



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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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803.649.4777

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Website: 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. 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

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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

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY JUNE 14

Offertory	Jun 14	\$ 33,690
Online Offertory	Jun 14	\$ 18,809
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

Semi-annually, the Parish publishes financial reports for both the Parish and St. Mary's School on our church website <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/index> (Giving tab → Financial Reports) <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/financial-reports> to keep the community informed about its financial condition. Members of the parish community who wish to receive copies of or review these reports may do so by contacting the Parish Business Manager, Colleen Wittenborn, at 803-649-4777, Ext. 2.

We thank all members of St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church and St. Mary's School for their generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure. These gifts make possible every ministry and program within our Catholic community.

GIFT SHOP— THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul is Monday! Come celebrate with us at the gift shop and see items we have on display. Have fun, too, with the game 'Journeys of St. Paul.' 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

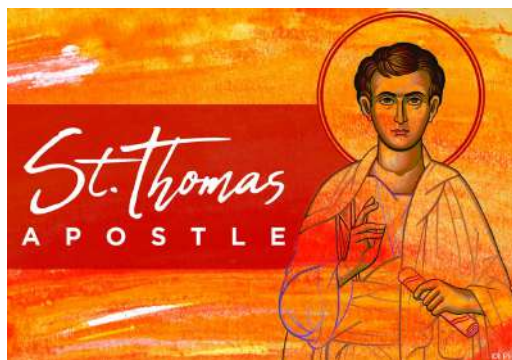
AA open meeting at 7:00am Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's). Newcomers are welcome!

THAT MAN IS YOU — SUMMER PROGRAM

Contact: Deacon Pierce,
bpierce@charlestondiocese.org
TMIY will meet this summer for a 4-session retreat on Fatherhood.

TMIY SUMMER PROGRAM

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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Rejoicing in 250 Years of Freedom!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the United States—a moment to give thanks, to remember, and to ask God for renewed moral clarity. The Church's prayer for our nation begins by placing every civic good under divine truth: "open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives." (Roman Missal, 3rd ed.) In this anniversary, we ask that the promise of liberty be lived not merely as a political idea, but as a responsibility rooted in God, human dignity, and the common good.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen reminded many in his day that a true patriot is not one who merely cheers slogans, but one who loves rightly. "Patriotism is a virtue that was allied to the old virtue of the Greeks and Latins called 'Pietas.' Pietas meant love of God, love of neighbor, love of country. And when one goes out, all go out. [When] we no longer have love of God, we no longer have love of country." (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

That means patriotism is not an optional sentiment; it is a virtue—an active love that promotes the good of a people and the preservation of national culture and self-awareness. Yet it must never become a rival religion. A patriot "will never replace God with the nation," nor reduce faith to a merely cultural possession. (Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, 970)

In speaking to the new U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See in 1997, Pope St. John Paul II stated that a democracy's credibility depends on promoting a culture of life, welcoming and protecting the weakest and most vulnerable, and on freedom grounded in truth and ordered to goodness. (Speech Dec 17, 1997) On the 4th of July, we will have a special Mass at the usual time on Saturday at 8:00 am. This Mass will have music that will encourage us to reflect upon the greatness of our God and the blessings we enjoy in this land. After the Mass, in lieu of the Miraculous Medal novena we will have a special rosary in which we pray specifically for our nation and for each of the 50 states. Please plan to join us!

And... as Archbishop Fulton Sheen urged, may we excel in "love of God, love of neighbor, and love of country."

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!

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

JOIN THE AIKEN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOR A 250TH ANNIVERSARY DROP-IN AT THE COLUMBUS CLUB.

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM - Saturday July 4, 2026
Host: Assembly 1074
Cost: \$5 per person (ages 12 & over); Children under 12 eat free.
Menu: Hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, and ice cream.

Activities: Lawn games for the whole family. We invite you to bring your chairs, family, and friends to enjoy an evening of Catholic and American patriotic unity. This is an opportunity for fellowship; come, eat, and stay as long as you wish.

