



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

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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Website: 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 - St. Claire Chapel

Rosary - Before Daily Mass

Pre Recorded Mass (On YouTube)

Sunday Mass

Sunday Homilies Online

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

Nursery

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

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

Bishop of Charleston

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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, MARCH 22, 2026

Offertory	Mar. 8	\$ 62, 438
Online Giving	Mar. 8	\$ 23, 417
Total Annual Budget		\$ 2,118,675

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will have stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent through Good Friday. It will be after 5:30pm Mass at Old St. Mary's.



GIFT SHOP – PALM SUNDAY

With gratitude for Holy Week, we look forward to our new community of Catholics receiving Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. Please note: we're open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Palm Sunday and Wednesday following the 8:20 am school children's Mass. We are closed Easter weekend.

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!

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

“I was in prison and you visited me.” Matt 25:36
Kairos is a 3½ day nondenominational short course in Christianity that will take place in Broad River State Prison for men, April 17 – 19. The Kairos Team distributes cookies to all of the residents during each of these days to show them Christ's love. Please donate store-bought cookies sealed in their original packaging (the prison is no longer allowing homemade cookies) or donate money for us to buy cookies. We will have a box in the Church office for your donations. Please drop donations off no later than 4:30pm, Tuesday, April 14th. Call Don Trapp at 803.979.0966 for information. Thank you!

PASTOR'S CORNER

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A Different Kind of King

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we are invited to contemplate the kingship of Christ the Savior. Jesus is King, and at the end of the liturgical year we will celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Yes, He is King, but His kingdom is the “Kingdom of truth and life, the Kingdom of holiness and grace, the Kingdom of justice, love and peace” (from the Preface of the Solemnity of Christ the King). A surprising kingship! With our secular mindset, we are not accustomed to this type of king.

He is a good, gentle king who looks after the well-being of souls: “My kingdom does not belong to this world” (Jn 18:36). He allows evil things to happen to him. He is asked in a tone of contempt and mockery, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so” (Mt 27:11). He endures more mockery still as he is compared to Barabbas, and the people are urged to choose the release of one or the other: “Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?” (Mt 27:17). And ... they choose Barabbas! Meanwhile, Jesus remains silent and offers Himself as a holocaust for us!

When He had arrived in Jerusalem shortly before, Jesus was received with unbridled enthusiasm: “The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest’” (Mt 21:8-9). But now, those same people shout, “Let him be crucified!” Pilate asked, “Why? What evil has he done?” And the crowd only shouted louder, “Let him be crucified!” (Mt 27:23). And Pilate verifies their intent, “Shall I crucify your King?” and the chief priests answer, “We have no king but Caesar” (Jn 19:15).

This King does not impose Himself; He offers Himself. His kingship is all about service, sacrifice and love. “He comes without pomp or ostentation. He will not dispute or raise his voice to make it heard in the streets. He will be meek and humble. Let us run to accompany him as he hastens toward his passion, not by covering his path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before him” (Saint Andrew of Crete, Bishop).

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!

To try a holy hour, please visit the Adoration webpage
at <https://www.stmarysaiken.org/perpetualeucharisticadoration>, or contact Lori Rainchuso at
larue150@yahoo.com.

Hours in Need (although ALL hours are available)

MON: 1 am; 3 am

TUES: 12 Mdnt; 3 am

WED: 12 Mdnt; 2 am; 3 am

THU: 1 am

FRI: 3 am; 7 am

SAT: 3 am; 4 pm; 6 pm; 10 pm

SUN: 2 am; 3 am; 6 am; 11 am; 6 pm

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

WHEELCHAIR EXPRESS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Wheelchair Express is available for those who need help from curb to pew at 8:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses. We especially need volunteers for the 11:00am Mass. Please contact George or Bobbi Sich at riverhost.rs@gmail.com or 740.981.2961 or 740.935.9713 for information or to volunteer.

