

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 29, 2026**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$1,649	Easter Flowers	\$1,142
Loose	\$209	Maintenance and Repairs	\$
Votive	\$59		\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$1,916		\$
Grand Total	\$3,058	Sub Total	\$1,142

8AM	41	9:30	81	Total	122
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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: Matthew 28:11-13

Reflect today on these Roman guards and put yourself in their shoes. Are there times when you have downplayed your faith around others because it was easier? Have you felt fear when your faith was challenged? Have you been pressured to misrepresent your convictions to fit in? If so, you can both relate to the guards and learn from them. Even if you have struggled to profess the Gospel with honesty and courage in the past, it is never too late to change. As we celebrate the octave of the Resurrection, resolve to be a witness to the Resurrection with courage and sincerity. Reflect on any reasons you might hesitate, and pray for the grace to proclaim it joyfully, rejoicing in the incredible privilege of openly professing faith in our resurrected Lord!

TUESDAY: John 20:11-12

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene weeping outside Jesus' empty tomb and then hearing Him say, "Mary!" That she is the first person in Scripture to see the risen Lord is deeply significant. Clearly, God desires that we learn from her and imitate her love. Though we might not have been delivered from seven demons, we have been delivered from sin. This should stir in us a gratitude so deep that we willingly abandon all to follow Him. And when life is confusing or uncertain, we, like Mary, must follow the holy desires God places in our hearts, so that our love for Christ will lead us through uncertainty into clarity, when, like Mary, we hear our Lord call us by name.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 24:13-16

Reflect today on how you encounter Jesus in the Mass. At Mass, Jesus appears to us in the exact way we need Him, through Word and Sacrament. When we listen to the Word of God, internalize it, and let it spark deeper faith in our hearts, we have truly met our Lord. When we kneel before the Eucharist and consume Him in Holy Communion, Jesus is even more intimately present to us than if He were physically before us. Each Communion infinitely blesses our souls, for through this gift, Jesus enters and makes our souls His sanctuary.

THURSDAY: Luke 24:44-45

Reflect today on how God might be calling you to live in this peace and understanding, particularly by fostering a deeper relationship with Him in the sacraments, in prayer, and in daily reflection on the Scriptures. By receiving the grace of shalom and an understanding of divine truths, we are strengthened for our mission to witness to the Resurrection and to share Christ's love with a world in need of His peace.

FRIDAY: John 21:3-6

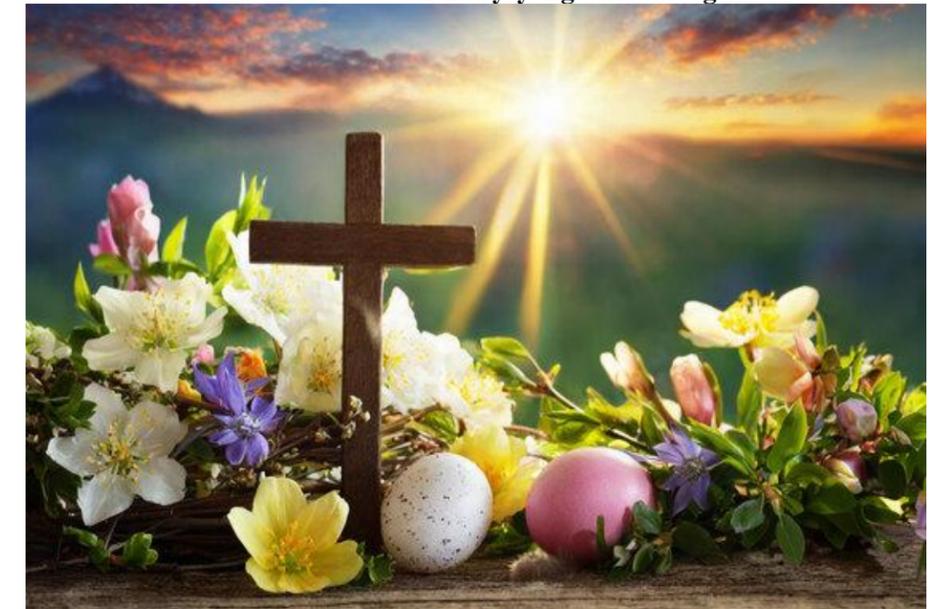
Reflect today on the longing of Jesus' disciples to encounter His resurrected presence. Ponder the lessons He imparted by initially concealing His presence, then revealing Himself. Resolve to seek the living and resurrected Lord in your life. Through love and devotion, meet Him in prayer, where He calls you by name. In the Word of God and the Eucharist, recognize Him in your midst. And in fidelity to His guiding hand in your apostolic work, see His superabundant fruitfulness as a sign of His presence, drawing many souls to Himself through you. Jesus is not dead; He is alive and desires to continue appearing to us in hidden and mysterious ways. Anticipate His ongoing resurrection appearance in your life, knowing that He is always with you when you remain faithful, in imitation of these holy disciples.

SATURDAY: Mark 16:9-11

Reflect today on any cross you carry or suffering you endure. Learn from the sadness and despair that led to disbelief among the disciples. Listen to our Resurrected Lord who lovingly rebukes you and invites you to see the great value in every suffering that you unite to His Cross. His Resurrection must bring a clarity that instills hope into our lives. Commit to live as the disciples did, after Jesus rebuked them, rejoicing that Jesus' Resurrection conquers all.

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**EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 5, 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!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday, April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday. There will be a **prayer service at St. Mary's at 3 PM**, with reading of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: We will have one meeting in April: **1pm on Wednesday, April 15** at the parish center. We will have our last discussion on "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We have chosen "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. This is the book Pope Leo recommended to our vice president. You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, April 21st at 6pm** in the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend.

BAKE SALE: Ladies Guild Bake sale will be on **Sunday, April 26th** after both Masses.

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 4/12/26

8am Scott Bradley

9:30am Alison Levitt

Eucharistic Minister for 4/12/26

8am Virginia Watson

9:30am Wes Levitt

Second Collection Sunday 04/12/26

Catholic Appeal of SC (CASC)



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., Allison Condon Chappell, Frank Chestnut, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Sonja Dees, 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, 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

On that first Easter morning, before the sun rose, Mary Magdalene offers an example of this. She got some things right—her love and devotion to Jesus were sincere—but she did not yet understand the full reality of what she witnessed. Though the other Gospels mention other women at the tomb, John highlights Mary. Saint Augustine suggests that this is because she was “undoubtedly the most fervent in love” with Christ.

When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Saint John Chrysostom says she “ran to the disciples with all the speed of love.” Her fervor drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay.

Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response—“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him”—reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God.

Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in John 20:11–17 as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene’s experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervor, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

