



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

**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:

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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

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 8:30am - 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

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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	Aug 02	\$ 19,187
Online Offertory	Aug 02	\$ 13,979
Offertory	Aug 09	\$ 17,276
Online Offertory	Aug 09	\$ 23,065
Offertory	Aug 16	\$ 15,739
Online Offertory	Aug 16	\$ 14,583
Offertory	Aug 23	\$ 12,827
Online Offertory	Aug 23	\$ 14,237
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,191,505

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!

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Apostles of the New Springtime St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church begins a new year of That Man Is You! on Friday, September 11, 2026 in Mother Teresa Hall. Doors open at 6:00 AM; the session starts at 6:25 AM.

This year's program, Apostles of the New Springtime, will lead men to witness the heroic courage and devotion of the Apostles, trace how the faith spread from the earliest Church through the Apostolic and Early Church Fathers, and discover how God continues to call each of us into His mission today. Participants will be invited into the missionary vision of Paradisus Dei and encouraged to discern their personal mission field as modern apostles.

PASTOR'S CORNER

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Bearing the Cross

Dear Parishioners,

If we wish to follow Christ and find salvation we must learn to carry our cross. This is what Jesus spoke to his disciples about today in the Gospel. What is our own experience of suffering like? What thoughts come to mind when we say the word "cross"?

Christianity is about love, but charity and the cross are inseparable. The language of love is the cross. The cross is always a blessing. The cross transforms us and enriches us. It makes our life more human and profound because it teaches us to love and understand our neighbors. If we have not suffered, it is impossible to truly understand others. Yes, the cross hurts us, it humiliates us, and it always seems unjust. When we look at our neighbor's cross, it always seems lighter, while our own cross seems impossible to bear.

Peter is scandalized by the prospect of the Messiah's sufferings and tries to stop him. Christ's response is very harsh: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are to me an occasion of scandal." These are the same words that Jesus spoke to the tempter in the desert. And he adds: "For you are not thinking as God thinks but as man thinks." This is the temptation of every age.

The cross and suffering seem to be ideas from the dark days of the past. Nevertheless, Christ presents them to us as the indispensable condition for being his disciple. The true follower of Christ takes on these attitudes: denying oneself, bearing the cross and following Him. This means bearing difficulties, facing head on the situations of infamy, trial, or suffering that come up each day. The true follower of Christ is ready to lay down his or her life for Him, if necessary. When Jesus proclaims: "What would it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul," he is inviting us not to reject the goods of this world, but to administer them responsibly, following his own example.

Pray to Christ today: "Lord, I cannot flee from the cross. I encounter it all throughout my life: in the pains of my body and in the sorrow of my soul; in tribulation, failure, fear, and anguish; in despair, doubt, difficulties, and work. Life is not always a bed of roses. You have given me an example of what it means to carry my cross. Give me the grace and the strength to follow you not just through this season, but all the way to Calvary."

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!

Friday 5am needs 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 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

SUNDAY MORNING CAFE' (CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLORATION)

Learn more about our faith and build friendships with our parish family at Cafe', which begins September 13. Join fellow parishioners for breakfast, a faith based video and small group discussion between Sunday Masses (9:45 to 10:45) in Mother Teresa Hall. This session will be all about the Bible starting with "What Every Catholic Needs to Know About the Bible" then Jeff Cavin's "The Bible Timeline." Let's help each other become better disciples!
For more information contact Jane Phillips-Tillman 410-241-0647 or tillman3js@live.com.

CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY IS NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

SATURDAYS AT 7AM SMITH HALL

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

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.

READINGS FOR AUG. 30 - SEP. 6, 2026

Sunday, Aug. 30 readings begin on **page 372** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9	Ps 63:2-6, 8-9	Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27		
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5	Ps 119:97-102	Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16	Ps 145:8-9, 10-14	
Lk 4:31-37		
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9	Ps 33:12-15, 20-21	
Lk 4:38-44		
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23	Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	
Lk 5:1-11		
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5	Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40	
Lk 5:33-39		
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15	Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21	
Lk 6:1-5		
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9	Ps 95:1-2, 6-9	
Rom 13:8-10	Mt 18:15-20	

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Aug. 30

8:30am Lois Gniadowski
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Brenda Graydon Morgan

Monday Aug. 31

5:30pm Richard Griffis

Tuesday Sept. 01

5:30pm Curtis Blair

Wednesday Sept. 02

8:30am Pat Hannon
7:00pm Cristobal Casillas

Thursday Sept. 03

10:00pm Carol Reeve
5:30pm Gloria C. Marx

Friday Sept. 04

5:30pm Pat Kruse

Saturday Sept. 05

8:00am Mary English

5:00pm Michael

DesRocheres

Joe Seaman

Bill & Loretta Nitch

Virginia Whitaker

Don Lemponen

Sunday Sept. 06

8:30am Thomas

Malinowski

11:00am Sharon Pawley

1:00pm Pro Populo

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

August 17 - Clark R. Saylor

August 19 - Lawrence Hannigan

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.

