

**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH
APRIL 20, 2025**



EASTER SUNDAY

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- Lk 24:2**

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, APRIL 6, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	MAR. 30	\$ 23,852
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	MAR. 30	\$ 16,585
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	APRIL 6	\$ 37,143
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	APRIL 6	\$ 15,655

TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for April 13 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- April 27 Catholic Mission Appeal
- April 27 St. Vincent de Paul (outside)

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
5. 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.

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!



PASTOR’S CORNER +JMJ+

THE BURIAL CLOTHS WERE LYING THERE...

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have already heard the good news. Or rather, the best news: “Christ is alive! He has risen and has appeared to his disciples.” Happy Easter to all! The sadness that filled our hearts at Christ’s passion and death gives way to the uncontainable joy brought about by his resurrection.

It is not easy to believe in Jesus’ resurrection. The disciples had to experience the dark night of the soul after Good Friday. Along with the trauma of Jesus’ violent death, they had to suffer the silence of many unknowns. And now, what would happen?

Jesus appears, risen, to Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas, precisely to them because they doubted. They were more dead than alive. And He appears to the disciples at Emmaus because they had already lost hope. To all of them, he brings new reasons to believe and live.

Christ’s resurrection changed the world. Death was conquered when Christ accepted death; pain was overcome when Christ freely accepted suffering; sin was destroyed when Christ took it upon his shoulders. All this is true even though death, suffering, and sin continue to accompany us in our lives. But they are no longer insurmountable.

We must be a people of hope. We cannot go through the world expecting calamities; we must persevere in an incorruptible optimism, tested by love and death, very realistic but full of faith. There is a new beatitude destined for us: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Every Sunday is a small Easter made present in the Eucharist. It’s an invitation for us to live “as those who have been resurrected.”

Saint Paul invites us to “seek things that are above, not things that are on earth.” Make a practical resolution: Spend some time reading the Gospel account of everything that happened after the resurrection. It will fill you with joy and peace. How much we need that joy after hearing of catastrophes, deaths, and difficult times from our smart phones or TV! May we live constantly in the good news of Christ’s resurrection and victory over sin and death. Let us be people of hope!

Happy Easter!
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; 1:00AM
Wed: 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 3:00AM
Thu: 12MDNT; 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 11AM; 11:00PM
Fri: 12MDNT; 3:00AM
Sat: 12MDNT; 2:00AM; 11AM; 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND!

We need more volunteers to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Our LORD each week to those who cannot attend Mass. For more information please contact Donna Pierce at 803.552.7714 or piercedin1988@gmail.com or visit the Homebound Ministries webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/communion-to-homebound>. Necessary training is given to all volunteers.

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We need additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30AM & 11:00AM Masses. Volunteers would rotate with others once every three weeks or so. Wheelchair Express is available for anyone needing wheelchair assistance into the sanctuary and back to their vehicles after Mass on Sundays. Volunteers are present 30 minutes before each of the Masses. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Bobbie or George Sich at 740.981.2961

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS – APRIL 5

Celeste Catalina Sedano, daughter of Antony Guadalupe Sedano and Jimena Sedano
Jaxtyn Dang, son of Jin Lu Dang and Vinh Thi Tran
Roland Charles More, son Charles Lewis More and Ashley Lyn More
Scarlett Taylor Mauk, daughter of Henry Taylor Mauk and Gabriella Rose Pizzanelli Mauk
Ariana Marie Quigley, daughter of Andrew Charles Quilgey and Amanda Jane Quilgey

READINGS FOR April 20 – April 27, 2025

Sunday, April 20 readings begin on **page 1106** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

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
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-21 Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 20

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

Monday, April 21

5:30PM Pat Kruse

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 – TRINITY
Fr. Orlando Serrano-Ardila (L)

5:30PM Helen Boyce

Wednesday, April 23

8:20AM Patricia O'Reilly
7:00PM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 24

5:30PM Thursa Sotak

Friday, April 25

5:30PM Val Cadarr (L)

