

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 5, 2026 and APRIL 12, 2026**

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Envelopes 4/5	\$4,821	CASC	\$1,097
Loose	\$974	Maintenance and Repairs	\$
Envelopes 4/12	\$8,535		\$
Loose	\$103		\$
Sub Total	\$14,433		\$
Grand Total	\$15,530	Sub Total	\$1,097

04/05	8AM	54	04/05	9:30	54	Total	181
04/12	8AM	35	04/12	9:30	70	Total	105

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 6:26-27

Reflect today on what you desire most from your relationship with our Lord. If your ambitions are earthly and fleeting, look higher. Seek the eternal realities God wishes to bestow, and work to realign your desires toward those alone. God is aware of our natural needs and will provide for them according to His will when we prioritize understanding Him, His divine Sonship, and His mission. Learn from the crowd in today's Gospel and heed Jesus' gentle rebuke. Believe in the One the Father sent—Jesus, the Son of God—and all good and eternal things will be lavished upon you according to His will.

TUESDAY: John 6:30-31

Reflect today on your understanding of the Eucharist. Only the spiritual Gift of Understanding will enable us to more fully comprehend this most precious Gift. As we read through the Bread of Life Discourse this week, make an effort to pray over the words. Ask for enlightenment. Like the members of the crowd who conversed with Jesus in today's Gospel, commit yourself to participate in their discussion. Seek to understand so that you will believe and share in the abundant blessings given to those who partake of the Bread of Life.

WEDNESDAY: John 6:35-36

Reflect today on Jesus' invitation to satiate your soul's deepest hunger and thirst through the Eucharist. He calls you to a personal encounter, to find in Him the true satisfaction that the world cannot give. We attempt to acquire that satiation through many passing means, such as pleasures, comforts, indulgences, wealth, and prestige. None of it works. As you look into your soul and identify the many longings you have, turn to Him alone Who satisfies. Renew your faith in the Eucharist and receive the satiation He desires to bestow.

THURSDAY: John 6:44

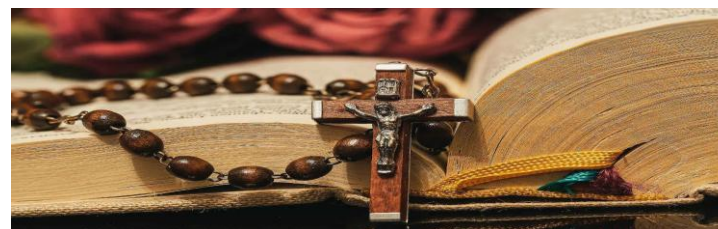
Reflect today on your participation in the Mass. If you ever feel that your attendance is a favor to God, pause and listen to the Father's voice calling you. Try to hear Him invite you to this most precious Feast. Become aware of the Father drawing you to the Mass, to His Son, the source of eternal life. Respond with humble gratitude, knowing that there is no greater gift you can receive.

FRIDAY: John 6:53-55

Reflect today on Jesus' crystal-clear teaching on the Eucharist. We must hear and understand what He said. Our faith in the Eucharist must become certain. Allow the Father's Voice to resonate within your mind so that you are more certain that the Eucharist is the Flesh and Blood of the Son of God than anything else you believe. Strengthen your faith, knowing that His Flesh and Blood bring you to eternal life.

SATURDAY: St. Mark the Evangelist

Reflection: Though little is known for certain about Saint Mark's life, the Gospel attributed to him is unquestionably one of the most important scripts ever written. In a nearly breathless way, Mark recounts Jesus' public ministry in concise and vivid detail. The shortest of the four Gospels is packed with information. Mark's Gospel was most likely written primarily for Roman Gentiles, rather than for Jews, which is why he often describes various Jewish customs to the reader.



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 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!



Congratulations to our First Communicants Aron Dianas Morales (son of Lupe and Abel Morales) and Khalessi Carolina Morales (daughter of Carolina and Angel Morales). Please join us in the Parish Center after 9:30 mass for a reception for them.

MASS INTENTIONS: Today's 9:30 mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of Ireneo G. Faustino, on behalf of Jen Crowe.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council will meet **Wednesday, April 22nd 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.

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. "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.

Lector for 4/26/26

8am Donna Hudson

9:30am Katie Wolf

Eucharistic Minister for 4/26/26

8am Wayne Hudson

9:30am Matt Wolf

Second Collection Sunday 04/26/26

Catholic Home Mission

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, 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

These two disciples were overwhelmed by grief and bewildered by the events that had taken place. As they walked the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, they expressed their sadness and confusion. Jesus, whom they had hoped "would be the one to redeem Israel," was brutally tortured and crucified before their eyes. After His death, He was buried, and that very morning they heard reports from some of the women, as well as Peter and John, that His body was missing from the tomb. What's more, the burial cloth was neatly rolled up in the tomb, and the women informed the disciples that they saw "a vision of angels who announced that he was alive." The two did not know what to think.

As the story unfolds, Jesus appeared to them as they walked and conversed with them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Jesus' hidden presence teaches us that He is often with us, in our midst, yet we do not recognize Him. Distractions, trials, or our own misconceptions can dull our spiritual senses. We often fail to perceive His presence in the Eucharist, the Scriptures, the Church, during our prayer, and in one another.

Jesus' loving rebuke of these two disciples was intended to wake them up: "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Every time we stumble from spiritual blindness, which leads to confusion, our Lord lovingly says the same to us. We must take that rebuke with humility, acknowledging our blindness and inability to perceive His constant presence.

Jesus then "interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures." This opening of their minds to the spiritual Gift of Understanding is key. By humbly acknowledging our spiritual blindness and the foolish way we often go about our daily lives, we dispose ourselves to this precious gift. The Gift of Understanding cannot be acquired by our own effort. Only after we honestly humble ourselves before God will He open our minds to all we need to know and understand.

Once they arrived in Emmaus and invited this divine Stranger to stay with them for the night, Jesus agreed. As they dined, "while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them." The Lord Himself, the great High Priest, gave them the Eucharist, and suddenly "their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight."

Though our Lord vanished from their sight, He remained with them, as He does with us today. His presence in the Eucharist is His True Presence, His Divine Essence. By revealing Himself in the Scriptures and the Breaking of the Bread, He teaches us that He is always with us in His Word and in the Sacraments. We consume His Word through daily meditation, study, and the teachings of the Church. His True Presence is with us when we attend Mass and participate in the Sacraments.

Reflect today on the initial confusion of these two disciples, filled with sorrow and bewilderment as they grappled with recent events. Contrast this with the growth in faith they likely experienced in the months and years ahead. Little by little, they grew in understanding and belief, allowing their misconceptions about who the Messiah would be—not a political leader, but the Savior of the World—to be dispelled. Whenever you face confusion, turn to the example of these disciples and learn from the lessons taught through them. Seek Christ in His Word and Sacraments, trusting that He will dispel doubts and guide you to greater faith.