

**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
JANUARY 26, 2025**

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary Help of Christians your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM - 12NOON - 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY - Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

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, JANUARY 5, 2025

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| ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY | Jan. 5 | \$ 17,081 |
| ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR | JAN. 5 | \$ 31,266 |
| TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET | | \$ 2,020,200 |

NOTE: Financial updates for **January 12 & 19** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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| February 16 | Catholic Appeal of South Carolina |
| February 23 | St. Vincent de Paul |
| March 5 | Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday) |

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

Advent and Christmas items have been stored away until next year. We have been working on replenishing our year round favorites: holy water bottles, rosaries, rosary bracelets, Bibles, and many more items including fudge and coffee! Stop in and visit us today!

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+

DOOMSCROLLING....

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wikipedia defines doomscrolling as "the act of spending an excessive amount of time reading large quantities of news, particularly negative news, on the web and social media."

Have you ever been involved in doomscrolling? Be honest....most of us have done it and we most assuredly know that we can do better with our time; we can in fact be good stewards of the time that we spend on our smart phone. Yes, we must know the truth and we must know what is going on in the Church and the world so that we can more effectively pray and work for the Kingdom of God. But can we have better sources of news?

So...in an attempt to share some better alternatives to doomscrolling, I would like to offer you three alternatives. First, sign up to receive emails from *The Loop* by Catholic Vote. Catholic Vote is inspired and organized by faithful Catholic laity. Their mission is "to inspire every Catholic in America to live out the truths of our faith in public life." Their emails are free, and you will get one Monday through Friday. A recent email included updates on Pope Francis' fall, coerced abortions in Minnesota and Zuckerberg and the big shift in culture. To sign up for *The Loop*, please go to <https://catholicvote.org> and enter your email. It's a great one-page summary of key events in the life of the Church and the world.

A second idea is Stella Maris Media. This website is run by Christine Niles and can be found at <https://stellamaris.media> Christine Niles is a Catholic mom, investigative reporter and writer who does regular posts on her website. Her work is exhaustively researched and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. I particularly like her *Catholic News Roundup* which is posted about once a week. A recent episode had updates on Pete Hegseth being grilled in the Senate, President Elect Trump naming Hollywood ambassadors and a tabernacle and hosts that survived the LA fires. Check it out. It's a great way to get a quick ten-minute update on news of critical import to faithful Catholics.

Over two years ago, Twitter became "X" when Elon Musk purchased it. I have had a Twitter account (now X) for about ten years, but I don't post to it. I do however think it's a great way to get a quick summary of key issues in the Church and the world. So, though I don't post, here are some of the posts that I follow:

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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
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CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG
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FORMATION

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

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 Potluck Dinner. All are invited to hear Mike. We will finish 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.

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LifeSiteNews; Michael J. Matt; Dr. Maiké Hickson; Lepanto Institute; Victor Davis Hanson; Father Peter West, *Sensus Fidelium* and several others. It’s a wonderful way to get a briefing on key Catholic issues in just a few minutes. The app is free, or you can subscribe for \$4, \$11 or \$30 per month with fewer ads and more features.

May all of us be well informed, faithful Catholics.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

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

Sunday, January 19 readings begin on [page 844](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

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| Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 | Ps 19:8-10, 15 |
| Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28 Mk 3:22-30 | Ps 98:1, 2-6 |
| Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10 10, 11 Mk 3:31-35 | Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, |
| Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20 | Ps 110:1-4 |
| Thursday: Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25 | Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 |
| Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34 | Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 |
| Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Mk 4:35-41 | Lk 1:69-75 |
| Next Sunday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 | Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 |

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Monday, Jan. 27

5:30PM Mr. & Mrs. John
Truesdell (L)

Tuesday, Jan. 28

5:30PM J. Donald Furman,
Jr.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

8:20AM Connie Fragnito
7:00PM Eileen C. Dahl

Thursday, Jan. 30

5:30PM Carroll & Richard
Mahony

Friday, Jan. 31

5:30PM Gabriella Cossich

Saturday, Feb. 1

8:00AM Sanctity of Life
5:00PM Michael O’Neil

Ocdulio Agreda
Dottie Nicewarmer

Leonard J. Haubl

Rosemary Plante

All the Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Feb. 2

8:30AM Walter Kowalczyk
11:00AM James Furman
1:00PM Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

November 27 - Kathleen Kempson

January 12 - Nader Elraheb

January 13 - Cecile Fleming

January 14 - Richard Arthur Perkins

January 16 - Giuseppe Anderson

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 cover Chapter 23 on The Love Of Neighbor. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson 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).**

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 26

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

Monday, January 27

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| 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 28

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| 9:00AM | Play & Pray | Mother Teresa |
| 3:30PM | Legion of Mary | Smith Hall |
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |
| 6:00PM | OCIA | Mother Teresa |

Wednesday, January 29

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| 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 30

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

Friday, January 31

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| 6:00AM | That Man Is You | Mother Teresa |
| 10:00AM | Book Club | St. Michael Hall |
| 4:45PM | Confessions | Old St. Mary's |
| 5:30PM | Mass | Old St. Mary's |

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

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

PRE-LENTEN MISSION FEBRUARY 3-7

It isn't About Avoiding Sin; It is About Growing in Holiness. Kyle Clement will be back this year so mark your calendar. 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

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@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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE FEBRUARY 8 AND 9 ST. MICHAEL HALL

All you great bakers find that special sweet or savory item you want to bring to the annual CWA Bake Sale! We will be open after Vigil Mass on February 8 and after 8:30 and 11:00AM Masses on February 9. Items can be dropped off at St. Michael Hall from 9:00 to 11:00AM Saturday and before Masses on Sunday. All proceeds will go toward the kitchen fund. For more information please contact Ellen Miller at ellenmiller806@gmail.com



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.