Saturday, April 26

8:00AM Tracy Champion
5:00PM Art Parker

Crale D. Hopkins

Raymond Klefner

Caren Daughtery

Gregory Kaufmann

William J. Clair

Sunday, April 27

8:30AM John Koch

11:00AM John Koch

1:00PM Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

March 9: Sally Colatarci
March 18: Thomas Philbeck
April 3: Charles R. Dinunzio
April 4: Leone "Lee" Philbeck
April 7: Sherene Power

ALTAR FLOWER GIFTS: If you would like to offer a gift of flowers to honor our Lord and someone special to you, contact Colleen Snyder at csnyder@charlestandiocese.org or 518.524.4464. The requested donation is \$300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

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

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

We are called to continue to learn about God and about our faith throughout our life, and to continue to grow closer to God each day. We will cover Sacred Study: Scripture and Spiritual Reading, Ch. 34 this Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall. 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@CHARLESTONDIOCESE.ORG
803.215.7040

FORMATION

April 20 and 21—No Formation (CCD) Classes – EASTER
Last class of the year April 27!

Confirmation class 11:30-12:30AM will also meet on May 4. All public and home school Confirmation candidates should attend this May 4 class.

Confirmation Rehearsal will be May 9 at 7:00PM in the church. Confirmation candidates and their sponsor or parent should attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 20—EASTER! No Youth Ministry
April 27— Bowling with Clergy! Middle School and High School.

Cost \$5 cash per person. Please register with Mrs. LaBone by April 24 to let her know you are coming. Meet at Park Avenue Lanes 6:00–7:30PM. Bring extra money for food and drinks. Everyone will be able to bowl 3 games.

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 .

THE WEEK AHEAD

Easter Sunday, April 20

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

Monday, April 21

12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:15PM	Secular Franciscans	St. Michael Hall

Tuesday, April 22

3:30PM	Grief Share	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, April 23

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	NO Bible Study	
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

Thursday, April 24

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

Friday, April 25

6:00AM	That Man Is You	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Saturday, April 26

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary
9:30AM	CWA Card Party	St. Angela Hall
10:30AM	Filipino Mass	Old St. Mary
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

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

GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21**

PARISH PERKS!

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION GAME AND 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 **by this Tuesday, 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 10:00AM and 4:00PM.**

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

LEGION OF MARY

Having a true love for Mary and being a Catholic in good standing are the basic requirements for Legion of Mary membership. Currently in our parish we have 3 groups, each called a praesidium.

As legionaries we meet for prayer, planning and discussion. Then in pairs, we do two hours of definite work that can include, among other things, visiting the aged, bringing communion to the homebound, distributing rosaries, medals and Catholic literature. We also strive to be an extension of the heart and hands of our pastor.

If you are interested in working, "For Jesus through Mary," call Lois Tugya, 803.262.6398 for information.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet in Smith Hall, 11:15AM - 12:30PM. We are reading Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome to learn more about our faith and enjoy fellowship. Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you going through a difficult time? Do you wish you had someone to talk to? St. Mary's has trained Stephen Ministers - women and men - who are here to help. A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain peace and joy. Leaflets are in the back of church with more information about Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact, 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
excelatstmarys.com

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

JIMMY JOHNS OFFERS SMS ONGOING FUNDRAISING EVERY SUNDAY

Between NOON and 3:00PM, Jimmy Johns on Whiskey Rd. will donate 10% of your order back to us if you mention St. Mary's when ordering. Funds raised will be used toward our preschool program!

BISHOP VISIT

WOW! Recently Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS visited our school and parish. While visiting the school the Bishop met with groups, toured the school, spoke with classes, and even went out to play at recess!



ON THE MASS

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Easter Day lasts an Octave, 8 days. The churches remain decorated for the entire octave, the Easter candle is lit for Masses, and the gospels are about the resurrection. The Easter Season is 50 days. It includes Divine Mercy Sunday, Ascension, and ends with Pentecost. During the Easter season the first reading is from Acts of the Apostles (as opposed to usually being from the Old Testament). The priest wears white or gold vestments. Try to notice little ways the Mass is different during the Easter season.

RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) Helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. To register for the Fall program beginning with a weekend on April 25-27th in the Charlotte area, contact: Bill and Lyn Folsom at email: 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or 727.343.6701 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

Plan to join other parishioners on day-trips to visit the pilgrimage churches of our diocese during this jubilee year. We'll carpool from Aiken in the morning, tour the church, enjoy lunch together, then return home. Save the dates!

- Basilica of St. Peter, Columbia. **Saturday, May 17** at 11AM (leave Aiken 9:15AM)
- Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston, **Saturday, Sept. 20**, 11:00AM (leave Aiken 7:30AM)
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville. (TBD)

Contact Mary Ellen at mjackson@charlestdioecese.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St., SE. This is a 13 - week GriefShare program. The workbook is \$20. Scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the Parish Office. To register or for more information please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestdioecese.org.

Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you feel comfortable.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We do not meet this week. We will meet again on Wednesday, April 30, 9:30-11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. We are studying the most recent encyclical, *Dilexit Nos--On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*. Contact Martha Whittingham at whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 21 Dr. Jim Nolan, leads a group of Americans' project to cast a new bell as a gift to Nagasaki's Urakami Cathedral on the 80th anniversary of the US bombing of the cathedral/city during WWII. It will hopefully ring on August 9, 2025. Dr. Nolan will give us a bit of history and then explain this fascinating project. More information to come.

Saturday, June 14 at 10:30AM Fr. Wilson will lead a tour of St. Mary Help of Christians Church, 138 Fairfield Street.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

St. Mary's Hospital Ministry strives to bring Holy Communion daily to Catholic patients in the Aiken hospital. If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office at 803.649.4777. If you are not able to receive Communion, we can still come and pray with you! Because of confidentiality, the hospital cannot tell us you're there without your permission. Please help us bring you the healing power and strength of Jesus! Happy Easter!

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

LOS LIENZOS ESTABAN ALLÍ...

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Ya hemos escuchado la buena noticia. O mejor dicho, la mejor noticia: "¡Cristo está vivo! Ha resucitado y se ha aparecido a sus discípulos". ¡Felices Pascuas a todos! La tristeza que nos llenó el corazón con la pasión y muerte de Cristo da paso a la alegría incontenible que nos trae su resurrección.

No es fácil creer en la resurrección de Jesús. Los discípulos tuvieron que experimentar la noche oscura del alma después del Viernes Santo. Junto con el trauma de la muerte violenta de Jesús, tuvieron que sufrir el silencio de muchas incógnitas. ¿Y ahora qué sucedería?

Jesús se aparece, resucitado, a Pedro, María Magdalena y Tomás, precisamente porque dudaban. Estaban más muertos que vivos. Y se aparece a los discípulos de Emaús porque ya habían perdido la esperanza. A todos ellos, les trae nuevas razones para creer y vivir.

La resurrección de Cristo cambió el mundo. La muerte fue vencida cuando Cristo la aceptó; el dolor fue vencido cuando Cristo aceptó libremente el sufrimiento; el pecado fue destruido cuando Cristo lo cargó sobre sus hombros. Todo esto es cierto aunque la muerte, el sufrimiento y el pecado sigan acompañándonos en nuestras vidas. Pero ya no son insuperables.

Debemos ser un pueblo de esperanza. No podemos ir por el mundo esperando calamidades; debemos perseverar en un optimismo incorruptible, probado por el amor y la muerte, muy realista pero lleno de fe. Hay una nueva bienaventuranza destinada para nosotros: «Bienaventurados los que no vieron y creyeron».

Cada domingo es una pequeña Pascua hecha presente en la Eucaristía. Es una invitación a vivir «como quienes han resucitado».

San Pablo nos invita a «buscar las cosas de arriba, no las de la tierra». Hagan un propósito práctico: dedica un tiempo a leer el relato evangélico de todo lo que sucedió después de la resurrección. Los llenará de alegría y paz. ¡Cuánto necesitamos esa alegría después de enterarnos de catástrofes, muertes y tiempos difíciles en nuestros teléfonos o televisores! Que vivamos constantemente en la buena nueva de la resurrección de Cristo y su victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte. ¡Seamos personas de esperanza!

