RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	$2,915	All Soul's	$570
Loose	$137	Mission Sunday	$20
Votives	$48	All Saints	$10
Sub Total	$3,100	Sub Total	$600
Grand Total	$3,700		

8AM	41	9:30	60	Total	101

Parish Center

Total	$154,047

Prayers for Our Military



As a faith community, we lift up in prayer the women and men serving in our armed forces, especially those from our parish family who are on active duty. We ask for God's protection, strength, and peace for them and their loved ones. Please join us in praying for the service members:

Major Thomas G., USMC
Major Joseph G., USAF
James Kobyra, CDR, USN
LtCol Sean C. Hudson USAF
LtCol Justin Y. North, USAF

If you have a St. Mary's Church family member currently serving in the military whom you'd like to include in our prayers, please email stmarys165@gmail.com with their name, rank, and branch of service.

PARISH DIRECTORY FORM

St. Mary's Catholic Church is preparing a new Parish Pictorial Directory as a way of bringing our parish family closer together and helping us recognize one another by name and face. The form can be emailed to stmarys165@gmail.com, dropped off at the Parish Center, or placed in the collection basket. Please return all forms and pictures by December 1st. Thank you for your cooperation.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: Luke 18:35-39
Reflect today on this blind beggar and seek to identify with him. Do not see yourself as one who is healthy, prominent, or wealthy, but as poor and needy. From that humility, cry out with conviction, "Jesus, have mercy!" Do so relentlessly and await the interior invitation to greater faith, so that you may see, follow Jesus more faithfully, and become a witness to God's glory by your life—touched by the Messiah, the Son of David.

TUESDAY: Luke 19:1-3
Reflect today on how strongly public opinion sways you. Many today often express outrage at others for a variety of reasons. Though objective sin must be condemned and the culprit held accountable, we ought never judge others' hearts, no matter their actions. Reflect on those whom you tend to judge and condemn; imitate Jesus by looking for faith in their hearts. By doing so, salvation comes not only to your heart, but also invites others to change and become disciples of Christ as He journeys to His Cross.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 19:11-13
Reflect today on the expectations you have of God. Do you sometimes wish that His plan for your life matched your own? Are you willing to accept His Kingship that leads to sacrificial and selfless love, rather than one of power and earthly glory? Ask our Lord for the grace to surrender every false expectation and to embrace the surprising and glorious way He chooses to reign in your life, through grace, sacrifice, and trust.

THURSDAY: Luke 19:41-43
Reflect today on the sorrow in the Heart of Christ as He looks upon your life, your community, the Church, and the world. Allow yourself to sit with Him in that sorrow, not in despair or fear, but in love and solidarity. Let His grief move your heart with compassion. Ask yourself what causes Him sorrow in your own life. Is it a sin you cling to? A refusal to forgive? A hardness of heart, indifference to grace, or neglect of prayer? Let that holy sorrow move you to repentance, intercession, acts of love, and a deeper commitment to living for Him. In doing so, you will console the Heart of Christ and join in His redemptive mission, helping to bring peace to a world so in need of His grace.

FRIDAY: Luke 19:45-47
Reflect today on the central mission of your life: divine worship. This is what you were made for and the means by which you become a member of God's Kingdom. Though religious devotions and preferences can be helpful, consider whether your religious customs, habits, or personal opinions cloud the purity of your worship. Are you more concerned about the externals and customs, or worshiping God? If it is the former, ask the Lord to overturn those distortions and call you, your parish, and His entire Church back to sacred worship.

SATURDAY: Luke 20:27-29
Reflect today on any questions you may have about God, suffering, or the meaning of events in your life. Jesus holds every perfect answer to every question we could ask. In the light of His Truth, all things make sense. Hold onto that faith and hope, and seek out the truth you need to resolve any confusion in your heart. God desires to speak to you, grant you understanding, and affirm with clarity and conviction every truth you now hold in faith.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 2026

MISSION STATEMENT
Our mission is to form Christian Communities that will glorify God by our loving and serving one another, and to extend our love, support, and compassion to the needy.

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	**8am & 9:30am**
Wednesday	**9:00am**
Friday*	**9:00am**

***Adoration following Mass on the 1st Friday**

RECONCILIATION

Sunday	**7:15-8am**
Wed/Fri	**8:30-9am**

Diocesan Office of Protective Services
(843) 261-0430
Diocese Victim Assistance Ministries
(843) 856-0748

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

WELCOME:

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS TO ST. MARY'S! WE TRUST YOU WILL FIND US A WELCOMING AND SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY AS YOU JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE MASS TODAY. COFFEE IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER MASS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

MASS INTENTIONS

Today's 8:00 mass is being offered for Gordon Douglas Long on behalf of Betsy Long.
Today's 9:30 mass is being offered for Addie Feraldi on behalf of Wes and Alison Levitt.

PARISH CHARITY 2ND COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 29TH

Parish Charity **second collection on November 29th** will be for St. Paul's Parish Meals on Wheels. **Please make checks payable to MOWSPP.** It takes about $1,000 per month for volunteers to bring a meal to our neighbors.

THANKSGIVING POUND CAKE ORDERS:

Please remember to sign up on sheet in back of church if you want to reserve one of the homemade pound cakes that St. Mary's doing for a capital campaign fundraiser; pound cakes will be available Sunday, November 22 after both Masses; donation is $30. All proceeds go to our ongoing capital campaign.