Leadership Transition Notice Tonight marks my final Business Meeting as Grand Knight of Council 3684. I will officially hand over leadership to Bob Anzuoni during our Installation of Officers ceremony on June 26, 2026.

I want to thank you all for your steadfast support during my term. As I conclude my service, I am reminded of St. Paul's words in his second letter to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Our Council stands strong after 70 years. The incoming leadership is well-prepared to provide exceptional support to our community. I ask that you continue to support Council 3684 and keep its mission in your prayers as we work to serve the Aiken Catholic Community.

READINGS FOR JUN. 28 - JUL. 5, 2026

Sunday, Jun. 28 readings begin on [page 334](#) of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a	Ps 89:2-3, 16-19
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	Mt 10:37-42
Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10	Ps 19:2-5 Gal 1:11-20
Jn 21:15-19	
Day: Acts 12:1-11	Ps 34:2-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18
Mt 16:13-19	
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12	Ps 5:4b-7, 8
Mt 8:23-27	
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24	Ps 50:7, 8-13, 16-17
Mt 8:28-34	
Thursday: Am 7:10-17	Ps 19:8-11 Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Eph 2:19-22	Ps 117:1, 2 Jn 20:24-29
Saturday: Am 9:11-15	Ps 85:9-12, 13-14
Mt 9:14-17	
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10	Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Rom 8:9, 11-13	Mt 11:25-30

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Jun. 28

8:30am Patricia & Leo Kelly
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Souls in Purgatory

Monday Jun. 29

5:30pm Peter Koshik
5:30pm Lois Gniadowski

Tuesday Jun. 30

5:30pm Lois Gniadowski
8:20am Penny Goergen
7:00pm Bernie Bassette

Wednesday Jul. 1

8:20am Penny Goergen
7:00pm Bernie Bassette
10:00am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday Jul. 2

10:00am Souls in Purgatory
5:30pm James R. Hunter

Friday Jul. 3

5:30pm Mildred Uppenkamp
Saturday Jul. 4

8:00am Mary Drachenberg
5:00pm Walter Cleland
Katherine Koren

Junior Angelo Mastro
Molony Family
John Haney
Dean Wood

Sunday Jul. 5

8:30am Elizaeth Twomey
11:00am Pasuele Crea
1:00pm Pro Populo

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

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. Two years of Faith Formation classes are required to satisfy the attendance policy. The 2 year process for First Communion begins in 1st grade, and the 2 year process for Confirmation begins in 7th grade. Catholic children registered at St. Mary's school are automatically enrolled in the sacramental program through the school. You can register and pay the fee at the parish office, registration forms can be found at <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

If you have further questions, contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org

HOLY MATRIMONY

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Next Baptism is July 11 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

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

June 14 – Bowling

June 24 – Night of Prayer

June 27 – Trip to Carowinds

July 5 – Movie Night

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

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Jun. 28

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

Monday, Jun. 29

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, Jun. 30

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

Wednesday, Jul. 1

8:20am Mass Church
 3:00pm Legion of Mary Smith Hall Down
 5:45pm Confessions Church
 7:00pm Mass in Spanish Church

Thursday, Jul. 2

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

Friday, Jul. 3

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

Saturday, Jul. 4

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

Sunday, Jul. 5

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

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:

The Thursday Bible Study will not be meeting for the summer and will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 3rd when we will start reading the Book of Ruth.



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 and contact Scott Recher at recherg@gmail.com or Brett Dickason at 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.

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, July 15th 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.



St. Mary's Parish School

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Mr. Carlos Overstreet, Principal
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excelatstmarys.com

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking a full-time elementary teacher and full-time elementary aide to join our dedicated faculty. We are looking for practicing Catholics who are passionate about academic excellence and Catholic formation. Teaching candidates should hold a bachelor's degree, with teaching certification preferred. Aide candidates ideally will have 3+ years' experience in the classroom. If you or someone you know feels called to serve in Catholic education, we encourage you to apply. View the full job description and application details here: <https://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com/about/employment-opportunities.cfm>

THANK YOU FOR OPENING DOORS TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Thank you to the many parishioners, alumni, families, and friends who have already supported our tuition assistance fund, Friends of SMS. Your generosity helps ensure that a Catholic education at our parish school remains accessible to families who desire it but may not otherwise be able to afford it.

