

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 18, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$1,045	CASC	\$
Loose	\$	Maintenance and Repair	\$
Votives	\$32	Mission Sunday	\$3,910
Sub Total	\$1,077	Sub Total	\$3,910
Grand Total	\$4,987		

8AM	35	9:30	33	Total	68
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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: [Luke 13:11-13](#)

Reflect today on those you know who have endured great suffering. It's easy to pity them or even judge them, assuming their hardship stems from their own fault. Try instead to see them as Jesus does. Look with admiration. See their strength. See the humility that has grown through suffering. Do the same for your own life. Rather than looking for a way out of your difficulties, accept them, believing God is permitting them for a greater good. Look for that good, give thanks to God, and pray for the strength to remain faithful until the end.

TUESDAY: [Luke 13:18-19](#)

Reflect today on the hidden ways that God's grace is at work in your life. Do not be discouraged if your faith feels small or if your efforts to evangelize seem unnoticed. Trust that the true Gospel, humbly received and quietly lived, has the power to grow and bear abundant fruit. Allow the seed of God's Word to take root deeply in the soil of your soul, and patiently nurture it with prayer, fidelity, and love. In God's perfect time, that seed will grow into something far greater than you can imagine, offering spiritual shelter and nourishment to many.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 6:12-16](#) **STs. Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Reflection: Today, the Church honors Saints Simon and Jude, two of the Twelve Apostles chosen by our Lord. They were two of the first bishops through whom our Lord established His Church and from whom every bishop, priest, and deacon is a spiritual descendant.

THURSDAY: [Luke 13:34-35](#)

Reflect today on Jesus' Sacred Heart as He looks at you with sorrowful love. Hear Him say, "How often I have longed to gather you." Let that invitation move you to turn away from all that saddens Him and to cling to Him with fidelity and love. As you do, look also to those in your life who struggle with sin, and allow yourself to feel the same longing that Jesus has for them. Be an instrument of His Sacred Heart toward others, and you will ultimately share in His joy.

FRIDAY: [Luke 14:1-3](#)

Reflect today on whether you hold on to any judgments toward others. Ask our Lord to soften your heart, give you clarity, and fill you with the charity needed to see others as He sees them. Forgive, be merciful, and entrust all judgment to the One who sees perfectly. Overcoming this sin is not only good for the one we sin against, it is also good for our own soul because it frees us to love as God loves.

SATURDAY: [Luke 14:8-9](#)

Reflect today on the humility Christ invites you to embrace. Are there areas of your life in which you seek recognition or esteem? Ask for the grace to take the lowest place, trusting that your true dignity will come not from the world or your self-elevation, but from the One who sees the heart and lifts the lowly on high.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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 Linda Yon (mother of Wes Levitt} on behalf of Wes and Alison Levitt.

DEAR PARISHIONERS:
Please keep all the priest of the Diocese of Charleston in your prayers as they gather at Saint Peter’s Basilica in Columbia from Monday, October 26 through Thursday, October 29, 2026. May the Lord bless them during this special time of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal, and strengthen them in their priestly ministry and service to God’s people.
Please note that the Wednesday, October 28, mass is cancelled due to this gathering.
Thank you for your understanding and for your continued prayers for all our priests. May the Lord guide and sustain them in their vocation, and may our Blessed Mother intercede for them always.

SHRIMP BOIL TODAY:
Today’s the Day, our Shrimp Boil. See you all at 3pm for a great afternoon.

THANK YOU:
Thank you to everyone’s who participated in the Ladies Guild Bake Sale. We had an excellent turnout. Appreciate everyone’s support.

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.

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

Lector for 11/01/26 All Saints
8am Vickie Gall
9:30am Alison Levitt
Eucharistic Minister for 11/01/26
8am Phillip Gall
9:30am Wes Levitt
Collections Sunday 11/01/26
All Saints and Catholic Appeal of South Carolina
All Souls Day 11/02/26
Lector/Eucharistic Minister – Wayne and Donna Hudson

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, 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 Law of Moses, found in the Torah—the first five books of our Old Testament—is traditionally said to contain 613 commandments: 248 positive (“dos”) and 365 negative (“don’ts”). Among these laws, there was a longstanding debate among the rabbis about which commandment was the greatest. Therefore, though the Pharisee who posed this question to Jesus was testing Him, it was also likely a sincere inquiry.

Jesus certainly perceived the testing nature of the question, but He also recognized the genuine desire for truth. In response, He gently and directly offered a comprehensive answer, presenting a twofold summary that encompasses the entire Law and the prophets: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

These two commandments do more than summarize the Law and the prophets, they also encapsulate the essence of the petitions in the Lord’s Prayer. Once we acknowledge God as our Father, we pray, “Hallowed be Thy name” and “Thy Kingdom come.” These are the highest petitions we can make.

To hallow God’s name is to give Him His due. God is thrice holy—holy, holy, holy. Our greatest duty is to hallow His name and His very being by magnifying and glorifying Him. This is the highest way to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind.

In this life, we also turn to God in other ways. We ask for the grace to do His will, for His providential care, and for mercy and forgiveness. We pray to overcome trials and to be kept safe from the evil one. Each of these petitions, found in the Lord’s Prayer, is essential and finds expression throughout the Torah and the New Testament. Yet in the end, every petition we make must ultimately lead to the highest commandment: to hallow God’s name—to love Him with all we are—not merely because of what He does for us, but because of who He is. He is worthy of our love for His own sake, and it is our highest duty to offer Him that love.

In Heaven, many of the commandments and petitions we now make will cease. We will not ask for forgiveness, since we will be purified and sin no more. We will not pray for daily bread—pointing to the Sacraments and God’s temporal care—because we will enter the eternal Banquet. Nor will we ask for strength to endure or receive protection from the evil one, because all trials will have been conquered in Christ. But we will eternally fulfill the greatest commandment and the first petition of the Lord’s Prayer by forever hallowing God’s name, crying out “holy, holy, holy,” and loving Him with a purified and perfected love.

Likewise, the second greatest commandment will also be fulfilled in Heaven, just as the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer—“Thy Kingdom come”—is fulfilled. The coming of God’s Kingdom is our eternal participation in His glory and holiness, united with all our “neighbors”—the angels and saints. Our love of God will overflow into love of neighbor, and our love for one another will reflect and participate in our perfected love for God.

Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbor, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God’s name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people—especially those hardest to love—so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbor, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.