



• 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**GO RATHER TO  
THE LOST SHEEP.**

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## 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@charlestdioocese.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

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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](http://Svdpaiken.org)

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

Closed On Fridays

## TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY MAY 17

Offertory	May 24	\$ 17,181
Online Offertory	May 24	\$ 13,937
Offertory	May 31	\$ 21,113
Online Offertory	May 31	\$ 12,105
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

## 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—ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We're halfway through the Jubilee year of St. Francis of Assisi ... see the full display of him in nature with books, statues, and artwork. Gift shop open Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm. Are you interested in joining us at the gift shop? We're looking for volunteers to help us out on Sundays.

## 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!

## THAT MAN IS YOU—SUMMER PROGRAM

Contact: Deacon Pierce,

[bpierce@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:bpierce@charlestdiocese.org)

TMIY will meet this summer for a 4-session retreat on Fatherhood.

### TMIY SUMMER PROGRAM

June 12 — To Be a Father

June 26 — The Mystery of a Child

July 10 — The Formation of a Child

July 24 — The Transformation of a Culture

We will meet Friday mornings in Mother Teresa Hall.

Fellowship begins at 6:30 a.m., the video begins at 6:45 a.m., and small group discussion will end by 7:45 a.m. We hope to see you there!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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Pray for Vocations!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Christ trusted His apostles to reveal and introduce “salvation” to all His people. He calls us in a personal way, awarding us redemption and conversion. Such tremendous gifts mandate sharing the Gospel throughout the world. A priest is called to be “servant, victim, brother, listener and friend.” (Terence Cardinal Cooke) Above all, a priest must be a good Father. Not everyone can carry out such a demanding task; nor is it a responsibility that can be easily mastered. Men are being called now, more than ever for the “the harvest is great.”

In today's Gospel, Jesus is moved when seeing His people “abandoned and exhausted,” like sheep that have no shepherd. That's the situation of our Church in the United States today. We need more priests!

Why have vocations diminished throughout the US? The answer is complex. It could be attributed to materialism, lack of Catholic schools, and weak Catechesis over the years. Our parish is blessed with many large families. But contraception has gained a huge foothold in our country. Families with only one or two children are very hesitant to “give up” a son to the priesthood. Who's going to keep the family name going?

In the Diocese of Charleston, we expect that our next Vocations Poster will have 38 men pictured. Candidly, that's an amazing number for our sized Diocese. Yet the need remains great. We have several priests retiring, serious illnesses have afflicted a few other priests, and not every man on the poster will make it through the discernment process.

Jesus calls us to pray for vocations! “...ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” It's vital that parents be open to their sons discerning the priesthood. The very first “fork in the road” for young men should be “Am I called to be a good and holy priest or a good and holy husband and father?”

For many reasons, I am honored to be the Pastor of St. Mary Help of Christians! A distinctive joy of my priesthood is seeing our faithful altar servers. In particular, we've had as many as 15 servers at the 8:30 am Mass. I challenged them to get more than a squad of 12 and they responded! It is wonderful to see those boys (and girls) serve our Lord on the altar. We need strong virile men to respond to the call to share in the priesthood of Christ. I have no doubt that some of these boys will be called. May God grant them the courage to say Yes! Today's second collection supports our diocesan seminarians. Please remember them in your prayers as well.

Yours in Christ, Father Wilson

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL**



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

Sat. 3 am (Fri. night) and Sat. 12 Noon have need for an adorer. To sign up for this or another 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

**FIAT CO-OP YARD SALE**

The homeschool community of SMHOC is hosting a yard sale to benefit Our Gifts, His Glory. Saturday, June 27

