

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

**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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St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

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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

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) 5:00pm - Church

Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00pm - Iglesia

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30pm - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20am - Church

Miércoles 7:00pm - Iglesia Antigua

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00am

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00am - Old St. Mary's

Confessions

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15pm - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15 - 6:45pm - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm - Church

Perpetual Adoration - St. Claire Chapel

Rosary - Before Daily Mass

Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday Mass

Sunday Homilies Online

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

Nursery

Available during 8:30 & 11:00am Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop of Charleston

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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

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

Closed On Fridays

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY JULY 26

Offertory	Jul 26	\$ 29,428
Online Offertory	Jul 26	\$ 15,938

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS

We are in need of additional Wheelchair Express drivers for 8:30 Sunday 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

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be closed for the month of August, reopening the weekend after Labor Day before and after the Vigil Mass on Saturday September 12th and Sunday September 13th from 9am to 1pm.

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

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 LETTER CONTINUED

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Together, we are forming faithful disciples and preparing the next generation to serve Christ and His Church.

May God bless you and your families!

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

A New School Year Begins!

Dear Parish Family,

As we begin a new school year, I want to thank all those who support St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School. Whether you have children enrolled or simply offer your prayers and encouragement, you are an important part of this ministry. Catholic education is a mission of our entire parish as we work together to form young people who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

God has blessed our school community in many ways. This fall, we are welcoming our strongest enrollment in fifteen years. Several grade levels are at capacity with waiting lists. This growth reflects the confidence families have in the faithful formation and academic excellence provided at St. Mary's.

Over the spring, we completed important campus improvements, including new HVAC units and energy-efficient LED lighting in Carter Hall. These projects improve the learning environment for our students while helping us remain good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us.

We are also grateful for the continued growth of our STEM program. Through STEM and robotics classes, students design, build, and test projects that address authentic engineering challenges through hands-on experiences. These opportunities encourage creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration while helping students appreciate the beauty and order of God's creation. This summer, Dr. Murray Daw, a retired Physics Professor from Clemson University, worked with our faculty to strengthen the integration of science and faith in the classroom. He will continue partnering with our STEM Director, Ms. Kristin Matthews, as we further develop this important part of our educational mission.

Our students continue to witness Christ's love through service. During our recent Diaper Drive, our school community collected 5,236 diapers and 1,192 wipes to support families in need throughout our community.

We are deeply thankful for the generosity of our parish and school families. The PTO Gala netted more than \$24,000 to support our students. We also give thanks for the generous Gilmore Estate bequest, which provided \$246,826.53 for tuition assistance for future students. Through our parish assistance program and the Friends of SMS sponsorship fund, 27 students are receiving assistance that helps make Catholic education possible.

Please keep our students, faculty, staff, and graduates in your prayers. We are especially proud of our recent graduates beginning high school and our alumni entering college, the workforce, and military service. This year, both the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of Aiken High School are graduates of St. Mary Help of Christians School and members of our parish family.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

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

Adoration Hour in need: 4 am Sunday mornings. (Lots of graces with this hour!) 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 Midnight-6am: Tom Henry 803-618-9086
6am-12 Noon: Ken Boucher 803-226-4639
12 Noon-6pm: Janice Suhrer 803-645-6105
6pm-12 Midnight: Joan Pate 908-447-9715

Join **Catholic in Recovery**
at **St. Mary Help of Christians**
SATURDAYS

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected and all are welcome to attend at any time. Meetings start 8/8/26. Meetings offer help for:

- Alcoholism
- Drug addiction
- Lust/pornography addiction
- Disordered eating
- Gambling addiction
- Technology addiction
- Family/friends impacted by addiction
- Compulsive spending and debt
- Codependency issues
- Adult children of dysfunctional homes
- All other unhealthy attachments



For more information visit:
catholicinrecovery.com or contact Jenny T. at
(916) 612-0337 | jenny@catholicinrecovery.com

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY BEGINS ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

Meetings will be held every Saturday
7:00 AM in Smith Hall

For more information visit
www.catholicinrecovery.com
or contact Jenny T (916) 612-0337

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, September 17, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New members welcome. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547 or paulvjg324@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR AUG. 09 - AUG. 16, 2026

Sunday, Aug. 09 readings begin on **page 360** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9-14
Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-6
Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-6
Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57
Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16
1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Aug. 09

8:30am John & Helen
O'Donoghue
11:00am Fava Family (L&D)
1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday Aug. 10