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@charlestandioocese.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. For questions, contact our DRE, Mr. Derrick Huestis, at dhuestis@charlestandioocese.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason

hdickason@charlestandioocese.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

September 9 - Young Disciples Teen Leader Training

September 13 - Fraternus & Fidelis Kick-off

September 14 - Young Group Kick-off

September 16 - Young Disciples Kick-off

September 20 - Fraternus & Fidelis

September 21 - Youth Group

September 23 - Young Disciples

September 27 - Fraternus & Fidelis

September 28 - Youth Group

September 30 - Young Disciples

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@charlestandioocese.org

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Aug. 30

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

Monday, Aug. 31

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

Tuesday, Sep. 01

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

Wednesday, Sep. 02

8:30am Mass	Church
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

Thursday, Sep. 03

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

Friday, Sep. 04

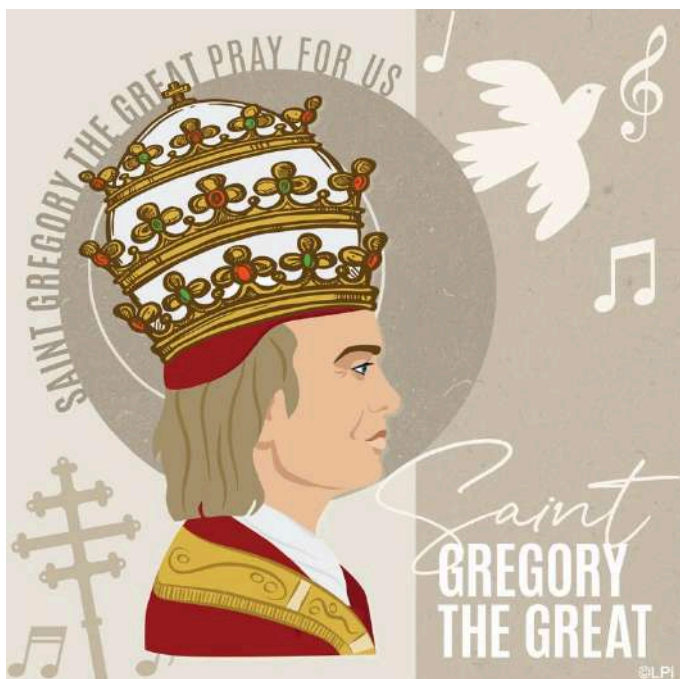
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church

Saturday, Sep. 05

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

Sunday, Sep. 06

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will begin a 15-week grief support group beginning Tuesday, September 15, 2026. We use the GriefShare program, a special, lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief (www.griefshare.org).

Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you feel comfortable.

This group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. Please pass the information along to anyone you know who might need it. People may join the group at any point.

The meetings are held from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall conference room (125 Union Street, SE). We begin promptly at 3:30 so that we may close at 5 p.m. to allow those in attendance to attend 5:30 p.m. Mass if they so choose. The schedule is as follows:

September 15, 2026– Loss of Spouse (this program addresses those people who have experienced the death of a spouse).

Beginning September 22, 2026, we begin the regular 13-week GriefShare program

On November 17, 2026, we have a one-time session on Surviving the Holidays

The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at St. Mary's parish office or you can register at www.griefshare.org/find_a_group. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for additional information.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows

— Jeremiah 31:13

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join us, Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00 AM, in St. Michael Hall beginning September 9. We will study Hebrews chapter 8. You might want to read chapters 1-7 to refresh your memory. Contact Martha: whittimp@gmail.com or 865-599-8473.

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)

PRAYERS FOR OUR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As we settle into the new school year, our classrooms are already filled with learning, prayer, laughter, and new friendships. Thank you to our parish family for your continued support of parish school. Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement help make it possible for us to provide an excellent Catholic education for our students. Please continue to keep our students, teachers, staff, and families in your prayers as we grow together in wisdom, virtue, and love of Christ throughout the year.

EDUCATION IN VIRTUE

Each week, our students will focus on a different Catholic virtue through our Education in Virtue program developed by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. This program helps students understand and practice virtues such as kindness, patience, responsibility, courage, and generosity in their everyday lives. Through age-appropriate lessons and activities, we encourage our students to grow not only in knowledge, but also in character and holiness as they strive to become the people God created them to be.

CWA Kick-Off DINNER – SEPTEMBER 16

SAVE THE DATE! - The Catholic Women's Association will be holding its annual Kick-Off Dinner on Wednesday, September 16 in Mother Teresa Hall. Doors open at 6 pm, with dinner being served after the 5:30 pm Mass. All women of the parish are invited to join us for some food, fellowship, and FUN! More details to come. Hope to see you there!

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, September 16th 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.

A FRANCISCAN MINUTE FOR THE JUBILEE

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart."
The Secular Franciscans meet the 3rd Monday @6:15PM in St. Michael's Hall.

RESPECT LIFE

From mid-August through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/> For more information email Cbrown@charlestdiocese.org

RESPECT LIFE

The annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be observed on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026. The St. Mary's Respect Life Ministry and LIFE Runners group will honor this solemn occasion with a prayer gathering at the Memorial for the Unborn in front of Old St. Mary's following 8:00 Mass. All are welcome; please join us, rain or shine.



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

Cargando la Cruz

Queridos feligreses:

Si deseamos seguir a Cristo y alcanzar la salvación, debemos aprender a cargar nuestra cruz. De esto habló Jesús a sus discípulos en el Evangelio de hoy. ¿Cómo es nuestra propia experiencia del sufrimiento? ¿Qué pensamientos vienen a nuestra mente cuando escuchamos la palabra “cruz”?

El cristianismo trata sobre el amor, pero la caridad y la cruz son inseparables. El lenguaje del amor es la cruz. La cruz es siempre una bendición. La cruz nos transforma y nos enriquece. Hace nuestra vida más humana y más profunda porque nos enseña a amar y comprender a nuestros semejantes. Si no hemos sufrido, es imposible comprender verdaderamente a los demás. Sí, la cruz nos duele, nos humilla y siempre parece injusta. Cuando observamos la cruz de nuestro prójimo, siempre parece más ligera, mientras que nuestra propia cruz parece imposible de llevar.

Pedro se escandaliza ante la perspectiva de los sufrimientos del Mesías e intenta impedirlos. La respuesta de Cristo es muy dura: “¡Apártate de mí, Satanás! Tú eres para mí ocasión de tropiezo.” Estas son las mismas palabras que Jesús dirigió al tentador en el desierto. Y añade: “Porque tus pensamientos no son los de Dios, sino los de los hombres.” Esta es la tentación de todas las épocas.

La cruz y el sufrimiento parecen ser ideas de tiempos oscuros del pasado. Sin embargo, Cristo nos los presenta como condición indispensable para ser sus discípulos. El verdadero seguidor de Cristo adopta estas actitudes: negarse a sí mismo, cargar con su cruz y seguirlo. Esto significa soportar las dificultades y afrontar de frente las situaciones de deshonra, prueba o sufrimiento que surgen cada día. El verdadero seguidor de Cristo está dispuesto a dar su vida por Él, si fuera necesario.

Cuando Jesús proclama: “¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero si pierde su alma?”, nos invita no a rechazar los bienes de este mundo, sino a administrarlos responsablemente, siguiendo su propio ejemplo.

Oremos hoy a Cristo:

"Señor, no puedo huir de la cruz. La encuentro a lo largo de toda mi vida: en los dolores de mi cuerpo y en las penas de mi alma; en la tribulación, el fracaso, el miedo y la angustia; en la desesperación, la duda, las dificultades y el trabajo. La vida no siempre es un camino de rosas. Tú me has dado el ejemplo de lo que significa cargar con la cruz. Dame la gracia y la fortaleza para seguirte no solo durante esta temporada, sino hasta el Calvario."

Les deseo todo lo mejor... en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 30 DE AGOSTO AL 6 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 30 de agosto comienzan en la **pagina 373** en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Jr 20, 7-9	Sal 62, 2-6. 8-9	Rom 12, 1-2
Mt 16, 21-27		
Lunes: 1 Co 2, 1-5	Sal 118, 97- 102	Lc 4, 16-30
Martes: 1 Co 2, 10-16	Sal 144, 8-9. 10-14	
Lc 4, 31-37		
Miércoles: 1 Co 3, 1-9	Sal 32, 12-13. 14-15. 20-21	
Lc 4, 38-44		
Jueves: 1 Co 3, 18-23	Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6	
Lc 5, 1-11		
Viernes: 1 Co 4, 1-5	Sal 36, 3-4. 5-6. 27-28. 39-40	
Lc 5, 33-39		
Sábado: 1 Co 4, 6-15	Sal 144, 17-18. 19-20. 21	
Lc 6, 1-5		
Domingo siguiente: Ez 33, 7-9	Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 7-9	
Rom 13, 8-10/Mt 18, 15-2		

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

¡EL CONSULADO DE MÉXICO ESTARÁ EN AIKEN!

