



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 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 Street 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 - Iglesia Antigua

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 - St. Claire Chapel

Rosary - Before Daily Mass

Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday 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

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211 or visit their website at Svdpaiken.org

Open Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Closed On Fridays

Offertory
 Online Giving
 Total Annual Budget \$ 2,118,675

Attention: The totals for finances are not available at this time. They will be put back in the bulletin as soon as they are available.

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 at — www.stmarys-aiken.org

1. Click on "GIVING", then "SUNDAY OFFERTORY"
2. Make your selections
3. Special collection choices can be made online

Contribute 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 – HISTORY OF ICONS TALK - NEXT WEEK!

Learn about the history, symbolism and tradition of Icons and how they're painted. Join us on May 6 at 5:00 pm -- St. Michael's Hall. This weekend, the Gift Shop is open Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00am Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's). Newcomers are welcome!

ICONS...NOT ART

You don't want to miss this talk! Fr. Alexi Woltornist, pastor of St. Ignatios of Antioch Melkite Catholic Church in Augusta, will be giving a talk on Icons on Wednesday, May 6th at 5:30pm in St. Michael Hall (to the right of our main church). Plan to come at 5 for fellowship and snacks. The talk will include the history, tradition, and symbolism of Greek icons, and much more.



Respect for the Mass; Respect for the Holy Eucharist
 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Last week in my letter, I reminded everyone of requirement for obligatory attendance at Mass and I outlined some of the reasons for it. In brief, the Sunday Mass is obligatory because the Church teaches that Sunday is the principal day of the Christian life and the center of worship for which she has a grave duty to protect and order our lives toward God.

Hot weather is again upon us and it wise to again reflect and consider our dress at Mass. Proper dress for Sunday Mass is meant to express reverence, modesty, and joyful respect for Christ, who is made present in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The Church teaches that your bodily demeanor (including clothing) should "convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest." (CCC, 1387)

Some Core principles for Dress. Our clothing should be decent and modest. Clothing should avoid what is provocative or distracting. Sainly tradition strongly emphasizes modesty—especially for women—so that attire does not "shock" and does not offend God. (Sacra Propedium, 19)

Clothing should be reverent and solemn. Sunday Mass is not an event like a baseball game or concert; it is the "foremost holy day of obligation in the universal church," so people should dress in a way that visibly matches the sacredness of the occasion. (CCC, 2192)
 Your clothing should be clean, dignified, and non-distracting.

Practical guidance for men: slacks, dress shirt (with or without tie), and a jacket or suit if you have it. Shorts are not appropriate and you should avoid sleeveless tops, very casual athletic wear, or anything with crude or irreverent printing/logo's.

Practical guidance for women: Your clothing should be modest in cut and coverage, avoiding revealing cleavage, bare midriffs, and very short skirts/shorts. Avoid very tight or clinging garments.

Bottom Line: Wear some of the best items that you have in your closet. If the best that you have is a clean pair of blue jeans and a collared shirt...then wear that.

For the past few decades there has been a great decline in the percentage of Catholics who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. There are lots of reasons for this, but certainly one is the way that we dress at Mass. Casual, and indifferent dress is a statement that the Mass and who we are receiving are not important. What we say is often dismissed, but our children see and follow our example.

A simple rule of thumb for dress: You might ask yourself, "Would I wear this to a formal event where I want to show respect to a great person?" If not, it's usually not suitable for Sunday Mass.

May our dress at Mass reflect our love for our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

All the best...in Christ,
 Father Wilson

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL**



Needing Peace in Your Heart?
Jesus offers it! Be not Afraid!

To sign up for a weekly holy hour, please visit the Adoration webpage at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact a Divisional Leader:

12 Mdnt.-6am: Tom Henry 803-618-9086
6am-12 Noon: Ken Boucher 803-226-4639
12 Noon-6pm: Janice Suhrer 803-645-6105
6pm-12 Mdnt: Joan Pate 908-447-9715

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF

If you receive emails or texts sent in my name or other parish/school staff, asking for financial help in one form or another, please know that neither I, nor any parish employee, will ever ask you for donations of any kind via social media. Please do not respond to any message that you may receive. Thank you and God bless, Fr. Wilson

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We are in need of additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30 Mass at the New Church on Fairfield Street. 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



READINGS FOR APRIL 26 - MAY 3, 2026

Sunday, April 26 readings begin on **page 240** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-6
	1 Pt 2:20b-25	Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
	Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)	
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26	Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
	Jn 10:22-30	
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
	Jn 12:44-50	
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25	Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27
	Jn 13:16-20	
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33	Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
	Jn 14:1-6	
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52	Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
	Jn 14:7-14	
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7	Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
	1 Pt 2:4-9	Jn 14:1-12

