

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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 13, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY APRIL 13 \$ 34,685.16
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR APRIL 13 \$ 19,000.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 2,020,200

NOTE: Financial updates for April 20 were not available at the time the bulletin was sent to print.

SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL 27

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

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

May 11 Catholic Charities of South Carolina

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.

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+

DOUBTING THOMAS AND DIVINE MERCY

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Gospel for today, Jesus on the first day of the week, entered a locked room where the disciples were hidden for fear of the Jews. Their Lord and Savior had been crucified by the Romans; their special friend, companion and Lord was gone from their lives. I'm sure that you could cut the confusion and fear with a knife.

Into this locked room, Jesus suddenly appears and says, "Peace be with you!" and he shows them his hands and his side. And our Gospel tells us that he disciples "rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Can you imagine their wonderment and joy? What would it have been like to be there? In this busy and demanding world, could your life use some wonderment and joy?

But Thomas was not present in that locked room and needed definitive proof. A week later, still living in fear, the disciples were in the same house, this time with Thomas. Our Lord invited Thomas to touch his hands and side. Thomas did so and responded: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

So, my friends, we are in that group that Jesus was talking about! We have not seen. We have not physically touched his hands and his side, yet we believe. And...our Lord calls us "Blessed." And Blessed are we! Do we "live, move and have our being" in that "Blessedness?"

By the design of Pope Saint John Paul II, this Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. As explained by the Holy Father in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy), Divine Mercy is the loving manifestation of God in a history wounded by sin. In Latin *misericordia* (which means "mercy") comes from two words: "*miser*" (misery) and "*cor, cordis*" (heart). Jesus puts our unhappy situation due to sin in His Father's heart, which is faithful to His plans. Jesus Christ, dead and risen, is the supreme manifestation and action of Divine Mercy.

How "Blessed" we are to have access to our Lord's Divine Mercy!

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

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@charlestdiocese.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)

Many people are uncomfortable with the Church's devotion to saints. This week we will cover Mary, the Saints, and Devotions, Ch. 35. Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall at 125 Union Street. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

FORMATION

Last class of the year April 27!

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

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 27- Bowling with Clergy! Middle School and High School.

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

May 4-Life Teen

HOW TO SIGN 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 our contact information.



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

WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR SAT. 3 AM (FRI. NIGHT).

If you can take this or another hour, please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact the appropriate Divisional Leader:

12 MDNT.- 6AM	Tom Henry	803.642.6893
6AM -12 NOON	Ken Boucher	803.226.4639
12 NOON - 6PM	Janice Suhrer	803.645.6105
6PM - 12 MDNT.	Joan Pate	803.226.0263

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 and 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

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@charlestdiocese.org or 518.524.4464. The requested donation is \$300.00 for two arrangements on the altar.

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

April 15 Frances Elizabeth Zuchowski
 April 16 Joseph Gargano
 April 17 Judy Dudley Romeo
 April 19 Marie-Joy Cooper
 April 19 Roland More

READINGS FOR April 27 – May 4, 2025

Sunday, April 27 readings begin on [page 784](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

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	
Monday: Acts 4:23-31	Ps 2:1-9	Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37	Ps 93:1-2, 5	Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26	Ps 34:2-3, 4-9	
Jn 3:16-21		
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33	Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20	
Jn 3:31-36		
Friday: Acts 5:34-42	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14	Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8	Ps 19:2-5	Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41	Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13	Rv 5:11-14
	Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14	

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 27

8:30AM John Koch
 11:00AM John Koch
 1:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, April 28

5:30PM Mildred Louise
 Gall

Tuesday, April 29

10:00 – Trinity
 Fr. Richard C. Wilson (L)
 5:30PM Anna Hewitt

Wednesday, April 30

8:20AM Barbara Baker
 7:00PM Allie Flanders

Thursday, May 1

10:00am – Oaks
 William Glass
 5:30PM Ronald J.
 Albertelli

Friday, May 2

5:30PM George Brand

Saturday, May 3

8:00AM Sanctity of Life
 5:00PM Melissa & Adam

Sharp (L)

