 2. 6 y 7. 9
Mc 1, 14-20

Martes: Heb 2, 5-12 Sal 8, 2 y 5-9 Mc 1, 21-28

Miércoles: Heb 2, 14-18 Sal 104, 1-4. 6-9
Mc 1, 29-39

Jueves: Heb 3, 7-14 Sal 94, 6-11 Mc 1, 40-45

Viernes: Heb 4, 1-5. 11 Sal 77, 3 y 4. 6-8
Mc 2, 1-12

Sábado: Heb 4, 12-16 Sal 18, 8-10. 15
Mc 2, 13-17

Domingo siguiente: Is 62, 1-5 Sal 95, 1-3. 7-10
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se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

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FORMACIÓN

Tenemos clases regulares **todos los domingos** de enero, incluido el fin de semana de MLK.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

12 de enero: Life Teen - es una noche sobre la vida con una charla con Michaela y Tim. Terminaremos con un baby shower para su hijo que nacerá a principios de mayo. Estás invitado, pero no estás obligado a traer un pequeño regalo para su hija recién nacida. Llama a la Sra. LaBone para obtener más información.

19 de enero: NO hay ministerio juvenil

26 de enero: NOCHE DE ESCUELA MEDIA

RESERVA LA FECHA: DOMINGO 9 de FEBRERO

Charla intergeneracional (para todas las edades) a cargo de Mike Patin a las 4:00 p. m. seguida de una cena compartida. Todos están invitados a escuchar a Mike. Terminaremos a las 6:30 p. m.

Mike Patin, el "Cajun atractivo", usa energía, humor e historias para recordarle a la gente la presencia de Dios entre nosotros mientras invita a otros (y a él mismo) a dar el "siguiente paso" en nuestro viaje con Dios.

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 2 y 9 de marzo 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@charlestdiocese.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)

8 de febrero 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

La inscripción para las familias actuales de la escuela y la parroquia ha comenzado. Estas familias tendrán la oportunidad de inscribir a los estudiantes antes de que la inscripción se abra al público el 15 de enero. A las familias que se inscriban antes del 3 de febrero de 2025 se les eximirá de la tarifa de solicitud. Para inscribirse, vaya a nuestro sitio web, 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 es posible que haya asistencia para la matrícula. Los recorridos con cita previa se pueden hacer llamando a la oficina de la escuela al 803.649.2071 o enviando un correo electrónico a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

OPORTUNIDADES DE EMPLEO:

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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

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Lugar: Salón San Angela

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La inscripción se realizará en el lugar del concurso.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con

Randall Brown al 803.292.1353

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 12 de enero

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

Lunes, 13 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, 14 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, 15 de enero

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

Jueves, 16 de enero

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

Viernes, 17 de enero

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

Sábado, 18 de enero

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

Domingo, 19 de enero

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

La Misa diaria no se celebrará los días 20, 21 y 22 de enero. Todos los sacerdotes asistirán a las reuniones diocesanas

KERMES

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

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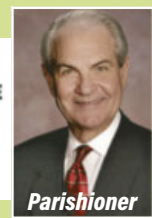
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