



# ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

## 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.

### Contact Us

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

### Parish Office:

203 Park Avenue SE, Aiken, SC 29801

803.649.4777

parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org

Website: [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

### 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](http://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

Rev. Michael Ghattas, Parochial Vicar

Dcn. Alejandro Leguizamon      Dcn. Al Matousek

Dcn. Robert Pierce                      Dcn. Stephen Platte

### Staff

Mr. Patrick Wray, Director of Administration

803.649.4777 ext. 112

[pwrap@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:pwrap@charlestandioocese.org)

Mrs. Kimberly Gaynor, Administrative Assistant

to Fr. Wilson 803.649.4777 ext. 114

[kgaynor@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:kgaynor@charlestandioocese.org)

Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal, St. Mary's School

803.649.2071 [coverstreet@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:coverstreet@stmaryschoolaiken.com)

Mrs. Colleen Wittenborn, Finance Manager

803.649.4777 ext. 102

[cwittenborn@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:cwittenborn@charlestandioocese.org)

Mrs. Kara Keenan, Parish Secretary

803.649.4777 ext. 113

[kkeen@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:kkeen@charlestandioocese.org)

Mrs. Adriana Galvan, Hispanic Secretary

803.649.4777 ext. 100

[agalvan@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:agalvan@charlestandioocese.org)

Mr. Derrick Huestis, Director of Religious Education

803.716.8451 (c)

[dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org)

Mrs. Hannah Dickason, Director of Youth Ministry

615.638.7137 (c)

[hdickason@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:hdickason@charlestandioocese.org)

Mr. V. Franklin Deese II, Parish Musician

706.550.5047 (c)

[fdeese@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:fdeese@charlestandioocese.org)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211 or visit their website at [Svdpaiken.org](http://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](http://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 – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

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!



## PASTOR’S CORNER

+JM+

The Spiritual Works of Mercy  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The spiritual works of mercy are concrete acts of charity aimed at the needs of the soul. The Catechism teaches that the works of mercy are “charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities,” and that the spiritual works include “instructing, advising, consoling, [and] comforting,” as well as “forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.” (CCC, 2447)

With these works, we are given the opportunity to touch a person’s soul. We can perhaps, through the work of the Holy Spirit, help heal interior wounds that a person might have such as confusion, fear, guilt, despair, loneliness or resentment.

So, in summary, the spiritual works of mercy involve:

- **Counseling the doubtful:** When someone is uncertain about the right path, give clear, kind guidance grounded in Sacred Scripture or the teachings of the Church.
- **Instructing the ignorant:** With patience, speaking the truth in love, we can help those who lack knowledge of faith and morality, by sharing what we know of the faith.
- **Admonishing sinners:** We speak the truth in love, with a genuine goal of conversion rather than humiliation.
- **Consoling the afflicted:** We offer presence, attention, and comfort to those suffering, especially when their pain feels unnoticed or endless.
- **Forgiving offenses:** “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” (Rom 12:19b) Choose mercy, because forgiveness heals relationships and reflects God’s own mercy.
- **Bearing wrongs patiently:** Even when you are unfairly treated, respond with patient endurance and charity.
- **Praying for the living and the dead:** Remember others in prayer, asking God to bring light, healing, and hope.

These spiritual works of mercy are daily things, and you might consider them to be small and ordinary. Yet, they can transform a person, a family and even society. Jesus is present in those who suffer; we need always to listen well and help where we can.

Reflecting on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy is a way to awaken our consciences. It is a gut-check on how we are doing as Jesus’ disciples.

Can you choose one spiritual work this week, perhaps forgiving a lingering hurt, counseling someone who is uncertain or praying for someone who clearly needs mercy?

“I understand that mercy is manifold; one can do good always and everywhere and at all times. An ardent love of God sees all around itself constant opportunities to share itself through deed, word and prayer” (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, p. 1313).