5:30pm Robert O'Reilly

Tuesday Aug. 11

5:30pm Linda Carr

Wednesday Aug. 12

8:20am Salomone Family
(L&D)

7:00pm Genaro Casillas (L)

Thursday Aug. 13

10:00am Ellen Mongan
5:30pm Mike Morris (L)

Friday Aug. 14

5:30pm Oleg
Aleksandrovich Rostortsev

Saturday Aug. 15

8:00am Lauryn Cooney

5:00pm Carol Reeve

Leonard Haubl

Nancy A. Waxman

Bernie Bessette

Ellen Mongan

Sunday Aug. 16

8:30am Arthur Blanchard

11:00am Mike & Debbie

Pawley (L)

1:00pm Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

July 12 - Christina Marie Amabile

July 28 - Jeanne Wiland Mayenschein



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, September 20, 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@charlestdiocese.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 September 5 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 August 11th for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. We will be meeting at Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St SE at 6pm beginning August 11th and running weekly. For questions, contact our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason

hdickason@charlestdiocese.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

August 15-16 — Youth Ministry Registration in the courtyard

August 16 — Ultimate Scavenger Hunt at the Rectory

August 19 — Night of Prayer: Youth Adoration and Confession

FAITH FORMATION (CCD)

Classes are over for the summer and will begin again September 13th. 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. For questions, contact our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Aug. 09

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

Monday, Aug. 10

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Tuesday, Aug. 11

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

Wednesday, Aug. 12

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

Thursday, Aug. 13

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

Friday, Aug. 14

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

Saturday, Aug. 15

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

Sunday, Aug. 16

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

The office will be closed on Friday August 14 in observance of the Assumption of Mary. The office will reopen on Monday August 17 at 8:30AM



PARISH PERKS!

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

DEACON ALEX REASSIGNED

Recently, Deacon Alex Leguizamon accepted a request from Bishop Jacques that he begin an assignment at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Lake City, SC. That parish has a sizable Hispanic population and the Pastor, Father Artur Przywara, does not speak Spanish.

As you know, the Bishop makes the assignments for deacons within the Diocese. It is a significant sacrifice for Deacon Alex to take on this mission. We deeply appreciate his obedience to the Bishop and are most grateful for his three plus years of loyal service here at St. Mary's.

Deacon Alex will be available here at St. Mary's during most of the weekdays and will be at Lake City for ministry at the end of each week and on the weekends. Please congratulate Deacon Alex on his new assignment and keep him and his family in your prayers. Thanks so much!
Father Wilson

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

SECULAR FRANCISCAN COME AND SEE

Who are the Secular Franciscans? We are a community of fellow parishioners who follow the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi, going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel.

What does this mean? Come and see what Franciscan life is all about!

- When: Tuesday, August 11, at 6:15 PM (after 5:30 PM Mass at Old Saint Mary's)
- Where: Saint Michael Hall (138 Fairfield St. SE Aiken SC next to New St. Mary's)
- What: A free meal, fellowship, and information.

We look forward to meeting you!
Saint Clare of Assisi Fraternity, OFS

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

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.



St. Mary's Parish School

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excelatstmarys.com

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

MAKE A TEACHER'S WISH COME TRUE!

St. Mary's has the BEST teachers! Help our teachers prepare for an amazing school year by purchasing an item from our Back-to-School Amazon Wish List. Your support provides classroom resources that help our students learn and grow! Note: Please fill out the gift note on each item with your name or we won't be able to thank you!

Shop the wish list here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2A2UT80KYFXLD/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

BACK TO SCHOOL

School begins this week, and we are excited to welcome our students and families back to St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic School! A special thank you to our PTO for hosting the Back to School Bash on August 10 and to Stewart Builders for their generous sponsorship of this wonderful event. As we prepare for our first day of school on August 13, we ask our parish family to keep our students, faculty, staff, and families in your prayers for a joyful, safe, and faith-filled school year.

Parish Kermes!

Come enjoy delicious Mexican food, fresh drinks, and tasty desserts!

Sunday, August 9
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
St. Angela Hall

Prices vary depending on the food selected.
We can't wait to see you there!



ST. CLARE - FEAST DAY AUGUST 11

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."