ANGEL TREE

Time to get ready for the St. Mary's Angel Tree. We are again donating to military families at Charleston Air Force Base. **The Angel Tree will be up for the first Sunday of Advent on November 29th.**

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:

Our next meeting will be **1PM on Wednesday, December 2** at 4199 Hwy 165. We have chosen "The Promised Christ, 31 Advent Stories" for our Advent book. You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ushers & Greeters

We are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as **ushers and greeters at Mass**! Help us create a warm and welcoming environment by greeting parishioners, assisting with seating, and helping everyone feel at home. No experience is necessary, just a welcoming smile and a willing heart. If you are interested in serving, please contact the parish office. **Training will be held December 9th at 6:30pm.**

Lector for 11/22/26
8am Tracy Pejsa
9:30am Joe Yabut
Eucharistic Minister for 11/22/26
8am Joe Pejsa
9:30am Mary Ann Keating
Collection Sunday 11/22/26
International Ministries and Mission

We pray for each other*. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions:* Hazel Basilio, Sam Blackburn, Joe Branton, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Kalynn Sandoval Campbell, Allison Condon Chappell, Julliet Collins, Joe Connell, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Kim Durben, Frances Enos, Tricia Espiritu, Erlinda Evangelista, Ricardo Evangelista, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Avery Goetz, J. Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Anne Groover, Krist Groover, Jerrie Hess, Mary & Rod Jaros, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance, Kelly Meyer, Jane Morley, Ray Marrone, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Terri Nobleman, John North, Connor O'Brien, Judy O'Neal, Linda Perry, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Joe T., Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Jose A. Yabut, Domingo Zarate Jr., and All Parishioners of our parish family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Father JP welcomes your mass intentions for celebrating a special occasion, on behalf of a family member or friend, or a deceased loved one. A Mass request can be submitted by the following:

- Calling our Parish office at 843-889-8549. You may leave a message with your contact information.
- Completing a Mass Intention Envelope, checking the calendar located in the back of the church for date availability and placing your envelope in the box above the calendar.
- Requesting a Mass Card be mailed directly to you, for whose All-Mass Intentions are voluntary offerings, since the Holy Eucharist is the universal prayer of all the church. The typical offering is ten dollars.

Stipends for Mass Intentions may be brought or mailed to the Parish office (cash or check).

BECOMING A ST. MARY'S REGISTERED PARISHIONER

For those interested in becoming registered members of St. Mary's Parish, the registration forms are located in the back of the Church, an Usher can provide you with one or by accessing our **Parish Registration Form** at **www.stmarysyongesisland.org**.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's parable comes from Jesus' eschatological discourse (Matthew 24–25), delivered near the end of His public ministry. It speaks of the Final Judgment and calls us to vigilance, fidelity, and spiritual fruitfulness as we await the return of our Divine Master. This eschatological reminder of God's Final Judgment is especially fitting as we near the end of the Liturgical Year, in anticipation of the Solemnity of Christ the King next weekend.

The story begins with a master who, before departing on a journey, entrusts his possessions to his servants, "each according to his ability." In this image, Jesus reveals Himself as the Master, whose journey begins with His Ascension into Heaven. The talents—a unit of currency—represent the spiritual gifts, graces, charisms, and opportunities God entrusts to each soul for the building up of His Kingdom.

This raises a profound question: Why are these gifts given in differing measures? Why does one soul receive five talents, another two, and another only one? Is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? The answer lies in the mystery that, although every soul has the capacity to receive the infinite God who dwells within, not all cooperate with His grace to the same degree.

Saint Teresa of Ávila reflects beautifully on this truth in the opening pages of her spiritual masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*. She teaches that the soul is like a magnificent castle, in which God dwells in the innermost chamber. The spiritual life is a journey through the many "mansions" of this castle, drawing ever closer to union with the One who already resides within. Saint Teresa affirms that the soul is of "great beauty" and "great capacity" because God is present within us (I.I #2). God has already placed within each soul every spiritual treasure—every grace and gift we need. Yet our experience of those treasures—whether five talents, two, or one—depends upon our willingness to embark on the inner journey of prayer, purification, and transformation.

So, is God unjust in the distribution of His mercy? Certainly not. Each of us is capable of receiving and manifesting that mercy in abundance. The extent to which this takes place is revealed in today's parable, along with the sobering truth that such gifts can be lost through negligence and complacency.

The servants entrusted with five and two talents represent those who actively cooperate with the grace of God dwelling within. That cooperation leads to spiritual transformation and growth, doubling the gifts received and preparing the soul for even greater fruitfulness.

By contrast, the servant who buried the one talent he received represents those who, despite having the infinite God within, remain closed to His grace. To bury the talent is to ignore the divine gifts by hiding them through fear, laziness, or indifference. The result is severe: "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich… And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" (Matthew 25:28–30).

Reflect today on the stark contrasts among these servants, and humbly consider which best represents you. God wants you to be spiritually rich. He desires that you use the interior treasure of grace flowing from His indwelling presence. He wants to multiply every spiritual gift you have and use them for His glory and the salvation of souls. Are you willing to work diligently to cooperate with all that God has given you? Do you desire spiritual riches in superabundance? Or are you lazy, ignoring God's invitations? Resolve to grow rich in grace—so that when Jesus returns in glory, it will be a day of great rejoicing, not one of darkness, wailing, and grinding of teeth.