

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
March 1st and 8th, 2026**

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Envelopes	\$4,763	CASC	\$1,087
Loose	\$325	Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,090
Votive	\$88		\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$5,176		\$
Grand Total	\$7,353	Sub Total	\$2,177

March 1 st 8AM	44	9:30	62	Total	106
March 8 th 8AM		9:30		Total	

Parish Center

Weekly Total	\$1,723	Grand Total	\$35,991.75
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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

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: [John 4:48-50](#)

Reflect today on the depth of your faith and how it shapes your prayers. Believe, worship God for who He is, love Him above all else, and trust His perfect will. Then entrust yourself and your loved ones to His providence, believing that God knows what is best.

TUESDAY: [John 5:6-8](#)

Reflect today on any sin—whether venial or grave—that has become a habitual part of your life. Have you grown resigned to these sins, thinking they are impossible to overcome? Are there sins you have become so accustomed to that you no longer recognize their spiritual harm? Christ asks you today: Do you want to be healed? Acknowledge your weakness, confess your inability to heal yourself, and wait on the Lord. Be attentive, and you will see He is already taking divine initiative, working in ways you might not yet realize.

WEDNESDAY: [John 5:17-18](#)

Reflect today on how you handle rash judgment, criticism, and false accusations. Do you let criticism lead to fear or anxiety? Do you respond with anger or try to defend yourself? Or do you confront errors with truth, sharing that truth with love and confidence? Fear and anger come in many forms and can deeply affect the way we relate to others. Though they are different emotions, they are often interwoven, emerging together in our hearts. Pray that God will dispel all fear and replace anger with courage and truth. Like Jesus, we must speak and act in communion with the Father's will, rejecting the intimidation and manipulation of those who falsely accuse us.

THURSDAY: [Matthew 1:19-20](#)

Reflect today on the vocation and mission God has given to you. No matter your calling or life's circumstances, there will always be tests and trials. The true test of our righteousness is not found in the avoidance of trials, but in the way we face them with faith and trust in God. If the Father in Heaven would permit Saint Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Christ Child to face earthly struggles, then we can be assured of the same. Today, Saint Joseph teaches us how to respond to those trials. Ponder those difficulties that you tend to avoid or complain about, and imitate Saint Joseph by seeking God's mysterious will and following it with all your heart.

FRIDAY: [John 7:25-27](#)

Reflect today on any false notions you might have about being a Christian. Embracing the Gospel—culminating in Christ's Passion—is difficult. The call to live sacrificially, to lay our lives down for others, to do penance, live selflessly, be generous, repent of every sin, pray continuously, and embrace Christ's Cross with unwavering determination is difficult at first. Doing so is only possible if we dismiss false expectations about being a Christian, so that the full Gospel and its demands will not shock us but inspire us to follow Christ down the path He has chosen for us.

SATURDAY: [John 7:40-43](#)

Reflect today on the controversy Jesus sparked at the Feast of Tabernacles. Each of us must choose a side. There is no room for middle ground. Either Jesus is the Messiah, and we must follow Him wholeheartedly, or He is not. There is no place for complacency or mediocrity. Jesus is the Living Water, the one and only source of divine provision. Stand with Him and be counted among those who boldly proclaim Him as the Christ of God, so that He may provide for you, just as He sustained the Israelites during their forty years in the desert.



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**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 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!

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be 1pm on **Wednesday, March 18th** at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading through Chapter 3 of "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. "All three Mary's will show us what happens when we encounter a loving Saviour and are transformed. That is what Lent is all about." You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: The Sunday School students at St. Mary's will volunteer at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 21, from 1-3 PM** as their Lenten service project. Students need to bring rakes and gloves; parents welcome to come as well. The students will also be collecting monetary donations for the animal sanctuary - if you would like to contribute, please make check out to Hallie Hill and place in collection basket. Thank you, as always!

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE: Beginning **Wednesday, February 25**, Wednesday daily Mass at St. Mary's during Lent will be at **5 PM**, followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. There will **not be a 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays during Lent**. Please join us in this Lenten observation.

Lector Schedule for 03/22/2026

8am Vickie Gall

9:30am Alison Levitt

Eucharistic Ministers for 03/22/2026

8am Philip Gall

9:30am Wes Levitt

We pray for each other. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions: Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Sam Blackburn, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Allison Condon Chappell, Frank Chestnut, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Sonja Dees, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Tricia Espiritu, Erlinda Evangelista, Ricardo Evangelista, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Avery Goetz, J. Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Jerrie Hess, Doris Heffernan, Mary & Rod Jaros, Danny Kenney, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, Jane Morley, Ray Marrone, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Yvonne Nasser, Terri Nobleman, John North, Evan North, Connor O'Brien, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Soul of Marlene Ille Vincent, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Jose 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).



Holy Thursday, April 2nd

St. Mary's 7pm

Adoration 8pm-10pm

Good Friday, April 3rd, The Passion of the Lord

St. Mary's 9am

St. Frederick & St. Stephen 12pm (noon)

Easter Vigil, April 4th, Holy Saturday

St. Frederick & St. Stephen 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th, Resurrection of the Lord

St. Mary's 8am and 9:30am

St. Frederick & St. Stephen 11:30am

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Imagine being blind throughout your life and then suddenly being healed. All of the sounds you had heard from childhood, all that you had touched, tasted, or smelled suddenly took on new form within your imagination as these images registered with sight for the first time. Colors suddenly made sense. Large items, such as trees that you had only heard in the wind and touched with your hands, could be seen from a distance, glimmering in the sunlight. Your mind suddenly perceived in a new way the utensils, clothing, and other items you used daily. Just as the blind man was filled with awe at receiving his sight, so too is the soul overwhelmed when freed from the blindness of sin and brought into the light of God's grace.

The healed blind man was given a gift that those who can see from birth are not. Perceiving and understanding the physical world only through four of his senses, and then adding the powerful fifth sense of sight later in life, provided immediate wonder and awe, filling him with profound gratitude for something most of us take for granted.

Think of a person who lives a sinful life for many years and understands life only through the distortions of sin and selfishness. Once set free from sin, the person's spiritual eyes are opened. Those who experience such a conversion are given a blessing that those who have been faithful throughout their lives do not receive in the same way. They understand the contrast between spiritual blindness and sight, and the newfound freedom they receive after conversion provides a greater understanding of the gift of God's grace and its transforming effects. They will never forget the weight of bondage once caused by their sin.

One reason God permitted this man to be born blind and live that way into adulthood was to illustrate the contrast between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection, a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts, and other "childish" behavior. Over time, with the guidance of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of faith.

The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature. God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light to illuminate all we encounter in life.

Reflect today on your own need to see more clearly. We need our spiritual sight restored and sharpened if we are to perceive ourselves and our world with divine Wisdom. It takes humility to admit we have poor spiritual sight, and profound humility to admit if we are spiritually blinded by sin. Learn from the wonder and awe that this healed blind man experienced, and know that our Lord wants us to have clearer spiritual vision.