**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 JUN. 14 - JUN. 21, 2026**

Sunday, Jun. 14 readings begin on [page 326](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6 Mt 9:36-10:8	Ps 100:1-3, 5	Rom 5:6-11
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Mt 5:38-42	Ps 5:2-3, 4-7	
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Mt 5:43-48	Ps 51:3-6, 11 and 16	
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Ps 31:20, 21, 24	
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Mt 6:7-15	Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7	
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Mt 6:19-23	Ps 132:11-14, 17-18	
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Mt 6:24-34	Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-34	
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15	Ps 69:8-10,14,17,33-35	Mt 10:26-3

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**HOLY MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday Jun. 14</b> 8:30am Mildred Louise Gall 11:00am Sharon Pawley 1:00pm Pro Populo	<b>Friday Jun. 19</b> 5:30pm Joseph Novak	<b>Saturday Jun. 20</b> 8:00am Natalie Turner 5:00pm Lawrence Ball Carol Reeve Dave Peterson Steven Carlson Joseph Mango
<b>Monday Jun. 15</b> 5:30pm Northside supper club (L)	<b>Tuesday Jun. 16</b> 10:00am Souls in Purgatory 5:30pm Ted Killian	<b>Sunday Jun. 21</b> 8:30am Penny Goergen 11:00am Michael Poth (L) 1:00pm Pro Populo
<b>Wednesday Jun. 17</b> 8:20am Penny Goergen 7:00pm Marina de Alvarez	<b>Thursday Jun. 18</b> 5:30pm Gary Ware	

**ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS ROSARY MAKERS**

Rosary Makers Ministry meets every 3rd Monday of the month in Mother Teresa Hall, at 1:00pm. Our next meeting is June 15th. Please come, participate in prayer, support, fellowship, and learning. It's a wonderful ministry that can save a soul! Contact Doug McGuinness at [dpmcg871@gmail.com](mailto:dpmcg871@gmail.com) or Sue Bursey 443.465.6504

## 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)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or are you an adult missing your sacrament of confirmation? OCIA classes begin in August for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. If you would like to receive updates when the new calendar comes out, please share your email and phone number to our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at [dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org)

### 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

June 14 – Bowling

June 24 – Night of Prayer

June 27 – Trip to Carowinds

June 28–July 3 – Please pray for our teens attending Matthew 25 Service Project.

July 5 – Movie Night

July 10 – Please pray for our teens attending Steubenville Atlanta.

### CAMP CATHOLIC VBS

VBS will be June 29-July 2nd this year. Registration is now open, you can find the form on our website or at the parish office.

### FAITH FORMATION (CCD)

Classes are over for the summer and will begin again in September. Registration is now open, the form can be found on the website or picked up at the parish office. All forms and payments need to be returned to the office.

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 Jun. 14

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

### Monday, Jun. 15

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
11:45am Lunch & Learn Book Club	Bosco
1:00pm Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

### Tuesday, Jun. 16

3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

### Wednesday, Jun. 17

6:30 am Mass	Old Church
8:20am Mass	Church
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00pm SHE	Mother Teresa
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

### Thursday, Jun. 18

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

### Friday, Jun. 19

4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

### Saturday, Jun. 20

8:00am Mass	Old Church
3:30pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church

### Sunday, Jun. 21

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

### PRO-LIFE SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join the Respect Life Ministry for a discussion of our summer read: *Something Wicked: Why Feminism Can't Be Fused with Christianity* by Carrie Gress.

Wednesday July 15, 7-8:30pm Deacon Waters Conference Room

Questions? 803-634-3171

Copies of the book will be available at the gift shop.

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are on hiatus for the summer months. We will return to our study of Hebrews on September 9. If you have questions, contact Martha: [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)

### PARISH PERKS!

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

### FRATERNUS CHAPTER AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

We are seeking faithful men to join Fraternus, a Catholic brotherhood committed to growing in virtue, deepening faith, and strengthening men in their calling as fathers, community leaders, and followers of Christ. Interested men of all ages are invited to attend a training and information session on June 6th to learn more about our mission and how to get involved. For more information, visit [fraternus.org](http://fraternus.org) and contact Scott Recher at [recherg@gmail.com](mailto:recherg@gmail.com) or Brett Dickason at [brett.w.dickason@gmail.com](mailto:brett.w.dickason@gmail.com).

