



# ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all  
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

**PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON**  
**WELCOME TO ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH**

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary Help of Christians your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

**Contact Us**

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

**Parish Office:**

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803.649.4777  
parishofficestmaryaiken@charlestandioocese.org  
Website: [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

**Locations**

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield Street  
Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE  
Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
8:30am – 12noon & 1:00pm – 4:30pm  
Closed for lunch from 12noon – 1:00pm  
Wednesday: 8:30am - 1:30pm  
(By appointment only after 1:30pm on Wednesdays)

**Holy Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm - Church  
Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am - Church  
Domingo Misa en español, 1:00pm - Iglesia

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30pm - Old St. Mary's  
Wednesday 8:20am - Church  
Miércoles 7:00pm - Iglesia Antigua  
Thursday Nursing Home 10:00am  
Saturday Morning Mass 8:00am - Old St. Mary's

**Confessions**

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15pm - Old St. Mary's  
Wed. 6:15 - 6:45pm - Old St. Mary's  
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm - Church

**Perpetual Adoration** - Ste Claire Chapel

**Rosary** - Before Daily Mass

**Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)**

Sunday Mass

**Sunday Homilies Online**

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

**Nursery**

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

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS  
Bishop of Charleston

**Parish Clergy**

Very Rev. Richard C. Wilson, VF, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Ghattas, Parochial Vicar  
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Dcn. Robert Pierce                      Dcn. Stephen Platte

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211  
Open Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Closed On Fridays

## TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Offertory	Jan. 25	\$ 69,875
Online Giving	Jan. 25	\$ 15,568
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Feb. 18 - Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- Feb. 22 - Black and Indian Missions
- Feb. 22 - St. Vincent de Paul

### HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards

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

Simple to sign up at – [www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

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

Contribute via direct withdrawal or credit online

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

### CWA FAT TUESDAY DINNER

CWA Fat Tuesday Dinner

Tuesday, February 17

St. Angela Hall from 5 – 7 pm

The dinner is FREE, but you must have a ticket to attend. Pick up tickets at the Parish Office. For more info or to reserve a table for 8 or more, call or text Janiece at 803-270-1119.

### GIFT SHOP – LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

What are your needs for this Lent? Visit the gift shop if you know. Better yet, visit the gift shop if you don't know. GIFT SHOP OPEN Sunday 9:00am – 1:00pm; Ash Wednesday after the 8:20am school children's Mass; 5:00pm Mass; 7:00pm Spanish Mass.

### 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!

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CWA) ENGRAVED BRICK PROGRAM

We have an on-going engraved brick program to benefit the CWA Kitchen fund. Order forms are in the parish office or call Claire at 803.270.0887 (leave a message). Thank you for your support .

## PASTOR'S CORNER

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Faithful to God's Law

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After proclaiming the beatitudes to the vast crowds in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us how to apply it to our lives: His followers should be faithful to God's Law and treat their neighbors in a way guided by love.

Jesus did not come to abolish the laws, but to fulfill them. Jesus is no revolutionary fanatic, who came to rock the established order. Jesus did not mince his words and always called a spade a spade: He says “No!” to sin and disobedience, and “Yes!” to the law of God. Jesus invites us to reject mere formalism and purely external observances of the law, such as the Pharisees practiced. Jesus speaks with a new kind of language; He says, “fulfill the law out of love for God and for neighbor.”

Jesus shows us the right attitudes to have toward our neighbor. First and foremost, Christ shows us the attitude to have with regard to life: the 5th commandment said, “Thou shall not kill!” But Jesus goes farther: “Love thy neighbor!” If you had to choose between an act of worship to God and an opportunity to promote peace among your brothers, choose peace with your brothers. Self-giving love excludes any deed that is demeaning, hateful, or wrathful. This is why every true act of worship should lead to reconciliation with those we have offended. Before God's altar there is only room for brothers and sisters who are reconciled with one another.

