

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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, FEB. 23, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Feb. 23	\$ 28,219
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	FEB. 23	\$ 10,847
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for March 2 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR MAR. 9

Black & Indian Missions

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 23	St. Vincent de Paul
March 30	Miscellany

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP

We have Lenten devotionals for adults – and for the children in your life we have "MagnifKid! Lenten Journey" as well as coloring books. We also have beautiful rosaries made by one of our parishioners. Perhaps you would like to add this devotion to your prayer life for Lent. Holy Water bottles are back on our shelves too! Stop in after Mass to browse!

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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2025: THE YEAR OF EVANGELIZATION

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Year of Evangelization starts this Lent as the first year of the five-year Diocesan pastoral plan called "**Via Fidelis.**" In the coming weeks, Bishop Fabre will be sending out a pastoral letter detailing this five-year journey. Recently, he shared suggestions for all of us for prayer and evangelization each month during this Year of Evangelization.

March: Share the Good News. This month, pray to the Holy Spirit to put an individual on your heart to proclaim the Good News of salvation in Christ to, and do so at least once.

April: Invite someone to meet Jesus. This month, with the help of the Holy Spirit, make a conscious decision to invite someone to encounter Jesus with you.

May: Share the Word of God. This month, share the story of Joseph the Patriarch (Genesis), Esther, or Daniel with someone who may need to hear it.

June: Share the Word of God. This month, share the story of the Woman at the Well (Jn 4:1-42), the Rich Young Ruler (Mk 10:17-31), or the Prodigal Son (Lk 15: 11-32) with someone who may need to hear it.

July: Challenge the Culture. This month, examine your conscience to find ways that you have given in to various cultural pressures that run contrary to the Gospel; ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and perseverance to challenge the culture and proclaim a culture founded on the Gospel.

August: Rejuvenate the Church. This month, young people are especially challenged to share their faith by inviting another young person to Mass, adoration, or youth ministry; older adults are asked to invite a young person to these same opportunities at your parish.

September: Listen to the Voice of God. This month, "Be still and know the He is God" by spending time in silence or silent adoration and allowing God to speak to you.

October: Use the Rosary as a Tool for Evangelization. This month, pray the Rosary asking for the Blessed Mother's intercession for our families and diocese as we evangelize; ask her help to share her Son in the same way she shared Him with us.

November: Find Christ in Another. This month, find ways as an individual, a family, or a parish group to find Jesus in your brothers and sisters by serving them with love and joy.

December: Evangelize w/the Symbols of our Faith. This month, use the seasonal symbols we use in the Church to Evangelize. For instance, invite someone to parish events, such as celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Las Posadas, nativity plays, processions with the creche, or any other parish festivity. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

All the best...in Christ, Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Want to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?
"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"
Mk. 14:37

Hours in Need:

MON: 12AM; 3AM
TUES: 3AM; 4AM
WED: 1AM; 2AM; 5AM; 8AM
THU: 12MDNT; 1AM; 2AM; 11AM; 1PM; 5PM
FRI: 12MDNT; 3AM; 4AM; 7PM;
SAT: 12 MDNT; 1AM; 2AM; **9:00AM**; 11AM;
4PM; 5PM; 6PM; 9PM
SUN: 12MDNT; 2AM; 3AM; 4AM; 5PM

To sign up visit our website: <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration> or contact Lori Rainchuso larue150@yahoo.com or 860.919.5674

READINGS FOR March 9 – March 16, 2025

Sunday, March 9 readings begin on [page 730](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3,
7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-9,
13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND!

Are you interested in bringing the best gift ever, Jesus in the Eucharist, to a fellow parishioner who is homebound? We need more volunteers to become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to bring Our LORD each week to those who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested in volunteering for this rewarding ministry, contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or piercedin1988@gmail.com. Please visit the Homebound Ministries webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound> for information. Necessary training is given to all volunteers.

