

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 30, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$4,165	CASC	\$
Loose	\$424	Maintenance and Repair	\$185
Votives	\$		\$
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Sub Total	\$4,589		\$
Grand Total	\$4,774	Sub Total	\$185

8AM	34	9:30	43	Total	77
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Parish Center	
Total	\$152,427

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.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Luke 6:6-8](#)
Reflect today on the irrationality and spiritual blindness that can arise from self-centeredness, jealousy, and envy. Consider the Pharisees—not to condemn them, but to recognize how easily the same temptations can take root in our own hearts. When God blesses others, are you able to rejoice? When someone else is praised, succeeds, or receives grace, does your heart rise in gratitude or fall into resentment? Be honest. Pray for the grace to be humble, so that you never fall into the trap of rejecting what is good simply because it did not come through you. Let the Pharisees’ behavior serve not only as a warning, but as a call to sincere self-reflection, repentance, and faith.

TUESDAY: [Matthew 1:20-21](#)
[Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
Reflect today on how you are called to carry forward the light of Christ in this world. Ponder the hidden ways God continues to unfold His saving plan through your life. Rejoice in the gift of Mary, the Mother of God and our mother, and seek her prayers so that you may become more fully a member of the household of faith and a bearer of divine life to others.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 6:20-23](#)
Reflect today on one trial you are currently facing, and ask God to help you see it through the lens of the Beatitudes. Rather than running from the trial, what would happen if you embraced it with hope, trust, and even joy, knowing that it has the potential to lead you to holiness and eternal reward? Let the wisdom of Jesus’ words penetrate your heart, and allow Him to reorder your thoughts and desires according to His perfect and merciful will.

THURSDAY: [Luke 6:27-30](#)
Reflect today on the power of God’s mercy alive in your life. Such divine love is capable of overpowering sin, healing wounds, and restoring hope. Let Divine Mercy consume any resentment you harbor and soften every hardened corner of your heart. Then go forth and extend that same overpowering mercy to those who least deserve it, trusting that in doing so, you will be conformed to the heart of Christ, and that through you, His Kingdom of mercy will shine.

FRIDAY: [Luke 6:39](#)
Reflect today on whether you try to guide others while remaining spiritually blind yourself. Consider moments when you may have judged, condemned, or withheld forgiveness, thinking you were justified. If so, recognize that Christ does not condemn you, but lovingly calls you to be healed by restoring your spiritual vision with His grace. Only through humility, honest self-examination, and sincere repentance can we be made clear-sighted and truly helpful to others.

SATURDAY: [Luke 6:43-44](#)
Reflect today on the foundation of your own soul. Have you dug deeply into the life of prayer, embraced the Sacraments, and allowed the Word of God to penetrate and shape every part of your being? Are you bearing fruit that nourishes others, and does your life rest securely upon the unshakable rock of Christ? The integrity of your spiritual house depends entirely on the depth and strength of your interior life. Do not be content with surface appearances. Go deep, and allow the grace of God to make your foundation solid rock, your soul rich, your words good fruit, and your life a dwelling place that endures forever.

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 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 9:30 mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of Gus and Polly Long, on behalf of Matt and Katie Wolf.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, September 8th at 6pm** in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

BAKE SALE

Ladies Guild is gearing up for the fall season, our first of many Bake Sales will be **Sunday, September 13th**, any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Prices haven't gone up, time to try something new and different.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

We meet the **first and third Wednesday of each month.** at 4199 Hwy 165, just down the street from St. Mary's. Our next meeting will be Wednesday **September 16 at 1PM.** . We have chosen "Redemption, Stepping into the Light" by Raymond Arroyo. You may join us at any time. Please call [843 729-1644](tel:8437291644) for more information.

FAITH FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL):

Faith formation (Sunday School) **will begin on September 20 following 9:30 Mass.** All our young folks are invited to come. Parents, you are the primary religious educators of your children, but we supplement your teaching with our classes.

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.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you or someone you know seeking more information or have questions about joining the Catholic Church? If you are interested, please call the church office, or email us at the church office (stmarys165@gmail.com). All are welcome to participate.

Lector for 09/13/26

8am Renee Meyer

9:30am Katie Wolf

Eucharistic Minister for 09/13/26

8am Virginia Watson

9:30am Matt Wolf

Second Collection Sunday 09/13/26

Catholic University

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, Pauline, 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).



GOSPEL REFLECTION

When someone sins against us, especially in a grievous way, anger and condemnation can quickly arise as strong temptations. Our natural sense of justice often takes over, and we may find ourselves rationalizing a response rooted in judgment rather than compassion. In today’s Gospel, however, Jesus offers the much better path—to seek reconciliation, not division. The ultimate goal is to win the sinner back to God and restore the bond of communion.

Sin touches every human relationship, with the sole exception of the one shared between Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Their mutual and perfect charity rendered sin and division entirely absent from their union. What a sublime and singular gift they shared!

But we are not perfect. Even the most loving and holy relationships are affected by human weakness, and sin inevitably creeps in. We sin against others, and others sin against us. Sometimes the sin is deliberate and deeply wounding. Other times, it stems from weakness or the absence of fully formed virtue. Regardless of its source, every sin inflicts harm and weakens the communion we are called to share and deeply desire.

In today’s Gospel, while Jesus appears to be addressing serious sin that severs a person from sanctifying grace—mortal sin—the same principles apply to all offenses, even venial sins and spiritual imperfections. The Christian response to sin must always be grounded in mercy. Whether we are correcting or being corrected, the goal must always be to heal, to restore, and to deepen our unity in Christ.

To begin applying these spiritual principles, call to mind those toward whom you may harbor resentment. Start with your family, since familial bonds—due to their natural closeness—are especially vulnerable to sin. Resentment born of sin is often present in close relationships. While some wounds may have caused deep fractures, even the most loving bonds can suffer subtle injuries. Prayerfully examine these relationships in your life.

If the wounds are deep and hostilities strong, the path forward is usually clear: Seek to win over your brother, sister, parent, or spouse. And if you are the one who has caused the wound, then humbly acknowledge your sin without excuses. That is always the better path. Always.

To aid this process, it is helpful to recognize a hidden dynamic: Holding onto resentment or anger can bring a certain emotional satisfaction. Though it may seem surprising, this is often the case. Anger energizes the emotions and creates a charged feeling that, while disordered, can feel gratifying—like a drug that fuels addiction.

The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfillment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy.

Reflect today on the first step of reconciliation outlined by Jesus in the Gospel: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” Take sin seriously. Acknowledge its presence in your relationships, especially the close ones. See yourself both as one who is sinned against and as one who sins. Identify the offenses that diminish love. Confront those sins with courage and humility. Reject the false comfort of resentment, and seek instead the true consolation that comes from unity and charity. This is the path that leads to a share in the holy love between Jesus and His Blessed Mother—a love they desire us to know and live.