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

**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

**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.

**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.

**READINGS FOR MAY 10- MAY 17, 2026**

Sunday, May 10 readings begin on **page 248** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	Ps 66:1-7, 16 and 20
1 Pt 3:15-18	Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15	Ps 149:1-4, 5-6 and 9
Jn 15:26-16:4a	
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34	Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Jn 16:5-11	
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14
Jn 16:12-15	
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Ps 113: 1-2, 3-8
Jn 15:9-17	
Friday: Acts 18:9-18	Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Jn 16:20-23	
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28	Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10
Jn 16:23b-28	
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23	Mt 28:16-2

©LPi

**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday May 10**

8:30am Jan Walbring (L)  
11:00am James Hunter  
1:00pm Pro Populo

**Monday May 11**

5:30pm James R Hunter

**Tuesday May 12**

5:30pm Jerry Roberts

**Wednesday May 13**

8:20am Carol Burke  
7:00pm Damian Jeremiah Casillas (L)

**Thursday May 14**

10:00am Pierce Family  
5:30pm Joan Goergen

**Friday May 15**

5:30pm Susan Reeve Shultz

**Saturday May 16**

8:00am Reed Family (L)  
5:00pm Susan Reeve Shultz  
Thomas Victor Malinowski  
Clark Geddis  
Bill & Loretta Nitch  
Don Lemponen  
Virginia Whitaker

**Sunday May 17**

8:30am Pro Populo  
11:00am Audrey Ware (L)  
1:00pm Enedina Guzman (L)

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS**

Are you a mother, grandmother, aunt, or Confirmation sponsor? Please join with other Catholic women who, like St. Monica, pray together for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith. Our mission is to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children, to grow in holiness and humility, and to help our children return to the faith. We will meet on Wednesday, May 20th at 1:00 pm in Old St. Mary's. If you have not signed up for Flocknote, please do so, and join the Millions of Monicas group to receive a monthly reminder of our prayer meeting.

## 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](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org).

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at [hdickason@charlestdioocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org) 803-716-8451.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason  
[hdickason@charlestdioocese.org](mailto: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.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

May 10 – No Youth Ministry (Mother's Day)

May 13 – Young Disciples

May 17 – Movie Night & Talk: Parents invited! (contact Hannah Dickason for more details)

May 20 – Young Disciples

May 24 – Youth Ministry

May 27 – Young Disciples

May 31 – 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 in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or

[dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org)

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

[www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, May 10

8:30am Mass Church  
 11:00am Mass Church  
 1:00pm Mass in Spanish Church

### Monday, May 11

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, May 12

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

### Wednesday, May 13

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, May 14

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

### Friday, May 15

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

### Saturday, May 16

8:00am Mass Old Church  
 4:45pm Confessions Church  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass Church

### Sunday, May 17

8:30am Mass Church  
 11:00am Mass Church  
 1:00pm Mass in Spanish Church



Our Lady  
of Fatima

## 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](mailto:fdeese@charlestandioocese.org)

## VIA FIDELIS

MAY 2026

SCRIPTURE Read: John 8:31-59

### REFLECT:

1. What is the image of discipleship that Jesus gives in this passage? How can we attain to that image in practice?
2. Jesus speaks here of slavery to sin and contrasts it with the freedom of the life of the disciple, where one finds truth. In what ways are we affected by slavery to sin? In ways do we find freedom in Christ?
3. Why do think Jesus is so harshly criticized by those he is speaking to in this passage? How does this passage reveal who Jesus is and how he changes our relationship with God and with the world?

## 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](http://fraternus.org) and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at [rechersg@gmail.com](mailto:rechersg@gmail.com)

Brett Dickason at [brett.w.dickason@gmail.com](mailto:brett.w.dickason@gmail.com)

Billy Swann at [eswann3rd@gmail.com](mailto:eswann3rd@gmail.com)

David Tacchi at [dmtac5@gmail.com](mailto:dmtac5@gmail.com)

## REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

for Servers on Wednesday, 5/27/26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please reach out to Paul Gaynor, the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at [paulvjg324@gmail.com](mailto:paulvjg324@gmail.com) or 908.692.9547. (Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome.)