Wheelchair Express will have drivers available for the following during the Triduum:

- April 2 Holy Thursday 7 PM Mass
- April 3 Good Friday 3 PM Liturgy
- April 5 Easter Sunday 7 AM Mass
- April 5 Easter Sunday 9 AM Mass
- April 5 Easter Sunday 11 AM Mass

These Easter events are all at the new church on Fairfield Ave. Drivers will be available 30 minutes before the scheduled time to take patrons into the church. They will bring patrons back to the curb to be picked up at the completion of the Mass or Liturgy.

As we continue our Lenten journey,
Please depart in silence after the dismissal.
Please wait to leave until the priest and ministers have departed.

Try to maintain a quiet reflection
within the body of the church.

Thank you.

READINGS FOR MARCH 29 - APRIL 5, 2026

Sunday, March 29 readings begin on **page 982** of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37) Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
Monday: Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15 and 17
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18
1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12
Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-17 and 25
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday:
Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-7,
12-13, 20-22 (5b)
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) Ex 14:15-15:1
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b) Is 54:5-14
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a) Is 55:1-11
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2) Rom 6:3-11
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9
or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

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HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday Mar. 29

8:30am Alice Dorthalina
11:00am Pro Populo
1:00pm Edgar Cordoba (L)

Monday Mar. 30

5:30pm Gary L. Ware

Tuesday Mar. 31

NO MASS

Wednesday Apr. 1

8:20am Lester Eugene Myers
7:00pm Genaro Casillas Carillo

Thursday Apr. 2

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Mar. 14 - Stephanie Delaney Vasquez Cordova
Mar. 14 - Celeste Eliana Florido
Mar. 14 - Liliana Abigail Florido
Mar. 14 - Moises Parada Rios
Mar. 14 - Arlette Montserrat Parada Rios

Friday Apr. 3

8:30pm All Who are being
Received into the Church

Sunday Apr. 5

8:30am Rich & Linda Iazard (L)
9:00am Margaret Newland
11:00am Joan Buttrey
1:00pm Pro Populo

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@charlestondiocese.org.

For more information about Confirmation contact Hannah Dickason at hdickason@charlestondiocese.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)

Next Baptism is June 6 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)

Come learn about the Catholic faith on Tuesdays 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street SE). All are welcome. For more information and to learn about the process to become Catholic; contact Derrick Huestis at dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org 803-716-8451.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact: Mrs. Hannah Katherine Dickason
hdickason@charlestondiocese.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

March 29 – No Class

YOUTH MINISTRY

March 15 – Youth Night

March 18 – Young Disciples

March 22 – Youth Night

March 25 – Young Disciples

March 29 – Youth Night

CCD

There will be no class Sunday March 29 or Sunday April 5. We are in need of CCD volunteers. If you are a in good standing with the Church and would like to help, contact Derrick Huestis at 803-716-8451 or dhuestis@charlestondiocese.org

Merciful God,

On this day of Lent, 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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

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, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

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
5:45pm Confessions	Church
7:00pm Spanish Mass	Church

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

4:45pm Confessions	Old Church
5:30pm Mass	Old Church
6:15pm Station of the Cross	Old Church

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

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

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

PARISH PERKS!

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SEMANA SANTA Y DOMINGO DE PASCUA

March 29 – Palm Sunday
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

March 31 – Tuesday
No Daily Mass
(Priest in Charleston for the Chrism Mass)

April 2 – Holy Thursday
7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual)

April 3 – Good Friday
8:00 AM – Tenebrae Service (OSM)
12:00PM– Stations of the Cross
1:30PM– Living Stations of the Cross
(In front of OSM)
3:00 PM – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion (English)
7:00 PM – Viacrucis y Lectura de la Pasión
de Nuestro Señor

April 4 – Holy Saturday
8:00 AM – Tenebrae Service (OSM)
12:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Baskets OSM
8:30 PM – The Great Easter Vigil (Bilingual)

April 5 – Easter Sunday

7:00 AM – Mass
9:00 AM – Mass
11:00 AM – Mass
1:00 PM – Misa en Español

All Masses and liturgies will be celebrated at the Church on Fairfield Street, unless otherwise noted as Old St. Mary's (OSM).

