



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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. 29, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Dec. 29	\$ 29,474.05
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	DEC. 29	\$ 19,216.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

SPECIAL COLLECTION TOTALS

Christmas \$ 26,801.00

NOTE: Financial updates for **January 5 & 12** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 26	St. Vincent de Paul
February 16	Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
February 23	St. Vincent de Paul

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

Wednesday, January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We have some wonderful resources including children's and adult books, rosaries and other items as we pray for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. And this is the last Sunday for our Christmas sale. Stop 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

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A WEDDING TO REMEMBER!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's reading helps us to consider the blessings that come when we enjoy the presence of Jesus and his Mother, Mary, in the midst of human events: "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding." (Jn 2:1-2).

With differing degrees of power, Jesus and Mary call us into the presence of God wherever they are, and, where God is, there is found love, grace, and wonders, because God is goodness, truth, beauty and abundance. When we allow God to arise in our hearts, we know the blessings of peace and happiness, even when we have been unreceptive or spiritually asleep.

Jesus Christ is sent by God to be present with us, and to communicate with us in divinely profound ways. God's deeds enter our hearts through Jesus Christ's humanity, and through Mary's presence, and the results are surprising and pleasant. The host was perhaps unsure of who might actually attend the wedding, but nevertheless, received unexpected blessings from the presence of Mary and Jesus. Before He changed the water into wine, Jesus had not performed any miracles, and there were few who really knew who He was or the significance of His mission.

Our Lord went to the wedding because He was deeply in love with the people, and because the integrity and devotion of the family attracted him. By his attendance, Jesus introduced God into what otherwise was an unremarkable family celebration. "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee" (Jn 2:11), and it was also there where the Messiah "opened his disciples' hearts to the faith, thanks to Mary, the first believer." (St. John Paul II)

May we also draw closer to the humanity of Jesus, striving to progressively know and love more deeply His human nature, listening to His word, growing in faith and trust... until we see in Him the face of the Father.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

January 24 – Feast Day of St. Francis de Sales
"Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily."

St. Francis de Sales



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

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kboucher@atlanticbb.net

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

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

READINGS FOR Jan. 19, 2025– Jan. 26, 2025

Sunday, January 19 readings begin on [page 840](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10
1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Ps 110:1-4
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25–8:6 Ps 40:7-10, 17
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8 and 10-14
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 19

8:30AM John Tucker
11:00AM Edward Swann,
Jr.

1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, Jan. 20

5:30PM **No Mass**

Tuesday, Jan. 21

5:30PM **No Mass**

Wednesday, Jan. 22

8:20AM **No Mass**

7:00PM **No Mass**

Thursday, Jan. 23

5:30PM Carol & Carlos
Dorthalina (L)

Friday, Jan. 24

5:30PM Kimberly Carpinelli

Saturday, Jan. 25

8:00AM Wolff Family
5:00PM Jason Ramsey
Maria Rosa Marasco

Suarez
Jason Ramsey

Anne Maddux

Nick Calve

Kathleen Quinlan
Malmendier

Sunday, Jan. 26

8:30AM Frank Jordan
11:00AM Lawrence Frelin
1:00PM Pro Populo

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
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803.215.7040

FORMATION

We have class **every** Sunday in January, including MLK, Jr. weekend.

**Confirmation Retreat for 8th Grade students,
Saturday, February 8, 10:00AM–6:00PM**
Includes attending 5:00PM Vigil Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY

January 19 – No Youth Ministry
January 26 – Middle School Night
February 2 – Life Teen

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.

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

Jan. 4 - Parker Andrew Tacchi son of David & Lauren Tacchi

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

Nov. 27 - Kathleen Kempson
Jan. 7 - Margret Elizabeth Smith
Jan. 7 - Suzanne Rutkowski Fitzgerald
Jan. 9 - Marilyn Sullivan
Jan. 9 - Maria Miranda

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 jlaborne@charlestandioocese.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)

This week we'll cover Chapter 22 on The Love Of God. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union Street. For more information, contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will begin a 14-week grief support group on February 18th. We use the GriefShare program, a special, lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief (www.griefshare.org). Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you feel comfortable.

This group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. Please pass the information along to anyone you know who might need it. People may join the group at any point.