## St. Mary's Parish School

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC29801  
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)

### ESTATE SALE TO BENEFIT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

May 14-16 from 8am to 1:00pm, at the Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Drive. Many thanks to Mr. Gilmore who generously bequeathed his estate to our parish school to help families with tuition assistance. Also, thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus for their countless hours of volunteering! Come find a treasure, while supporting our school!

### TALENT SHOW POSTPONED!

The PTO Talent Show has been postponed to June 1st! Tickets for the rescheduled show are now on sale. Come watch the talent at St. Mary's School! Money raised will be used toward new music risers. Follow this link to attend! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-marys-pt0-talent-show>

### 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!

### ESTATE SALE TO BENEFIT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

May 8-9 & May 14-16 from 8am to 1:00pm, at the Columbus Club, 1037 Spaulding Drive. Many thanks to Mr. Gilmore, who generously bequeathed his estate to our parish school to help families with tuition assistance. Also, thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus for their countless hours of volunteering! Come find a treasure, while supporting our school!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR!

St. Mary's School is seeking volunteers to teach an after-school enrichment program class on CODING to preschool through 4th grade students during the next school year. Please contact Rebecca Wright at [hwright@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:hwright@stmaryschoolaiken.com) for details!

### AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, May 21, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New members welcome. 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)



### WE WELCOME THIS SUMMER: ANTHONY SZWEST!

Anthony is a seminarian for the Diocese of Charleston and is currently in the discipleship stage of formation studying Philosophy. What he enjoys the most in seminary is the fellowship amongst his classmates, and more importantly the fellowship with the Lord. Anthony grew up in Charleston, SC, with three siblings (two sisters and a brother) who are happily married, and his parents now reside in Summerville. Prior to seminary, Anthony studied Environmental Engineering at Clemson and worked for three years in Atlanta. He has a love for outdoor adventures, going hiking or rock climbing when he gets the chance, and also enjoys reading authors like Flannery O'Connor. Anthony is eager to get to know the members of the parish, so please introduce yourself when you see him around! And of course, keep all of our seminarians in your prayers.

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Las Obras de Misericordia Espirituales

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Las obras de misericordia espirituales son actos concretos de caridad dirigidos a las necesidades del alma. El Catecismo enseña que las obras de misericordia son “acciones caritativas mediante las cuales socorremos a nuestro prójimo en sus necesidades espirituales y corporales”, y que las obras espirituales incluyen “enseñar, aconsejar, consolar y confortar”, así como “perdonar y soportar con paciencia las ofensas” (CIC, 2447).

A través de estas obras, se nos da la oportunidad de tocar el alma de una persona. Tal vez, por medio de la acción del Espíritu Santo, podamos ayudar a sanar heridas interiores que alguien pueda tener, como confusión, miedo, culpa, desesperación, soledad o resentimiento.

En resumen, las obras de misericordia espirituales incluyen:

- **Aconsejar al que duda:** Cuando alguien no está seguro del camino correcto, ofrecer una guía clara y amable, fundamentada en la Sagrada Escritura o en las enseñanzas de la Iglesia.

- **Enseñar al que no sabe:** Con paciencia y hablando la verdad con amor, podemos ayudar a quienes carecen de conocimiento sobre la fe y la moral, compartiendo lo que sabemos.

- **Corregir al pecador:** Decir la verdad con amor, buscando sinceramente la conversión y no la humillación.

- **Consolar al triste:** Ofrecer presencia, atención y consuelo a quienes sufren, especialmente cuando su dolor parece no tener fin o pasa desapercibido.

- **Perdonar las ofensas:** “Mía es la venganza, yo daré el pago, dice el Señor” (Rom 12,19). Elegir la misericordia, porque el perdón sana las relaciones y refleja la misericordia de Dios.