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA: UPDATE AND THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners who have already prayerfully and generously supported this year's Catholic Appeal. Your gifts make a meaningful difference in the lives of many throughout our diocese, helping to sustain vital ministries and outreach efforts.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, there is still time to contribute. Every gift is a blessing to our Diocese and our parish.

Thank you for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment to our Church.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Taking Care of Our Beautiful Church and Chapels  
Have you thought about what you can do to serve Jesus and St. Mary's? There are so many opportunities to volunteer. If you have a couple of hours free on Tuesday and/or Wednesday mornings, please consider joining the St. Joseph Altar Society to clean the church on Fairfield at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and old St. Mary's and the chapel on Wednesday mornings. Volunteers dust, wipe down pews, remove wax from candlesticks and polish, change out Holy water, fill tea lights in the candle stands, etc. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Sacristan Scott Sorensen at 803-414-3394.

### LOVE LINENS?

If you have an appreciation for our beautiful altar linens and would like to take care of them, we need a few people to volunteer to launder them after each liturgical season. We would give you laundering tips on how to remove wax, etc. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Sacristan Scott Sorensen at 803-414-3394.



## 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)

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ALUMNI NAMED VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Congratulations to Aiden McElwain and Cait Runnels from the SMS Class of 2022. Aiden was named the Valedictorian and Cait was named the Salutatorian at Aiken High School's Graduation! What a tremendous achievement!

### SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

As another wonderful school year comes to a close, we wish all of our students, families, faculty, and staff a safe and relaxing summer break! Beginning this week, summer office hours will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please note that the school office will be closed for summer vacation July 6 through 10.

### AN INVITATION TO SILENCE

Please join us for a Carmelite reflection on prayer and interior silence, exploring a deeper relationship with God through contemplative practice, with time to enter into silent prayer.

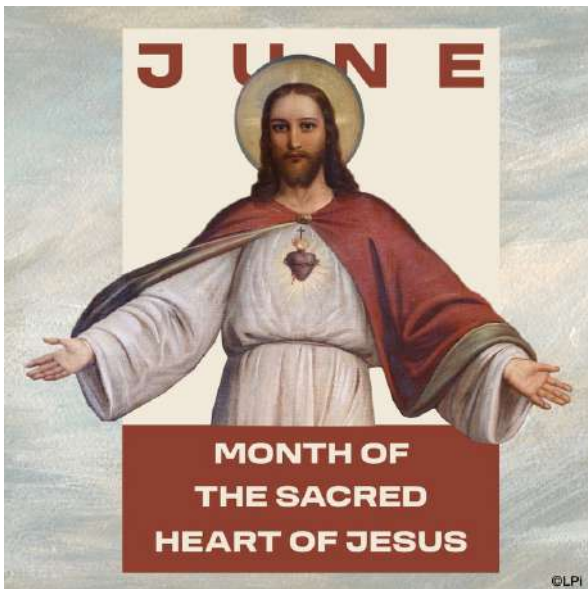
Monday, June 15, 2026, 6:15 - 7:30 PM

Location: Mother Teresa Hall

Refreshments will be provided

Hosted by: The Discalced Carmelite Order, Secular (Steve Attias & Lori Rainchuso, OCDS)

For more information, contact Lori Rainchuso at 860-919-5674.



### A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

“Holy charity confounds all diabolical and fleshly temptations and all fleshly fears.”

The Secular Franciscans meet the 3rd Monday @6:15PM in St. Michael's Hall.

