

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,980	CASC	\$25
Loose	\$65	Maintenance and Repair	\$
Votives	\$	Catholic University	\$593
Sub Total	\$3,045	Sub Total	\$618
Grand Total	\$3,663		

8AM	42	9:30	55	Total	97
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Parish Center	
Total	\$153,367

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Let’s Work on Creating a Church Directory!

Please send me your current contact information. Your connection with our St. Mary’s family is important and having accurate information helps us stay in touch. Please send a recent family picture, name, phone, address and email. to stmarys165@gmail.com

Please direct all questions or concerns to Becky Chaski at the email above. Thank you!

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Matthew 9:9](#)
[Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist](#)

Reflect today on the long and often painful journey of conversion and purification that Saint Matthew endured faithfully until the end. According to tradition, Matthew eventually traveled to the region south of the Caspian Sea—modern-day Iran or Armenia—where he gave his life in martyrdom. His most enduring legacy, however, is the Gospel he wrote. If God could use a tax collector and sinner like Matthew to do such great things, He can use each of us as well. Seek Saint Matthew’s intercession. Ponder his Gospel. And pray for the grace to imitate his holy perseverance, one step at a time.

TUESDAY: [Luke 8:19-21](#)
Reflect today on the sorrow within your own heart. It is easy to be saddened by loss, hardship, on the sublime vocation to which you are called. You may not have carried Christ in your womb, but you are invited to carry Him in your heart through grace and obedience. Hear His Word. Cherish it. Act upon it. In doing so, you will not only become a disciple, you will become family and a more perfect disciple.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 9:1-3](#)
Reflect today on how fully you rely on divine providence. Are there times when you are tempted to take credit for what God does through you? Do you seek affirmation and recognition when you serve our Lord? Ask Jesus to give you the grace of humility and detachment, so that you desire only to be a pure instrument of His mercy, never seeking your own glory but always pointing back to Him.

THURSDAY: [Luke 9:7-9](#)
Reflect today on any lingering confusion, fear, or disordered curiosity you may carry when encountering Christ in your life. Do you approach Him like Herod—curious but uncommitted—or with a heart that is ready to be purified and transformed? Let the example of Herod lead you away from perplexity and into conversion. Truth Himself stands before you. Do not remain merely curious. Surrender in faith, and the riches of God’s Kingdom will be yours.

FRIDAY: [Luke 9:18-20](#)
Reflect today on the shocking revelation that following Christ does not mean the removal of the Cross from our lives but the opposite. Consider whether you, like many of Jesus’ disciples, have false expectations of God and your participation in His life and mission. In what ways is God calling you to carry your cross through a life marked by a greater participation in His Passion? Do you see your sufferings and crosses as obstacles to your happiness or as means to greater sanctity? God’s ways are often difficult to accept, but with time and prayer, we understand the Cross and its glorious fruit. Do not be afraid to follow the path your Messiah has prepared for you.

SATURDAY: [Luke 9:43b-45](#)
Reflect today on these hidden moments in your own life. Are there aspects of God’s will you do not yet understand? Are there things that fill you with fear and tempt you to despair? Do not be afraid to approach Jesus with your questions, even if answers do not come immediately. Trust that in His perfect time, all will be revealed and that the Cross always precedes the light of the Resurrection.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 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 in memory of Carlos Dianas Villanueva on behalf of Bryan and Carolyn Gibbs.

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS:

Save the date for food, fun and faith sharing. October 10 from 6-7:30 in the SFSS Parish Hall all teenagers from St. Mary's and St Frederick and St Stephen churches (and their friends) are invited to a youth event at St Frederick and St Stephen church. This will hopefully be the beginning of something exciting for all teens in our parishes. Please contact Lou Rasmussen, 517-581-8581, for any questions.

BAKE SALE

The first Ladies Guild Bake Sale was a huge success thanks to all of you. A Big thanks to buyers and bakers. We had a lot of new and exciting goodies. Next bake sale will be in October, watch for the date.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Our October meetings will be on Wednesdays, October 7 and 14.. You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

PARISH CHARITY COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 20TH

The second collection on September 20th will be for Meals on Wheels of St. Paul’s Parish. This small organization provides nutritious meals to people who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. They must live in Hollywood, Meggett, Yonges Island, Ravenel, or Adams Run. Please be generous. Contact Edwin Worrell 843-494-1893 if you need this service or if you would like to volunteer to help prepare or deliver the meals.

FAITH FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL):

Faith formation (Sunday School) will begin Today, September 20 following 9:30 Mass. All our young folks are invited to come. Parents, you are the primary religious educators of your children, but we supplement your teaching with our classes.



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, 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).

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Are you or someone you know seeking more information or have questions about joining the Catholic Church? If you are interested, please call the church office, or email us at the church office (stmarys165@gmail.com). All are welcome to participate.

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.

Lector for 09/27/26
8am Donna Hudson
9:30am Alison Levitt
Eucharistic Minister for 09/27/26
8am Wayne Hudson
9:30am Wes Levitt
Second Collection Sunday 09/27/26
Maintenance and Repairs

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o’clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day’s labor concluded at six o’clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, “These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat” (Matthew 20:12).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labor performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. Isaiah 55:8–9).

At the heart of this parable is God’s abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of laborers. Among those who have labored in Christ’s vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God’s Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term “equity” is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God’s perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul’s interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Reflect today on your own place among the laborers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.