



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

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, MARCH 23, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	MAR. 23 \$ 28,899
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	MAR. 23 \$ 10,675
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET	\$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for Mar. 30 & Apr. 6 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

April 18	Holy Land (Good Friday)
April 20	Easter Sunday (Special Collection)

2024-2025 SEMI-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Parish and School 2024-2025 Semi Annual Financial Reports are available in the parish office and on the parish website – www.stmarys-aiken.org

- Select the Giving tab at the top of the homepage
- then click on 2024-25 under Financial Report
- then under Documents on the right hand side, click on the report you want to view.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER ORLANDO!

May God bless you always and grant you a year filled with peace and blessings. Thank you for your dedication and service to the church!

Also on April 15, Father Orlando will be officially incardinated into the diocese of Charleston during the Chrism Mass. This means that Father has been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Charleston. Let us join in prayer as we celebrate this very special moment in Father Orlando's life.



PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we read the narrative of the Passion from the Gospel of Luke. According to this evangelist, Jesus entering Jerusalem to a joyous parade of palms and the passion narrative are mutually related. This is so even though the first part is jubilant while the second part is humiliating and degrading.

Jesus enters Jerusalem as a messianic king, humble, peaceful, with a servant's attitude, not as temporal king using and abusing his power. The cross is the throne from which He reigns. He is not missing the royal crown by loving and forgiving. Luke's Gospel can, indeed, be summarized by saying it reveals Jesus' love through his all-encompassing mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus' mercy and forgiveness are certainly shown throughout Jesus' life, but more clearly upon His crucifixion. How meaningful are the three words we can today hear at the Cross, from Jesus' lips!

- He loves and forgives even his executioners: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Lk 23:34).
- To the thief at his right, who asked Jesus to remember him forever in his Kingdom, Jesus grants forgiveness and salvation: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43).
- Above all, Jesus manifests His forgiveness and love in the supreme moment of his submission when He cries out: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit" (Lk 23:46).

This is our Savior's last lesson at the Cross: mercy and forgiveness, the fruits of love. But forgiving is so difficult for us! Nevertheless, by experiencing in our own lives the saving and forgiving love of Jesus, it should be easier for us to look at others with compassion: a compassion that forgives with love and absolves without meanness.

Saint Francis of Assisi expresses it in his Canticle of the Creatures: "Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love."

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: 12MDNT; 3:00AM
Tues: 3:00AM
Wed: 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 3:00AM
Thu: 12MDNT; 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 11:00PM
Fri: 12MDNT; 3:00AM; 6:00AM
Sat: 12MDNT; 2:00AM; 4PM; 5PM; 6:00PM
Sun: 2:00AM; 3:00AM; 4:00AM; 4:00PM

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. MARY'S SEMANA SANTA Y DOMINGO DE PASCUA 2025

April 13 - Palm Sunday

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

April 15 - Tuesday

No daily Mass (priests in Charleston for
Chrism Mass)

April 17 - Holy Thursday

7:00PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper,
Bilingual

April 18 - Good Friday

8:00AM - Tenebrae service, **OSM**
12:00PM - Stations of the Cross
1:30PM - Living Stations (meet in front of
OSM)
3:00PM - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion, English
7:00PM - Via Crucis y la lectura de la Pasión
de Nuestro Señor

April 19 - Holy Saturday

8:00AM Tenebrae service, **OSM**
12:00PM Blessing of Easter Baskets, **OSM**
8:30PM The Great Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

April 20 - Easter Sunday

7:00AM - Mass, English
9:00AM - Mass, English
11:00AM - Mass, English
1:00PM - Misa en Español

**All Masses and Liturgies will be celebrated in the
church on Fairfield Street, unless otherwise noted
as Old St. Mary (OSM)**

**Todas las Misas y Liturgias se celebrarán en la
iglesia de Fairfield Street, a menos que se indique
que se celebrará en la iglesia antigua (OSM)**

READINGS FOR April 33 – April 20, 2025

Sunday, April 13 readings begin on [page 754](#) of the
Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Palm Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,
17-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56
Or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15
And 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31
and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8,
11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,
15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7,
12-13, 20-22 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Ex 14:15-15:1
Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 Is 54:5-14 Ps 30:2, 4-6,
11-12, 13 Is 55:1-11 Is 12:2-6 (3) Bar 3:9-15,
32-4:4 Ps 19:8-11 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Rom 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12
Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2,
16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:30AM Pro Populo
11:00AM Art Parker
1:00PM Josephine
Camargo y Petra
Gonzales Camargo