The meetings are held **3:30 - 5:00PM on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE)**. The schedule is as follows:

February 18—Loss of Spouse (*this program addresses those people who have experienced the death of a spouse*).

February 25—13-week GriefShare program will begin. The workbook is \$20. Scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestandioocese.org to register or for more information.

"I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows" – Jer. 31:13

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 19

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Baptism Preparation Class	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, January 20

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Secular Franciscans	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, January 21

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	CWA Lunch/Meeting	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	No Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	No Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, January 22

8:20AM	No 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	No Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, January 23

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 24

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

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Kyle Clement will be back this year for a **pre-Lenten Mission** *It isn't About Avoiding Sin; It is About Growing in Holiness*. We'll have morning sessions and evening sessions **February 3-7**. The talk will include a general overview of *The Liber Christo Method, A Field Manual for Spiritual Combat* (a book by Dr. Dan Schneider). You do not need to have the book to benefit from the series.

PARISH PERKS!

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

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 contact Betty Ryberg at 803.270.6403 or Barbara Sue Brodie at 803.215.6601

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join us this week, Wednesday, January 22, 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

Meets in Smith Hall 11:15AM; we are reading Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome to learn more about our faith and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB

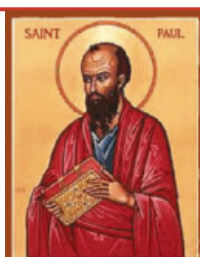
Meets Fridays at 10AM in St. Michael Hall conference room. Book: *The Good, the Bad, the Beautiful*. Joseph Peace takes us through history, explaining the fascinating situation of the faith and the Church one century at a time. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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.

**THE CONVERSION
OF
SAINT PAUL, THE APOSTLE
JANUARY 25**





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

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

Open enrollment is underway! Our new 3K & 4K classes are filling fast. If a grade level reaches capacity, a waiting list will be created. All families who enroll by Feb. 3, 2025, will have the application fee waived. To enroll, please go to our website, excelatstmarys.com, and click on the link to apply 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.

INTRODUCING MR. CARLOS OVERSTREET, NEW PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL!



Please join us in welcoming Mr. Carlos Overstreet, who officially stepped into his role as principal last week!

Mr. Overstreet brings with him more than 10 years of experience in education. He is a graduate of UC Davis with a degree in History and teaching credentials from CSU Sacramento. He has worked in both public schools and Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sacramento. Before accepting the position at St. Mary's School, Mr. Overstreet served as the principal of Holy Rosary Catholic School in Woodland, CA. With his strong leadership background and a deep commitment to Catholic education, Mr. Overstreet is poised to guide the school toward continued success and growth.

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@charlestondiocese.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.

**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!



**Six Day Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Orlando
 April 27 – May 3, 2025**

\$2,799.99 includes round-trip airfare; first class hotels, breakfast & dinner; sightseeing/admissions fees; transfers; tour guide. Mexico City/Tulpetlac/Xochimilco/Puebla/Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica/Cuernavaca. Deposit of \$400/traveler at time reservation is made.

Visit holytravel.com/rid197583 for more details.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡UNA BODA PARA RECORDAR!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La lectura de hoy nos ayuda a considerar las bendiciones que vienen cuando disfrutamos de la presencia de Jesús y su Madre, María, en medio de los acontecimientos humanos: "Tres días más tarde se celebraba una boda en Caná de Galilea, y la madre de Jesús estaba allí. También fue invitado Jesús a la boda con sus discípulos." (Jn 2,1-2).

Con distintos grados de poder, Jesús y María nos llaman a la presencia de Dios dondequiera que estén, y, donde está Dios, allí se encuentra amor, gracia y maravillas, porque Dios es bondad, verdad, belleza y abundancia. Cuando permitimos que Dios surja en nuestros corazones, conocemos las bendiciones de la paz y la felicidad, incluso cuando hemos sido poco receptivos o espiritualmente dormidos.

Jesucristo es enviado por Dios para estar presente con nosotros y comunicarse con nosotros de maneras divinamente profundas. Las obras de Dios entran en nuestros corazones a través de la humanidad de Jesucristo y a través de la presencia de María, y los resultados son sorprendentes y agradables. El anfitrión quizás no estaba seguro de quién asistiría a la boda, pero sin embargo, recibió bendiciones inesperadas de la presencia de María y Jesús. Antes de convertir el agua en vino, Jesús no había realizado ningún milagro, y eran pocos los que realmente sabían quién era Él o el significado de Su misión.

