



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

**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

Parish Office:

203 Park Avenue SE, Aiken, SC 29801

803.649.4777

parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org

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

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

Secure and Confidential — Adheres to banking security standards

Flexible — Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time.

Simple to sign up at — www.stmarys-aiken.org

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

Contribute via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886. The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

GIFT SHOP

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.

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

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 CORNER

+JMJ+

Parish Mission is Coming!

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you remember the parish mission that Father Ricardo Pineda did for our parish about five years ago. He had a tremendous and long-lasting impact on our parish.

We are most blessed that Father Ricardo is returning to our parish for another mission. Father Pineda's Adoration and Mission conference will be held from Sunday through Thursday, August 23-27 at Historic St. Mary's. There will be confessions and adoration each day as well. Please see the flyers in the back of the church or check out the website for specific details. The theme for this parish mission is: "No Greater Love: The Eucharist as Heaven on Earth." Father Ricardo will also preach all of the Masses for the weekend of August 22-23.

Fr. Ricardo was born on August 4, 1987, into a Catholic family of both Salvadoran and Mexican descent. He is the fourth of five children, and a native of San Diego, California. Following high school, he attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. While in studies at Notre Dame, he played trumpet in the marching Band of the Fighting Irish. In May of 2008, he graduated from Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and a minor in Theology.

Fr. Ricardo joined the Fathers of Mercy as a postulant in July of 2008. Following his one-year novitiate, he professed his first year of temporary vows of Obedience, Poverty, and Chastity on August 14, 2009. He graduated from Holy Apostles College and Seminary and was ordained a priest for the Fathers of Mercy in May of 2013.

All of us, as baptized Catholics are called to grow in our faith and advance as committed, on-fire disciples of our Lord. This mission is a critical event for our parish. I have asked all heads of ministries to postpone or cancel their meetings for this week so that we can get maximum attendance for the mission. I have asked the Principal to make sure that the children in our school have no homework this week so that they can attend with their families. Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.

Please join in praying for our parish mission: Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your infinite Wisdom, Goodness, and Love, and we thank you for the blessing of a Parish Mission. Grant, we pray, O Lord, that this mission will be a means for many souls to draw closer to You. Mercifully bestow upon Your sons and daughters profound healing, greater appreciation for the beauty of Your Divine Truths, and a burning desire to love You more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us.

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!

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



Not connected to St. Mary's Flocknote yet? Want to receive parish updates from our pastor, or add or change which groups/ministries you want to hear from or be a part of? Please text AIKEN to the short phone number 84576 then click on the link you'll receive to enter your information, or connect with us online at stmaryhelp.flocknote.com (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up!

Troubleshooting: If you've already signed up but are not receiving emails, please add mail@flocknote.com as a new contact so that Flocknote messages will be on your safe sender list and make it to your email inbox. Any questions, please contact Donna Pierce at piercedin1988@gmail.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are two positions open at our parish. For any information on the positions call Patrick Wray at (803) 646-4373 or visit the parish office to fill out an application.

Positions:

Full-time Maintenance
Part-time Office Assistant

READINGS FOR AUG. 16 - AUG. 23, 2026

Sunday, Aug. 16 readings begin on **page 364** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32	Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-23	Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10	Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36
Mt 19:23-30	
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11	Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28	Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14	
Friday: Ez 37:1-14	Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 22:34-40	
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab	Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-14
Mt 23:1-12	
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23	Ps 138:1-3, 6 and 8
Rom 11:33-36	Mt 16:13-2

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Aug. 16

8:30am Arthur Blanchard
11:00am Mike & Debbie
Pawley (L)
1:00pm Pro Populo

Monday Aug. 17

5:30pm Charles Irwin

Tuesday Aug. 18

5:30pm Edwin Newland

Wednesday Aug. 19

8:20am Christopher
Gasilorek

7:00pm Fr. Michele Baneen
Mukad

Thursday Aug. 20

5:30pm Jennifer Siler

Friday Aug. 21

5:30pm Stewart
Cadarr (L)

Saturday Aug. 22

8:00am Laurie Greene
5:00pm Frank Jordan
Patricia Preston

John Bowers

Chuck Boklage

Catherine Lerie

Ann Newmann (L)

Sunday Aug. 23

8:30am Pro Populo
11:00am Corazon Ylagan
1:00pm Francisca Gonzalez

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

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 have now begun for those seeking to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation. We are meeting at Mother Teresa Hall, 125 Union St SE at 6pm weekly (with the exception of Mission Week August 25th). 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. 16

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

Monday, Aug. 17

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

Tuesday, Aug. 18

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

Wednesday, Aug. 19

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

Thursday, Aug. 20

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

Friday, Aug. 21

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

Saturday, Aug. 22

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

Sunday, Aug. 23

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

PARISH PERKS!

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

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Required Altar Server Training for Servers on Wednesday, 8/26/26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, please reach out to Paul Gaynor, the Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547.

(Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcome.)



