RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	$3,758	Human Development	$50
Loose	$242	Maintenance and Repairs	$
Votives	$	International Ministry and Mission	$743
Sub Total	$4,000	Sub Total	$793
Grand Total	$4,793		

8AM	33	9:30	82	Total	115

Parish Center

Total	$155,157

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.

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: Matthew 4:18-20
Reflect today on Jesus looking at you and saying, "Come after me." Included within His command is a promise that all you leave behind will be transformed into so much more—"I will make you fishers of men." If you have not yet dedicated your life fully to Christ, leaving your old self behind, hear our Lord's call and say "Yes" without hesitation, and your life will never be the same.

TUESDAY: Luke 10:21
Reflect today on the perfection of spiritual joy in Jesus' divinity and its emotional effect upon His humanity. No one has ever rejoiced with the same joy as the Son of God. However, we are all called to live within that spiritual joy. This joy strengthens us in trials, deepens our love for others, and helps us live our faith with greater conviction and authenticity. Humble yourself before God today, begging for greater humility so that you will become a greater partaker of Jesus' joy, the joy He came to bestow upon the world.

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 15:29-30
Reflect today on the fact that God desires you to become as holy as the greatest saints. He wants His divine charity to overflow from your soul into the lives of others. The holier you become, the more God can use you as His instrument, sometimes even through miracles. Strive to be one of those rare saints whose union with God transforms the world with love.

THURSDAY: Matthew 7:24-26
Reflect today on the crosses you have faced and those you might face in the future. How have you handled these struggles? Are you prepared for the storms that will come your way? Most importantly, are you ready for the day our Lord calls you home? Those who face death with a solid foundation do so with extraordinary hope. That foundation is built by listening to Jesus' words daily and acting upon them. Those whose foundation is habitual sin will despair in the midst of hardship and fail to remain firmly grounded in Christ. Build your life on Christ and His perfect will now and every day, and He will protect you, filling you with every virtue necessary to achieve the heights of holiness in this life and much glory in Heaven.

FRIDAY: Matthew 9:27
Reflect today on the disposition of these two blind men. Though we know little about them, we do know they cried out to Jesus for mercy and healing. Their prayer must become our prayer; their hope, our hope; their passionate cry, our plea for mercy. The healing they sought is mirrored in the healing we seek today, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is in this sacrament that we find Jesus passing by, where we cry out for mercy and where we are spiritually healed. Let us long for healing from our spiritual blindness and cry out to Jesus with persistence, following Him relentlessly in prayer. He will hear and answer us.

SATURDAY: Matthew 9:35
Reflect today on Jesus' Sacred Heart, overflowing with compassion for all who feel "troubled and abandoned." It is your mission to be Christ's Heart to them—to love them, to long for their burdens to be lifted, and to lead them to Christ, the Good Shepherd. Do not shy away from this mission, for the mission you are given is a continuation of and participation in the one eternal mission of Jesus Himself.

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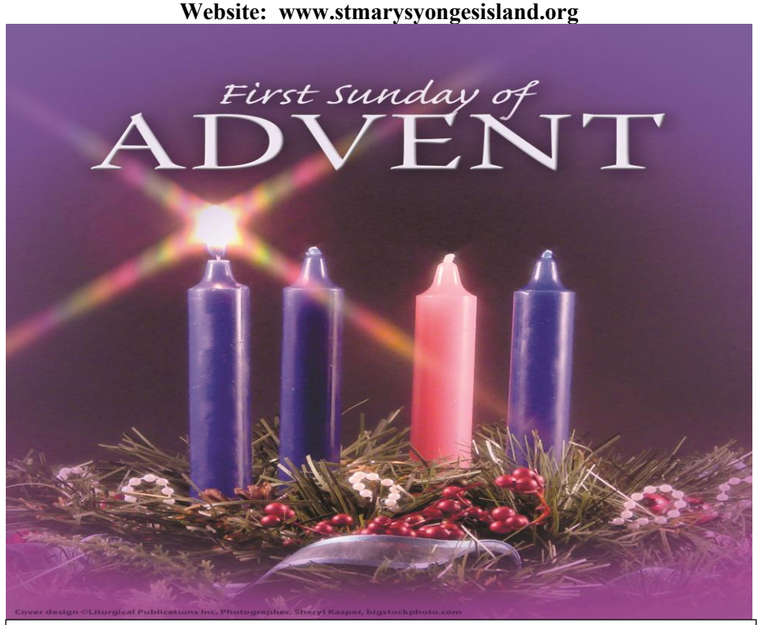

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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 LISA AND KEVIN MONTGOMERY TO OUR ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Tuesday, December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Masses are at **9 AM at St. Frederick/Stephen and 5 PM at St. Mary's.**

PARISH DIRECTORY FORM
This is the last week to turn in your information if you would like to appear in St. Mary's Catholic Church new Parish Pictorial Directory. The 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.