Donations are still being accepted, and every contribution makes a meaningful difference. If you would like to participate, donations may be made online at stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/, by checks mailed to the school office with Friends of SMS written in the memo. Gifts of any size are greatly appreciated and directly support tuition assistance here at SMS.

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.

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.

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

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

JUNE 28: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a | Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 | Mt 10:37-42
CCC 823-829, 867

THE CHURCH IS HOLY

The holiness of the Church comes from her divine source. Christ has sanctified his Church so that she can be a source of sanctification and salvation. The Holy Spirit animates the Church and vivifies her in charity. The Church is the source of sanctification for all sinners; all are called to holiness. In what way is the Church holy? The Church is holy insofar as the Most Holy God is her author. Christ has given himself for her to sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities. The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and numerous saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification. (Compendium #165)

MADE NEW: A GATHERING OF HOPE AND HEALING

A Talk hosted by Catholic in Recovery

"Behold, I make all things new." – Revelation 21:5

Join us on Saturday, July 18th at 9:30 AM for an inspiring morning of real stories, renewed hope, and the reminder that no matter what you have carried, healing is possible when we trust in His mercy, His love, and His divine providence. Led by inspiring community members who have walked through struggle and found healing, this gathering is open to the entire parish community. Come as you are.

UPDATE ON OUR FRATERNUS CHAPTER!

Our challenge is still open to men of all ages to deepen your faith, grow in virtue, and make an impact on the young men of our parish. Men, we're challenging you to join us in this brotherhood, whether you're a father or not, and help us in our mission. For more information, visit fraternus.org and contact Scott Recher at recherg@gmail.com or Brett Dickason at brett.w.dickason@gmail.com.

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

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Regocijándonos en 250 Años de Libertad!

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Este año marca el 250 aniversario de los Estados Unidos—un momento para dar gracias, recordar y pedir a Dios una renovada claridad moral. La oración de la Iglesia por nuestra nación comienza colocando todo bien cívico bajo la verdad divina: “abre nuestros corazones a la verdad de su Evangelio, para que tu paz reine en nuestros corazones y tu justicia guíe nuestras vidas.” (Misal Romano, 3ª Ed.) En este aniversario, pedimos que la promesa de la libertad se viva no solo como una idea política, sino como una responsabilidad arraigada en Dios, en la dignidad humana y en el bien común.

El Arzobispo Fulton Sheen recordaba a muchos en su tiempo que un verdadero patriota no es quien solo repite consignas, sino quien ama rectamente. “El patriotismo es una virtud que estaba unida a la antigua virtud de los griegos y latinos llamada ‘Pietas’. Pietas significaba amor a Dios, amor al prójimo, amor a la patria. Y cuando uno se pierde, todos se pierden. [Cuando] ya no tenemos amor a Dios, ya no tenemos amor a la patria.” (Arzobispo Fulton Sheen)

Esto significa que el patriotismo no es un sentimiento opcional; es una virtud—un amor activo que promueve el bien de un pueblo y la preservación de la cultura y la conciencia nacional. Sin embargo, nunca debe convertirse en una religión rival. Un patriota “nunca reemplazará a Dios con la nación”, ni reducirá la fe a una simple posesión cultural. (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica Ucraniana, 970)

Al dirigirse al nuevo Embajador de los Estados Unidos ante la Santa Sede en 1997, el Papa San Juan Pablo II afirmó que la credibilidad de una democracia depende de promover una cultura de vida, de acoger y proteger a los más débiles y vulnerables, y de una libertad fundada en la verdad y ordenada al bien. (Discurso, 17 de diciembre de 1997)

El 4 de julio tendremos una Misa especial a la hora habitual del sábado, a las 8:00 am. Esta Misa contará con música que nos invitará a reflexionar sobre la grandeza de nuestro Dios y las bendiciones que disfrutamos en esta tierra. Después de la Misa, en lugar de la novena de la Medalla Milagrosa, tendremos un rosario especial en el que rezaremos específicamente por nuestra nación y por cada uno de los 50 estados. ¡Por favor hagan planes para acompañarnos!

