

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 4, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,785	CASC	\$67
Loose	\$161	Maintenance and Repair	\$
Votives	\$75	Catholic University	\$
Sub Total	\$3,017	Sub Total	\$67
Grand Total	\$3,084		

8AM	36	9:30	49	Total	85
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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.



DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Luke 11:29-30](#)
Reflect today on the spiritual condition of your soul. Are you among the faithful who respond to the call of repentance? Or are you among those who act like God’s children but ignore His will? Today, just like when Jesus preached, God is here. He is here in the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the life and teachings of the Church. Open your heart today and believe, refusing to be part of this evil generation.

TUESDAY: [Luke 11:37-38](#)
Reflect today on the unity between your outward expressions of faith and the inner disposition of your heart. Ask yourself whether your devotional practices, gestures of reverence, and even your interactions with others arise from a heart purified by grace and animated by love. Let this Gospel passage remind you that God sees not only the “outside of the cup” but especially its interior. Strive to ensure that what God sees within you is pleasing to Him—marked by integrity, sincerity, and holiness of life. When the heart is cleansed by truth and charity, every outward act becomes a true offering of worship.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 11:45-46](#)
Reflect today on how God may be calling you to love with truth and clarity, even when it’s difficult. Ask for the grace to be courageous yet charitable, bold yet compassionate, and always rooted in the burning charity of Christ. By entering deeply into today’s Gospel in prayer, placing ourselves within this charged scene, and viewing it through the lens of divine love, we can begin to understand what holy correction looks like. Jesus teaches us not only how to love gently, but also how to love with strength, especially in moments of conflict, tension, and moral failure.

THURSDAY: [Luke 11:52-54](#)
Reflect today on the great responsibility entrusted to the Church to uphold and pass on the truth of the Gospel. Whether you are a parent, teacher, minister, or simply a witness in the world, consider whether you clearly, lovingly, and courageously proclaim Christ in both word and deed. Pray for the grace to lead others not by your own opinions, but by the saving truth entrusted to the Church. That Truth is the only Key to the Kingdom of Heaven!

FRIDAY: [Luke 12:4-5](#)
Reflect today on whether your fears are rightly ordered. Do you fear the loss of eternal life more than the trials of this passing world? Allow the fear of the Lord to take root in your soul—not to cause anxiety, but to deepen your faith, increase your trust, and strengthen your resolve to remain always close to God.

SATURDAY: [Luke 12:8-10](#)
Reflect today on the sincerity and fervor of your faith. Are you “hot,” burning with love for God and eager to proclaim Him? Or have you grown lukewarm, complacent, or hesitant to fully live and share your faith? Consider especially any patterns of small sins or compromises that, over time, may have hardened your heart or dulled your spiritual zeal. God calls you not to minimalism in faith but to boldness, zeal, and an unwavering witness. Let His mercy penetrate every area of your life, and let your life become a confession of Christ before the world. In the end, it will be worth every sacrifice, for He Himself will acknowledge you before the angels of God.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 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 Florence Barrett, on behalf of Alice Womack.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH:

The second collection next weekend is **World Mission Sunday**. It will mark the 100th anniversary of this special collection that was begun by Pope Pius XI in 1927. Fr. JP has requested that you prayerfully consider extreme generosity to this worthy cause, even if it requires choosing between 1st and 2nd collections.

LADIES GUILD BAKE SALE:

Are you ready for the next Ladies Guild Bake Sale? It will be held on **Sunday, October 18th**, after both Masses.

NO WEEKDAY MASS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

Fr. JP will be attending the Priest Retreat.

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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY TRANSITION:

Our parish is currently in a period of transition as we prepare to welcome a **new Music Director**. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this process.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

We will meet **1PM on Wednesday, October 21** at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. "How different our lives would be if we heeded God's promises and not our problems!" You may join us at any time. Please call [843 729-1644](tel:8437291644) for more information.

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.

Lector for 10/18/26
8am Scott Bradley
9:30am Katie Wolf
Eucharistic Minister for 10/18/26
8am Virginia Watson
9:30am Matt Wolf
Second Collection Sunday 10/18/26
World 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, Juliet 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).

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 is part of Jesus’ final teachings in Jerusalem during Holy Week. It continues His direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders. Through this story, Jesus unveils the mystery of the Kingdom, the tragedy of Israel’s rejection, and the universal call to salvation.

The central theme of this parable is found in the opening line: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.” In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come.

The first invited guests “refused to come.” This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God’s justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way? Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements.

When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, “refuse to come”—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

Ideally, we will attend Mass every Sunday—and more often if possible—willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The “wedding garment” symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal.

Reflect today on the Mass as the true Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Do you approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, spiritual preparation, and genuine love for the Bridegroom? Strive to make your presence at Mass much more than physical; let it be the expression of a soul properly clothed, joyfully responding to the King’s invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.