- **Soportar con paciencia los defectos del prójimo:** Aun cuando seamos tratados injustamente, responder con paciencia y caridad.

- **Orar por los vivos y los difuntos:** Recordar a los demás en la oración, pidiendo a Dios que les conceda luz, sanación y esperanza.

Estas obras de misericordia espirituales forman parte de la vida diaria, y pueden parecer pequeñas y ordinarias. Sin embargo, tienen el poder de transformar a una persona, una familia e incluso a la sociedad. Jesús está presente en quienes sufren; siempre debemos saber escuchar y ayudar en lo que podamos.

Reflexionar sobre las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales es una manera de despertar nuestra conciencia. Es una forma de examinar cómo estamos viviendo como discípulos de Jesús.

¿Puedes elegir una obra de misericordia espiritual esta semana? Tal vez perdonar una herida del pasado, aconsejar a alguien que lo necesita o rezar por alguien que claramente necesita misericordia.

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 10 DE MAYO AL 17 DE MAYO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 10 de mayo comienzan en la [pagina 249](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17	Sal 65, 1-5. 6-7. 16 y 20
1 Pe 3, 15-18	Jn 14, 15-21
Lunes: Hch 16, 11-15	Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9
Jn 15, 26-16, 4	
Martes: Hch 16, 22-34	Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 7-8
Jn 16, 5-11	
Miércoles: Hch 17, 15. 22-18, 1	Sal 148, 1-2. 11-14
Jn 16, 12-15	
Jueves: Hch 1, 15-17. 20-26	Sal 112, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8
Jn 15, 9-17	
Viernes: Hch 18, 9-18	Sal 46, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7
Jn 16, 20-23	
Sábado: Hch 18, 23-28	Sal 46, 2-3. 8-9. 10
Jn 16, 23-28	
Domingo siguiente: Hch 1, 1-11	Sal 46, 2-3. 6-7. 8-9
Ef 1, 17-23	Mt 28, 16-2

©LPI

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

### CONTINUACION DE ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

“Entiendo que la misericordia es múltiple; se puede hacer el bien siempre, en todo lugar y en todo momento. Un amor ardiente a Dios descubre a su alrededor constantes oportunidades para darse a sí mismo mediante la acción, la palabra y la oración” (Diario de Santa Faustina Kowalska, n. 1313).

Con mis mejores deseos... en Cristo,  
Padre Wilson.

### ¡DAMOS LA BIENVENIDA ESTE VERANO A ANTHONY SZWAST!

Anthony es seminarista de la Diócesis de Charleston y actualmente se encuentra en la etapa de discipulado de su formación, estudiando Filosofía.

Lo que más disfruta del seminario es la fraternidad con sus compañeros y, sobre todo, su relación con el Señor. Anthony creció en Charleston, Carolina del Sur, junto a sus tres hermanos (dos hermanas y un hermano), quienes están felizmente casados. Sus padres ahora viven en Summerville. Antes de entrar al seminario, Anthony estudió Ingeniería Ambiental en Clemson y trabajó durante tres años en Atlanta.

Le encantan las actividades al aire libre, como el senderismo y la escalada en roca cuando tiene la oportunidad, y también disfruta leer autores como Flannery O'Connor.

Anthony está muy entusiasmado por conocer a los miembros de la parroquia, así que no duden en presentarse cuando lo vean.

Y, por supuesto, mantengamos a todos nuestros seminaristas en nuestras oraciones.



## 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**

### 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 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

### 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. 100

### Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **19 de Julio y 26 de Julio** 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  
615.638.7137

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 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

### ¿Embarazo Inesperado?

¡No estás sola! Recursos de ayuda gratuitos:  
Ministerio Respeto a la Vida 803.634.3171  
Centro de Atención de Embarazo Life Choices  
803.648.9890 <https://pregnancyaiken.com>  
Birth Right Columbia 803.765.0165  
Línea de ayuda 24/7 1.800.550.4900  
<https://birthright.org>



## ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE SANTA MARÍA

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801  
Sr. Carlos Overstreet, Director  
803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092  
excelatstmarys.com

Horario de Oficina: 7:30am a 3:30pm lunes a viernes (cuando la escuela está en sesión)

### Venta de artículos (Estate Sale) a beneficio de la Escuela St. Mary's

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 dejó su patrimonio a nuestra escuela parroquial para ayudar a las familias con asistencia de matrícula.

