

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$5,150	Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,065
Loose	\$113	Church in Latin America	\$
Votive	\$	CASC	\$205
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$5,263		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,533</b>	Sub Total	<b>\$1,270</b>

8AM	37	9:30	52	Total	89
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Capital Campaign/Parish Center

<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$33,768.75</b>
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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.

[LENTEN SCHEDULE:](#)

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**

Mass St. Mary's 9 AM  
Mass St. Frederick and Stephen 12 Noon

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**. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring soup in the back of the church. Please join us in this Lenten observation.

[DAILY REFLECTIONS](#)

**MONDAY: [Mark 8:11-12](#)**

**Reflect today** on Jesus' merciful heart. God's mercy manifests itself in various ways, depending on our needs. Sometimes, mercy is tender and encouraging, especially when hearts are contrite and humble. At other times, mercy is sorrowful and empathetic, mourning over ours and others' sins. Seek God's mercy in your life and then resolve to become an instrument of that mercy to others, in the way that they need it, calling them to repentance and faith.

**TUESDAY: [Mark 8:14-15](#)**

**Reflect today** on the influences that shape your life. Do you spend countless hours on social media, browsing the Internet, or watching television? If so, take a moment to consider the hidden yet pervasive effects of the content you consume and discern if it is subtly leading you astray. The only true remedy against such worldly influences is found in prayer and the Word of God. The Gospel must permeate our minds and hearts, acting as leaven to transform us from within. This divine leaven is nourished through prayer, the Sacraments, and an ongoing commitment to the Gospel. Heed Jesus' warning, spoken to His disciples but intended for every generation: Remain vigilant. Guard your heart and mind, ensuring they are firmly rooted in God's saving grace.

**WEDNESDAY: [Matthew 6:5-6](#)**

As we begin this holy season of Lent, reflect today on the "inner room" of your soul. Christ dwells there by grace, but we often fail to meet Him there. Resolve to enter deeper into that sacred space through extended, undistracted prayer. Persist, even though difficulty and distraction, and allow this time of prayer to transform your life this Lent.

**THURSDAY: [Luke 9:23-25](#)**

**Reflect today** on the wisdom of the Cross. Human reason alone will never fully comprehend it or accept it as the path to happiness. Let God's truth elevates your mind to see beyond the false promises of the world. Embrace the Cross with trust, knowing that it is the gateway to true joy, peace, and eternal life.

**FRIDAY: [Matthew 9:14-15](#)**

**Reflect today** on the example of John's disciples who approached Jesus with a heart open to understanding. Use their example in your own life, especially when you experience confusion or conflict—whether with God or others. Embrace humility and openness, and you will be granted the grace of understanding and peace.

**SATURDAY: [Luke 5:27-29](#)**

**Reflect today** on Levi's conversion and see your own life in his story. Recognize the restlessness within your heart and listen for Jesus' call. Identify Him as the answer to your deepest desires. Say "Yes" to His invitation, abandoning everything that competes with His will, and share the treasure of your faith with others. Embracing this twofold path is one of the best ways to ensure a truly fruitful Lent.



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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 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**  
**Bishop of Charleston**

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**(Father JP)**

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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 RONALD SANTOS TO THE ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Today's 9:30 mass is being offered for Bob Glenn, on behalf of Bryan and Carolyn Gibbs.

**BAKE SALE:** Ladies Guild Bake Sale **Today** after both masses. Stop by the Parish Center and purchase a home baked item.

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be 1pm on **Wednesday, February 18** at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. We are reading through Chapter 8. "Think of a moment in your life that was hard and painful and looked nothing like a gift, until you later began to discover that a gift was wrapped up in the pain of the moment." You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

**LAST YEAR'S PALMS:** It's that time again, time to bring Last Year's blessed palms back to St. Mary's for proper disposal. There will be a basket in the Narthex of the Church for the palm.

**SAVE THE DATE:** **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, St. Mary's Annual Oyster Roast and Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and meet other parishioners. More Information to follow.

**BECOMING A ST. MARY'S REGISTERED PARISHIONER:** For those interested in becoming registered members of St. Mary's Parish, the registration forms are in the back of the Church or ask an Usher can provide you with one.

**Ash Wednesday 02/18/2026**  
9am Donna and Wayne Hudson

**Lector Schedule for 02/22/2026**  
8am Renee Meyer  
9:30am Katie Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers for 02/22/2026**  
8am Joe Pejsa  
9:30am Mary Ann Keating

**Second Collection 02/22/26**  
Second Collection – Black & Indian Mission

**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.

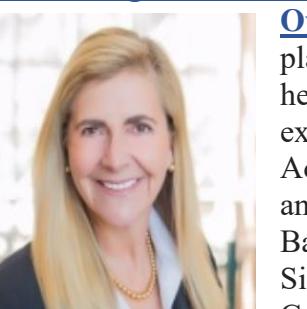
### MASS INTENTIONS

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).

### Meet Georgia French: Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @2pm, prior to the



**Oyster Roast.** Georgia specializes in investment planning, asset allocation and estate planning. In her more than 30 years of financial services experience, Georgia has been a Financial Advisor, Branch Manager, Complex Manager and National Sales Manager. Georgia holds a Bachelor's in international business from Simmons College in Boston, MA. She earned the Certified Financial Planner designation from The

College of Charleston in 2002. In addition to being very active with the South Carolina Catholic Diocese, she also serves as a mentor to graduate students at the College of Charleston School of Business, where she is an occasional guest speaker on investment strategies as well as an Instructor for the Certified Financial Planning program offered through the College of Charleston.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus' words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God's divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to "the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter," finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the "Law and the Prophets" in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God's eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel's worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, who established the New and Eternal Covenant. Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

Though it might be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. "Fulfillment" does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan.

By analogy, consider an artist's sketch that depicts a beautiful mountain range and sunset. The Old Testament is like that sketch—it provides the framework, details, and foreshadowing of something greater. In Christ, the sketch is brought to life, becoming reality through God's creative act. While the sketch and the actual mountain range are the same scene, the reality is the perfect and complete expression of what the sketch anticipated. God, as the Divine Artist, first "sketched" what would come to be through the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom literature, and then brought it to fulfillment through Jesus' Incarnation, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment "You shall not kill" is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; "You shall not commit adultery" is expanded to include lust in the heart; and "Do not take a false oath" is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does. The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling.

Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfillment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Furthermore, our Lord fulfills the prophets by establishing the New Covenant in His blood, as seen in Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant Who bears the sins of many (Isaiah 53), Jeremiah's promise of the new covenant written on hearts (Jeremiah 31:31–34), and Micah's prophecy of a ruler born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).

**Reflect today** on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood.