RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	$3,090	CASC	$559
Loose	$98	Maintenance and Repair	$
Votives	$	Mission Sunday	$100
Sub Total	$3,188	Sub Total	$659
Grand Total	$3,722		

8AM	39	9:30	79	Total	118

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 attached 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: John 2:19-21
Reflect today on the sacredness of your own soul. Ask our Lord to cleanse whatever needs purifying and to raise you up in holiness, so that you may become a more perfect temple of His presence in the world. Pray also for your parish church and the Church universal. With zeal, pray for the purification necessary to make every member of the Church true temples of God.

TUESDAY: Luke 17:7-9
Reflect today on how you perceive your relationship with God. Do you serve Him with the expectation of praise or reward? Or do you recognize how privileged you are to become a servant of such a glorious and merciful Master? Let the humility of this Gospel passage shape your soul. Strive to say with sincerity, "I am an unprofitable servant; I have only done what I was obliged to do." Then be grateful. Do not be afraid to become a slave of Christ Jesus. In doing so, you will discover the paradox of divine love that in lowering yourself before God, He lifts you up and calls you friend, commanding that you receive a share in His Kingdom.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 17:11-14
Reflect today on the lepers' cry for mercy, and ask yourself whether you recognize your own need for healing. Are you willing to admit your spiritual wounds, to cry out to Jesus, and to persevere in gratitude? If so, are you among the nine who took God's mercy for granted and failed to express proper gratitude for the gift of spiritual cleansing and restoration? Strive to be like the one who returned to Jesus, humble, grateful, and filled with faith. Fall at the feet of Jesus in adoration, give thanks for all He has done, and hear Him say to you, "Your faith has saved you."

THURSDAY: Luke 17:20-21
Reflect today on whether you tend to seek God in some future moment or extraordinary sign, while overlooking His quiet and constant presence in your life right now. Ponder the ways He is "among you" and "within you" in prayer, in grace, in the Eucharist, and in the people He places before you. Ponder whether you truly believe that His Kingdom has already come through Christ and whether you live each day in communion with that Kingdom. As you reflect, renew your awareness that Christ is not distant. He is here. He reigns already in hidden glory, and He invites you to discover and serve Him with all your heart.

FRIDAY: Luke 17:33-37
Reflect today on Jesus' vivid warning about the necessity of living each day with readiness and obedience. Are you diligently preparing for the Lord's coming and for your particular judgment at the end of time? If so, that thought is not frightening, it is hopeful. Remain obedient to God's voice even if those around you seem complacent and carefree. Blessed are those whom the Son of Man finds watchful and faithful when He returns in glory.

SATURDAY: Luke 18:1-8
Reflect today on the importance of unwavering prayer rooted in hope. Let God's silence be an invitation to deeper surrender. Trust that even in silence, He is at work in ways far beyond what we can perceive. Never give up, never doubt, and never despair. God always hears us and answers our prayers according to His perfect will, which is far greater than anything we might believe is best for us or others.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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 Evelyn Terry on behalf of Steve and Kim Terry.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, November 10th at 6pm** in the Parish Center.

ST. MARYS MINISTRIES:

November Training Sessions

Lay Readers: A training session will be held **Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** The 2027 Workbook for Lectors will be handed out.

Extraordinary Ministers: A training session will be held **Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

The above training sessions are for all current volunteers for these Ministries. All training will be conducted at St. Mary's Church. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a Lay Reader or Extraordinary Minister (or both) please contact Donna Hudson at 703-371-1682 or wdhudson87@gmail.com. We welcome all volunteers; this is a great way to further your Faith Journey.

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 11/15/26
8am Jim Madory
9:30am Katie Wolf
Eucharistic Minister for 11/15/26
8am Becky Madory
9:30am Matt Wolf
Collection Sunday 11/15/26
Campaign for Human Development

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

The Parable of the Ten Virgins draws on culturally familiar language and practices from first-century Israel. Understanding the wedding customs of that time sheds light on its deeper meaning.

First, the bride and groom did not choose each other. The father of the groom selected a bride for his son and spoke to the bride's father to obtain his consent. If the bride's father agreed, the two fathers drew up a contract, which often included a financial contribution from the groom's family to the bride's—both to compensate for the loss of her presence in the household and to symbolize the value the groom placed on her.

Once an agreement was reached, the bride price was paid, and a betrothal ceremony took place. During this ceremony, the bride and groom were legally bound to each other, though they would not yet live together. From that point on, the bride belonged to the groom, and the union could only be dissolved through a formal divorce. After the betrothal, the groom returned to his father's house to prepare a place for his bride—often by building a new room onto the family home. This period of preparation could last up to a year. During that time, the bride remained in her father's house, readying herself and awaiting the groom's return.

When the groom had finished his preparations and received his father's consent, he and his friends would set out to retrieve the bride. This usually happened at night, and the exact timing was unknown to the bride and her attendants. As a result, they had to remain constantly watchful. When the groom drew near, a cry would go out—often accompanied by trumpet blasts or joyful shouts—announcing his arrival. The bride, accompanied by her virgin attendants, would rise to meet him with lamps lit. Together, they would process to the groom's house, where the door would be shut and the wedding feast would begin. The celebration itself could last several days.

It is against this backdrop that Jesus tells today's parable. The story takes place toward the end of the betrothal period, when the groom was expected to arrive at any moment. This period of watchful anticipation symbolizes our present age, when we are already bound to Christ through Baptism. The price for our mystical marriage was the death of the Son of Man, the Bridegroom Himself. Now we must remain vigilant, anticipating His arrival.

The bridegroom's arrival at midnight represents the unexpected moment of Christ's return at the end of time, at the hour of our death, and even His daily coming by grace. The cry in the dark symbolizes the call of accountability and divine judgment, when every soul will rise to meet the Lord. At that moment, it will become clear who among us was wise and who was foolish. The wise brought oil, symbolizing the necessary interior disposition of grace, charity, and perseverance. The foolish failed to prepare. And while all may have fallen asleep, only those who lived in readiness will enter the wedding feast. Once the door is locked, no one else may enter.

See yourself as one of the bridesmaids, dozing in the stillness of night, only to be startled awake by the sudden trumpet blast and the cry: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" Are you ready, today, to meet the Lord? Or do you, like the foolish virgins, presume you still have plenty of time left to prepare? This parable calls us not only to be ready for death—which may come without warning—but also to be attentive to the many ways Jesus comes to us daily by grace. He knocks at the door of our hearts in moments of prayer, in opportunities to love, to repent, to forgive, and to surrender. Each of these is a visitation, a miniature midnight cry. Every graced invitation is one we must be ready for, with our lamps burning and our hearts open. To delay, to resist, or to put Jesus off is to risk being shut out—not only from the eternal wedding feast, but also from the joy of His presence here and now.