Monday, April 14

5:30PM Sarah Lynn
Kuzmeskus

Tuesday, April 15

5:30PM **No Mass**

Wednesday, April 16

8:20AM Penny Goergen
7:00PM Ann Grant

Holy Thursday, April 17

5:30PM **No Mass**
7:00PM **Mass of the Lord's
Supper**

Good Friday, April 18

3:00PM **Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion**

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00AM **No Mass**
8:30PM **Easter Vigil**
For all who are being
received into the Church

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00AM Pro Populo
9:00AM Frieda L. Walker
11:00AM Penny Goergen
1:00PM José Valdez Lopez

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

March 29 William Paul Seneker, Jr.
April 3 Joan Buttrey
April 3 Lillian Musich
April 6 Dr. Madeline Kurrasch

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, May 18, 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)

June 7, 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

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 AND
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21**

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

NO OCIA this week. Plan to attend Holy Week services! We'll see you on April 22. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

April 13 and 14 – No Formation (CCD) Classes –
PALM SUNDAY

April 20 and 21 – No Formation (CCD) Classes –
EASTER

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 13 – Life Teen



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1:30PM
Living Stations of the Cross,
come pray with St. Mary's teens.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 1:30PM – Family service on Holy Saturday. Come help prepare an Easter Lunch for our neighbors in need. Bosco Center
April 20 – EASTER! No Youth Ministry

FORMED

Take advantage of FORMED movies, bible studies, children's program, and more. If you're not on FORMED, sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians. Search videos for "The Boy From Milan" to watch a 35 minute documentary on Blessed Carlos Acutis, who will be canonized on Sunday, April 27th.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 13–Palm Sunday

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

Monday, April 14

9:30AM	NO Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:00AM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:00PM	Cursillo Ultreya	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, April 15

9:00AM	NO Play & Pray	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
5:30PM	NO Daily Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	NO OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, April 16

8:20AM	Daily Mass	Church
9:30AM	NO Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home School	Mother Teresa
1:00PM	Millions of Monicas	Old St. Mary's
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
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Holy Thursday, April 17

11:15AM	NO Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
7:00PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Church
	Bilingual	Church
8:30PM	Adoration (after Mass)	Old St. Mary's

Good Friday, April 18

6:00AM	NO That Man Is You	Mother Teresa
8:00AM	Tenebrae	Old St. Mary's
12:00PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
1:30PM	Living Stations (outdoor)	Old St. Mary
3:00PM	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	Church
6:15PM	Stations of the Cross	Old St. Mary

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00AM	Tenebrae	Old St. Mary
8:00AM	NO Daily Mass	Old St. Mary
12:00PM	Blessing of Easter Baskets	Old St. Mary
8:30PM	The Great Easter Vigil Mass	Church

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:00AM	Mass	Church
9:00AM	Mass	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

NURSERY

The nursery will NOT be available on Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday. Thank you!

PARISH PERKS!

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

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS IS AVAILABLE

FOR THE FOLLOWING MASSES & LITURGIES DURING HOLY WEEK:

- April 17 Holy Thursday 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual) in new church
- April 18 Good Friday 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in new church
- April 20 Easter Sunday 7:00AM; 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses in new church

Drivers will be available 30 minutes before the scheduled time to take patrons into the church. They will bring parishioners back to the curb to be picked up at the completion of the Mass or Liturgy.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We meet this Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00PM in Old St. Mary's. If you have attended in the past, please remember to bring your folder and rosary.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) ANNUAL GAME & CARD PARTY

Saturday, April 26 9:30AM to 2:30PM
St. Angela Hall \$15 per person

All proceeds will benefit the MHA Nurture Home and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. You may reserve a table by calling Amber at 803.215.7721 or Marilyn at 954.560.4907 **between now and April 22.**

Donations of breakfast breads for morning coffee, cookies for lunch dessert, and wrapped door prizes (\$10 max) would be greatly appreciated. Bring them to St. Angela Hall on **Friday, April 25th between 10AM and 4PM.**

Thank you for helping us with this worthwhile event. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, call Claire at 803.270.0887

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

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!



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 excelatstmarys.com

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

APRIL 7-11 OFFICE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

STEM CENTER DONOR RECEPTION

Invitations to a reception to celebrate the opening of the Bl. Carlo Acutis STEM Center were sent out recently. We had a large number of bounced or missing emails! If you made a donation or pledge to support the building of the STEM Center, please accept our invitation to attend a reception from 6PM to 8PM in the STEM Center on Tuesday, April 29. If you can attend, please email Katie Craney at kcraney@stmaryschoolaiken.com to RSVP. Adults only please.