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Apr. 26

8:30am Anna Hewitt
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Manuel Esparaza

Monday Apr. 27

5:30pm Mary Anne Wellendorf

Tuesday Apr. 28

5:30pm Mary Ann Wellendorf

Wednesday Apr. 29

8:20am Anna Hewitt
7:00pm Ann Bullock

Thursday Apr. 30

5:30pm Mary Ann Wellendorf

Friday May 1

5:30pm Susan Reeve Shultz

Saturday May 2

8:00am William Marx
5:00pm Mary and Dan Tarangelo

Agnes Roberts

Susan Reeve Shultz

Michael E. DesRocher

Thomas N. Malinowski

Sunday May 3

8:30am Jan Walbring (L)

11:00am James Hunter

1:00pm Pro Populo

DEATHS / DIFUNTOS

Apr. 16 - Dolores Hamrick



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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 17, 2026** 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 class 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 AND 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 Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org.

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

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)

Next Baptism is June 6 at 11:00am in New St. Mary Church on Park Avenue.

- 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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Come learn about the Catholic faith on Tuesdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street SE). All are welcome. For more information and to learn about the process to become Catholic; contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org 803-716-8451.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestdioocese.org
615.638.7137

For more details about Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and our full calendar of events, please visit our website or contact Hannah Dickason.

FORMATION

April 5 – No class

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 12 – Youth Night

April 15 – Young Disciples

April 15 – Night of Prayer (Youth Adoration and Confession)

April 19 – Youth Night

April 22 – Young Disciples

April 26 – Youth Ministry

CCD

K-6th grades are held in the St. Mary's School classrooms on Sunday at 9:45am – 10:45am. We are in need of CCD volunteers. If you are a in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or

dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org

"Even on the cross He did not hide Himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its Maker!"

~St. Athanasius

Feast Day May 2

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:

www.stmarys-aiken.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, April 26

7:00am Mass Church
 9:45am Sunday Café Mother Teresa
 11:00am Mass Church
 1:00pm Mass in Spanish Church

Monday, April 27

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry Smith Hall
 11:45am Lunch & Learn Book Club Bosco
 4:45pm Confessions Old Church
 5:30pm Mass Old Church

Tuesday, April 28

3:30pm Legion of Mary Smith Hall
 4:45pm Confessions Old Church
 5:30pm Mass Old Church
 6:00pm OCIA Mother Teresa

Wednesday, April 29

6:30 am Mass Old Church
 8:20am Mass Church
 9:30am Bible Study St. Michael Hall
 3:00pm Legion of Mary Smith Hall Down
 6:00pm SHE Mother Teresa
 5:45pm Confessions Church
 7:00pm Spanish Mass Church

Thursday, April 30

11:15am Thursday Bible Study Smith Hall
 4:45pm Confessions Old Church
 5:30pm Mass Old Church

Friday, May 1

4:45pm Confessions Old Church
 5:30pm Mass Old Church
 6:15pm Station of the Cross Old Church

Saturday, May 2

8:00am Mass Old Church
 9:00am First Holy Communion Church
 4:45pm Confessions Church
 5:00pm Vigil Mass Church

Sunday, May 3

8:30am Mass Church
 9:45am 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

MUSIC MINISTRY — CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord. If you are unable to make a full commitment to the choir, please reach out to Frank to see if a limited time engagement, such as Advent, Lent or some other short period when you could serve. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at fdeese@charlestandioocese.org

VIA FIDELIS

APRIL 26: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 | Jn 10:1-10

CCC References 76, 83 SACRED TRADITION

In addition to the written words of Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition is also communicated through the living transmission of faith, which we refer to as "Tradition" or "Sacred Tradition." Both Scripture and Tradition communicate the Word of God and are rooted the Gospel Proclamation (kerygma). The term "Tradition" points to the entire life of the Church that has come down to us from the Apostles through the Holy Spirit; Scripture itself is a part of this living Tradition. IN WHAT WAYS DOES APOSTOLIC TRADITION OCCUR? Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form. (Compendium #13)

FRATERNUS IS NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

We are seeking faithful, committed men to join our Fraternus Squad! Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in virtue, deepening our faith, and strengthening our calling as fathers and leaders. We currently meet on a monthly basis, building the foundation of this ministry in our parish as we seek to add our boys and young men into the fold in the near future. For more information, please visit fraternus.org and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at recherg@gmail.com

Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com

Billy Swann at eswann3rd@gmail.com

David Tacchi at dmtac5@gmail.com





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

BUY TICKETS NOW FOR THE SMS PTO TALENT SHOW

Join us for a fun-filled evening on April 24 at 6:30pm. Enjoy incredible performances by our talented students while indulging in desserts! All proceeds from the event will go toward the purchase of risers for our music program, helping our students shine even brighter on stage!