JUNE 14 : ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Ex 19:2-6a | Rom 5:6-11 | Mt 9:36-10:8 | CCC 751-752, 770-780, 804

#### WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The Church is the people called and gathered together by God. It is anticipated by the assembly of Israel in the Old Testament, founded by Christ in the New Testament, and finds her fulfillment and perfection in the heavenly assembly of the redeemed. The Church referred to as a “mystery” because she has a divine spiritual reality active alongside her visible reality. It's described in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed as characterized by four “marks” – one, holy, catholic and apostolic. What does the word Church mean? The word Church refers to the people whom God calls and gathers together from every part of the earth. They form the assembly of those who through faith and baptism have become children of God, members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. (Compendium #147)

### 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, June 17th 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.

### AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, June 18, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New members welcome. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547 or [paulvjg324@gmail.com](mailto:paulvjg324@gmail.com).



## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Recen por las Vocaciones!

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Cristo confía en Sus apóstoles para revelar e introducir la “salvación” a todo Su pueblo. Del mismo modo, Él nos llama de manera personal, otorgándonos redención y conversión. Tan inmensos dones exigen que compartamos el Evangelio por todo el mundo. Un sacerdote está llamado a ser “siervo, víctima, hermano, oyente y amigo.” (Terence Cardinal Cooke) Sobre todo, un sacerdote debe ser un buen Padre. No todos pueden llevar a cabo una tarea tan exigente; tampoco es una responsabilidad que se domine fácilmente. Hoy, más que nunca, Dios está llamando a hombres, porque “la cosecha es abundante.”

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se conmueve al ver a Su pueblo “abandonado y exhausto,” como ovejas sin pastor. Esa es la situación actual de nuestra Iglesia en los Estados Unidos. ¡Necesitamos más sacerdotes!

¿Por qué han disminuido las vocaciones en nuestro país? La respuesta es compleja. Podría atribuirse al materialismo, a la falta de escuelas católicas y a una catequesis débil durante años. Nuestra parroquia está bendecida con muchas familias numerosas. Pero la anticoncepción ha ganado un enorme terreno en nuestro país. Las familias con uno o dos hijos suelen ser muy reacias a “entregar” un hijo al sacerdocio. ¿Quién continuará el apellido familiar?

En este momento, en la Diócesis de Charleston, esperamos que nuestro próximo Afiche de Vocaciones tenga las fotos de 38 hombres, casi 40 seminaristas. Francamente, es un número impresionante para el tamaño de nuestra diócesis. Sin embargo... las necesidades siguen siendo grandes. Varios sacerdotes pronto se jubilarán, y algunos otros han sido afectados por enfermedades serias. Y... no todos los hombres en el Afiche de Vocaciones llegarán al final del proceso de discernimiento.

Jesús nos llama a orar por las vocaciones. “Pídanle al dueño de la cosecha que envíe trabajadores a su cosecha.” (Mt 9,38) Y es vital que los padres estén abiertos a que sus hijos discernan el sacerdocio. La primera “encrucijada” para un joven debería ser: “¿Estoy llamado a ser un buen y santo sacerdote, o un buen y santo esposo y padre?”

Por muchas razones, estoy orgulloso y honrado de ser el Párroco de St. Mary Help of Christians. Una de las alegrías más distintivas de mi sacerdocio es ver a todos nuestros fieles monaguillos. En particular, hemos tenido hasta 15 monaguillos en la Misa de 8:30 am. Les pedí que superaran un escuadrón de 12, ¡y respondieron! Es maravilloso ver a esos niños servir a nuestro Señor en el altar. Necesitamos hombres fuertes y varoniles que respondan al llamado de compartir el sacerdocio de Cristo. No tengo duda de que algunos de estos niños serán llamados. ¡Que Dios les conceda el valor de decir “Sí”!

Todo lo mejor... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 14 DE JUNIO AL 21 DE JUNIO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 14 de junio comienzan en la [pagina 327](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Ex 19, 2-6 Mt 9, 36-10, 8	Sal 99, 1-3. 5	Rom 5, 6-11
Lunes: 1 Re 21, 1-16 Mt 5, 38-42	Sal 5, 2-3. 4-6. 6-7	
Martes: 1 Re 21, 17-29 Mt 5, 43-48	Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 11 y 16	
Miércoles: 2 Re 2, 1. 6-14 Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18	Sal 30, 20. 21. 24	
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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

### Rosario por nuestros sacerdotes

Este Sabado 13 de Junio 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.