Human love is born in the family. To defend the sacredness of the family, God has given us, like two guardians, the 6th and 9th commandments. They are two fonts of serenity and peace. Here also Jesus goes far beyond what is prescribed by the law, beyond the mere materiality of the acts of our bodies. “If a man looks at the wife of another with the desire to possess her, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” The 6th and 9th commandments protect and preserve the family, the domestic church.

At the beginning of today's Mass, the Church invites us to pray together with the priest: “O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you...” May following the beatitudes help us become a dwelling pleasing to God.

I wish you a blessed and fruitful Lent to prepare for the Easter joys!

All the best...in Christ,

Father Wilson



## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL

Put Jesus first on your calendar  
with a weekly holy hour!

**Monday night at 12 Mdnt. is an urgent need for an adorers.** If you would like to try this or another hour, please visit the Adoration webpage at... <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact Lori Rainchuso at [larue150@yahoo.com](mailto:larue150@yahoo.com).

Hours in Need (although all hours are available)

MON: 1 am; 3 am

TUES: **12 Mdnt (Mon. night)**; 3 am;

WED: 2 am; 3 am; 11 pm

THU: 1 am; 2 am; 8 am

FRI: 3 am; 5 am;

SAT: 1 am; 3 am; 4 pm; 6 pm

SUN: 2 am; 3 am; 6 am

### 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

**Dying to Live**

*Recapturing the Joy of Lent*

**FEBRUARY 19 - 20 | THREE SESSIONS**

Thursday | 7 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Church

Friday | 10 a.m. at Mother Teresa Hall

Friday | 7 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Church

With author and dynamic speaker  
*Dr. Ian Murphy*

### READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 22, 2026

Sunday, February 15 readings begin on **page 308** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20	Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34	1 Cor 2:6-10	Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11	Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76	Mk 8:11-13	
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18	Ps 94:12-15, 18-19	Mk 8:14-21	
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-14 and 17	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6	Lk 9:22-25	
Friday: Is 58:1-9a	Ps 51:3-6, 18-19	Mt 9:14-15	
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14	Ps 86:1-6	Lk 5:27-32	
Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17	Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19	Mt 4:1-11

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### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday Feb. 15

8:30am Pro Populo

11:00am Frank Fitzgerald

1:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

#### Monday Feb. 16

5:30pm Francis J. Fitzgerald

#### Tuesday Feb. 17

10:00am Trinity

5:30pm Paula Bychkov

#### Wednesday Feb. 18

6:30am Kenneth Hartman

8:20am Fr. Edward Bayer

5:00pm Thomas Scirghi

7:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

Thursday Feb. 19

5:30pm John Webb

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#### Friday Feb. 20

5:30pm Peggy Ferrante

#### Saturday Feb. 21

8:00am Brendan Brown

5:00pm Carol Reeve

Myra Irene Vance

Thomas Scirghi

Patricia Carroll

John Shuler

Alberto Gonzalez

#### Sunday Feb. 22

8:30am Giuseppe Sabino  
Anderson

11:00am Pro Populo

1:00pm Alberto Gonzalez

### DEATHS / DIFUNTOS:

Feb. 9 - Linda Barlow

### HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at [stmaryhelp.flocknote.com](http://stmaryhelp.flocknote.com) (you can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time). You will receive messages only from those groups or ministries for which you sign up! Be sure to fill in our contact information.



## 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, March 22, 2026** at 10:00am in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal preparation class as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

### HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). Please note: Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy.

For more information about First Holy Communion contact Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or [dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org).

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at [hdickason@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:hdickason@charlestdioocese.org) or 615.638.7137.

### HOLY MATRIMONY

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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11:00am in Old St. Mary Church on Park Avenue. Note the change in location.

- 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

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Interested in learning about the Catholic faith? We meet Tuesdays at 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Mother Teresa Hall. On Feb. 17th, Deacon Steve Platte will talk about Temperance and Chastity. All are welcome. For more information contact Derrick Huestis at [dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org) 803-716-8451.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason  
[hdickason@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:hdickason@charlestdioocese.org)  
615.638.7137

For more details about Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and our full calendar of events, please visit our website or contact Hannah Dickason.

### FORMATION

February 15 – No class

### YOUTH MINISTRY

February 15 – No Youth Night

February 18 – Young Disciples (3rd-5th Grade)

February 22 – Youth Night

### CCD

K-6th grades are held in the St. Mary's School classrooms on Sunday at 9:45am – 10:45am. We are in need of substitute teachers. If you are a in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or [dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestdioocese.org)

Merciful God,

On this day of ashes, we come before You with humble hearts. We remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return, yet in Your mercy, You breathe into us the breath of life. Turn our hearts from sin and toward Your light. Cleanse us from all that keeps us far from You, and renew in us a steadfast spirit. May our fasting open us to compassion, our prayers draw us closer to Your heart, and our acts of love bring hope to the world. As we begin this Lenten journey, walk with us in the wilderness, strengthen us in our weakness, and lead us to the joy of Easter morning.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:

[www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, February 15

8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

### Monday, February 16

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

### Tuesday, February 17

3:30pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall
4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:00pm OCIA	Mother Teresa

### Wednesday, February 18

6:30 am Mass	Old Church
8:20am Mass	Church
9:30am Bible Study	St. Michael Hall
3:00pm Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
6:00pm SHE	Mother Teresa
5:00pm Mass	Church
7:00pm Spanish Mass	Church

### Thursday, February 19

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

### Friday, February 20

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

### Saturday, February 21

8:00am Mass	Old Church
4:45pm Confessions	Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass	Church

### Sunday, February 22

8:30am Mass	Church
9:45am Sunday Café	Mother Teresa
11:00am Mass	Church
1:00pm Mass in Spanish	Church

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 18

6:30am	Mass in English Old Church
8:20am	School Mass in English New Church
5:00pm	Mass in English New church
7:00pm	Mass in Spanish New Church

Wheelchair Express Will be available for the

**8:20am Mass and the 5:00pm Mass**

## PARISH PERKS!

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

### MUSIC MINISTRY — CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

We are always looking for willing voices to help praise our Lord. If you are unable to make a full commitment to the choir, please reach out to Frank to see if a limited time engagement, such as Advent, Lent or some other short period when you could serve. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Frank Deese, Parish Musician at [fdeese@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:fdeese@charlestandioocese.org)

### MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Join other Catholic women, who like St. Monica, pray for our children and grandchildren 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, January 21 at 1:00pm 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.

### FRATERNUS IS NOW AT ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS!

We are seeking faithful, committed men to join our Fraternus Squad! Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in virtue, deepening our faith, and strengthening our calling as fathers and leaders. We currently meet on a monthly basis, building the foundation of this ministry in our parish as we seek to add our boys and young men into the fold in the near future. For more information, please visit [fraternus.org](http://fraternus.org) and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at [rechersg@gmail.com](mailto:rechersg@gmail.com)

Brett Dickason at [brett.w.dickason@gmail.com](mailto:brett.w.dickason@gmail.com)

Billy Swann at [eswann3rd@gmail.com](mailto:eswann3rd@gmail.com)

David Tacchi at [dmtac5@gmail.com](mailto:dmtac5@gmail.com)

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:00am in St. Michael Hall. Bring a Catholic Bible and join us as we study the Letter to the Hebrews. For more information contact Martha Whittingham, 865- 599-8473 or [whittimp@gmail.com](mailto:whittimp@gmail.com)

### WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS - ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be Wheelchair Express drivers for each Mass, 8:20 AM and 5:00 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The drivers will be available beginning 30 minutes before each Mass. Please pass the word along to your friends who need this ministry.