¡Felices Pascuas!

Les deseo todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 20 de abril al 27 de abril, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 20 de abril comienzan en la **pagina 1107** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Hch 10, 34. 37-43	Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23	Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8
	Jn 20, 1-9 o Lc 24, 1-12		
Lunes:	Hch 2, 14. 22-33	Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-11	
	Mt 28, 8-15		
Martes:	Hch 2, 36-41	Sal 32, 4-5. 18-20 y 22	
	Jn 20, 11-18		
Miércoles:	Hch 3, 1-10	Sal 104, 1-4. 6-9	
	Lc 24, 13-35		
Jueves:	Hch 3, 11-26	Sal 8, 2 y 5-9	Lc 24, 35-48
Viernes:	Hch 4, 1-12	Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-27	
	Jn 21, 1-14		
Sábado:	Hch 4, 13-21	Sal 117, 1 y 14-21	
	Mc 16, 9-15		
Domingo siguiente:	Hch 5, 12-16	Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24	Ap 1, 9-13. 17-19
			Jn 20, 19-31

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



WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS -- DOMINGO EN LA MAÑANA

El Wheelchair Express está disponible para aquellos que necesitan ayuda desde la acera hasta el banco en las misas dominicales de 8:30 y 11:00AM. Comuníquese con George o Bobbi Sich al riverhost.rs@gmail.com o al 740.981.2961 o al 740.935.9713 para información o para ser voluntario.

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¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres **deben** asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 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 jlaborne@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. Este espacio está abierto a TODA LA COMUNIDAD, Como oportunidad para aprender más sobre nuestra fe católica. Tema de la semana: "el papel del laico."

Para más información contactar a Omar & Mercedith Cardona: cardona5@bellsouth.net

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

20 y 21 de abril—No hay Catecismo (CCD) - Pascua
¡Última clase del año, 27 de abril!

La clase de Confirmación, de 11:30AM a 12:30PM, también se reunirá el 4 de mayo. Todos los candidatos a la Confirmación, tanto de escuelas públicas como de educación en casa, deben asistir a esta clase el 4 de mayo.

El ensayo de Confirmación será el 9 de mayo a las 7 p. m. en la iglesia. El candidato a la Confirmación y su padrino o padre deben asistir.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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

27 de abril - ¡Bolos con el clero! Escuelas secundarias y preparatorias.

Costo: \$5 en efectivo por persona. Por favor, regístrese con la Sra. LaBone para avisarle de su asistencia antes del 24 de abril. La reunión se llevará a cabo en Park Avenue Lanes de 6:00 a 7:30PM. Traiga dinero extra para comida y bebidas. Todos podrán jugar 3 juegos de bolos.



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**¡TE INVITAMOS A NUESTRA CLASE DE FORMACIÓN
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Este miércoles, 23 de Abril, tendremos una clase especial de formación abierta para toda la comunidad. Será una excelente oportunidad para crecer en nuestra fe y compartir juntos como familia. No importa si ya has participado antes o si es tu primera vez – todos son bienvenidos.

¡Unidos en oración!

Te invitamos a ser parte del Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los jueves a las 7:30PM en la Iglesia Antigua.

Este es un espacio especial donde nos unimos como comunidad para orar, reflexionar y fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios.

- ◆ Ven con un corazón dispuesto a recibir bendiciones.
- ◆ No importa si es tu primera vez, todos son bienvenidos.
- ◆ Un momento para la paz y la esperanza.

¡Te esperamos con los brazos abiertos!

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 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

Lunes, 21 de abril

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

Martes, 22 de abril

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

Miércoles, 23 de abril

8:20AM	Misa Escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Formación católica	Smith Hall

Jueves, 24 de abril

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

Viernes, 25 de abril

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

Sábado, 26 de abril

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

Domingo, 27 de abril

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

**LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTARÁ
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