

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 25, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,535	CASC	\$
Loose	\$97	Maintenance and Repair	\$90
Votives	\$	Mission Sunday	\$
Sub Total	\$3,632	Sub Total	\$90
Grand Total	\$3,722		

8AM	25	9:30	77	Total	102
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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.

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.

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.**

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [John 6:37-39](#)

Reflect today on your own journey of purification. Have you surrendered completely to the will of the Father? Do you live each day in spiritual union with Christ? Pray also for the souls of the faithful departed, that their purification in Purgatory may be complete and they may soon gaze upon the face of God, so that Jesus will raise them on the last day.

TUESDAY: [Luke 14:15-18](#)

Reflect today on which category you fall into. Are you attentive and eager to respond each time God calls, or do you cling to excuses, comforts, or worldly pursuits? Once the Gospel reaches you, do you devote the time and effort required for discipleship and allow it to shape you, change you, and fill you with gratitude? Or do distractions and attachments interfere with your response to every grace-filled invitation God sends your way? The banquet is prepared, the table is set, and the invitation has been extended to us all. The only question is—will you come? Reciprocate God's generosity by setting aside all that distracts you and come to His feast today.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 14:25-27](#)

Reflect today on the radical demands that true discipleship places upon us. Being a disciple of Christ does not mean that life becomes easy or that we are universally loved in a merely emotional sense. It means that our eyes are forever fixed on Christ as the one and only source of grace, salvation, and charity for others. Are your eyes fixed on Christ, especially as He carries His Cross? Are you willing to take up that same Cross in your life and allow Jesus to carry His Cross in you, all the way to Calvary? Pray for the grace to understand and embrace an authentic discipleship that moves beyond feelings and resolutely chooses the sacrificial love to which we are all called.

THURSDAY: [Luke 15:4-7](#)

Reflect today on whether your view of repentance reflects God's. Consider both your sins and the sins of others. Ask for the grace to see repentance as a cause of joy, not only in Heaven but also in your own heart.

FRIDAY: [Luke 16:1-2](#)

Reflect today on how God is calling you to be a steward of mercy. Whom can you help to turn toward God? What debts can you help reduce? By drawing others to Christ, you also prepare your own soul for the eternal reward He promises. Turn your eyes to Heaven and live this life with that eternal perspective, and you will be prepared to give a full accounting of your stewardship before God when the time of accounting has begun.

SATURDAY: [Luke 16:9-10](#)

Reflect today on how you see money. How deeply does it affect your imagination, your choices, and your peace? The pull of wealth is strong, but grace is stronger. If you find within yourself any disordered desire for material gain, ask our Lord to purify your heart. Pray for the grace to see wealth not as an end, but as a means to serve others, to advance the Gospel, and to grow in virtue. In the end, what matters is not how much we possess, but how faithfully we have loved with what we've been given. Use every temporal good in a way that echoes into eternity.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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!

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING MARAH AND DILLON RAY TO OUR ST. MARY’S PARISH FAMILY.

NOVEMBER 2nd- All Souls’ Day- Mass at St. Mary’s 5pm, 9am at St. Frederick & St. Stephen (Edisto).

MASS INTENTIONS

Today’s 9:30 mass is being offered for Erlinda Evangelista on behalf of Joe Yabut.



A huge **THANK YOU** to Matt and Katie Wolf for sponsoring the shrimp boil last Sunday afternoon, and cooking the delicious shrimp! We had about 75 people in attendance.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Will meet at **1PM on Wednesday, November 4th** at 4199 Hwy 165. We are finishing up "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. You may join us at any time. Please call [843 729-1644](tel:8437291644) for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE:

Everyone is invited to the sale at **St. Frederick & St. Stephen Church on Saturday, November 7th from 9am to noon in the Parish Hall.** The sale also features a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Holiday Bazaar and Barbeque Sale! Proceeds benefit the Women's Guild to support church projects. For additional information contact Nita Swift at [706-832-2560](tel:7068322560) or for the Barbeque, request an order form at sfss.serviceclub@gmail.com

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.

Lector for 11/08/26
8am Renee Meyer
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Minister for 11/01/26
8am Virginia Watson
9:30am Mark Bauknight
Collection Sunday 11/08/26
Weekly Church Offering

***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

Do you want to get to Heaven? Most would instinctively respond, “Yes.” But imagine an angel appearing to you today and saying, “The Most High God will be taking you to Heaven this very day.” How would you react? Would your heart leap with joy? Or would a wave of fear wash over you as you realized everything in this world would be left behind?

In truth, many struggle to look forward to Heaven with genuine longing. We may think of it from time to time, perhaps smile when recalling loved ones who have gone before us, presuming they are “in a better place.” Yet few of us live with a desire that eagerly awaits Heaven as our true home.

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to the glorious communion of saints and angels. In Heaven, they behold the Beatific Vision, gazing with awe and love upon the Most Holy Trinity. They are fulfilled. Their hearts are open, receiving God’s love in its fullness and returning it with perfect charity. This eternal exchange of love deepens their union with God in an everlasting ascent of glory.

By God’s mercy, if we are counted among the “few” who enter through the narrow gate (cf. Matthew 7:14), by walking the constricted road that leads to life, then, when this life is ended we will immediately know that every act of prayer, sacrifice, and surrender was worth it. The beatific gaze upon God will fill us with such radiant joy that all earthly attachments will dissolve. We will see clearly how foolish it was to cling to the vanities of this world and will be eternally grateful that we strived to overcome them with diligence.

Riches, possessions, honors, and status will be gone. None of it will matter. All we will carry into eternity is the love we lived—our love that was purified through suffering, tested by obedience, and offered as a sacrifice. This is divine charity, and its fruit will forever remain with us. All selfish love will be stripped away. Only what is of God will remain.

Talk of Heaven can be jarring to some. We often become so consumed with the present moment that we see only this present moment, seeking immediate satisfaction or resenting current struggles. Living as if this life were all we have is self-deception. It blinds us to eternity, which will be spent either in Heaven or in hell.

The path to Heaven challenges our natural instincts. Grace must elevate them, guiding us by divine wisdom rather than human reasoning. Today’s Gospel reveals that wisdom: The truly blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for Christ.

Do you desire this life of beatitude? Or do you desire a life of riches, fun, pride, judgment, condemnation, an indulgent heart, self-righteousness, and freedom from all suffering and persecution? If you struggle with desiring a life of true beatitude, then fall to your knees in prayer today. Beg God to open your heart to the truth of the Beatitudes that leads to heavenly glory. The path is narrow and few walk it. Resolve to be among those few.

Reflect today on the saints in Heaven. They were not perfect on earth, but they were faithful. They allowed divine charity to take root in their hearts and persevered through trial. Read the Beatitudes slowly and ask, “Do I truly want to be counted among them?” If the answer is “Yes,” then live today—and every day—with Heaven as your only goal.