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

After the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, August 29, and the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses on Sunday, August 30, the new Aiken division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the oldest and largest Irish Catholic organization in America, will be welcoming new recruits outside the church. Please stop by with any questions or interest to join this exciting, growing division.

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

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)

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.



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

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"What is it that stands higher than words? Action.
What is it that stands higher than action? Silence."
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

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

The 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.



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

¡Se acerca la misión parroquial!

Estimados feligreses:

Muchos de ustedes recordarán la misión parroquial que el padre Ricardo Pineda llevó a cabo en nuestra parroquia hace unos cinco años. Su impacto en nuestra parroquia fue enorme y duradero.

Nos sentimos muy bendecidos de que el padre Ricardo regrese a nuestra parroquia para otra misión. La conferencia de Adoración y Misión del padre Pineda se llevará a cabo del domingo 23 al jueves 27 de agosto en la histórica iglesia de Santa María. También habrá confesiones y adoración todos los días. Por favor, revisen los volantes que se encuentran al fondo de la iglesia o visiten el sitio web para obtener detalles específicos. El tema de esta misión parroquial es: «No hay amor más grande: la Eucaristía como el cielo en la tierra». El padre Ricardo también predicará en todas las misas del fin de semana del 22 al 23 de agosto.

El padre Ricardo nació el 4 de agosto de 1987 en el seno de una familia católica de ascendencia tanto salvadoreña como mexicana. Es el cuarto de cinco hermanos y es originario de San Diego, California. Después de la preparatoria, asistió a la Universidad de Notre Dame en South Bend, Indiana. Mientras estudiaba en Notre Dame, tocó la trompeta en la banda de marcha de los Fighting Irish. En mayo de 2008, se graduó de Notre Dame con una licenciatura en Filosofía y una especialización en Teología.

El padre Ricardo se unió a los Padres de la Misericordia como postulante en julio de 2008. Tras su noviciado de un año, profesó sus primeros votos temporales de obediencia, pobreza y castidad el 14 de agosto de 2009. Se graduó del Colegio y Seminario de los Santos Apóstoles y fue ordenado sacerdote para los Padres de la Misericordia en mayo de 2013.

Todos nosotros, como católicos bautizados, estamos llamados a crecer en nuestra fe y a avanzar como discípulos comprometidos y llenos de fervor de nuestro Señor. Esta misión es un evento fundamental para nuestra parroquia. He pedido a todos los responsables de los ministerios que pospongan o cancelen sus reuniones de esta semana para que podamos lograr la máxima asistencia a la misión. Le he pedido al director que se asegure de que los niños de nuestra escuela no tengan tarea esta semana para que puedan asistir con sus familias. Por favor, anoten la fecha en su calendario y planeen participar.

Únanse a nosotros en oración por nuestra misión parroquial: Padre Celestial, te alabamos por tu infinita sabiduría, bondad y amor, y te damos gracias por la bendición de una misión parroquial. Concédenos, te lo pedimos, oh Señor, que esta misión sea un medio para que muchas almas se acerquen más a ti. Con tu misericordia, concede a tus hijos e hijas una sanación profunda, un mayor aprecio por la belleza de tus verdades divinas y un ardiente deseo de amarte cada vez más, por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, AMÉN. María, Madre de la Iglesia, ruega por nosotros. San José, ruega por nosotros.

Mis mejores deseos... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 16 DE AGOSTO AL 23 DE AGOSTO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 16 de agosto comienzan en la **pagina 365** en el libro "Palabra y Eucaristía"

Domingo: Is 56, 1. 6-7	Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8
Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32	Mt 15, 21-28
Lunes: Ez 24, 15-23	Dt 32, 18-19. 20. 21
Mt 19, 16-22	
Martes: Ez 28, 1-10	Dt 32, 26-27. 27-28. 30. 35-36
Mt 19, 23-30	
Miércoles: Ez 34, 1-11	Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6
Mt 20, 1-16	
Jueves: Ez 36, 23-28	Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19
Mt 22, 1-14	
Viernes: Ez 37, 1-14	Sal 106, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9
Mt 22, 34-40	
Sábado: Ez 43, 1-7	Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14
Mt 23, 1-12	
Domingo siguiente: Is 22, 19-23	Sal 137, 1-3. 6 y 8
Rom 11, 33-36	Mt 16, 13-20

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

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!

Padre Wilson

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Próxima clase: **13 de Septiembre 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

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Estos increíbles sacramentos nos alimentan y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como «la luz del mundo» (San Mateo 5:14).

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Para más información sobre contactarse con

Derrick Huestis 803-716-8451 o

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¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370

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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.



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¡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, 16 de Agosto

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

Lunes, 17 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, 18 de Agosto

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

Miércoles, 19 de Agosto

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

Jueves, 20 de Agosto

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

Viernes, 21 de Agosto

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

Sábado, 22 de Agosto

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

Domingo, 23 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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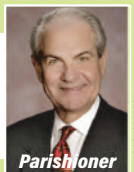
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