

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 3, 2026**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,475	CASC	\$495
Loose	\$324	Maintenance and Repairs	\$
Votives	\$23	Catholic Home Missions	\$
			\$
Sub Total	\$3,822		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,317</b>	Sub Total	<b>\$495</b>

8AM	34	9:30	56	Total	90
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**Parish Center**

<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	\$38,791.75
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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](mailto:stmarys165@gmail.com) with their name, rank, and branch of service.

**"Please remember Father JP in your prayers while he is away. Ask God to keep him safe & healthy, to help him have a wonderful time with his family." In case of an emergency in Father JP's absence, please contact Father Marreddy Allam at (864)378-5073.**

DAILY REFLECTIONS

**MONDAY: John 15:26-27**

**Reflect today** on the ways the Holy Spirit might be calling you to give witness to Christ. Are there moments when fear or complacency holds you back from testifying to the truth? Pray for the courage and grace to live boldly as His witness. To be used by God is the greatest honor we can receive. Embrace that honor by allowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to dwell in you and bear witness through you that Jesus is the Savior of the world and the sole path to eternal life.

**TUESDAY: John 16:5-7**

**Reflect today** on a moment in your life when you faced grief or loss. Offer that memory to God in prayer, asking Him to reveal how His grace was at work in that situation, bringing growth, healing, or a deeper understanding of His love. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with faith and hope, trusting that even in the face of sorrow, God's perfect plan is unfolding for good.

**WEDNESDAY: John 16:12-13**

**Reflect today** on the boundless truths that God desires to reveal to you through the Holy Spirit. No amount of human learning can compare to the depth of wisdom available to those who become new creations in Christ. What areas of your life still resist the Spirit's transformative work? What old wineskins must you cast aside to receive the new wine of divine grace? By surrendering to the Holy Spirit, you allow God to lead you into the fullness of Truth. As this truth fills your heart, it will draw you into deeper awe and praise for the mysteries of faith, preparing you to bear witness to the world as a true disciple of Christ.

**THURSDAY: Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle**

**Reflection:** Very little is known about Saint Matthias, whom we honor today. He was most likely living in Galilee at the time that Jesus began His public ministry because he fits the description as "...one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us..." (Acts 1:21-22). He certainly was among Jesus' first followers.

**FRIDAY: John 16:21-22**

**Reflect today** on whether you are willing to endure the anguish of temporary trials so as to share in the eternal blessing that will come after. Are you living for what is temporary or eternal? Do you avoid trials out of fear, or do you embrace them with trust in Christ's promise? Reflect on how you might unite your daily struggles with His Passion and seek His grace to persevere. Turn to Jesus, Who has already endured every trial and triumphed, and imitate Him so that you share in His victory and rejoice with Him for all eternity.

**SATURDAY: John 16:23-24**

**Reflect today** on your desire for complete joy and the means to attain it: divine worship. When you pray, do you only ask for favors, seek consolation, or pursue understanding? Or do you move deeper into the heart of prayer by worshiping God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength? One of the most profound ways to worship Jesus is through Eucharistic adoration. Spending time on our knees before Jesus, praising Him because He is worthy of our praise and is God Almighty, must be the foundation of our prayer. Believe that the Father will grant everything you pray for in the name of His Son. Pray that way through divine worship so that the Father will bestow countless blessings on you and the world through you.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC  
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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 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	
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>	
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!

**Wishing All Mom's and Grandma's a Very Happy Mother's Day!**

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be **May 20**. We are reading "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. "It is an art of practicing the presence of God in one single act that does not end. God paints Himself in the depths of our soul. We must merely open our hearts to receive Him and His loving presence." **We meet at 4199 Hwy 165 at 1PM.** You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

**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](http://www.stmarysyongesisland.org).

### **Lector for 05/17/26**

8am Jim Madory

9:30am Leslie Bauknight

### **Eucharistic Minister for 05/17/26**

8am Becky Madory

9:30am Mark Bauknight

### **Second Collection Sunday 05/17/2026**

Catholic Communications



*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., Kalynn Sandoval Campbell, Allison Condon Chappell, Juliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Maria DeGennaro,

Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, 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, Evan North, Connor O'Brien, Judy O'Neal, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, 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

The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His disciples in today's Gospel. Those with close families are truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God's family.

Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He said, "In a little while the world will no longer see me..." He was preparing them for His physical departure through the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live and you will live."

Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to them applies to us today. Though we were not among those who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation into God's divine family, the Church.

Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal revelation from God and a choice to live according to that revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and obey His commandments will experience His presence and that of the Father. This experience begins through faith, which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us, revealing His love and will. It is both certain and mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and sustains us in the pursuit of God's will.

Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfillment in God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is perfected in Heaven.

**Reflect today** on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfillment in the family of God. Though we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called.