BBQ & BIDS - ANNUAL PTO DINNER & AUCTION

Join us for a night of fun while supporting our PTO. BBQ & BIDS will be held on Friday, April 25 at 5:30PM at the Big Red Barn. The evening will include a delicious BBQ dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction. Tickets can be purchased by using the link square.link/u/c8Ydix9r or scanning the QR Code. Must be 21+ to attend. The PTO is also accepting donations to the auction! Please email pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com to make a donation.



ON THE MASS -- HOLY WEEK

Today is Palm Sunday. The palms we hold symbolize our desire to eagerly welcome Our Lord, represented by the priest in persona Christi. Generally the Chrism Mass is held on Holy Thursday, but our diocese is so large geographically it is held on Tuesday. All priests travel to the Cathedral to renew their promises to the bishop. The Church uses 3 sacramental oils: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrism oil. The first two are pure olive oil and are blessed. The Holy Chrism is a mix of olive oil and balsam, which the bishop consecrates. On Thursday evening, the Mass of the Lord's Supper includes washing 12 men's feet and a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose" in the Historic Old St. Mary Church. No Mass is offered throughout the world on Good Friday. Plan to attend the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. This liturgy includes veneration of the Cross. Please try to attend many of these special liturgies which are listed in the bulletin's schedule for Holy Week.

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@charlestandiocese.org or 803.649.4777 ext. 112

GIFT SHOP CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY

Since we will be closed on Easter Sunday, today is your last chance to find meaningful gifts for your loved ones' Easter baskets! Stop by and discover unique and faith-filled items to make their Easter extra special. We look forward to seeing you!

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 are in need of 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 in this rewarding ministry, please contact Donna Pierce at rampierce@atlanticbb.net or 803.552.7714. Please visit the Homebound Ministries webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound> for more information. Necessary training is given to all volunteers.

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY?

You are not alone! Free help resources:
 Respect Life Ministry – 803.634.3171
 Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center
 803.648.9890 <https://pregnancyaiken.com>
 Birthright – Columbia 803.765.0165
 24/7 Helpline 1.800.550.4900 or
<https://birthright.org>

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA)
 ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM**

We have an on-going engraved brick program to benefit the CWA Kitchen fund. Order forms are in the parish office or call Claire at 803.270.0887 (leave a message). Thank you for your support .

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

LA MISERICORDIA Y EL PERDÓN DE DIOS

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Hoy leemos el relato de la Pasión en el Evangelio de Lucas. Según este evangelista, la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén, en medio de un alegre desfile de palmas, y el relato de la Pasión están estrechamente relacionados. Esto es así, a pesar de que la primera parte es jubilosa, la segunda es humillante y degradante.

Jesús entra en Jerusalén como un rey mesiánico, humilde, pacífico, con actitud de siervo, no como un rey temporal que usa y abusa de su poder. La cruz es el trono desde el cual reina. No pierde la corona real al amar y perdonar. El Evangelio de Lucas se puede resumir diciendo que revela el amor de Jesús a través de su misericordia y perdón que lo abarcan todo.

La misericordia y el perdón de Jesús se manifiestan sin duda a lo largo de su vida, pero con mayor claridad en su crucifixión. ¡Qué significativas son las tres palabras que hoy escuchamos en la cruz, de labios de Jesús!

- Él ama y perdona incluso a sus verdugos: «Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen» (Lc 23,34).
- Al ladrón a su derecha, que le pidió a Jesús que lo recordara para siempre en su Reino, Jesús le concede perdón y salvación: «Hoy estarás conmigo en el Paraíso» (Lc 23,43).
- Sobre todo, Jesús manifiesta su perdón y amor en el momento supremo de su sumisión, cuando exclama: «Padre, en tus manos encomiendo mi espíritu» (Lc 23,46).

Esta es la última lección de nuestro Salvador en la Cruz: misericordia y perdón, frutos del amor. ¡Pero perdonar nos resulta tan difícil! Sin embargo, al experimentar en nuestra propia vida el amor salvador y perdonador de Jesús, debería sernos más fácil mirar a los demás con compasión: una compasión que perdona con amor y absuelve sin mezquindad.

San Francisco de Asís lo expresa en su Cántico de las Criaturas: «Alabado seas, mi Señor, por aquellos que perdonan por tu amor».

