

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 26, 2026**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,670	CASC	\$
Loose	\$202	Maintenance and Repairs	\$160
Votives	\$	Catholic Home Missions	\$680
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Sub Total	\$2,872		\$
Grand Total	\$3,712	Sub Total	\$840

8AM	47	9:30	55	Total	102
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Parish Center

Weekly Total		Grand Total	\$38,791.75
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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 with their name, rank, and branch of service.



DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: John 14:21

Reflect today on Jesus' clear invitation to love Him through obedience to His will. Because His love for us is perfect, His commands are always for our good. Sometimes we are like children with erratic emotions and desires who need the gentle direction of a loving parent. Don't see God's commands as a burden; the opposite is true. God's commands set us free to love through charity and to experience both spiritual and emotional joy in the process. When we love Jesus with this highest form of love, we will be gifted with a relationship with Him and His Father, Who will reveal themselves to us, satisfying our every desire.

TUESDAY: John 14:27

Reflect today on Jesus' words to His disciples at the Last Supper. At that time, they did not realize they were about to witness Jesus' Passion. Nor did they realize that, in the years to come, they would endure many hardships in their faithful service to God's will. Similarly, if we listen to Jesus' discourse and heed His words, we must embrace them as the Apostles eventually did, once they received the Holy Spirit. We must rely on grace to find courage in the face of life's afflictions—poverty, illness, loss, persecution, and temptation. As you ponder yourself being with the Apostles during this discourse on Holy Thursday, resolve to accept Jesus' promise so that you are spiritually prepared to live in interior peace, no matter the exterior circumstances you might face.

WEDNESDAY: John 15:4-5

Reflect today on the charity that is borne from your life and how it affects others. Can you point to concrete ways that God has used you to make a difference in their lives? Especially ponder the works of charity that touch their souls, drawing them closer to our divine Lord. Set your eyes on this goal, for if you do bear good fruit in this way, you will know with certainty that your life is in Christ, and His life is in you.

THURSDAY: John 15:9-10

Reflect today on the perfect love within the Most Holy Trinity. Hear Jesus invite you to share in that perfect love on the condition that you become an instrument of it for others. This is His commandment: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). Only in this way will we share in the perfect joy God desires to bestow upon us for all eternity.

FRIDAY: John 15:13-15

Reflect today on how Christ's infinite ocean of grace flows into your life. What areas of selfishness or fear prevent you from receiving more of His love? Commit to growing in charity by laying down your life in concrete ways for those whom God has placed in your path. Seek to imitate Jesus who calls you His friend and shares everything with you that He has heard from the Father. Remember His command: "Love one another as I love you." The more you love, the more your soul will expand, and the more you will share in His eternal glory.

SATURDAY: John 15:18-19

Reflect today on being chosen by God and the consequences of being called out of the world. Consider any ways that living your faith openly results in criticism or persecution. As you do, recall that you are called to be like Jesus, including being given a share in His sufferings—but also a share in His glory. As Saint Paul reminds us, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us" (Romans 8:18). Do not give in to fear. Remain courageous and confident that along with Jesus' call comes the grace to respond and endure whatever comes your way, knowing that the joy of the Resurrection awaits.

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 3, 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!

Welcome Scott and Maria Sires to our St. Mary's family.

Congratulations to newly baptized Brooks Daniel Ziner, son of Dan and Kelly Ziner, and grandson of Jeff and Peggy Brooks.

MASS INTENTIONS: Today's 8:00 mass is being offered for the deceased soul of Jefferson Watson, on behalf of Virginia Watson and Family.

Today's 9:30 mass is being offered for Yolando Vargas, on behalf of Jen Crowe.



Thank You to everyone who helped out as the Ladies Guild Bake Sale. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you too for the bakers and buyers who generously support us.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our May meetings will be **May 6** and **May 20**. We are reading "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. "It is an art of practicing the presence of God in one single act that does not end. God paints Himself in the depths of our soul. We must merely open our hearts to receive Him and His loving presence." **We meet at 4199 Hwy 165 at 1PM.** You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

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.

"Please remember Father JP in your prayers while he is away. Ask God to keep him safe & healthy, to help him have a wonderful time with his family." In case of an emergency in Father JP's absence, please contact Father Marreddy Allam at (864)378-5073.

Lector for 05/10/26

8am Scott Bradley

9:30am Alison Levitt

Eucharistic Minister for 05/10/26

8am Virginia Watson

9:30am Wes Levitt

Second Collection Sunday 05/10/2026

Catholic Charities of South Carolina

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., Kalynn Sandoval Campbell, Allison Condon Chappell, Juliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Maria DeGennaro, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, 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, Evan North, Connor O'Brien, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, 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).



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In addition to His parables and moral teachings, Jesus revealed to His disciples' deep mysteries in a direct way that they did not immediately comprehend, especially when He spoke to the Twelve in intimate settings, such as the Last Supper, the context for today's Gospel. In this discourse, Jesus explains, in veiled form, that He will soon ascend into Heaven where He will prepare a place for His followers. He explains that because they know Him, they know the way to where He is going—the way to the Father—because He Himself is that Way. As Jesus spoke these mysterious truths, we can imagine the Twelve listening attentively, yet with confusion.

Everything Jesus taught was true. His words, recorded in the Gospels, reveal to us the deepest divine mysteries. Within the Scriptures, we find all we need to know to attain perfect holiness and the eternal life of Heaven. Yet we cannot quickly digest Jesus' words as we might an intriguing novel or history book. There are many layers of depth to what He says, and we can only understand those layers through prayer.

As the conversation continued, "Philip said to him, 'Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" (John 14:8-9).

Jesus' response likely surprised Philip and the other disciples because they did not understand what He was saying. Their intention was good—they wanted to understand—but Jesus' words were more than they could comprehend at that moment. Despite this, Jesus gently rebuked Philip as a way of drawing him deeper into the mystery He was revealing.

God often treats us the same way. There are many things that we do not understand. Why do innocent people suffer? Why doesn't God heal my loved one in answer to my prayers? Why do my children no longer practice the faith? What am I supposed to do with my life?

Just as Philip struggled to understand Jesus' words, we, too, face moments of confusion when God's ways seem beyond our grasp. God's answer to life's most challenging questions is rarely straightforward or immediate. Why? Because such an approach can never fully satisfy the depth of our hearts. Instead, God reveals a kernel of truth to us and then invites us to ponder it, revealing the divine mystery we seek to understand little by little, to the degree we are open.

The answers we seek come only as we conform our wills to God's, patiently opening ourselves to His Wisdom. Divine mysteries can only be understood through prayer and deep attentiveness to the truths in God's mind. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Only by uniting ourselves to Him in prayer will we discover the path we must walk, the truth we need to hear, and the life we are called to live.

Reflect today on anything you struggle to understand. See yourself as one of the Twelve, listening to Jesus speak, but failing to comprehend. Do not be discouraged; instead, allow the fullness of Jesus' divine Truth to sink in gradually. Spend time in prayer, read the Gospels, be open, and listen from the depths of your heart. Seek out His gentle voice and know that He is your Way, Truth, and Life. Let Him lead you and reveal to you the mysteries of His divine Wisdom so that you, too, know the way to the Father in Heaven.