Todas las Misas y liturgias se celebrarán en la Iglesia en Fairfield Street, a menos que se indique que se celebrara en la iglesia antigua (OSM).



St. Mary's Parish School

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excelatstmarys.com

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

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK

The school office will be closed for Easter Break beginning on Thursday, April 2 and classes will resume on Monday, April 13. Please note, admission inquiries received during the break will be responded to as soon as we return. Classes are filling up fast for next year!

UPDATE ON RECENT SERVICE PROJECTS

Service projects are an important part of student life at our parish school because they help form our students in the values of the Gospel. Through these opportunities, students learn that living their faith means caring for others and responding to the needs of the community. Recently, our student council organized a diaper and wipes collection to support local pregnancy centers, providing essential supplies for mothers and families in need. A group of recent alumni also put the values they learned at SMS into action by organizing a fundraiser to support the fight against blood cancer, our current students contributed about \$450 to the effort. Way to go Saints!

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 and contact one of these men:

Scott Recher at rechersg@gmail.com

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

Billy Swann at eswann3rd@gmail.com

David Tacchi at dmtac5@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our group will not meet during Holy Week and Easter Week, April 1 and April 8. After the two week hiatus we will resume our study of the Letter to the Hebrews on April 15, 9:30 - 11:00am in St. Michael Hall. For information contact Martha Whittingham, 865-599-8473 or whittimp@gmail.com

AOH (ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS)

AOH (Ancient Order of Hibernians) next meeting in St. Michael Hall on Thursday, April 16, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Any questions, please contact Paul Gaynor at 908.692.9547.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE

Using your cell phone, text AIKEN to 84576 or connect with us online at 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.



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 for 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. For over 48 years, Retrouvaille has provided help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises.

For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on May 1st -3rd, 2026 for couples, Email: billynfolson@gmail.com (3 L's in a row) or Call: 727-343-6701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com



ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

Un Rey de Otro Tipo

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy se nos invita a contemplar la realeza de Cristo Salvador. Jesús es Rey, y al final del año litúrgico celebraremos a Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Sí, Él es Rey, pero su reino es el “Reino de verdad y vida, el Reino de santidad y gracia, el Reino de justicia, amor y paz.” (del Prefacio de la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey). ¡Una realeza sorprendente! Con nuestra mentalidad secular, no estamos acostumbrados a este tipo de rey.

Él es un Rey bueno y manso que vela por el bienestar de las almas: “Mi reino no es de este mundo.” (Jn 18,36). Permite que le sucedan cosas malas. Le preguntan con tono de desprecio y burla: “¿Eres tú el Rey de los judíos?” Él respondió: “Tú lo dices.” (Mt 27,11). Soporta aún más burlas cuando lo comparan con Barrabás, y el pueblo es instado a elegir la liberación de uno u otro: “¿A quién quieren que les suelte, a Barrabás o a Jesús, llamado el Mesías?” (Mt 27,17). Y... ¡deciden por Barrabás! Mientras tanto, Jesús permanece en silencio y se ofrece a sí mismo como holocausto por nosotros.

Cuando había llegado a Jerusalén poco antes, Jesús fue recibido con un entusiasmo desbordante: “La multitud muy numerosa extendió sus mantos por el camino; otros cortaban ramas de los árboles y las tendían por el camino. La gente que iba delante de Él y la que lo seguía gritaba: ‘¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en las alturas!’” Pero ahora, esas mismas personas gritan: “¡Crucifícalo!” Pilato preguntó: “¿Por qué? ¿Qué mal ha hecho?” Y la multitud gritaba con más fuerza: “¡Crucifícalo!” (Mt 21-27). Y Pilato confirma su intención: “¿Voy a crucificar a su Rey?” y los sumos sacerdotes responden: “No tenemos más rey que el César.” (Jn 19,15).