ANGEL TREE: The Angels are here, and ready for selection! You'll find boy or girl, and the age range of the recipient on the back of each. Please **return unwrapped gifts** to the Angel Tree no later than **Sunday, December 13**. Gifts will be distributed by the Joint Base Lindsey Graham to deserving families at Charleston Air Force Base. Thank-you!



ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be 1PM on Wednesday, December 2 at 4199 Hwy 165. We have chosen "The Promised Christ, 31 Advent Stories" for our Advent book. "From whispered promises spoken at creation to a young mother pondering an angel's life changing message in her heart, Scripture tells a story of longing, faith, and the quiet unfolding of God's redemptive plan." You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

LECTURE/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
Lector Schedule for 12/06/25
8am Renee Meyer
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Ministers for 12/06/25
8am Virginia Watson
9:30am Kim Terry
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/08/25
Mass at St. Mary's 5pm
Lector – Vickie Gall **Eucharistic Minister** – Phillip Gall
Collection for 12/06/25
Christmas Flowers

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**.

DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday, December 8 –
Feast of Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 9 AM
Mass at St. Mary's 5PM

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve;
no 9 AM Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 5 PM
Mass at St. Mary's 8 PM

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Mass at St. Mary's 9 AM
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 11:30 AM

Thursday, New Years Eve
no 9 AM Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 5 PM

Friday, January 1 – Mary, Mother of God
Mass at St. Mary's 9 AM

GOSPEL REFLECTION

One simple yet profound word sums up today's Gospel: "Watch!" There are many images that help us understand the meaning Jesus wants to convey. Think of a young girl who is excited about Christmas Day. Every morning she goes to her Advent calendar, marks off another day, and counts how many are left. Think of a soldier tasked with being the lookout for the fortress where his fellow soldiers are sleeping. His vigilance could mean the difference between safety and death, as the lives of his fellow soldiers depend on his unwavering attention. Or think of societies long ago in which hunting was the primary way of providing food for one's family. The hunter had to fix his eyes and ears on the game he was pursuing so his family would not starve. Numerous occupations and hobbies require a person to be highly attentive to the task at hand.

Of the many responsibilities and activities, we engage in every day, nothing is more important than the care of our souls and the souls of those entrusted to us. To "watch" spiritually means more than just waiting; it involves active discernment, being alert to God's voice in our daily interactions, and recognizing His presence in the ordinary and unexpected moments of life. Parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, parishioners, co-workers, and other acquaintances are all people whom God wants to touch and draw close to Himself through our instrumentality. We can only be effective in this mission if we ourselves are vigilant, continuously seeking out the voice of God and responding to His grace. This is especially accomplished through prayer—daily prayer, attentive prayer, and deep prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God and the primary way that He communicates to us, directs us toward His holy will, and transforms us into instruments of His mercy to others.

Do you watch? Do you do so every day, all day? Sometimes we compartmentalize our relationship with God. We give Him our Sunday morning, a moment before each meal, and perhaps a short period of time in the morning or evening. Attentiveness to God, however, must take place all day, every day. It must become the central habit of our lives. As Saint Paul wrote to the Church in Thessalonica, we must "pray without ceasing." Praying without ceasing can be as simple as offering short prayers throughout your day—thanking God for blessings, asking for guidance in decisions, or offering your work as a prayer. These small acts keep us connected to God and remind us of His presence in every moment.

To pray without ceasing does not mean we must all become cloistered nuns or monks, though some are called to that vocation. For most of us, it means building an interior attentiveness to God, allowing that act to become so much a part of our daily lives that it becomes habitual and automatic. As we cultivate this habit of vigilant prayer, it should naturally lead us to action, such as responding to God's grace by reaching out to others in love, kindness, and mercy. Our vigilance is not just for ourselves but for those around us.

Reflect today on what should be your primary focus this Advent. If you find you compartmentalize God, reexamine your life in light of today's Gospel. We are "sleeping" when we only give God a little time here and there throughout our week. We are watchful when every part of our day is marked by an attentive interior spiritual sense turned toward God. Make this a holy and fruitful Advent, and Christmas will take on a new and transforming role in your life.