## St. Mary's Parish School

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801 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)

### SC ESTF PARENT INFO MEETING

Parents of students in grades K-12 are invited to attend an ESFT parent information meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 PM in the STEM Center (please enter through the courtyard gate on York Street). A representative from Palmetto Promise will provide an overview of the ESFT program and will be available to answer questions about the \$7,600 state scholarship that can be used for tuition at St. Mary's School. All interested families are encouraged to attend. Walk-ins are welcome, but we encourage you to register through this link, so you receive email updates about the scholarship program. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2RHMUmCxECSoqnxHOGosBRA9LcUIVZExVFgXifz9BUJOA/viewform>



### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DINNER AND AUCTION

On March 14, St. Mary's School invites you to an unforgettable 1920s Speakeasy Mystery Gala—an immersive evening of fine dining, live entertainment, high-roller fun and a Prohibition-era mystery that unfolds around you. Tickets are now on sale and the PTO is accepting donations to the auction and sponsorships of the event! Go to <https://smsaikengala.com/> for more information or contact [pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com](mailto:pto@stmaryschoolaiken.com).



Learn about the \$7600 per student, per year SC Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program that can be used toward K-12 education in SC.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

We will begin a 14-week grief support group beginning February 17, 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](http://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 (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:

February 17, 2026– Loss of Spouse (this program addresses those people who have experienced the death of a spouse).

Beginning February 24, 2026 we begin the regular 13-week GriefShare program

The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at [kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org) for additional information or with questions and to register.

I will turn their mourning into joy; I will console and gladden them after their sorrows — Jeremiah 31:13

### SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN (SHE)

Season 4 runs through March 25 on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. In a world where the prevalence of darkness often seems overwhelming, it's easy to feel discouraged, fearful, or even weighed down by the struggles of our culture. Yet, Scripture offers us a powerful image of light that not only calls us to turn to Christ in our need for conversion but also reminds us that He has already won the victory. This season, we are invited to embrace the light of Christ, allowing it to penetrate every corner of our lives and shine brightly into the world, bringing hope and transformation to all we encounter. Join us as we ask the Lord to Restore us to His Radiance as a light to our families, friends, and the world. All women are welcome. Register at

<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/532A7B>

## ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Fieles a la Ley de Dios

Queridos hermanos en Cristo:

Después de proclamar las bienaventuranzas a la multitud en el Sermón de la Montaña, Jesús nos enseña cómo aplicarlas a nuestras vidas: sus seguidores deben ser fieles a la Ley de Dios y tratar a su prójimo con amor.

Jesús no vino a abolir las leyes, sino a cumplirlas. Jesús no es un fanático revolucionario que vino a trastornar el orden establecido. Jesús no se anduvo con rodeos y siempre llamó a las cosas por su nombre: dice «¡No!» al pecado y a la desobediencia, y «¡Sí!» a la ley de Dios. Jesús nos invita a rechazar el mero formalismo y las observancias puramente externas de la ley, como las que practicaban los fariseos. Jesús habla con un lenguaje nuevo; dice: «Cumplan la ley por amor a Dios y al prójimo».

Jesús nos muestra las actitudes correctas que debemos tener hacia nuestro prójimo. Ante todo, Cristo nos muestra la actitud que debemos tener con respecto a la vida: el quinto mandamiento dice: «¡No matarás!». Pero Jesús va más allá: «¡Ama a tu prójimo!». Si tuvieras que elegir entre un acto de adoración a Dios y una oportunidad para promover la paz entre tus hermanos, elige la paz con tus hermanos. El amor que se entrega a sí mismo excluye cualquier acto que sea humillante, odioso o lleno de ira. Por eso, todo verdadero acto de adoración debe conducir a la reconciliación con aquellos a quienes hemos ofendido. Ante el altar de Dios solo hay lugar para hermanos y hermanas que están reconciliados entre sí.

El amor humano nace en la familia. Para defender la santidad de la familia, Dios nos ha dado, como dos guardianes, el sexto y el noveno mandamiento. Son dos fuentes de serenidad y paz. Aquí también Jesús va mucho más allá de lo prescrito por la ley, más allá de la mera materialidad de los actos de nuestro cuerpo. «Si un hombre mira a la mujer de otro con el deseo de poseerla, ya ha cometido adulterio con ella en su corazón». El sexto y el noveno mandamiento protegen y preservan la familia, la iglesia doméstica. Al comienzo de la Misa de hoy, la Iglesia nos invita a orar junto con el sacerdote: «Oh Dios, que nos enseñas que habitas en los corazones justos y sinceros, concédenos que, transformados por tu gracia, nos convirtamos en una morada agradable a ti...» Que seguir las bienaventuranzas nos ayude a ser una morada grata a Dios.