Nuestro Señor fue a la boda porque estaba profundamente enamorado de la gente, y porque la integridad y la devoción de la familia lo atrajeron. Con su asistencia, Jesús introdujo a Dios en lo que de otro modo hubiera sido una celebración familiar sin nada especial. "Esta señal milagrosa fue la primera, y Jesús la hizo en Caná de Galilea" (Jn 2,11), y también fue allí donde el Mesías "abrió los corazones de sus discípulos a la fe, gracias a María, la primera creyente" (San Juan Pablo II).

Que también nosotros nos acerquemos a la humanidad de Jesús, esforzándonos por conocer y amar progresivamente más profundamente su naturaleza humana, escuchando su palabra, creciendo en la fe y la confianza... hasta que veamos en Él el rostro del Padre.

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 19 DE ENERO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 841** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 19 al 26 de enero 2025

Domingo: Is 62, 1-5 Sal 95, 1-3. 7-10

1 Co 12, 4-11 Jn 2, 1-11

Lunes: Heb 5, 1-10 Sal 109, 1-4

Mc 2, 18-22

Martes: Heb 6, 10-20 Sal 110, 1-2. 4-5. 9 y 10

Mc 2, 23-28

Miércoles: Heb 7, 1-3. 15-17 Sal 109, 1-4

Mc 3, 1-6

Jueves: Heb 7, 25-8, 6 Sal 39, 7-10. 17

Mc 3, 7-12

Viernes: Heb 8, 6-13 Sal 84, 8 y 10-14

Mc 3, 13-19

Sábado: Hch 22, 3-16 o Hch 9, 1-22 Sal 116, 1. 2

Mc 16, 15-18

Domingo siguiente: Neh 8, 2-6. 8-10

Sal 18, 8-10. 15 1 Co 12, 12-30 o 12, 12-14. 27

Lc 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

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

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

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

Retiro de confirmación para los alumnos de octavo grado, sábado febrero 8, 10:00AM -6:00PM, incluye asistir a la misa vigilia de 5:00PM

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

19 de enero: NO hay ministerio juvenil

26 de enero: NOCHE DE ESCUELA MEDIA

2 de febrero: Life Teen

RESERVA LA FECHA: DOMINGO 9 de FEBRERO

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

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@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)

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, el martes, 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 abierta está en marcha! Nuestras nuevas clases de 3K y 4K se están llenando rápidamente. Si un nivel de grado alcanza su capacidad máxima, se creará una lista de espera. Todas las familias que se inscriban antes del 3 de febrero de 2025 no tendrán que pagar la tarifa de solicitud. Para inscribirse, visite nuestro sitio web, excelatstmarys.com, y haga clic en el enlace para presentar la solicitud 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.

¡PRESENTAMOS AL SR. CARLOS OVERSTREET, NUEVO DIRECTOR DE LA ESCUELA ST. MARY'S!



¡Únase a nosotros para darle la bienvenida al Sr. Carlos Overstreet, quien asumió oficialmente su función de

director la semana pasada!

El Sr. Overstreet trae consigo más de 10 años de experiencia en educación. Se graduó en Historia en la Universidad de California en Davis y tiene credenciales docentes en la Universidad Estatal de California en Sacramento. Trabajó en escuelas públicas y católicas en la Diócesis de Sacramento.

Antes de aceptar el puesto en la escuela St. Mary's, el Sr. Overstreet se desempeñó como director de la escuela católica Santo Rosario en Woodland, California. Con su sólida experiencia en liderazgo y un profundo compromiso con la educación católica, el Sr. Overstreet está preparado para guiar a la escuela hacia el éxito y el crecimiento continuos.

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 19 de enero

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

Lunes, 20 de enero

4:45PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No hay Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Madre Teresa

Martes, 21 de enero

4:45PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No Hay Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Ese Hombre Eres Tú	San Miguel

Miércoles, 22 de enero

8:20AM	No hay Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	No hay Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	No hay Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 23 de enero

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

Viernes, 24 de enero

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

Sábado, 25 de enero

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

Domingo, 26 de enero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
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

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