

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 23, 2025

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,595	Maintenance & Repairs	\$
Loose	\$100	Int'l Ministries & Mission	\$510
Votive	\$	CASC	\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$2,695		\$
Grand Total	\$3,205	Sub Total	\$510

8AM	44	9:30	47	Total	91
-----	----	------	----	-------	----

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:

Great Nephews of Carolyn and Bryan Gibbs

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.

DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 8 - Feast of Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation

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

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve; no 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's

Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 5 PM
Mass at St. Mary's 8 PM

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Mass at St. Mary's 9 AM
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen 11:30 AM

December 27/28 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

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

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Matthew 8:10-11](#)

Reflect today on this Roman centurion’s faith and prayerful words and try to internalize them more fully. Meditate on those words outside of the Holy Mass so that next time you attend Mass, that prayer just before Holy Communion will more fully prepare your soul for the gift of Christ Jesus Himself.

TUESDAY: [Luke 10:23-24](#)

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.

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC
CHURCH

4255 HIGHWAY 165
YONGES ISLAND SC 29449-6011
(843) 889-8549
EMERGENCY (843) 731-1162
EMAIL: STMARYS165@GMAIL.COM
Website: www.stmarysyongesisland.org



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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
Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti
(Father JP)
Pastor
Email: jnarichetti@charlestdiocese.org
(843) 731-1162
Parish Secretary Becky Chaski

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 Patricia Gould, on behalf of Bryan & Carolyn Gibbs.

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 14. Gifts will be distributed by the First Sergeant’s Association to deserving families at Charleston Air Force Base. Thank-you!



ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our December meetings will be at 1PM on Wednesdays December 3 and Wednesday December 17 at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading "Mother Angelica" by Raymond Arroyo. Rita Antoinette Rizzo had a childhood filled with dysfunction. Her parents divorced, her mother suffered from severe depression, they lived in poverty most of the time and Rita experienced many physical ailments. Her mother was not pleased with Rita joining a cloistered convent as Sister Mary Angelica of the Annunciation. You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Monday, December 8th is the Feast of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be offered at St. Mary’s at 12pm and at St. Frederick and St. Stephen at 9am. Please use the envelope marked December 8th for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary for this service.

EVANGELIZATION RALLY: Looking for 5 volunteers to represent St. Mary’s at the Evangelization Rally on Saturday, January 17, from 10am-4pm. The purpose is to inspire and equip participants to share Christ in their everyday lives, concluding with a sending forth by Bishop Fabre, modeled after the sending of the seventy in the Gospels.

Lector Schedule for 12/07/25
8am Tracy Pejsa
9:30am Katie Wolf
Eucharistic Ministers for 12/07/25
8am Joe Pejsa
9:30am Matt Wolf
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/08/25
12pm Lector-Donna Hudson, Eucharistic Minister- Virginia Watson
Collection for 12/07/25
Christmas Flowers
Collection for 12/08/25
Immaculate Conception

We pray for each other. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions:



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, 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).

GOSPEL REFLECTION

How does one “stay awake” as our Lord commands us? We receive this holy exhortation as we enter into a new liturgical year. In Advent, we begin at the beginning. We ponder the Incarnate Son of God dwelling as a human Child in the precious womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We anticipate the celebration of His birth into the world at Christmas. As the liturgical year progresses, we will prayerfully walk through each moment of His life, from the events of His childhood, to His public ministry, and ultimately His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven.

Our Lord’s exhortation to stay awake invites us to be attentive to the ways that the Son of God’s human life speaks to us, calling us to become fully united to Him so as to share in the glorious gifts of holiness in this life and eternal salvation in the next. After exhorting us to stay awake, the Son of God said, “For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Of course, we know He came into this world over 2,000 years ago in physical form. This exhortation is not only a call to ponder that event long ago; it’s also an invitation and exhortation to become continuously more attentive to the effect that His historical coming has upon us today. Advent is a season that invites us to reflect on Christ’s first coming in Bethlehem, His daily coming to us in grace, and His final coming at the end of time. These moments are intimately connected, as each prepares us more fully for the next.

From Heaven, the Son of God continues to descend to us, inviting each of us to conceive Him in our souls by grace, to be attentive to His divine presence within us, and to nurture His divine presence so that He will grow and live within us, making us true members of His Body, the Church. Staying awake means being aware of Christ’s presence in every moment and cultivating a personal relationship with Him that is alive and growing. This Advent, ask yourself: How am I nurturing my relationship with Jesus so that I am ready to meet Him whenever He comes?

Jesus calls us to be prepared at every moment of every day, “for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” Though this is a promise that He will return one day to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, it is also a promise that He relentlessly pursues us here and now, communicating to us by grace and inviting us to be transformed more fully, so as to love Him and manifest His love to the world around us. As we mature in our faith, God often speaks in subtler ways, inviting us to listen with the ears of our hearts. These gentle whispers of grace require us to be even more attuned to His presence, ready to respond to His call in the quiet moments of our day.

