



FEAST OF THE
Presentation
of the Lord

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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 12, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Jan. 12	\$ 25,251.78
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	JAN. 12	\$ 20,951.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for **January 19 & 26** were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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+

OUR LORD IS PRESENTED!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we see how Simeon, ignoring the winter's cold, is awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. Five hundred years before, when the Temple was starting to be built there was such poverty in the country that its builders were highly discouraged. It was then when Haggai, the prophet, said: "Greater will be the glory of this house the latter more than the former –says the LORD of hosts; And in this place I will give you peace– oracle of the LORD of hosts." (Hag 2:9); and added "I will shake all the nations, so that the treasures of all the nations will come in. And I will fill this house with glory" (Hag 2:7). In the place of "treasures of all nations," St. Jerome translated: "the desired of all nations."

The Holy Spirit had assured Simeon "that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord" (Lk 2:26), and today, led by the Holy Spirit, he has gone into the Temple. Simeon is not a Levite, nor a scribe, nor a doctor of the law, he is just a "righteous and devout man, awaiting the consolation of Israel" (Lk 2:25). But the Holy Spirit blows where He wills (cf. Jn 3:8).

Now, he realizes with surprise that no preparation has been made, no flags, garlands, damasks or shields can be seen anywhere, just Joseph and Mary, crossing the plaza, and bringing the Child Jesus in their arms. And the psalmist exclaims: "Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may enter." (Ps 24:)

Stretching out his arms Simeon takes the infant from his Mother and blessed God while saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Lk 2:29-32). Then, he tells Mary: "A sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Lk 2:35). Don't you wish that you could have been there for our Lord's presentation?

Mary our Mother, when the moment to go to the Father's house arrives, please carry me as you did with Jesus, for I am your son and a child of the Father too.

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

“Could you not keep watch for one
hour?” Mk. 14:37

Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

We 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

READINGS FOR Feb. 2, 2025– Feb 9, 2025

Sunday, February 2 readings begin on [page 1114](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4	Ps 24:7-10	Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32		
Monday: Heb 11:32-40	Ps 31:20-24	Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4	Ps 22:26b-28 and 30-32	Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a	Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24	Ps 48:2--4, 9-11	Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8	Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc	Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Ps 23:1-6	Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8	Ps 138:1-5, 7-8	1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
	Lk 5:1-11	

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CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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FORMATION

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

February 16 and 17th–No Formation classes on Sunday or Monday–Presidents Day Holiday

YOUTH MINISTRY

February 2 – Life Teen

NEXT 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.

Feb. 9–No regular evening Youth Ministry, please join us at 4:00PM

Feb. 16–No Youth Ministry Presidents’ Day Holiday

PRE-LENTEN MISSION WITH KYLE CLEMENT!

It Isn't About Avoiding Sin; It Is About Growing in Holiness. Kyle Clement returns this week. We'll have morning & 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.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Feb. 2

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

Monday, Feb. 3

5:30PM Jim Bean

Tuesday, Feb. 4

5:30PM Larry Smith

Wednesday, Feb. 5

8:20AM Mary Ann & Nick
Kuehn

7:00PM Gerald T. Hotmann

Thursday, Feb. 6

5:30PM Linda Carr

Friday, Feb. 7

5:30PM Margaret Calderalo

Saturday, Feb. 8

8:00AM Thomas D. Meisner

5:00PM Blanche Premo-

Hopkins (L)

Trapp & Suhner Families

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Mary & Art Auel

Susan Reeve Shultz

Russell Olesen

Mary Flannery O'Connor

Sunday, Feb. 9

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM Timothy Lesko

1:00PM Manuel Alvarez

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

January 21 Cecilia Gaston Figueroa

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)

Mar. 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)

You may have heard that you should 'follow your conscience.' But what does that mean? Today's world forgets that we need to form our conscience with biblical principles and the wisdom of the saints. Join us as we cover chapter 24 on Prudence and Conscience. 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 TUESDAYS 3:30 -5:00PM

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.