También agradecemos al grupo Ladies Auxiliary de los Knights of Columbus por sus incontables horas de voluntariado.

¡Ven a encontrar un tesoro mientras apoyas a nuestra escuela!

### ¡SHOW DE TALENTOS POSPUESTO!

El show de talentos del PTO ha sido pospuesto para el 1 de junio.

Los boletos para la nueva fecha ya están a la venta.

¡Ven a disfrutar del talento en la Escuela St. Mary's!

Los fondos recaudados se destinarán a la compra de nuevos soportes (risers) para el coro.

Compra tus boletos aquí:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/st-marys-pto-talent-show>

### ¡Se necesitan voluntarios para el año escolar 2026-2027!

La Escuela St. Mary's está buscando voluntarios para impartir una clase extracurricular de enriquecimiento en programación (coding) para estudiantes desde preescolar hasta 4.º grado durante el próximo año escolar.

Para más información, por favor comuníquese con Rebecca Wright al correo:

[hwright@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:hwright@stmaryschoolaiken.com)

Si quieres, puedo hacerte una versión más corta tipo anuncio o volante visual.

### Rosario por nuestros sacerdotes

Este miércoles 13 de mayo nos reuniremos en oración frente al Oratorio de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Intercedamos juntos por nuestros sacerdotes, que tanto necesitan de nuestras oraciones.

El Señor nos espera a las 7:30 p.m.

### SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL

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

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### Domingo, 10 de mayo

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

### Lunes, 11 de mayo

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

### Martes, 12 de mayo

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

### Miércoles, 13 de mayo

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

### Jueves, 14 de mayo

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua  
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua  
7:00pm Hora Santa Iglesia Antigua

### Viernes, 15 de mayo

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

### Sábado, 16 de mayo

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

### Domingo, 17 de Mayo

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

### ¡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!

SHELLHOUSE FUNERAL HOME SHELLHOUSE-RIVERS FUNERAL HOME

Honor a life well lived.



924 Hayne Ave. Aiken  
803-642-3456  
ShellhouseFuneralHome.com



715 East Pine Log Rd. Aiken  
803-641-4401\*  
ShellhouseRiversFuneralHome.com

Aiken's Only Onsite Crematory\*

Morgan Stanley

- Retirement Planning
  - College Savings Plans
  - Financial Planning
- Stephen Anacleiro**  
Financial Advisor  
One 10th Street Suite 600  
Augusta, GA 30901

**803-642-7044**

Stephen.j.anacleiro@morganstanley.com  
© 2014 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Member SIPC. CRC897562 06/14

**Collette R Ball Ins Agcy Inc**



**Collette Ball, Agent**  
Parishioner

3066 Whiskey Rd  
Aiken, SC 29803  
Bus 803-648-2973  
Fax 803-335-2273  
Cell 803-295-6894

collette.ball.crmh@statefarm.com



**The greatest compliment you can give is a referral.**



**FRED WICKS**  
REALTOR® | VP  
CELL: 803-645-3543



**KT RUTHVEN**  
REALTOR® | VP  
CELL: 803-617-9356

**WR WICKS & RUTHVEN**  
FREDandKT@gmail.com



Scan here to be added to our once a month newsletter



**Camino's** 2460 Wagener Rd. Aiken

Betty Cortez • Owner • Parishioner  
Kitchen: 10am-6pm • Store: 10am-7pm  
Open Mon.-Sat.: 10am-7pm  
**803-648-0403**

Trusted Service Since 1967



**803-649-9803**  
www.aikenpest.com



**803.262.5141**  
ScissorsAndSofas.com  
225 Richland Ave E  
Aiken, SC 29801



**WE'RE NOT JUST A SALON OR A FURNITURE STORE -**  
We're a one-stop destination where style meets comfort. Our unique concept combines expert hair styling with high-end furniture & home goods.