Les deseo una Cuaresma bendecida y fructífera para prepararnos para las alegrías de la Pascua.

Un cordial saludo en Cristo,  
Padre Wilson

## FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

### LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 15 DE FEBRERO AL 22 DE FEBRERO, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 15 de febrero comienzan en la **pagina 309** en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Eclo 15, 15-20

Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.1 Co 2, 6-10

Mt 5, 17-37 o 5, 20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Lunes: Sant 1, 1-11 Sal 118, 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76

Mc 8, 11-13

Martes: Sant 1, 12-18 Sal 93, 12-15. 18-19

Mc 8, 14-21

Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-1 Sal 50, 3-6. 12-14 y 17

2 Co 5, 20-6, 2 Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20 Sal 1, 1-4 y 6 Lc 9, 22-25

Viernes: Is 58, 1-9 Sal 50, 3-6. 18-19 Mt 9, 14-15

Sábado: Is 58, 9-14 Sal 85, 1-6 Lc 5, 27-32

Domingo siguiente: Gn 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7

Sal 50, 3-6. 12-13. 17 Rom 5, 12-19 o 5, 12. 17-19

Mt 4, 1-11

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

### TIENDA DE REGALOS HORARIO

Domingos de 9:00am to 1:00pm y el primer fin de semana de cada mes después de las misa del sábado a las 5:00pm y del domingo a la 1:00pm.

### DONACIONES DE FLORES PARA EL ALTAR

Las flores del altar pueden ser patrocinadas durante todo el año, excepto durante la Cuaresma, y el costo es \$300 por dos arreglos. Si desea ofrecer un arreglo de flores para honrar a nuestro Señor o a alguien especial para usted, comuníquese con

### ¿ERES NUEVO EN LA PARROQUIA?

¡Te damos la bienvenida a la familia de Santa María! Te invitamos a registrarte y ser parte activa de nuestra comunidad. Al hacerlo, podrás crecer con nosotros en el amor y conocimiento de Jesucristo, a través de la celebración fiel de los sacramentos y el estudio de la Palabra de Dios. Pide un formulario al equipo de hospitalidad y tráelo el próximo domingo, o si prefieres, puedes registrarte en línea desde nuestra página web.

## SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

### SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El Bautismo es un regalo de vida nueva!  
Para bautizar en Sta. María, al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir a Misa y estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de pedir fecha. Ambos padres deben tomar clases pre-bautismales. Los padrinos deben ser católicos practicantes.

Próximas clases: 1 y 8 de marzo 2026  
Registro requerido.

Contacto: Reyna Salas – 404.886.5653

### SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

¡Los Sacramentos fortalecen nuestra fe!  
Padres y niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María y asistir fielmente a Misa.  
Niños fuera de la escuela católica deben completar al menos dos años de formación cristiana y cumplir con la asistencia.

Para más información sobre la Primera Comunión, contactarse con Mary Ellen Jackson al 803.649.4777 ext. 103 o a [mjackson@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:mjackson@charlestandiocese.org).

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a [hdickason@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:hdickason@charlestandiocese.org)

### SANTO MATRIMONIO

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

### UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113

**Acompáñanos a rezar el Santo Viacrucis este viernes a las 7:00 de la tarde en la Iglesia Nueva. Caminemos juntos en este tiempo de Santa Cuaresma, reflexionando sobre la pasión de Cristo.**

Puedes encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial  
[www.stmarys-aiken.org](http://www.stmarys-aiken.org)

### Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

14 de febrero 2026 a las 11:00am en la iglesia antigua en Park Avenue. Tenga en cuenta el cambio de ubicación.