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 St., 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, February 2

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

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Monday, February 3

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
10:00AM	Lenten Mission	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Lenten Mission	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, February 4

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Lenten Mission	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
6:15PM	Lenten Mission	Old St. Mary's

Wednesday, February 5

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	Lenten Mission	Mother Teresa
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
6:15PM	Lenten Mission	Old St. Mary's
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, February 6

10:00AM	Lenten Mission	Mother Teresa
11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:15PM	Lenten Mission	Old St. Mary's

Friday, February 7

6:00AM	That Man Is You	Mother Teresa
10:00AM	Lenten Mission	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 8

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

Sunday, February 9

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

CWA Super Bowl Bake Sale after all Masses

PARISH PERKS!

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

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet Wednesdays in St. Michael Hall, 9:30–11:00AM. Our current study is the letter of St. James. Our next study will be: *Dilexit Nos* encyclical. For more information contact Martha Whittingham 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 - 9 ST. MICHAEL HALL

All you great bakers/cooks please bring that special sweet or savory item you make 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
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

PTO FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Join us for dinner at Panera Bread Co. Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 4:00 - 8:00PM. St. Mary's School PTO will receive 25% of all sales! Please give the code FUND4U when ordering in-person or online. Only valid at Whiskey Road Aiken location. Thank you for supporting SMS PTO. Email questions to pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

St. Mary's School is hosting the annual diocesan grade school basketball tournament this year! Girls and boys teams from Catholic schools around the state will travel to Aiken to compete the weekend of Feb. 21-23. The tournament will be held in St. Angela Hall and other gyms in the community. Interested in volunteering or sponsoring the tournament? Please contact our athletic director, Laurie Ulmer, at docybt2025@gmail.com. Game times will be announced the week before the tournament, so come out and cheer for the Saints!

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

It's time to start our Spring semester of SHE. SHE 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@charlestdiocese.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 2, 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/rid297583 for more details.

ON THE MASS: The Eucharistic Prayer or the Canon. After the consecration, the priest asks God to accept this perfect offering, which is described in the Roman Canon as "this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the Holy bread of eternal Life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation." It seems that the Church cannot find the words to describe the wonder of Jesus giving Himself as a gift. We have no words to describe the inconceivable gift of Jesus as sacrifice or to express our gratitude. It is easy for those who attend Mass regularly to get too comfortable with the words and actions and to forget the shocking and miraculous event that occurs at Mass.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡NUESTRO SEÑOR ES PRESANTADO!

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hoy vemos cómo Simeón, ignorando el frío del invierno, espera la llegada del Mesías. Quinientos años antes, cuando se empezaba a construir el Templo, había tanta pobreza en el país que sus constructores estaban muy desanimados. Fue entonces cuando el profeta Ageo dijo: "la gloria última de esta Casa será más grande que la primera, dice el Señor de los ejércitos, y en este lugar yo daré la paz -oráculo del Señor de los ejércitos-" (Ag 2,9); y añadió: "haré estremecer a todas las naciones: entonces afluirán los tesoros de todas las naciones y llenaré de gloria esta Casa dice el Señor de los ejércitos." (Ag 2,7). En lugar de "tesoros de todas las naciones", San Jerónimo tradujo: "el deseado de todas las naciones".

El Espíritu Santo había asegurado a Simeón «y le había revelado que no moriría antes de ver al Mesías del Señor.» (Lc 2,26), y hoy, guiado por el Espíritu Santo, ha entrado en el Templo. Simeón no es un levita, ni un escriba, ni un doctor de la ley, es sólo un hombre «justo y piadoso, y esperaba el consuelo de Israel.» (Lc 2,25). Pero el Espíritu Santo sopla donde quiere (cf. Jn 3,8).