ON THE MASS

At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon, the consecrated Bread and Wine are elevated while the priest proclaims the doxology: "Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever." During the Mass we unite all our prayers, actions, and our whole lives, to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, giving all glory to the Father. Lent is a good time to ask ourselves if we are intentionally joining our prayers, works, joys and sufferings to Jesus daily to glorify the Father with our entire lives?

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 9

8:30AM Pro Populo
11:00AM Alexander Tyrteos
1:00PM Mary Catherine Cunning

Monday, March 10

5:30PM Marc D'Angelo (L)

Tuesday, March 11

5:30PM David Rick

Wednesday, March 12

8:20AM School Mass
Don Cadarr (L)
7:00PM Caren Daugherty

Thursday, March 13

10:00AM—Cumberland
Louise Lucas
5:30PM The Daly Family (L) & (D)

Friday, March 14

5:30PM Shawn Daugherty

Saturday, March 15

8:00AM Susan Sadowski
5:00PM Robert Hood (L)
Carol Reeve
Mary Catherine Cunning
David Rick
Jasper Dettmer, Jr.
Maxine Dettmer

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM Rev. Daniel Kelly
11:00AM Pro Populo
1:00PM All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

February 25 – Hugh Harwood

February 26 – Donald Currier

NOT SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE?

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryshelp.flocknote.com (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up! Be sure to fill in your contact information.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestdioocese.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)

April 5, 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)

The Lord calls some of us to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Come learn about the Priesthood and Religious Life covered in Chapter 29 this coming Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
[JLABONE@CHARLESTDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:jlabone@charlestdioocese.org)
803.215.7040

FORMATION

Saturday, March 15, 9:00AM First Reconciliation for grades 3-6, New church

On March 30, all Morning Formation Classes (9:45 and 11:30 classes) will pray the Stations of the Cross together at 9:45AM. Parents are welcome to join us.

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 9 – No Evening Youth Ministry

Please pray for the teens attending the Diocesan High School Conference March 8 and 9.

March 16 – Life Teen

March 23 – Life Teen JUBILEE YEAR!

March 30 – Middle School Outdoor Walking Stations
6:00-7:30PM

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

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

TODAY! SUNDAY, MARCH 9

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on food selected—Please join us!

FORMED

Take advantage of FORMED movies, bible studies, children's program, and more ...

Check out FORMED Lent studies: **How To Lent** and **Foretold**

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

9:00AM	Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Cards for Christ	Mother Teresa
2:30PM	Grief Share	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, March 12

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	She Shall be Called Woman	Mother Teresa
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
6:00PM	Murray Daw Talk on IVF	STEM Center
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, March 13

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall

Friday, March 14

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
6:15PM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, March 15

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
10:00AM	Spiritual Warfare & Discernment of Spirits	St. Michael Hall
0:30AM	Mass for Filipino Community (in English)	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, March 16

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:15AM	Baptism Preparation Class	Smith Hall Up
9:30AM	Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

PARISH PERKS!

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

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets in Smith Hall 11:15 - 12:30; we are reading Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome to learn more about our faith and enjoy fellowship. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

IVF AND THE NATURAL LAW: UNDERSTANDING CHURCH TEACHING

With Dr. Murray Daw this **Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30PM** in our new STEM Center at St. Mary's School, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the reasons behind Church teaching. Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org Come at 6:00PM to enjoy refreshments and good conversation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00PM.** You won't want to miss Fr. Francisco Onate-Vargas's talk on **Confession**, in the STEM Center at St. Mary's school, 110 York St. SE, Aiken 29801. It's a fascinating talk. Bring your questions! For information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org
- **Saturday, April 5 at 10:00AM** in Old St. Mary. Fr. Wilson will explain the Mass in the talk "A Teaching Mass". The Eucharistic Sacrifice (Mass) is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. (Lumen Gentium 11, quoted in CCC 1324) Have you wondered about all those gestures the priest makes at Mass? Or about the vestments he wears? Come learn more about the Mass.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

Cursillo is a movement that gives Catholics space for reflection and self-discovery, by engaging in talks, discussions, and activities, participants are encouraged to explore their faith. Please join us **Monday, March 10 at 6:00PM** in St. Michael Hall for our monthly meeting. For more information please contact Don at dontrapp354@icloud.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM
Closed On Fridays



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

ST. MARY'S ROBOTICS TEAM WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION



Our middle school robotics team came in first place in a VEX Robotics Competition earlier this month qualifying them for the VEX Robotics State Tournament. Congratulations to all the members of our team that worked hard to design, build, program, and drive our robot. We are grateful for our new STEM Center and the opportunities it provides for our students!