### ¡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!

### Campamento Católico VBS

El VBS se llevará a cabo del 29 de junio al 2 de julio este año. Las inscripciones ya están abiertas; puede encontrar el formulario en nuestro sitio web o en la oficina parroquial.

## 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: **12 de Julio 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 803-716-8451 o 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

### ¿Interesado en Convertirse en Católico?

¿Está interesado en convertirse en católico, o es un adulto que aún no ha recibido el sacramento de la confirmación? Las clases de RICA comenzarán en agosto para aquellas personas que desean convertirse en católicas y recibir los sacramentos de iniciación. Favor de Contactar a Derrock Huestis 803-716-8451

### 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.

### MINISTERIO JUVENIL

13 de mayo – Jovenes Discipulos

17 de mayo – Noche de Película y Charla:

¡Padres invitados!

*(contacta a Hannah Dickason para más detalles)*

20 de mayo – Young Disciples

24 de mayo – Ministerio Juvenil

27 de mayo – Jovenes Discipulos

31 de mayo – Ministerio Juvenil

### Catecismo

Las clases han terminado por el verano y comenzarán nuevamente en **septiembre**. Las inscripciones ya están abiertas; el formulario se puede encontrar en el sitio web o recoger en la oficina parroquial. Todos los formularios y pagos deben ser entregados en la oficina.

### Rezo del Santo Rosario

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



## ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE SANTA MARÍA

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

### ¡La Escuela Ha Terminado por el Verano!

Mientras otro maravilloso año escolar llega a su fin, deseamos a todos nuestros estudiantes, familias, maestros y personal unas vacaciones de verano seguras y relajantes. A partir de esta semana, el horario de oficina durante el verano será los martes, miércoles y jueves de 9:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m. Por favor, tome en cuenta que la oficina de la escuela estará cerrada por vacaciones de verano del 6 al 10 de julio.

**¡Felicitaciones a los 13 estudiantes que recientemente fueron** incorporados al capítulo SMS del National Junior Beta Club! El National Junior Beta Club es una organización que reconoce y fomenta el logro académico, el liderazgo, el carácter, el servicio y la ciudadanía entre los estudiantes de secundaria. Estamos orgullosos de estos estudiantes por su arduo trabajo y dedicación, y esperamos seguir viendo el ejemplo positivo que continuarán dando dentro de nuestra comunidad escolar.



## Kermés Parroquial

Ven a disfrutar de antojitos mexicanos, aguas frescas y postres deliciosos.

Domingo 14 de Junio

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Salón Santa Angela

¡No faltes, te esperamos!

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### Domingo, 14 de Junio

8:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia  
11:00am Misa en inglés Iglesia  
1:00pm Misa español Iglesia  
2:00pm Kermes Salón St Angela

### Lunes, 15 de Junio

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

### Martes, 16 de Junio

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

### Miércoles, 17 de Junio

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

### Jueves, 18 de Junio

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

### Viernes, 19 de Junio

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

### Sábado, 20 de Junio

8:00am Misa Iglesia Antigua  
3:30pm Confesiones Iglesia  
5:00pm Misa de Vigilia Iglesia  
7:30pm Rosario por nuestros sacerdotes

### Domingo, 21 de Junio

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

### Una Invitación al Silencio

Acompáñenos para una reflexión Carmelita sobre la oración y el silencio interior, explorando una relación más profunda con Dios a través de la práctica contemplativa, con tiempo para entrar en oración en silencio.

Lunes, 15 de junio de 2026, de 6:15 PM a 7:30 PM

Lugar: Mother Teresa Hall

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