Reeve Sharp (D)

Agnes Roberts

Thomas Joseph Didgeon

Caren Daughtery

Carlos Ocasio

Sunday, May 4

8:30AM All the Priests &
 Deacons of St. Mary's
 11:00AM Christina Cocke
 1:00PM Pro Populo

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS – APRIL 12

Ximena Pastor Venancio daughter of Fernando
 Pastor Faustino & Maria Venancio Gonzalez
 Suceli Ivanna Maldonado daughter of Cristian
 Maldonado & Nancy Sanchez Elia
 Hailey Rose Lopez Amador daughter of Jeffrey
 Lopez Guzman & Tania Amador Davila
 Emiliano Alfonso Gaitan son of Alejandro Gaitan
 Del Rio & Paula Zambrano
 Ayden Lopez son of Jorge Lopez and Erika Lopez

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 27

8:30AM	Mass	Church
8:30AM	Parish Perks	St. Michael Hall
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
3:00PM	Divine Mercy Novena Benediction	Church

Monday, April 28

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Tuesday, April 29

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

Wednesday, April 30

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Hall
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

8:00AM	Daily Mass	Old St. Mary
9:00AM	First Holy Communion Mass in English	Church
12:00PM	First Holy Communion Mass in Spanish	Church
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, May 4

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:30AM	Parish Perks	St. Michael Hall
9:30AM	Sunday 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

EASTERN EUROPEAN DINNER

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary in support of the Knights of Columbus & their charities.

Friday, May 9, 2025

Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Dr., Aiken, SC

Doors open at 5:00PM

Dinner begins at 5:30-7:00PM

Cost: \$15 per adult

\$10 for children 6-12 – age 5 and under FREE

Dinner will consist of a variety of European dishes such as halupky (stuffed cabbage), stuffed peppers, perogies, and nut rolls.

One Ticket for: 1 beer or soda, along with a cash bar.

Due to the variety of foods, there will NOT be any "Take-out" meals unless you come in and ask for it.

A LIMITED number of tickets will be sold after all Masses April 26 & 27 and May 3 & 4

For more information, contact:

Gina Kvartek, 803.645.1130 or

Marsha Franklin, 803.645.1407

JOB OPENING WITH FAMILY HONOR, INC Family Honor has a job opening for executive director. We are looking for a Catholic individual who understands the importance of faith, family, and Pope St. John Paul II's teaching on the Theology of the Body. This is a tremendous opportunity to serve others, deepen your own spiritual life, and engage in a life-changing mission. For job details, go to: <https://familyhonor.org/jobs/> or email famhonor@aol.com You may also call the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Family Honor carries out our mission through presentation of family-centered programs and also classes for adults that provide continuing education on current moral issues from a Catholic perspective.

GIFT SHOP

Happy Easter! Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, and Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized! We have books about the life and works of Carlo Acutis for various age groups. We are open from 9:00AM to 1:00PM today. Next weekend we will be open after the Saturday 5:00PM Vigil Mass and Sunday 1:00PM Spanish Mass.

FORMED: Check out FORMED's Lent studies:

How To Lent and Foretold. If you're not on FORMED, sign up at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.



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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

APRIL 7-11 OFFICE CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK

CARLO ACUTIS BECOMES A SAINT!

Early this Sunday morning, Carlo Acutis became a saint! On Monday, St. Mary's School students will celebrate his canonization. The Blessed Carlo Acutis STEM Center at St. Mary's School is now St. Carlo Acutis STEM Center! St. Carlo Acutis is the first millennial to become a saint. He is known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of technology to help spread the Gospel. St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

JIMMY JOHNS OFFERS SMS ONGOING FUNDRAISING EVERY SUNDAY

Between 12NOON and 3:00PM, Jimmy Johns on Whiskey Rd. will donate 10% of your order back to the school if you mention St. Mary's when ordering. Funds raised will be used toward our preschool program!