PLAY IN THE 5TH ANNUAL SMS GOLF TOURNAMENT!

Join us for a fun day of golf while supporting our Saints! Follow this link for more information or scan the QR Code below. <https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/golf.cfm>



ANNUAL ACIES MASS



All active and Auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary are invited to attend the

Annual Acies Mass
Saturday, March 22 10:00AM
St. Edward's Catholic Church
1370 Edgefield Road
North Augusta, SC

The Acies ceremony will include the Rosary, Tesserat Prayers & Consecration to Our Lady. Reception will follow.

RSVP to Ron Tugya by March 17
 Hm: 803.642.9344 Cell: 803.646.6670
 Email: ronloistugya@gmail.com

POSITION AVAILABLE

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR—FULL TIME

St. Mary Help of Christians has an opening for Director of Youth Ministry beginning in June, 2025. This is a full time position.

St. Mary's models relational ministry with an active high school program of catechesis and evangelization. The Director of Youth Ministry will oversee the recruitment and formation of Middle School and Life Teen CORE teams, oversee the regular Middle School and Life Teen formation programs, retreats, service and evangelization, as well as the Confirmation program in the 8th grade year.

If interested, please contact Patrick Wray, Director of Administration at pwray@charlestandioocese.org or 803.649.4777 ext. 112

MUSIC MINISTRY

We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at fdeese@charlestandioocese.org.

If you think you can sing, you probably can!



Pilgrimage to Mexico with Father Orlando – April 27 to 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 holyltravel.com/rid297583 for more details.

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30AM and 11:00AM Sunday Masses. **We especially need volunteers for the 11:00AM Mass.** Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3684 IS OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS

To eligible high school and college students. Scholarships are based on grades, test scores, essay, recommendations, and community involvement. Minimum GPA of 3.0 and SAT score of 1000 are required. The deadline is **April 30, 2025**. Scholarships are renewable with a 3.0 GPA and good standing. Download the application at www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship or contact Chuck Goergen, 803.215.9099 or Jim DalSanto at 803.645.5943.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

2025: El Año de la Evangelización

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El Año de la Evangelización comienza esta Cuaresma como el primer año del plan pastoral diocesano de cinco años llamado "Via Fidelis". En las próximas semanas, el obispo Fabre enviará una carta pastoral detallando este viaje de cinco años. Recientemente, compartió sugerencias para todos nosotros para la oración y la evangelización cada mes durante este Año de la Evangelización.

Marzo: Comparte la Buena Nueva. Este mes, ora al Espíritu Santo para que ponga a una persona en tu corazón para proclamarle la Buena Nueva de salvación en Cristo, y hazlo al menos una vez.

Abril: Invita a alguien a conocer a Jesús. Este mes, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, toma la decisión consciente de invitar a alguien a encontrarse con Jesús contigo.

Mayo: Comparte la Palabra de Dios. Este mes, comparte la historia de José el Patriarca (Génesis), Ester o Daniel con alguien que pueda necesitar escucharla.

Junio: Comparte la Palabra de Dios. Este mes, comparte la historia de la Mujer en el Pozo (Jn 4,1-42), el Joven Rico (Mc 10,17-31), o el Hijo Pródigo (Lc 15,11-32) con alguien que pueda necesitar escucharla.

Julio: Desafiar la Cultura. Este mes, examina tu conciencia para encontrar formas en las que has cedido a varias presiones culturales que van en contra del Evangelio; pide al Espíritu Santo guía y perseverancia para desafiar la cultura y proclamar una cultura fundada en el Evangelio.