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL
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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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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.



SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

It's time to start our Spring semester of SHE. She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey

designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for faith, fellowship, and food every Wednesday at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall beginning February 12th. All women are welcome! To register, go to programs.paradisusdei.org/join/532A7B. Please contact Alisa Hamrick with any questions at alisahamrick@aol.com or 803.270.2503.

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.



Six Day Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Orlando
Apr. 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.

ON THE MASS: The Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. Take note of the bells that ring during the canon. They ring once during the epiclesis, when the priest calls down the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts. Notice the priest raise his outstretched hands, put them together (almost in the shape of a dove), then lower them toward the gifts of bread and wine. The priest then speaks the words of consecration over the bread, raises the consecrated host, and the bells are rung three times. The priest then consecrates the wine, raises the chalice, and the bells are rung three times. If incense is being used, the altar server swings the thurible and incenses the consecrated bread and wine while the bells are ringing.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

DOOMSCROLLING...

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Wikipedia define el doomscrolling (desplazamiento caótico) como "el acto de pasar una cantidad excesiva de tiempo leyendo grandes cantidades de noticias, particularmente noticias negativas, en la web y las redes sociales".

¿Alguna vez has estado involucrado en el doomscrolling? Sé honesto... la mayoría de nosotros lo hemos hecho y seguramente sabemos que podemos hacer mejor uso de nuestro tiempo; de hecho, podemos ser buenos administradores del tiempo que pasamos en nuestro celular. Sí, debemos conocer la verdad y debemos saber lo que está sucediendo en la Iglesia y en el mundo para que podamos orar y trabajar más eficazmente por el Reino de Dios. Pero, ¿podemos tener mejores fuentes de noticias?

Entonces... en un intento de compartir algunas mejores alternativas al doomscrolling, me gustaría ofrecerles tres alternativas. Primero, regístrate para recibir correos electrónicos de The Loop de Catholic Vote. Catholic Vote está inspirado y organizado por fieles laicos católicos. Su misión es "inspirar a cada católico en Estados Unidos a vivir las verdades de nuestra fe en la vida pública". Sus correos electrónicos son gratuitos y recibirás uno de lunes a viernes. Un correo electrónico reciente incluía actualizaciones sobre la caída del Papa Francisco, los abortos forzados en Minnesota y Zuckerberg y el gran cambio en la cultura. Para suscribirte a The Loop, ve a <https://catholicvote.org> e ingresa tu correo electrónico. Es un gran resumen de una página de eventos clave en la vida de la Iglesia y el mundo.

Una segunda idea es Stella Maris Media. Este sitio web está dirigido por Christine Niles y se puede encontrar en <https://stellamaris.media> Christine Niles es una madre católica, periodista investigativa y escritora que publica periódicamente en su sitio web. Su trabajo es exhaustivamente investigado y es fiel a las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica. Me gusta particularmente su Catholic News Roundup, que se publica aproximadamente una vez a la semana. Un episodio reciente tuvo actualizaciones sobre Pete Hegseth siendo interrogado en el Senado, el presidente electo Trump nombrando embajadores de Hollywood y un tabernáculo y hostias que sobrevivieron a los incendios de Los Ángeles. Échale un vistazo. Es una excelente manera de obtener una actualización rápida de diez minutos sobre noticias de importancia crítica para los católicos fieles.

Hace más de dos años, Twitter se convirtió en "X" cuando Elon Musk lo compró. He tenido una cuenta de Twitter (ahora X) durante unos diez años,

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FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 19 DE ENERO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 845** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 26 de enero al 2 de febrero, 2025

Domingo: 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

Lunes: Heb 9, 15. 24-28 Sal 97, 1. 2-6

Mc 3, 22-30

Martes: Heb 10, 1-10 Sal 39, 2 y 4. 7-8. 10. 11

Mc 3, 31-35

Miércoles: Heb 10, 11-18 Sal 109, 1-4

Mc 4, 1-20

Jueves: Heb 10, 19-25 Sal 23, 1-6 Mc 4, 21-25

Viernes: Heb 10, 32-39 Sal 36, 3-6. 23-24.

39-40 Mc 4, 26-34

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FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE

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803.215.7040

FORMACIÓN

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

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2 de febrero: Life Teen

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¡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.

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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

ORDEN DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (OCIA)

Formación y preparación para adultos que necesiten recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. **Nos reunimos los martes a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith.** Para más información contactar a Omar & Mercedith Cardona cardona5@bellsouth.net. Este espacio esta abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender mas sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "Sacramento de la unción de los enfermos"

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Domingo, 19 de enero

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| 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

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

Martes, 21 de enero

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

Miércoles, 22 de enero

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

Jueves, 23 de enero

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

Viernes, 24 de enero

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| 4:45PM | Confesiones | Iglesia Antigua |
| 5:30PM | Misa | Iglesia Antigua |

Sábado, 25 de enero

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

Domingo, 26 de enero

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

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pero no publico en ella. Sin embargo, creo que es una excelente manera de obtener un resumen rápido de los problemas clave en la Iglesia y el mundo. Entonces, aunque no publico, estas son algunas de las publicaciones que sigo: LifeSiteNews; Michael J. Matt; Dr. Maiké Hickson; Lepanto Institute; Victor Davis Hanson; Padre Peter West, Sensus Fidelium y muchos otros. Es una manera maravillosa de recibir información sobre temas católicos clave en tan solo unos minutos. La aplicación es gratuita o puede suscribirse por \$4, \$11 o \$30 por mes con menos anuncios y más funciones.

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