El Consulado General de México estará visitando Aiken los días 26 y 27 de septiembre para brindar sus servicios a nuestra comunidad.

IMPORTANTE:

Para conocer el proceso de citas, los servicios disponibles y recibir cualquier actualización, les pedimos estar atentos a las redes sociales oficiales del Consulado General de México en Raleigh, especialmente en Facebook.

Por favor, no llame a la oficina de la parroquia para solicitar una cita, ya que no podremos programarlas ni proporcionar información sobre la disponibilidad.

¡Les recomendamos seguir al Consulado en sus redes sociales y compartir esta información con familiares y amigos!

¿ERES NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?

¡Te damos la bienvenida a la familia de Santa María!

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Pide un formulario al equipo de hospitalidad y tráelo el próximo domingo, o si prefieres, puedes registrarte en línea desde nuestra página web.

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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: **13 de Septiembre 2026**

Registro requerido.

Contacto: **Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653**

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles sacramentos nos alimentan y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como «la luz del mundo» (San Mateo 5:14).
Importante: Los padres y los hijos deben estar inscritos en la parroquia de St. Mary's y asistir fielmente a la Santa Misa los domingos y en los Días Santos de Precepto.

Se requieren dos años de clases de Formación en la Fe para cumplir con la política de asistencia.

- El proceso de dos años para la Primera Comunión comienza en 1.º grado.
- El proceso de dos años para la Confirmación comienza en 7.º grado.

Los niños católicos inscritos en la escuela St. Mary's son inscritos automáticamente en el programa sacramental a través de la escuela.

Puede inscribirse y pagar la cuota en la oficina parroquial. Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en:

Para más información sobre contactarse con

Derrick Huestis 803-716-8451 o

dhuestis@charlestdiocese.org.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

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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

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

12 de Septiembre 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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Ministerio Juvenil – Septiembre

9 de septiembre – Capacitación para Líderes Adolescentes de Young Disciples

13 de septiembre – Inicio de Fraternus & Fidelis

14 de septiembre – Inicio del Grupo Juvenil

16 de septiembre – Inicio de Young Disciples

20 de septiembre – Fraternus & Fidelis

21 de septiembre – Grupo Juvenil

23 de septiembre – Young Disciples

27 de septiembre – Fraternus & Fidelis

28 de septiembre – Grupo Juvenil

30 de septiembre – Young Disciples

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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Oraciones por Nuestro Nuevo Año Escolar

Mientras nos adaptamos al nuevo año escolar, nuestros salones de clase ya están llenos de aprendizaje, oración, risas y nuevas amistades. Gracias a nuestra familia parroquial por su continuo apoyo a la escuela de la parroquia. Sus oraciones, generosidad y palabras de ánimo hacen posible que podamos brindar una excelente educación católica a nuestros estudiantes. Les pedimos que sigan teniendo presentes en sus oraciones a nuestros alumnos, maestros, personal y familias, para que crezcamos juntos en sabiduría, virtud y amor a Cristo durante todo el año.

Educación en la Virtud

Cada semana, nuestros estudiantes se enfocarán en una virtud católica diferente a través de nuestro programa Educación en la Virtud, desarrollado por las Hermanas Dominicanas de María, Madre de la Eucaristía. Este programa ayuda a los estudiantes a comprender y practicar virtudes como la bondad, la paciencia, la responsabilidad, la valentía y la generosidad en su vida diaria. Mediante lecciones y actividades apropiadas para cada edad, animamos a nuestros estudiantes a crecer no solo en conocimiento, sino también en carácter y santidad, mientras se esfuerzan por convertirse en las personas que Dios los creó para ser.

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA

Invita a toda la comunidad a participar en la Entronización del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en sus hogares. Esta hermosa devoción nos ayuda a acercarnos más al corazón de Jesús y a vivir nuestra fe en familia. ¡Anímate a preparar tu hogar para recibir al Sagrado Corazón! Para más información communicate con Alejandra Tamyo 803-480-3394

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EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 30 de Agosto

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

Lunes, 31 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, 01 de Septiembre

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

Miércoles, 02 de Septiembre

8:30am Misa	Iglesia
6:15pm Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
7:00pm Misa en español	Iglesia Antigua

Jueves, 03 de Septiembre

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

Viernes, 04 de Septiembre

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

Sábado, 05 de Septiembre

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

Domingo, 06 de Septiembre

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

¡UNIDOS EN ORACIÓN!

Te invitamos a ser parte del Grupo de Oración que se reúne todos los jueves a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia Antigua. Este es un espacio especial donde nos unimos como comunidad para orar, reflexionar y fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios.

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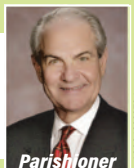
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