Agosto: Rejuvenecer la Iglesia. Este mes, los jóvenes son especialmente desafiados a compartir su fe invitando a otro joven a la Misa, la adoración o el ministerio juvenil; Se pide a los adultos mayores que inviten a un joven a estas mismas oportunidades en su parroquia.

Septiembre: Escuche la voz de Dios. Este mes, "Permanezca quieto y sepa que Él es Dios" pasando tiempo en silencio o adoración silenciosa y permitiendo que Dios le hable.

Octubre: Use el Rosario como herramienta para la evangelización. Este mes, rece el Rosario pidiendo la intercesión de la Santísima Madre por nuestras familias y diócesis mientras evangelizamos; pídale ayuda para compartir a su Hijo de la misma manera que ella lo compartió con nosotros.

Noviembre: Encuentre a Cristo en otro. Este mes, encuentre formas como individuo, familia o grupo parroquial de encontrar a Jesús en sus hermanos y hermanas sirviéndoles con amor y alegría.

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FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 9 de marzo al 16 de marzo, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 9 de marzo comienzan en la **pagina 731** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: Dt 26, 4-10	Sal 90, 1-2. 10-15
Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13	
Lunes: Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18	Sal 18, 8-10. 15
Mt 25, 31-46	
Martes: Is 55, 10-11	Sal 33, 4-7. 16-19
Mt 6, 7-15	
Miércoles: Jon 3, 1-10	Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19
Lc 11, 29-32	
Jueves: Est C, 12. 14-16. 23-25	Sal 137, 1-3. 7-8
Mt 7, 7-12	
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VÍA CRUCIS

Acompañanos a rezar el **Vía Crucis** todos los viernes de Cuaresma a las **7:00PM** en la **Iglesia Antigua**. Un encuentro de oración y reflexión para caminar juntos hacia la Pascua.

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Diciembre: Evangelice con los símbolos de nuestra fe. Este mes, use los símbolos temporales que usamos en la Iglesia para evangelizar. Por ejemplo, invitar a alguien a eventos parroquiales, como celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Las Posadas, representaciones de la natividad, procesiones con el belén o cualquier otra festividad parroquial.

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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 9 de marzo de 2025.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Reyna Salas a 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestdiocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

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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)

12 de abril 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 está abierto a **TODA LA COMUNIDAD**, Como oportunidad para aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "el Viacrucis"

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

CONTACTO: SRA. JOAN MARIE LABONE
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FORMACIÓN

Sábado, 15 de marzo a las 9:00AM, se llavara acabo la **Primera Reconciliación para los grados 3 a 6.**

30 de marzo, todas las clases de catecismo (9:45 y 11:30) van a rezar el viacrucis juntos a las 9:45AM.

Todos los padres son bienvenidos en acompañarnos.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

9 de marzo - No habrá ministerio en la tarde para jóvenes

Por favor, oren por los adolescentes que asistirán a la Conferencia Diocesana de Escuelas Secundarias el 8 y 9 de marzo.

16 de marzo - Life Teen

23 de marzo - Life Teen, AÑO DEL JUVILEO

30 de marzo - escuela secundaria viacrucis afuera 6:00–7:30PM

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La fecha límite es el **30 de abril de 2025**. Las becas son renovables con un GPA de 3.0 y buena conducta. Para obtener más información o una solicitud, comuníquese con Chuck Goergen al 803.215.9099 o Jim DalSanto al 803.645.5943.

Descarga la aplicación en

www.aikenkofc3684.org/2025-scholarship

QUINCEAÑERA

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañera se llevará acabo el 16 de marzo. Para más Información Favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803.522.3988.

RETIRO DE PAREJAS—DETALLES DE DIOS

MARZO 21-22 - EN EL SALÓN STA. ANGELA

¿Preguntas? Sonia Jiménez 803.508.5370 o

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 9 de marzo

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

Lunes, 10 de marzo

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, 11 de marzo

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, 12 de marzo

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

Jueves, 13 de marzo

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

Viernes, 14 de marzo

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

Sábado, 15 de marzo

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

Domingo, 16 de marzo

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

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