



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." - Jn 6:39-40

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

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 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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Closed On Fridays

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY OCT. 26 \$ 31,775
ONLINE OFFERTORY OCT. 26 \$ 17,689
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET \$ 2,118,675

Special Collection - October 26

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 6,423

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 2 – All Souls Day

November 9 – Archdiocese for the Military Services

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 on St. Mary's website:
 1. Go to www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING", then "SUNDAY OFFERTORY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. Special collection choices can be made online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886. The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP HOURS

PREPARING FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

The gift shop will have many items for you to select from this Advent season. We'll be open Saturday, Nov. 8 after 5:00PM vigil Mass, and Sunday, Nov. 9 9:00AM – 1:00PM; & after the 1:00PM Spanish Mass.

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel!

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!

*"The Mass is the moment when
heaven and earth are united."*

– St. Francis of Assisi

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

Pray for the Dead!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This has been an interesting year in terms of our Sunday Eucharist. Every seven or eight years or so, we get some unusual feast days that show up on Sunday. This year we had All Soul's Day on Sunday and of course it trumped the regular Sunday celebration for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

All Souls' Day is the Church's universal celebration of the faithful departed, a day when the Eucharistic sacrifice is especially offered for those still undergoing purification. The Church teaches that the souls in purgatory are "helped by the prayers of the faithful and most of all by the acceptable sacrifice of the altar." (Letter from Pope St. John Paul II to the Abbot of Cluny, June 2, 1998)

This year, Father Ghattas put together an Altar of the Dead in the narthex of our church. It reminds us of the death that our loved ones have experienced and of the death that is coming for each one of us. You are invited to place of picture of a loved one on the altar and sign the Book of the Dead, next to the altar.

The Catechism states that "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC,1030) This purification is what the Church calls Purgatory.

Our Altar of the Dead invites the living to enter the same liturgical action that the saints celebrate in heaven, embodying the "living fellowship" of the whole Church. When the priest lifts the Host, the faithful join their intercessions with the angels, offering the souls of the departed a share in Christ's redemptive sacrifice.

Thus, the Altar of the Dead on All Souls' Day and throughout November is a profound sign of hope: it reminds us that death is not an end but a passage toward the resurrection, and that through the Church's prayers and the Eucharist, the dead are drawn ever nearer to the beatific vision. May each of us approach this altar with reverence, offering our hearts and prayers so that all souls may taste the mercy of God and share in the eternal communion of saints.

This week all the priests of the Diocese of Charleston will be on their annual priests' retreat. Please pray for all our priests that this retreat will be a fruitful one.

All the best in Christ, Father Wilson



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL USE

Put Jesus first on your calendar with a weekly holy hour!

To find an hour that works for you, please visit:
<https://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetualeucharistic-adoration>, or email Lori Rainchuso,
larue150@yahoo.com

Hours in Need (although all hours are available)

MON:

TUES:

WED: 2:00AM; 3:00AM; 3:00PM; 11:00PM

THU: 12:00AM; 1:00AM; 2:00AM

FRI: 3:00AM

SAT: 1:00AM; 2:00AM; 2:00PM; 4:00PM; 6:00PM

SUN: 2:00AM; 3:00AM; 7:00PM

NO DAILY MASS or CONFESSIONS
Monday, Nov. 3 thru Thursday, Nov. 6
All priests in the diocese
will be on retreat

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

On Tuesday, November 4th we honor St. Charles Borromeo. Shortly after he finished his law degree, Charles' uncle was elected pope, Pope Pius IV. Pope Pius IV almost immediately made 22-year-old Charles a Cardinal. Charles helped organize the Council of Trent which reformed the Church. During the plague he nursed the sick. He lived a life of prayer and service. Charles was a well-educated and talented man who used his gifts to help the Church. Talk about people you have known who have given themselves fully to God, and talk about how each person in your family could serve God where he or she is right now in life.

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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

Wheelchair Express will be available for the Mass of Remembrance at 6:30PM on November 13th.