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-marys-pt0-talent-show> or click the link at the bottom of our homepage stmaryschoolaiken.com.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE IGNATIUS BOOKFAIR

SMS is opening its annual bookfair to the parish! Shop the fair on Sunday, May 3 in between the 8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses. The fair will be located in the school library. At Ignatius Bookfairs, children can discover books that foster creativity, imagination, and wonder while providing easy access to the best in literature for schools and parishes that are aligned with Catholic virtues. They offer books that can shape character and deepen faith. Please join us!

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," contact Lois Tugya at 803.262.6368

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, April 16, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at stmaryhelp.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.



RETRouvaille MARRIAGE HELP

Offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope for a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and, with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. For over 48 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on May 1st -3rd, 2026 for couples, Email: billynfolsom@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are currently studying the letter to the Hebrews. All are welcome to join at any time. We meet 9:30 to 11:00 am each Wednesday in St. Michael Hall. For info contact Martha, 865-599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com
Thanks.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS / COLUMBUS CLUB

The Knights of Columbus/Columbus Club will no longer be accepting donations for the Rummage Sale. After many years of coordinating this event, we are sad to announce its cessation. Thank you for all the past donations.

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Respeto por la Misa; Respeto por la Sagrada Eucaristía Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

La semana pasada, en mi carta, les recordé la obligación de asistir a la Santa Misa y expuse algunas de las razones para ello. En resumen, la Misa dominical es obligatoria porque la Iglesia enseña que el domingo es el día principal de la vida cristiana y el centro del culto, por lo cual tiene el grave deber de protegerlo y ordenar nuestras vidas hacia Dios.

El clima caluroso ha regresado, y es prudente reflexionar nuevamente sobre nuestra manera de vestir para la Misa. La vestimenta apropiada para la Misa dominical debe expresar reverencia, modestia y un respetuoso gozo por Cristo, quien se hace presente en el Sacrificio Eucarístico. La Iglesia enseña que nuestra actitud corporal (incluida la vestimenta) debe “manifestar el respeto, la solemnidad y la alegría de este momento en que Cristo se convierte en nuestro huésped.” (CIC, 1387)

Algunos principios fundamentales sobre la vestimenta:

Nuestra ropa debe ser decente y modesta. Debe evitar lo provocativo o lo que distrae. La tradición de los santos enfatiza fuertemente la modestia especialmente para las mujeres para que la vestimenta no “escandalice” ni ofenda a Dios. (Sacra Propedium, 19)

La vestimenta debe ser reverente y solemne. La Misa dominical no es un evento como un partido de béisbol o un concierto; es el “día de precepto más importante en la Iglesia universal”, por lo que debemos vestir de una manera que visiblemente corresponda a la santidad de la ocasión. La ropa debe ser limpia, digna y no distractora.

Orientación práctica para los hombres: pantalones de vestir, camisa de vestir (con o sin corbata), y saco o traje si lo tienen. Los pantalones cortos no son apropiados, y se deben evitar camisetas sin mangas, ropa deportiva muy casual o prendas con impresiones o logotipos vulgares o irreverentes.

Orientación práctica para las mujeres: la ropa debe ser modesta en corte y cobertura, evitando escotes profundos o que revelen el busto. Evitar prendas muy ajustadas o que se adhieran al cuerpo.

En resumen: Use algunas de las mejores prendas que tenga en su armario. Si lo mejor que tiene es un par de jeans limpios y una camisa con cuello... entonces use eso.

En las últimas décadas ha habido un gran descenso en el porcentaje de católicos que creen en la presencia real de Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Hay muchas razones para esto, pero ciertamente una de ellas es la manera en que nos vestimos para la Misa. La vestimenta casual o indiferente es una declaración de que la Misa y Aquel a quien recibimos no son importantes. Lo que decimos a menudo se pasa por alto, pero nuestros hijos ven y siguen nuestro ejemplo.

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 26 DE MAYO AL 3 DE ABRIL, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 26 de abril comienzan en la [pagina 241](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo:	Hch 2, 14. 36-41	Sal 22, 1-3. 3-6
	1 Pe 2, 20-25	Jn 10, 1-10
Lunes:	Hch 11, 1-18	Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4
	Jn 10, 11-18	
Martes:	Hch 11, 19-26	Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7
	Jn 10, 22-30	
Miércoles:	Hch 12, 24-13, 5	Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8
	Jn 12, 44-50	
Jueves:	Hch 13, 13-25	Sal 88, 2-3. 21-22. 25 y 27
	Jn 13, 16-20	
Viernes:	Hch 13, 26-33	Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11
	Jn 14, 1-6	
Sábado:	Hch 13, 44-52	Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4
	Jn 14, 7-14	
Domingo siguiente:	Hch 6, 1-7	Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19
	1 Pe 2, 4-9	Jn 14, 1-12

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

CONTINUACION DE ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Una regla sencilla para discernir la vestimenta: pregúntese, “¿Usaría esto para un evento formal donde quiero mostrar respeto a una persona importante?” Si la respuesta es no, normalmente no es adecuado para la Misa dominical.