Les deseo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson



FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 13 de abril al 20 de abril, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 13 de abril comienzan en la **pagina 755** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: Lc 19, 28-40 Is 50, 4-7 Sal 21, 8-9.
17-20. 23-24 Flp 2, 6-11 Lc 22, 14-23, 56 o
23, 1-49

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7 Sal 26, 1-3. 13-14 Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6 Sal 70, 1-6. 15 y 17

Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38

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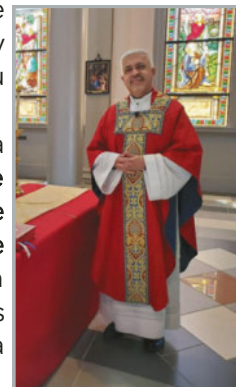
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¡Feliz Cumpleaños, Padre Orlando!

Que Dios lo bendiga siempre y le otorgue un año lleno de paz y bendiciones. ¡Gracias por su dedicación y servicio a la iglesia!

El 15 de abril, durante la Misa Crismal en Charleston, el Padre Orlando será oficialmente incorporado al Clero de Charleston. Unámonos en oración mientras celebramos este momento tan especial en la vida del Padre Orlando.



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 18 y 25 de mayo de 2025.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Reyna Salas a 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

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

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370.

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¿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)

14 de junio 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: Significado de la Semana Santa.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

13 y 14 de abril—No hay Catecismo (CCD) - Domingo de Ramos

20 y 21 de abril—No hay Catecismo (CCD) - Pascua

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

13 de abril - Life Teen



**VIERNES SANTO,
18 DE ABRIL, 1:30PM**

Estaciones Vivientes de la Cruz.
Vengan a orar con los
adolescentes de Santa María.

19 de abril, 1:30PM - Servicio familiar el Sábado Santo. Venga a ayudar a preparar un almuerzo de Pascua para nuestros vecinos necesitados. Salón Bosco

20 de abril - ¡Pascua! No hay la Pastoral Juvenil





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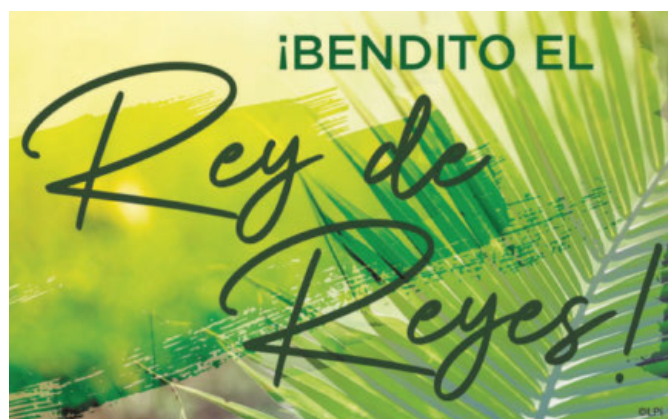
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Puede comprar sus boletos a través del enlace square.link/u/c8Ydix9r o escaneando el código QR. Debe ser mayor de 21 años para asistir. ¡La PTO también acepta donaciones para la subasta! Envíe un correo electrónico a pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com para hacer una donación.



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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 13 de abril – Domingo de Ramos

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

Lunes, 14 de abril

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, 15 de abril *

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

Miércoles, 16 de abril

8:20AM	Misa Diaria	Iglesia
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Formación católica	Smith Hall

Jueves Santo, 17 de abril

5:30PM	No Hay Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa de la Cena del Señor, bilingüe	Iglesia
8:30PM	Adoración (depués de la Misa)	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes Santo, 18 de abril

8:00AM	Tenebrae	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	No Hay Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Vía Crucis y la lectura de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor	Iglesia

Sábado Santo, 19 de abril

8:00AM	Tenebrae	Iglesia Antigua
8:00AM	No Hay Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
12:00PM	Bendición de las canastas de Pascua	Iglesia Antigua
8:30PM	Misa de Vigilia de Pascua bilingüe	Iglesia

Domingo de Pascua, 20 de abril

7:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARÁ

CERRADA

**EL VIERNES SANTO, 18 DE ABRIL Y
 EL LUNES DE PASCUA, 21 DE ABRIL**

TIENDA DE REGALOS: La tienda de regalos estará cerrada el Domingo de Pascua, ¡así que hoy es la última oportunidad de encontrar regalos significativos para las canastas de Pascua de tus seres queridos! Pase y descubra artículos únicos y llenos de fe para hacer que su Pascua sea muy especial.



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