READINGS FOR November 2 – 9, 2025

Sunday, Oct. 26 readings begin on [page 1172](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 or
Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1b-3
Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-4 Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5,
10-11 Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22 ©LPI

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov. 2

8:30AM For the Souls of
the Faithful Departed

11:00AM Pro Populo

1:00PM For the Souls of
the Faithful Departed

Monday, Nov. 3

No Mass—Priests are away

Tuesday, Nov. 4

No Mass—Priests are away

Wednesday, Nov. 5

No Mass—Priests are away

Thursday, Nov. 6

No Mass—Priests are away

Friday, Nov. 7

5:30PM Penny Goergen

Saturday, Nov. 8

8:00AM All the Souls in

Purgatory

5:00PM Alberto Gonzalez

Susan Reeve Shultz

Anna Hewitt

Alvin Black

Kerrick Preston

Ann Herring

Sunday, Nov. 9

8:30AM Daniel Dikun

11:00AM Grace Crea

1:00PM Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

October 21 – Claire Helen Edenborg

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Bereavement Ministry announces the celebration of the annual Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30PM at St. Mary's on Fairfield, to honor and remember our loved ones, especially those who have died during this past year. Reception to follow in Mother Teresa Hall.

"His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners."

- St. Charles Borromeo

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, November 16, 2025 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

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

For more information about First Holy Communion contact Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at 615.638.7137 or hdickason@charlestandioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Saturday, Dec. 6 , 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)

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? This coming Tuesday we will talk about The Mass and Liturgical Prayer (Chapter 14). We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 - 7:30PM in Mother Teresa Hall. All are welcome. For more information contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON

HDICKASON@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG

615.638.7137

Please sign up for our Confirmation Program and Youth Ministry on the parish website under the Formation tab.

FORMATION

Confirmation 1 meets Tuesday evenings

Confirmation 2 meets Sunday mornings.

See our website or contact Hannah Dickason for our calendar.

YOUTH MINISTRY

November 1 – Please pray for our middle schoolers attending the Jr. High Rally, and for our high schoolers from the Diocesan Evangelization Team (E-Team) who are helping lead the event.

November 2 – No Youth Night

November 9 – Youth Night

November 16 – NCYC Prep Night

CCD 4K–GRADE 6

Classes are held in the St. Mary's School classrooms on Sundays at 9:45-10:45AM. We look forward to seeing you then! Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

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>

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 2

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Monday, November 3

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:45AM	Lunch & Learn Book Club	Bosco
4:45PM	NO Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	NO Mass	Old St. Mary

Tuesday, November 4

3:30PM	GriefShare	Mother Teresa
3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45PM	NO Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	NO Mass	Old St. Mary
6:00PM	OCIA	Mother Teresa

Wednesday, November 5

8:20AM	NO School Mass	Church
9:30AM	Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
10:00AM	FIAT Home Sch. Craft Day	Mother Teresa
3:00PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00PM	SHE	Mother Teresa
6:00PM	Journey of Hope	St. Michael Conf
7:00PM	NO Mass in Spanish	Old St. Mary

Thursday, November 6

11:15AM	Bible Study	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	NO Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:30PM	NO Mass	Old St. Mary

Friday, November 7

6:30AM	That Man is You	Mother Teresa
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary
5:00PM	FIAT Home School Pot Luck	Smith Hall
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary

Saturday, November

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

Sunday, November 9

8:30AM	Mass	Church
9:45AM	Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00AM	Mass	Church
12:00PM	Kermes	St. Angela Hall
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

PARISH PERKS!

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and we are again planning to assist those who are less fortunate by providing a Thanksgiving dinner. If you are interested in helping please email or call Joe Tillman at jtill11@verizon.net, 410.371.5746 or Jane Phillips-Tillman at tillman3js@live.com, 410.241.0647 to receive a family name, size and details. The basket should be dropped off at the rear parking lot of Saint Angela Hall on Saturday, November 22 from 8:00 to 9:30AM. If you cannot shop, monetary donations are always appreciated.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to be part of a smaller group within our parish? You're welcome to come Wednesday's, 9:30–11:00AM in St. Michael Hall. All are welcome. Contact Martha: whittimp@gmail.com or 865.599.8473

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 1074 ...