ON THE MASS

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Today is the second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Easter season continues through Pentecost. Notice the first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles (not the Old Testament). During Easter Season, a blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary penitential rite as a reminder of our Baptism. One of the Church rules is that Catholics must receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. Notice all the Alleluias at Mass.

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!

"For there is no obedience without humility, nor humility without charity." St. Catherine of Siena

SUNDAY MORNING CAFÉ (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION)

Learn more about our faith and build friendships with our parish family at Café, which is available Spring and Fall, paralleling school semesters. Join fellow parishioners for breakfast, a faith based video and small group discussion between Sunday Masses (9:45 to 10:45) in Mother Teresa Hall. Let's help each other become better disciples! For more information contact Jane Phillips-Tillman 410.241.0647 or tillman3js@live.com.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We meet again this on Wednesday, 9:30-11:00AM in St. Michael Hall to study *Dilexit Nos*. Contact Martha at whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 21 During WW II the Cathedral in Nagasaki was destroyed. A group of Americans are casting a new bell for Nagasaki's Urakami Cathedral as a gift, hopefully to ring out on August 9, 2025, the 80th anniversary of the US dropping the bomb. **Dr. Jim Nolan**, who is a leader in this project, will speak at St. Mary's on **Wednesday, May 21**, to teach us a bit of history and tell us about this fascinating project. Check back for more information.

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

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

Plan to join other parishioners on day-trips to visit the pilgrimage churches of our diocese. We'll leave from Aiken in the morning, carpool to the church, have a tour, go to lunch together, and return home.

St. Peter's Columbia. **Saturday May 17** at 11AM (leave Aiken 9:15AM)

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston. Saturday **September 20** at 11AM (leave Aiken 7.30AM)
St. Mary's, Greenville. (not yet scheduled)

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of any ill or grieving person in need of a hand-made blanket or shawl, please contact St. Mary's at 803.649.4777. These are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our priests. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please contact Mary Anne Graff at 803.642.6716. There are lots of materials available to use, so please come and join us.

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ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

TOMÁS EL INCRÉDULO Y LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

En nuestro Evangelio de hoy, el primer día de la semana, Jesús entró en una habitación cerrada donde los discípulos estaban escondidos por miedo a los judíos. Su Señor y Salvador había sido crucificado por los romanos; su amigo, compañero y Señor especial había desaparecido de sus vidas. Estoy seguro de que la confusión y el miedo se podían cortar con un cuchillo.

En esa habitación cerrada, Jesús aparece de repente y les dice: "¡La paz sea con ustedes!", y les muestra sus manos y su costado. Y nuestro Evangelio nos dice que sus discípulos "se alegraron al ver al Señor". ¿Se imaginan su asombro y alegría? ¿Cómo habría sido estar allí? En este mundo tan ajetreado y exigente, ¿podría su vida disfrutar de un poco de asombro y alegría?

Pero Tomás no estaba presente en esa habitación cerrada y necesitaba una prueba definitiva. Una semana después, aún con miedo, los discípulos estaban en la misma casa, esta vez con Tomás. Nuestro Señor invitó a Tomás a tocarle las manos y el costado. Tomás lo hizo y respondió: "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!". Jesús le dijo entonces: «¿Porque me has visto has creído? Dichosos los que no han visto y han creído».

Así que, amigos míos, ¿estamos en ese grupo del que hablaba Jesús! No hemos visto. No hemos tocado físicamente sus manos ni su costado, y aun así creemos. Y... nuestro Señor nos llama «Bienaventurados». ¡Y bienaventurados somos! ¿Vivimos, nos movemos y existimos en esa «Bienaventuranza»?