**Our Model is Consignment, Good Quality but Reasonable Prices**

**MANICURE & PEDICURE**



**VISIT OUR STORE**



**CUMBERLAND VILLAGE**  
A GOLDEN BELL COMMUNITY

• Independent Living • Assisted Living • In-Home Care

- Located on 35 acres, a staple in Aiken for 30+ years
- Only community in Aiken with full continuum of care with no large buy-in

**803.335.5280**  
3335 Wise Creek Lane, Aiken, SC 29801



**ST. JOSEPH FLOORING**  
Hardwood Installation & Refinishing  
**803.998.6921**  
Anthony Sedano, Parishioner

**Carrie Katonak**  
Hair Specialist  
**Book your appointment (803) 221-5946**

**Advertise Here!**  
Contact Morgan Walters  
mwalters@4LPI.com | (800) 950-9952 x5771



At Milton Shealy Funeral Home-Aiken Chapel, we walk beside your family in faith. From coordinating with local parishes to honoring each Catholic rite with care, your loved one is entrusted to compassionate & prayerful hands.

**A Home for Aiken's Catholic Families.**



**Rooted in Tradition. Guided by Faith.**  
**803.649.6234**

Little space.  
Big impact.

Advertise here  
Call 800-950-9952

**Meybohm** REAL ESTATE  
**Cathy Brennan**  
 Vice President • Parishioner  
 Cell: 803-439-1357  
 E-mail: cbrennan@meybohm.com  
 142 Laurens St. NW • Aiken, SC 29801



**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGN**

**Nandina**  
 home & design  
**AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
 158 Laurens Street, Aiken, SC 29801  
 (803) 649-0616 • Hours Mon-Sat 10-5  
 nandinahome.com

**SUSAN VICTOR**  
 Co-Owner/Interior Designer

**SUE SHANNON**  
 Co-Owner/Interior Designer

**Hutson-Etherredge**  
**COMPANIES**  
 ESTABLISHED 1876

Personal Insurance • Business Insurance  
 Medical & Life Insurance • Discounts

129 PARK AVE. SW | 803-649-5141  
 INFO@HECOS.COM | WWW.HECOS.COM



**VETERAN OWNED AND PROUD PARISHIONERS**

**Wiland-Foley Wealth Advisory Group**  
 OF JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC

**A FORBES BEST-IN-STATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM: 2025 & 2026**

Wiland-Foley Wealth Advisory Group of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
 401 Park Ave SW, Aiken, SC 29801  
 803-649-1148 | info@wfg-jms.com  
 www.wiland-foleywealthadvisory.com  
 For more information about our award-winning services, including estate planning, retirement, and family-owned business solutions, or to schedule a complimentary consultation, please contact your Financial Advisor.  
 © JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC  
 MEMBER NYSE, FINRA, SIPC

**MILLY MAIDS LLC**

**CLEANING SERVICES \* COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL \* MOVE IN AND OUT FREE ESTIMATES**

803-634-3121 • 803-634-3120  
 Millymaidsllc@gmail.com  
**TRINIDAD MORENO**  
 Owner and Parishioner

**DayBreak**  
 ADULT CARE SERVICES, INC.

1028 Hayne Avenue SW  
 Aiken, SC 29801

24/7 Care | Respite Care | Alzheimer's & Related Dementia Care  
 Grocery Shopping | Light Housekeeping | Laundry | Meal Preparation  
 Hospital/Facility Sitting | Companionship | Transportation  
 Home Health/Palliative/Hospice Support | Errands  
 Medication Reminders | Bathing Assistance | Dressing Assistance