Este Rey no se impone; Él se ofrece. Su realeza se trata totalmente de servicio, sacrificio y amor. “Viene sin pompa ni ostentación. No discutirá ni alzaré la voz para hacerse oír en las plazas. Será manso y humilde. Corramos a acompañarlo mientras se apresura hacia su pasión, no cubriendo su camino con mantos, ramas de olivo o palmas, sino haciendo todo lo posible por postrarnos ante Él.”

— San Andrés de Creta, Obispo

Con todo afecto... en Cristo,

Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS DEL 29 DE MARZO AL 5 DE ABRIL, 2026

Las lecturas para domingo, el 29 de marzo comienzan en la [pagina 983](#) en el libro “Palabra y Eucaristía”

Domingo: Mt 21, 1-11 (37) Sal 21, 8-9. 17-20. 23-24
Is 50, 4-7 Flp 2, 6-11 Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54
Lunes: Is 42, 1-7 Sal 26, 1-3. 13-14 Jn 12, 1-11
Martes: Is 49, 1-6 Sal 70, 1-6. 15 y 17
Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38
Miércoles: Is 50, 4-9 Sal 68, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34
Mt 26, 14-25
Jueves: Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14 Sal 115, 12-13. 15-18
1 Co 11, 23-26 Jn 13, 1-15
Viernes: Is 52, 13-53, 12
Sal 30, 2 y 6. 12-13. 15-17 y 25 Heb 4, 14-16; 5, 7-9
Jn 18, 1\19, 42
Sábado:
Vigilia de la Pascua de Resurrección:
Gn 1, 1-2, 2 o 1, 1. 26-31 Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14.
24. 35 (30) o Sal 32, 4-7. 12-13. 20-22 (5)
Gn 22, 1-18 o 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18
Sal 15, 5. 8-11 (1) Ex 14, 15-15, 1 Ex 15, 1-6. 17-18 (1)
Is 54, 5-14 Sal 29, 2. 4-6. 11-13 (2) Is 55, 1-11
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Sal 18, 8-11 (Jn 6, 68) Ez 36, 16-17. 18-28
Sal 41, 3. 5; 43, 3. 4 (42, 2) Rom 6, 3-11
Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 Mt 28, 1-10
Domingo siguiente: Hch 10, 34. 37-43
Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 (24) Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8
Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10 o Lc 24, 13-35

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GALLETAS PARA KAIROS

Estuve en la cárcel y me visitaron.” Mt 25,36

Kairos es un retiro no denominacional de 3½ días, un breve curso en el Cristianismo, que se llevará a cabo en la Prisión Estatal de Broad River para hombres, del 17 al 19 de abril.

El equipo de Kairos distribuye galletas a todos los residentes durante cada uno de estos días para mostrarles el amor de Cristo.

Por favor dona galletas compradas en la tienda, selladas en su empaque original (la prisión ya no permite galletas hechas en casa), o dona dinero para que podamos comprar galletas. Tendremos una caja en la oficina de la Iglesia para tus donaciones.

Por favor entrega tus donaciones a más tardar a las 4:30 pm del martes 14 de abril.

Para más información, llama a Don Trapp al 803-979-0966.

¡Gracias!



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.

Próxima clase: **17 de Mayo 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 Derrick Huestis at 803.649.4777 ext. 103 or dhuestis@charlestandiocese.org.

Para más información sobre la Confirmación, contactarse con Hannah Dickason al 615.638.7137 o a 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. 100

CCD

No habrá clase el domingo 29 de marzo ni el domingo 5 de abril.

Estamos en necesidad de voluntarios para CCD. Si estás en buena posición con la Iglesia y te gustaría ayudar, comunícate con Derrick Huestis al 803-716-8451 o al correo dhuestis@charlestandiocese.org.

Próxima Fecha de Bautismo en Español

11 de Abril 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 x 100

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
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

29 de marzo – No hay clases

MINISTERIO JUVENIL

15 de marzo – Noche de Jóvenes

18 de marzo – Jóvenes Discípulos

22 de marzo – Noche de Jóvenes

25 de marzo – Jóvenes Discípulos

29 de marzo – Noche de Jóvenes

Quinceañeras

Las próxima Clase de Preparación para quinceañeras se llevará acabo el **19 de Abril** a las 10:00am en el Salón Smith el piso de arriba. Para más información favor de comunicarse con María Hernández 803-522-3988.