Is putting our faith into action by serving those who serve our country. We actively support 3 military seminarians on their path to becoming chaplains for our troops. We also bring comfort and community to veterans at our local VA hospital through hospitality and fellowship. This is our parish's charity at work, honoring heroes past present & future. Thank You! Knights will be conducting a collection after all Masses on November 8th and 9th or donations may be made online using the attached link.

<https://square.link/u/i3RIVrg7>



OPERATION SANTA 2025

The CWA will be supporting Mental Health America of Aiken County again this year through Operation Santa, a Christmas celebration for mental health clients. We are looking for 50 families to provide the toiletry items (about \$25) and 50 families to purchase a gift from the clients wish list. Bags will be available after All Masses on November 8 and 9. Bags will also be available at the ham dinner on November 12. Bags can be returned before Masses on November 22 and 23. Arrangements can be made to have your bag picked up, if you are unable to bring it to Mass. For additional information please contact Cathy Brennan 803.439.1357. Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping these valued members of our community.



ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
Ph: 803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

Office Hours: 7:30AM to 3:30PM Monday–Friday
(when school is in session)

K-12 SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Your family may be eligible for a renewable \$7,500 per year, per student scholarship to attend St. Mary's School!

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 1: Scholarship renewal applications open **today!** If your family is a current recipient of the scholarship, now is the time to register for the 2026-2027 school year. Current families can also register siblings at the same time.
- January 15: Applications open for active military and current public school students (under 300% of the poverty level).
- February 9: Applications open for all families (up to 500% of the poverty level). This is an increase from last year, so more of our currently enrolled students may qualify.

Go to www.scschoolchoice.com to apply and see if your family qualifies! Questions? Contact us at office@stmaryschoolaiken.com

FORMED

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

Pray the All Saints Novena!

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/1068056>

Learning about the saints for kids:

<https://app.formed.org/app/videos/578421>

Nov 4th - Charles Borromeo:

<https://app.formed.org/app/collections/644898>

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

FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP CRAFT DAY

November 5 at 10:00AM in Mother Teresa Hall join other homeschoolers of St. Mary Help of Christians for a time of crafting together. Next week we'll be making relic treasure boxes.

PLAY & PRAY FAMILY DINNER Nov. 7 at 5:00PM

On first Fridays of the month, please join us & other families for dinner. For more details, text Grace Przywara: 706.993.8004

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation.

Tuesdays, 3:30–5:00PM in Mother Teresa Hall
(125 Union Street, SE)

November 18 we will have a one-time session on Surviving the Holidays

The registration form is available at St. Mary's parish office or you can register at www.griefshare.org/find_a_group. For more information please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestdiocese.org.

GET YOUR TICKET - HOLIDAY HAM DINNER!

The Catholic Women's Association (CWA) will host the Annual Holiday Ham Dinner on Wednesday, November 12, from 5:30 - 7:30PM in St. Angela Hall. The dinner is free, but tickets are needed and can be picked up at the parish office, until Monday, November 10. Would you like to help prepare or serve the meal? Volunteers are needed and welcome to join in on the holiday fun by contacting Chris Jakubec at cjakubec@aol.com, or 847.212.8252. Hope to see you there!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

"I was in prison and you visited me." Matt 25:36

Kairos is a 3 1/2 day nondenominational short course in Christianity that will take place in Broad River State Prison for men, which is located outside of Columbia, from November 20th thru 23rd. The Kairos Team distributes cookies to all of the residents during each of these days to show them Christ's love. That's a lot of cookies. Please donate store-bought cookies sealed in their original packaging, or donate money for us to buy them. We will have a box in the Church Office for your donations. **Please drop donations off no later than 4:30PM, Tuesday, November 18th.** The prison is no longer allowing homemade cookies. Call Don Trapp at 803.979.0966 for info. Thank you!

HISPANIC FOOD BAZAAR

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

12:00 – 3:00PM ST. ANGELA HALL

Cost depends on food selected

Please join us!