Por designio del Papa San Juan Pablo II, este domingo es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Es algo que va mucho más allá de una devoción particular. Como explicó el Santo Padre en su encíclica *Dives in Misericordia* (Rico en Misericordia), la Divina Misericordia es la manifestación amorosa de Dios en una historia herida por el pecado. En latín, misericordia (que significa «misericordia») proviene de dos palabras: «miser» (miseria) y «cor, cordis» (corazón). Jesús pone nuestra situación de infelicidad a causa del pecado en el corazón de su Padre, que es fiel a sus planes. Jesucristo, muerto y resucitado, es la manifestación y acción suprema de la Divina Misericordia.

¡Qué benditos somos al tener acceso a la Divina Misericordia de nuestro Señor!

Les deseo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 27 de abril al 4 de mayo, 2025

Las lecturas para domingo, 27 de abril comienzan en la **pagina 785** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Hch 5, 12-16 22-24	Ap 1, 9-13. 17-19	Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15.	Jn 20, 19-31
Lunes:	Hch 4, 23-31		Sal 2-7. 7-9	Jn 3, 1-8
Martes:	Hch 4, 32-37		Sal 92, 1-2. 5	Jn 3, 7-15
Miércoles:	Hch 5, 17-26		Sal 33, 2-9	Jn 3, 16-21
Jueves:	Hch 5, 27-33		Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-20	Jn 3, 31-36
Viernes:	Hch 5, 34-42		Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14	Jn 6, 1-15
Sábado:	1 Co 15, 1-8		Sal 29, 2-5	Jn 14, 6-14
Domingo siguiente:	Hch 5, 27-32. 40-41		Sal 29, 2. 4-6. 11-12. 13	Ap 5, 11-14
				Jn 21, 1-19 o 21, 1-14

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DONACIONES DE FLORES PARA EL ALTAR

Las flores del altar pueden ser patrocinadas durante todo el año, excepto durante la Cuaresma, y el costo es \$300 por dos arreglos. Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor o a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con Colleen Snyder at csnyder@charlestdiocese.org or 518.524.4464.

REZO DEL SANTO ROSARIO

Todos los domingos, a las 12:30PM, antes de la Misa en español, está invitado a saludar a la Santísima Virgen con la oración del Santo Rosario. Si gustas participar dirigiendo esta oración, comunícate con Carlos Fierros y Nancy Rubio al 803.645.9169.

TIENDA DE REGALOS

Estamos abiertos hoy de 9AM a 1PM hoy. El próximo fin de semana estaremos abiertos después de la Misa de Vigilia del sábado a las 5PM y la Misa en español del domingo a la 1PM.

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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 jlaborne@charlestdioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

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

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

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 al 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 papel del laico"

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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FORMACIÓN

27 de abril – Última clase del año

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.

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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.

4 de mayo – Life Teen



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Todos los domingos, entre el mediodía y las 3PM, Jimmy Johns en Whiskey Rd. donará el 10 % de su pedido si menciona a St. Mary's al realizarlo. ¡Los fondos recaudados se destinarán a nuestro programa preescolar!

QUERIDOS FELIGRESES

Si reciben correos electrónicos o mensajes de texto enviados en mi nombre o en el de otro miembro del personal de la parroquia o de la escuela, solicitando ayuda financiera de una forma u otra, sepan que ni yo ni ningún empleado de la parroquia les pediremos donaciones de ningún tipo a través de las redes sociales. No respondan a ningún mensaje que puedan recibir. Dios los bendiga, Padre Wilson

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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

Lunes, 28 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, 29 de abril

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, 30 de abril

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

Jueves, 1 de mayo

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

Viernes, 2 de mayo

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

Sábado, 3 de mayo

8:00AM	Misa Diaria	Iglesia Antigua
9:00AM	Primera Comunión	
	Misa en ingles	Iglesia
12:00PM	Primera Comunión	
	Misa en Español	Inglés
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de Vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 4 de mayo

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

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Para alimentos o asistencia financiera, llame al 803.642.3211. Abierto de lunes a jueves de 9:00AM a 1:00PM. Cerrado los viernes.

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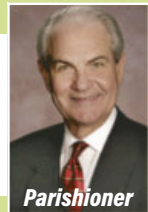


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