Y... como exhortaba el Arzobispo Fulton Sheen, que sobresalgamos en “amor a Dios, amor al prójimo y amor a la patria.”

Con todo mi afecto... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 28 DE JUNIO AL 5 DE JULIO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 28 de junio comienzan en la [pagina 335](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: 2 Re 4, 8-11. 14-16	Sal 88, 2-3. 16-19
Rom 6, 3-4. 8-11	Mt 10, 37-42
Lunes: Vigilia, Hch 3, 1-10	Sal 18, 2-5 Gal 1, 11-20
Jn 21, 15-19	
Día, Hch 12, 1-11	Sal 33, 2-9 2 Tm 4, 6-8. 17-18
Mt 16, 13-19	
Martes: Am 3, 1-8; 4, 11-12	Sal 5, 4-8
Mt 8, 23-27	
Miércoles: Am 5, 14-15. 21-24	Sal 49, 7. 8-13. 16-17
Mt 8, 28-34	
Jueves: Am 7, 10-17	Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11
Mt 9, 1-8	
Viernes: Ef 2, 19-22	Sal 116, 1. 2 Jn 20, 24-29
Sábado: Am 9, 11-15	Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14
Mt 9, 14-17	
Domingo siguiente: Zac 9, 9-10	Sal 144, 1-2. 8-11.
13-14 Rom 8, 9. 11-13	Mt 11, 25-30

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

¡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

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¡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**

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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
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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.

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

- 14 de junio – Boliche (Bowling)
 - 24 de junio – Noche de Oración
 - 27 de junio – Viaje a Carowinds
 - 5 de julio – Noche de Película
 - 10 de julio – Por favor, oren por nuestros jóvenes que asistirán a Steubenville Atlanta.
- es una conferencia católica para jóvenes.

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.



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Oportunidades de Empleo

La Escuela Católica St. Mary Help of Christians está buscando un(a) maestro(a) de primaria de tiempo completo y un(a) asistente de primaria de tiempo completo para unirse a nuestro dedicado equipo docente. Buscamos católicos practicantes apasionados por la excelencia académica y la formación católica.

Los candidatos para el puesto de maestro(a) deben contar con una licenciatura, y se prefiere que tengan certificación docente. Los candidatos para el puesto de asistente idealmente tendrán tres o más años de experiencia en el aula.

Si usted o alguien que conoce siente el llamado a servir en la educación católica, le animamos a presentar su solicitud. Puede consultar la descripción completa del puesto y los detalles para aplicar en la página web de la escuela.

Gracias por Abrir las Puertas a la Educación Católica

Agradecemos a los numerosos feligreses, exalumnos, familias y amigos que ya han apoyado nuestro fondo de ayuda para colegiaturas, Friends of SMS. Su generosidad ayuda a garantizar que la educación católica en nuestra escuela parroquial siga siendo accesible para las familias que la desean, pero que de otra manera quizás no podrían costearla.

Las donaciones continúan siendo aceptadas, y cada contribución marca una diferencia significativa. Si desea participar, puede hacer su donativo en línea en stmaryschoolaiken.com/support-sms/ o enviar un cheque por correo a la oficina de la escuela, escribiendo "Friends of SMS" en el concepto o memo.

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 28 de Junio

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

Lunes, 29 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, 30 de Junio

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

Miércoles, 1 de Julio

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

Jueves, 2 de Julio

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

Viernes, 3 de Julio

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

Sábado, 4 de Julio

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

Domingo, 5 de Julio

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

MATRIMONIOS COMUNITARIOS 2026

¿Desean recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio? La Parroquia Santa María Auxilio de los Cristianos invita a las parejas interesadas a participar en los próximos Matrimonios Comunitarios.

Formación matrimonial:

- 14 y 15 de agosto de 2026
- 2, 3 y 4 de octubre de 2026

Horario y lugar: Por anunciarse.

Informes e inscripción:

Adriana Galván: 803-634-3853 (solo mensajes de texto)



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