Ahora, se da cuenta con sorpresa de que no ha habido preparativos, no se ven por ningún lado banderas, guirnaldas, damascos ni escudos, sólo José y María, cruzando la plaza, llevando en brazos al Niño Jesús. Y el salmista exclama: « ¡Puertas, levanten sus dinteles, levántense, puertas eternas, para que entre el Rey de la gloria!». (Sal 24,7)

Simeón, extendiendo los brazos, toma al niño de los brazos de su Madre y bendice a Dios diciendo: "«Ahora, Señor, puedes dejar que tu servidor muera en paz, como lo has prometido, porque mis ojos han visto la salvación que preparaste delante de todos los pueblos: luz para iluminar a las naciones paganas y gloria de tu pueblo Israel" (Lc 2,29-32). Luego, le dice a María: "y a ti misma una espada te atravesará el corazón. Así se manifestarán claramente los pensamientos íntimos de muchos" (Lc 2,35). ¿No te hubiera gustado estar presente en la presentación de nuestro Señor?

María, Madre nuestra, cuando llegue el momento de ir a la casa del Padre, por favor llévame como lo hiciste con Jesús, porque soy tu hijo y un hijo del Padre también.

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 2 DE FEBERO COMIENZAN EN LA **PAGINA 1115** EN EL LIBRO "PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 2 de febrero al 9 de febrero, 2025

Domingo: Mal 3, 1-4 Sal 23, 7-10
Heb 2, 14-18 Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Lunes: Heb 11, 32-40 Sal 30, 20-24 Mc 5, 1-20
Martes: Heb 12, 1-4 Sal 21, 26-28 y 30-32
Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles: Heb 12, 4-7. 11-15 Sal 102, 1-2. 13-14.
17-18 Mc 6, 1-6
Jueves: Heb 12, 18-19. 21-24 Sal 47, 2-4. 9-11
Mc 6, 7-13
Viernes: Heb 13, 1-8 Sal 26, 1. 3. 5. 8-9
Mc 6, 14-29
Sábado: Heb 13, 15-17. 20-21 Sal 22, 1-6
Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente: Is 6, 1-8 Sal 137, 1-5.7-8
1 Co 15, 1-11 o 15, 3-8. 11 Lc 5, 1-11

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FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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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

16 y 17 de febrero: no hay clases de formación los domingos ni los lunes: Por el Día de los Presidentes

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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.

9 de febrero - No habrá ministerio juvenil nocturno regular, Solamente a las 4:00 PM.

16 de febrero - No ministerio juvenil por el día de los presidentes.

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

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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TORNEO DE BALONCESTO JUVENIL DE LA DIÓCESIS DE CHARLESTON

¡La escuela Santa María organiza el torneo anual diocesano de baloncesto de escuelas primarias este año! Equipos de niñas y niños de escuelas católicas de todo el estado viajarán a Aiken para competir el fin de semana del 21 al 23 de febrero. El torneo se llevará a cabo en el salón Santa Angela y otros gimnasios de la comunidad. Si estas Interesado en ser voluntario o patrocinar el torneo? Comuníquese con nuestra directora atlética, Laurie Ulmer, en docybt2025@gmail.com. Los horarios de los juegos se anunciarán la semana anterior al torneo, ¡así que ven y anima a los Santos!

ESE HOMBRE ERES TÚ

Este espacio es para ti VARÓN, casado o soltero, te invitamos a unirse a nuestro grupo para reflexionar y compartir acerca de nuestra vida y aporte en la familia y en la Iglesia. Nos reunimos todos los martes 7:00-8:30PM, en el salón San Miguel. Te esperamos.

SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA

La mayor parte de la información en el sitio web de la parroquia ahora está disponible en español. Haga clic en la bandera mexicana en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio en www.stmarys-aiken.org

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 2 de febrero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 3 de febrero

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, 4 de febrero

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, 5 de febrero

8:20AM	Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Reunión de coordinadores	Smith

Jueves, 6 de febrero

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

Viernes, 7 de febrero

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

Sábado, 8 de febrero

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

Domingo, 9 de febrero

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia



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