ESCUELA PARROQUIAL DE SANTA MARÍA

118 York Street SE, Aiken, SC 29801
Sr. Carlos Overstreet, Director
803.649.2071 Fax: 803.643.0092
excelatstmarys.com

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

¡Llévame al juego de béisbol! 🏟️

Ven a apoyar al coro de la escuela St. Mary Help of Christians mientras cantan el Himno Nacional antes del juego de los GreenJackets el 3 de mayo de 2026.

- Hora del juego: 2:05 PM
- Apertura de puertas: 1:00 PM
- Presentación del coro: Por favor llegue antes de la 1:30 PM para verlos cantar

Compra tus boletos a través del siguiente enlace para sentarte en una sección reservada solo para St. Mary's:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Stmary402>

Oficina Escolar Cerrada por las Vacaciones de Pascua

La oficina escolar estará cerrada por las vacaciones de Pascua comenzando el jueves 2 de abril, y las clases se reanudarán el lunes 13 de abril.

Por favor tenga en cuenta que las solicitudes de admisión recibidas durante este tiempo serán respondidas tan pronto como regresemos. ¡Los espacios se están llenando rápidamente para el próximo año escolar!

XII CONGRESO CATOLICO DE FE
CRECIENDO EN LA FE ALIMENTADOS POR LA EUCARISTÍA
25 al 26 de abril, 2026
Registación 8:00 a 8:30

VIA FIDELIS: EL CAMINO DE LOS FIELES

TEMAS Y EVENTOS:

- Crecimiento en Nuestra Fe
- Confesiones, Hora Santa y **Santa Misa**
- Concierto con Sandy Caldera
- Testimonios
- **Programa especial para jóvenes** (de 13 a 17 años y más)

MARI PABLO
Predicadora laica y fundadora de "Ministerio en Su Corazón"

REV. PEDRO NUÑEZ
Párroco de "Cofeiza Primero Su Fe Católica" en EWTN

SANDY CALDERA
Psicóloga y artista católica de la "Benedicta Eucaristía"

DONACIÓN
\$15 mayores de 13 años

Bishop England High School
363 Seven Farms Drive
Daniel Island, SC 29492

INFORMACIÓN
843 367 5952
843 296 5389
843 296 7623

SEMANA SANTA Y DOMINGO DE PASCUA 2026

29 de marzo – Domingo de Ramos

Horario regular de Misas del fin de semana

31 de marzo – Martes

No habrá Misa diaria

(El sacerdote estará en Charleston para la Misa Crismal)

1 de abril- Miercoles

7:00pm -Misa Diaria se llevara acabo en la **Iglesia Nueva**

2 de abril – Jueves Santo

7:00 PM – Misa de la Cena del Señor (Bilingüe)

3 de abril – Viernes Santo

8:00 AM – Oficio de Tinieblas (OSM)

12:00 PM – Vía Crucis

1:30 PM – Vía Crucis Viviente (Frente a OSM)

3:00 PM – Solemne Liturgia de la Pasión del Señor (Inglés)

7:00 PM – Vía Crucis y Lectura de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor

4 de abril – Sábado Santo

8:00 AM – Oficio de Tinieblas (OSM)

12:00 PM – Bendición de las Canastas de Pascua (OSM)

8:30 PM – La Gran Vigilia Pascual (Bilingüe)

5 de abril – Domingo de Pascua

7:00 AM – Misa

9:00 AM – Misa

11:00 AM – Misa

1:00 PM – Misa en Español

Todas las Misas y liturgias se celebrarán en la Iglesia en Fairfield Street, a menos que se indique que se celebrarán en la iglesia antigua (OSM).

Miércoles 1 de abril, la Misa en español se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia nueva.