All proceeds support our church.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Este ha sido un año interesante en cuanto a nuestra Eucaristía dominical. Aproximadamente cada siete u ocho años, tenemos festividades inusuales que se celebran en domingo. Este año celebramos el Día de los Fieles Difuntos el domingo, lo que, por supuesto, superó la celebración dominical habitual el 31.er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario.

El Día de los Fieles Difuntos es la celebración universal de la Iglesia en honor a los fieles difuntos, un día en el que se ofrece el sacrificio eucarístico especialmente por quienes aún se encuentran en proceso de purificación. La Iglesia enseña que las almas del purgatorio son «ayudadas por las oraciones de los fieles y, sobre todo, por el sacrificio aceptable del altar». (Carta del Papa San Juan Pablo II al Abad de Cluny, 2 de junio de 1998)

Este año, el Padre Ghattas instaló un Altar de los Difuntos en el nártex de nuestra iglesia. Nos recuerda la muerte que nuestros seres queridos han experimentado y la muerte que nos espera a cada uno de nosotros. Les invitamos a colocar la imagen de un ser querido en el altar y a firmar en el Libro de los Difuntos, junto al altar.

El Catecismo afirma que «todos los que mueren en la gracia y amistad de Dios, pero aún imperfectamente purificados, tienen asegurada su salvación eterna; pero después de la muerte sufren una purificación para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo» (CIC, 1030). Esta purificación es lo que la Iglesia llama Purgatorio.

Nuestro Altar de los Difuntos invita a los vivos a participar en la misma acción litúrgica que los santos celebran en el cielo, encarnando la «comunidad viva» de toda la Iglesia. Cuando el sacerdote eleva la Hostia, los fieles unen sus intercesiones con los ángeles, ofreciendo a las almas de los difuntos una participación en el sacrificio redentor de Cristo.

Así, el Altar de los Difuntos, en el Día de los Fieles Difuntos y durante todo noviembre, es un profundo signo de esperanza: nos recuerda que la muerte no es un fin, sino un paso hacia la resurrección, y que a través de las oraciones de la Iglesia y la Eucaristía, los difuntos se acercan cada vez más a la visión beatífica. Que cada uno de nosotros se acerque a este altar con reverencia, ofreciendo nuestros corazones y oraciones para que todas las almas puedan experimentar la misericordia de Dios y participar en la eterna comunión de los santos.

Esta semana, todos los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Charleston estarán en su retiro sacerdotal anual. Por favor, oren por todos nuestros sacerdotes para que este retiro sea fructífero.

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FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

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

Las lecturas para domingo, el 26 de octubre comienzan en la **pagina 1173** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo:	Sab 3, 1-9	Sal 22, 1-6	Rom 5, 5-11
	o Rom 6, 3-9	Jn 6, 37-40	
Lunes:	Rom 11, 29-36	Sal 68, 30-31. 33-34. 36	Lc 14, 12-14
Martes:	Rom 12, 5-16	Sal 130, 1-3	Lc 14, 15-24
Miércoles:	Rom 13, 8-10	Sal 111, 1-2. 4-5. 9	Lc 14, 25-33
Jueves:	Rom 14, 7-12	Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14	Lc 15, 1-10
Viernes:	Rom 15, 14-21	Sal 97, 1-4	Lc 16, 1-8
Sábado:	Rom 16, 3-9. 16. 22-27	Sal 144, 2-5. 10-11	Lc 16, 9-15
Domingo siguiente:	Ez 47, 1-2. 8-9. 12	Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9	1 Co 3, 9-11. 16-17
	Jn 2, 13-22		

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

NO HABRÁ CONFESIONES O MISA DIARIA DEL 3 AL 6 DE NOVIEMBRE. TODOS LOS SACERDOTES DE LA DIÓCESIS ESTARÁN ASISTIENDO A UN RETIRO.

MISA DE RECORDACIÓN

El Ministerio de Duelo anuncia la celebración de la Misa anual de Recordación el **jueves 13 de noviembre a las 6:30PM** en la iglesia St. Mary's en Fairfield, para honrar y recordar a nuestros seres queridos, especialmente a aquellos que han fallecido durante el último año. Después de la Misa habrá una recepción posteriormente en el Salón Madre Teresa.