Que nuestra manera de vestir en la Misa refleje nuestro amor por nuestro Señor en la Santísima Eucaristía.

Con todo mi aprecio... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

Por Favor, Háganos Saber ...

Si usted a tenido algún cambio de dirección, numero de teléfono o tiene un nuevo integrante en la familia, por favor llámenos para actualizar su información en nuestros registros.

¡UNIDOS EN ORACIÓN!

Te invitamos a ser parte del Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los jueves a las 7:00pm 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!

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!
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.

Próxima clase: **17 de Mayo 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

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¡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 Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or dhuestis@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

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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. 100

Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **19 de Abril y 26 de Abril** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803-522-3988.

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

13 de Junio 2026 a las 11:00am en la iglesia Nueva.

- 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 Adriana Galvan al 803.649.4777 x 100

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestdiocese.org
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Para más detalles sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, por favor visite nuestro sitio web o contacte a Hannah Dickason.

FORMACIÓN

April 5 – No class

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

April 12 – Youth Night

April 15 – Young Disciples

April 15 – Night of Prayer Adoracion y confecciones

April 19 – Youth Night

April 22 – Young Disciples

April 26 – Youth Ministry

¿Te Gustaría Ser Lector ?

La proclamación de la Palabra de Dios es un servicio sagrado y una hermosa manera de participar activamente en la liturgia. Estamos buscando personas que deseen unirse al equipo de lectores de nuestra parroquia. Comunícate con Mercedith 706.231.5253 para más información.

Necesitamos Monaguillos!

¿Te gustaría servir en el altar y estar más cerca de Jesús durante la Misa? Estamos buscando niños que deseen ser monaguillos.

Requisitos:

- Haber recibido su Primera Comunión

Para más información o para inscribirte, comunícate con: Karina Bonilla – 803.262.5185

¡Ánimate a servir al Señor con alegría!



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Visita la feria el domingo 3 de mayo, entre las Misas de 8:30 am y 11:00 am. La feria estará ubicada en la biblioteca de la escuela.

En las Ferias del Libro Ignatius, los niños pueden descubrir libros que fomentan la creatividad, la imaginación y el asombro, mientras ofrecen acceso a lo mejor de la literatura para escuelas y parroquias alineadas con las virtudes católicas. Ofrecen libros que ayudan a formar el carácter y profundizar la fe. ¡Te esperamos!

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Del 8 al 9 de mayo y del 14 al 16 de mayo, de 8:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., en el Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Drive.

Muchas gracias al Sr. Gilmore, quien generosamente legó su patrimonio a nuestra escuela parroquial para ayudar a las familias con asistencia de matrícula. También agradecemos al Ladies Auxiliary de los Knights of Columbus por sus incontables horas de voluntariado.

¡Ven y encuentra un tesoro mientras apoyas a nuestra escuela!

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 26 de abril

8:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia
11:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia
1:00pm Misa español Iglesia

Lunes, 27 de abril

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua
6:00pm Legión de María Smith
7:00pm Pequeña Comunidad Santa Teresa

Martes, 28 de abril

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm RICA Salón Smith

Miércoles, 29 de abril

8:20am Misa Iglesia
6:15pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Misa en español Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 30 de abril

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Grupo de Oracion Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 1 de mayo

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

Sábado, 2 de mayo

8:00am Misa Iglesia Antigua
3:30pm Confesiones Iglesia
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia Iglesia

Domingo, 3 de mayo

8:30am Misa Iglesia
11:00am Misa Iglesia
11:00am Práctica del Coro San Miguel
1:00pm Misa en español Iglesia

¿Te gustaría aprender a rezar el Santo Rosario? ¿O has perdido a un ser querido y deseas rezar el Novenario?

La Legión de María está aquí para acompañarte y ayudarte en estos momentos tan importantes.

Con mucho cariño, pueden guiarte paso a paso en la oración

Comunícate con la coordinadora

Mary Hernandez 803-522-3988

No estás solo(a), estamos para servirte

La oficina parroquial ofrece asistencia en español de lunes a viernes, de 8:30 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. Durante este horario, podrá encontrar apoyo disponible.

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