- 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 al 803.649.4777

### RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA) LOS MARTES A LAS 7:00PM

Todos están invitados a las Clases de RICA. Nos reunimos los martes en el Salón Smith Hall a las 7:00pm. Para más información, contacte a Omar o Mercedith Cardona 706.231.5253. Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad.

### MINISTERIO CATÓLICO PARA JÓVENES

Contacto: Sra. Hannah Katherine Dickason  
[hdickason@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:hdickason@charlestandiocese.org)  
615.638.7137

Para más detalles sobre la Confirmación, el Ministerio Juvenil y nuestro calendario completo de eventos, por favor visite nuestro sitio web o contacte a Hannah Dickason.

#### Formación

15 de febrero: no hay clase

#### Youth Ministry

15 de febrero: no hay noche juvenil

18 de febrero: jóvenes discípulos

22 de febrero: noche juvenil

### CCD

Las clases de CCD de 4° a 6° grado se llevan a cabo en las aulas de la Escuela St. Mary los domingos de 9:45 a 10:45am. ¡Esperamos verlos entonces! ¿Preguntas? Contacte a Derrick Huestis en [dhuestis@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:dhuestis@charlestandiocese.org)

### 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 Mary Hernandez 803-522-3988



## ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE SANTA MARÍA

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

### SEMANA DE LAS ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS

La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas es una celebración nacional del valor y la misión de la educación católica: formar a los estudiantes en la fe, el conocimiento y el servicio. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros para la misa a las 8:30 a. m. del domingo 25 de enero, cuando nuestra comunidad escolar se reunirá para dar inicio a la semana. Nuestros alumnos asistirán a la misa con el uniforme, desfilarán con el sacerdote y servirán como lectores. Esperamos que se unan a nosotros para celebrar nuestra parroquia y les agradecemos su apoyo a la educación católica.

### ¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA ESCUELA ST. MARY'S COMIENZA PRONTO!

Animamos a las familias de la parroquia interesadas en matricular a nuevos alumnos en la escuela St. Mary's para el curso 2026-2027 a que comiencen el proceso de solicitud la próxima semana. Antes de que las solicitudes se abran al público en general dentro de unas semanas, ofrecemos acceso prioritario a las familias actuales y a los feligreses. Visite [www.stmaryschoolaiken.com](http://www.stmaryschoolaiken.com) y haga clic en el botón «Admission Inquiry» para comenzar.

### QUINCEAÑERAS

Quinceañeras Para registrarse o para más información, por favor comuníquese con Mary Hernández al 803-5223988.

#### Miércoles de Ceniza

18 de febrero

Horario de Misas

**6:30 a.m.** Misa en inglés – Iglesia Antigua

**8:20 a.m.** Misa escolar en inglés – Iglesia Nueva

**5:00 p.m.** Misa en inglés – Iglesia Nueva

**7:00 p.m.** Misa en español – Iglesia Nueva

### SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAÚL

Para alimentos o asistencia financiera, llame al 803.642.3211. Abierto de lunes a jueves de 9:00am a 1:00pm. Cerrado los viernes.

## EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

### Domingo, 15 de febrero

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

### Lunes, 16 de febrero

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

### Martes, 17 de febrero

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

### Miércoles, 18 de febrero

6:30am Misa Iglesia Antigua  
8:20am Misa Iglesia  
6:15pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua  
5:00pm Misa Iglesia  
7:00pm Misa en español Iglesia

### Jueves, 19 de febrero

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

### Viernes, 20 de febrero

4:45pm Confesiones Iglesia Antigua  
5:30pm Misa Iglesia Antigua  
7:00pm Santo Viacrusis Iglesia

### Sábado, 21 de febrero

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

### Domingo, 22 de febrero

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.

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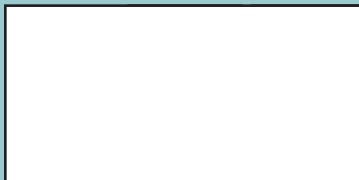
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