¿ERES NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?

¡Te damos la bienvenida a la familia de Santa María! Te invitamos a registrarte y ser parte activa de nuestra comunidad. Al hacerlo, podrás crecer con nosotros en el amor y conocimiento de Jesucristo, a través de la celebración fiel de los sacramentos y el estudio de la Palabra de Dios. Pide un formulario al equipo de hospitalidad y tráelo el próximo domingo, o si prefieres, puedes registrarte en línea desde nuestra página web.

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Para bautizar en Sta. María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir a Misa y estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de pedir fecha. Ambos padres deben tomar clases pre-bautismales. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes.

Próximamente: 9 de noviembre 2025

Registro requerido.

Contacto: Reyna Salas - 404.886.5653

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

¡Los Sacramentos fortalecen nuestra fe!
Padres y niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María y asistir fielmente a Misa.
Niños fuera de la escuela católica deben completar al menos dos años de formación cristiana y cumplir con la asistencia.

Para más información sobre la Primera Comunión, contactarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.649.4777 ext. 103 o a mjackson@charlestdiocese.org.

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a hdickason@charlestdiocese.org

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

TIENDA DE REGALOS HORARIO – Preparándose para la temporada de Adviento

Visítenos el sábado 8 de noviembre después de la Misa de vigilia a las 5:00PM, y el domingo 9 de noviembre de 9:00AM a 1:00PM; también después de la Misa en español de la 1:00PM.

¡Oh ven, oh ven, Emanuel!

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO EN ESPAÑOL

8 de noviembre 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 803.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA) LOS MARTES A LAS 7:00PM

Todos están invitados a las Clases de RICA. Nos reunimos los martes en el Salón Smith Hall a las 7:00PM. Para más información, contacte a Omar o Mercedith Cardona 706.231.5253. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad.

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

CONTACTO: SRA. HANNAH KATHERINE DICKASON

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Por favor inscribanse en nuestro Programa de Confirmación y ministerio juvenil en la página web de la parroquia, bajo la pestaña Formación.

FORMACIÓN

Confirmación 1 se reúne los martes por la tarde y Confirmación 2 los domingos por la mañana. Pueden consultar nuestro calendario en la página web o comunicarse con Hannah Dickason.

YOUTH MINISTRY

1 de noviembre – Por favor, oren por nuestros estudiantes de secundaria que asistirán al Rally de Secundaria, y por nuestros estudiantes de preparatoria del Equipo Diocesano de Evangelización (E-Team) que estarán ayudando a dirigir el evento.

2 de noviembre - No hay noche de juventud

9 de noviembre - Noche de juventud

16 de noviembre - Noche de preparación para NCYC

CCD

Las clases de CCD de 4° a 6° grado se llevan a cabo en las aulas de la Escuela St. Mary los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45AM. ¡Esperamos verlos entonces! ¿Preguntas? Contacte a Mary Ellen Jackson en mjackson@charlestdiocese.org





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- **15 de enero:** Se abren las solicitudes para familias de militares activos y estudiantes de escuelas públicas (con ingresos inferiores al 300% del nivel de pobreza).
- **9 de febrero:** Se abren las solicitudes para **todas** las familias (con ingresos de hasta el 500% del nivel de pobreza). ¡Este es un aumento con respecto al año pasado, por lo que más de nuestros estudiantes actualmente inscritos podrían calificar!
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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 2 de noviembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para Bautismo	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

Lunes, 3 de noviembre

4:45PM	NO Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	NO Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:00PM	Legión de María	Smith
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 4 de noviembre

4:45PM	NO Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	NO Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	RICA	Smith

Miércoles, 5 de noviembre

8:20AM	NO hay Misa escolar	Iglesia
6:15PM	NO Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	NO Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Reunión de coordinadores	Smith

Jueves, 6 de noviembre

4:45PM	NO Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	NO Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 7 de octubre

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

Sábado, 8 de noviembre

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

Domingo, 9 de noviembre

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
9:00AM	Preparación para Bautismo	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia

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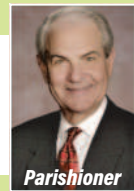
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