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

PARISH MISSION

NO GREATER LOVE: THE EUCHARIST AS HEAVEN ON EARTH

Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM

6:00 pm at Old St. Mary's, 125 Park Ave SE

August 23-27 (Sunday-Thursday)

Confession: 4:30 pm, (5:00 pm Wednesday)

Holy Mass: 5:30 pm Mon., Tues., Thurs.



TOPICS

Unless you eat the flesh
Offering acceptable sacrifice
Returning love for love
Life changing power of Adoration
No Priest, No Eucharist



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

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on Oct 2nd-4th, 2026 for couples,
Email: bill-lyn@helpourmarriage.org or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

¡Comienza un Nuevo Año Escolar!

Querida familia parroquial:

Al comenzar un nuevo año escolar, deseo agradecer a todos los que apoyan a la Escuela Católica Santa María, Auxilio de los Cristianos. Ya sea que tengan hijos matriculados o simplemente nos acompañen con sus oraciones y palabras de aliento, ustedes son una parte importante de este ministerio. La educación católica es una misión de toda nuestra parroquia, mientras trabajamos juntos para formar jóvenes que conozcan, amen y sirvan a Jesucristo.

Dios ha bendecido a nuestra comunidad escolar de muchas maneras. Este otoño damos la bienvenida a la matrícula más alta de los últimos quince años. Varios grados han alcanzado su capacidad máxima y ya cuentan con listas de espera. Este crecimiento refleja la confianza que las familias tienen en la sólida formación en la fe y la excelencia académica que ofrece nuestra escuela.

Durante la primavera realizamos importantes mejoras en nuestras instalaciones, entre ellas la instalación de nuevas unidades de aire acondicionado (HVAC) y un moderno sistema de iluminación LED de alta eficiencia en Carter Hall. Estos proyectos mejoran el ambiente de aprendizaje para nuestros estudiantes y, al mismo tiempo, nos ayudan a ser buenos administradores de los recursos que Dios nos ha confiado.

También damos gracias por el continuo crecimiento de nuestro programa de STEM (Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas). A través de las clases de STEM y robótica, los estudiantes diseñan, construyen y ponen a prueba proyectos que responden a desafíos reales de ingeniería mediante experiencias prácticas. Estas oportunidades fomentan la creatividad, la resolución de problemas y el trabajo en equipo, al tiempo que ayudan a los estudiantes a apreciar la belleza y el orden de la creación de Dios. Este verano, el Dr. Murray Daw, profesor jubilado de Física de la Universidad de Clemson, trabajó con nuestros maestros para fortalecer la integración de la ciencia y la fe en el salón de clases. Él continuará colaborando con nuestra Directora de STEM, la Sra. Kristin Matthews, mientras seguimos desarrollando esta importante parte de nuestra misión educativa.

Nuestros estudiantes continúan siendo testigos del amor de Cristo a través del servicio. Durante nuestra reciente campaña de recolección de pañales, la comunidad escolar reunió 5,236 pañales y 1,192 paquetes de toallitas húmedas para apoyar a familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por la generosidad de nuestras familias de la parroquia y de la escuela. La Gala organizada por la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTO) recaudó más de \$24,000, destinados a apoyar a nuestros estudiantes. También damos gracias por el generoso legado del Patrimonio Gilmore, que aportó \$246,826.53 para asistencia de matrícula destinada a futuros estudiantes. Gracias al programa de ayuda económica de la parroquia y al fondo de becas Friends of SMS, 27 estudiantes están recibiendo apoyo que hace posible su educación católica.

Les pido que mantengan en sus oraciones a nuestros estudiantes, maestros, personal y graduados. Nos sentimos especialmente orgullosos de nuestros recién graduados que comienzan la escuela secundaria

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 9 DE AGOSTO AL 16 DE AGOSTO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 9 de agosto comienzan en la [pagina 361](#) en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: 1 Re 19, 9a. 11-13	Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-14
Rom 9, 1-5	Mt 14, 22-33
Lunes: 2 Co 9, 6-10	Sal 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9
Jn 12, 24-26	
Martes: Ez 2, 8-3, 4	Sal 118, 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131
Mt 18, 1-5. 10. 12-14	
Miércoles: Ez 9, 1-7; 10, 18-22	Sal 112, 1-2. 3-6
Mt 18, 15-20	
Jueves: Ez 12, 1-12	Sal 77, 56-57. 58-59. 61-62
Mt 18, 21-19, 1	
Viernes: Ez 16, 1-15. 60. 63 o 16, 59-63	Is 12, 2-6
Mt 19, 3-12	
Sábado: Vigilia, 1 Cr 15, 3-4. 15-16; 16, 1-2	
Sal 131, 6-7. 9-10. 13-14	1 Co 15, 54-57
Lc 11, 27-28	
Día, Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10	Sal 44, 10. 11. 12. 16
1 Co 15, 20-27	Lc 1, 39-56
Domingo siguiente: Is 56, 1. 6-7	Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8
Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32	Mt 15, 21-28