**DayBreakAiken.com** ♥ 803-226-0288

**Knapp Law Firm PC**

Elder Law • Probate  
 Medicaid Asset Preservation  
 Guardianships • Conservatorships  
 Special Needs & Living Trusts / Wills  
 www.lindafarronknapp.com  
**803.335.1431 / 803.541.7676**  
 Call for an appointment  
 135 Laurens St. SW, Suite 200, Aiken

**Janney**

**SINGER WEALTH MANAGEMENT GROUP OF JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC**

**SCOTT SINGER**  
 First Vice President, Financial Advisor & Proud Parishioner  
 803.649.6125 | scottssinger@janney.com  
 www.singerwealthmanagementgroup.com

JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC | 401 PARK AVENUE, SW, AIKEN, SC 29801  
 WWW.JANNEY.COM | © JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC  
 MEMBER: NYSE, FINRA, SIPC

As a CFP® Fiduciary **Client's Interest Always Come First**

**William Coscioni CFP®, CPA**  
**803-644-0701** **WEALTHCARE**

- Financial Planning • Investment Management
- Tax Planning & Preparation
- "A Registered Investment Advisor"  
 (Fee only - No product commissions accepted)

910 Dougherty Road, Aiken, SC 29803 | www.wealthcare910.com

**Parishioner** 4506-1829731

**RON'S HOME REPAIR SERVICE**  
 No Job Too Small  
 Painting & Other Services  
 Ron Tugya-Parishioner  
**803-642-9344**

**Computerized Engine Analysis**  
 Professional Import & Domestic Auto Service  
**643-9266**

**AUTO TECH. INC.** 460 Silver Bluff Rd.  
 Aiken, S.C. Steve Young  
 Owner Parishioner

For All Your Import Needs

**Maricolleen (Colleen) Wittenborn, CPA**  
**Tax Services, Personal & Business**

Certified in New York & South Carolina  
 O: 803-649-9507 • C: 803-998-6401  
 jewitty@att.net • Parishioner

**ELLEN E. MILLER LLC**

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist  
 203 Laurens St.  
 Aiken, SC 29801  
 803.643.0173  
 By Appt. Only

**TEQUILA'S** Gift Certificates Available

GRILL & BAR  
 1860 Richland Avenue West  
**803-226-0495**

**BRADLEY PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.**

150 RUTLAND DRIVE NW  
 AIKEN, SC 29801

PLUMBING • HEATING • VENTILATION  
 AIR CONDITIONING

Timothy W. Redd (803) 649-2155  
 President FAX: 642-2963

**Never miss our bulletin!**

Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.

Scan to subscribe on [parishesonline.com](http://parishesonline.com)

**FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE**

Call 800.950.9952

**DL Durban-Laird Insurance**  
 Paul W. Durban, CIC  
 Durban-Laird's, Inc.  
 Insurance Agents & Brokers  
 155 Laurens Street, SW • P.O. Box 422  
 Aiken, SC 29802  
 Ph (803) 649-2561 • Fax (803) 648-8760  
 paul@durban-laird.com

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE**  
 NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.  
 NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

**Cole**  
**FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE INC.**  
**803.648.7175**  
 1544 University Pkwy  
 Aiken, SC 29801

Family Owned & Operated Since 2007

**Aiken's newest senior living community**

**Oaks AT AIKEN**

Serving with faith, knowledge, compassion, and love. **Providing assisted living and memory care services.**

Family owned | Opening October 2023  
**Call 803-281-8600 for more information**  
 3400 Whiskey Rd. • Aiken, SC 29803

**25 YEARS**  
 FAITH • KNOWLEDGE • COMPASSION • LOVE  
 Aiken's Premier Senior Living Services  
 Oaks Senior Living

**Shirer FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
 Let Our Family Become A Part Of Yours

Monday - Friday:  
 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 420 Hitchcock Pkwy  
 Aiken, SC  
**803-648-6400**  
 Parishioners  
 www.shirerfamilydentistry.com  
**DR. MICHAEL SHIRER & DR. SUSANNAH SHIRER**