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

, así como de nuestros exalumnos que inician sus estudios universitarios, se incorporan al mundo laboral o sirven en las Fuerzas Armadas. Este año, tanto el Valedictorian (primer lugar académico) como el Salutatorian (segundo lugar académico) de Aiken High School son egresados de la Escuela Santa María, Auxilio de los Cristianos y miembros de nuestra familia parroquial.

Gracias por sus continuas oraciones y por su generoso apoyo. Juntos seguimos formando discípulos fieles y preparando a la próxima generación para servir a Cristo y a su Iglesia.

¡Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente a ustedes y a sus familias!

Padre Wilson

EL DIÁCONO ALEX RECIBE UNA NUEVA ASIGNACIÓN

Recientemente, el Diácono Alex Leguizamon aceptó la solicitud del Obispo Jacques de comenzar una nueva asignación en la Parroquia San Felipe Apóstol, en Lake City, Carolina del Sur. Esta parroquia cuenta con una numerosa comunidad hispana y su párroco, el Padre Artur Przywara, no habla español.

El Diácono Alex viajará a Lake City para ejercer su ministerio los jueves por la tarde y regresará a Aiken los domingos por la tarde. Su esposa, Joely, y su familia permanecerán en Aiken. El Diácono Alex continuará disponible para servir en la Parroquia Santa María de lunes a jueves.

Como saben, es el Obispo quien realiza las asignaciones de los diáconos dentro de la diócesis. Asumir esta nueva misión representa un sacrificio importante para el Diácono Alex. Agradecemos profundamente su obediencia al Obispo y le estamos muy agradecidos por más de tres años de fiel y generoso servicio aquí en Santa María.

Les pedimos que feliciten al Diácono Alex por su nueva asignación y que lo mantengan, junto con su familia, en sus oraciones.

¡Muchas gracias!

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Próxima clase: **13 de Septiembre 2026**

Registro requerido.

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¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 100

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

15 de Agosto 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

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15-16 de agosto — Inscripción al Ministerio de Jovenes en el patio de la parroquia.

16 de agosto — Búsqueda del Tesoro Definitiva en la Casa Parroquial.

19 de agosto — Noche de Oración: Adoración Eucarística y Confesiones para Jóvenes.

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.

CATECISMO

Las clases han terminado por el verano y comenzarán nuevamente el **13 de Septiembre**. Las inscripciones ya están abiertas; el formulario se puede encontrar en el sitio web o recoger una copia en la oficina parroquial. Todos los formularios y pagos deben ser entregados en la oficina.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada el viernes 14 de agosto en conmemoración de la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María.



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PREPARÁNDONOS PARA UN NUEVO AÑO ESCOLAR

¡Nuestros maestros y el personal ya están de regreso en el campus esta semana preparándose para un maravilloso año escolar! Desde organizar los salones de clase y asistir a sesiones de capacitación, hasta participar en programas de desarrollo profesional y un retiro espiritual, nuestros maestros y el personal están trabajando con dedicación para asegurar un excelente comienzo para nuestros estudiantes.

Los invitamos a acompañarnos en la Misa de Regreso a Clases el viernes 7 de agosto a las 8:30 a. m., mientras oramos por un año escolar lleno de bendiciones y celebramos el inicio de otro año de aprendizaje, fe y comunidad.

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.

Preparación 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: 803.649.4777 ext. 100



EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 9 de Agosto

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

Lunes, 10 de Agosto

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

Martes, 11 de Agosto

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

Miércoles, 12 de Agosto

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

Jueves, 13 de Agosto

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

Viernes, 14 de Agosto

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

Sábado, 15 de Agosto

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

Domingo, 16 de Agosto

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

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Además, contaremos con invitados especiales que compartirán con nosotros valiosas reflexiones y testimonios que enriquecerán esta experiencia.

Fechas y Horarios: Viernes 14 de agosto

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sábado 15 de agosto

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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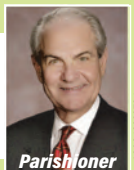
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