

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,210	CASC	\$
Loose	\$66	Maintenance and Repair	\$
Votives	\$	Catholic University	\$
Sub Total	\$3,276	Sub Total	\$
Grand Total	\$3,663		

8AM	35	9:30	70	Total	105
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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: Luke 9:46-48

Reflect today on the countercultural lesson Jesus taught and apply it to your own life. Turn your eyes to the weakest, humblest, and most vulnerable. Allow grace to draw you to these simple souls. Run to the sinner and outcast. Then, don’t stop there. Strive also to live in that same humility and dependence. Turn from worldly views of greatness and embrace Jesus’ view. Become like a child, embrace the weakest among you, and our Lord will embrace you.

TUESDAY: John 1:47-49

Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Reflect today on the heavenly mystery that through Christ, Heaven is opened, and the angels of God continue their ministry among us at His command. Like Nathanael and all the saints who have gone before us, we are invited to rely on the angelic ministry as members of the Body of Christ. Call on Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael to guide, defend, and heal you as you walk this path of holiness in union with Christ.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 9:57-58

Reflect today on the immediacy and depth of your own response to Christ’s call. Have you placed conditions on your discipleship? Are there attachments—whether to comfort, relationships, duties, or even noble aspirations—that subtly delay your surrender to God’s will? Jesus does not ask us to abandon genuine love or responsibility, but nothing must come before Him. He must be the first and guiding principle of every decision. When we follow Him without delay, everything else in life will find its proper order. Pray for the grace to say “Yes” to Jesus today with clarity, courage, and complete trust in His providential care.

THURSDAY: Luke 10:1-3

Reflect today on whether you are testifying to the truth in the way God is asking of you. Have you embraced both the privilege and the responsibility of being sent? Resolve to go forth with the courage of a lamb in the midst of wolves, never alone, but always in communion with Christ and His Church, bearing witness to the Kingdom that is at hand. Doing so will not only bring blessings to others, it will also deepen your faith and communion with God.

FRIDAY: Matthew 18:10

Reflect today on the quiet presence of your Guardian Angel. Consider the immense dignity you possess in God’s eyes, a dignity confirmed by the fact that an angel has been appointed to walk with you through life. Then reflect also on the dignity of every person you encounter each day. Even those who sin and stray from God’s will have been entrusted to an angel’s care. We must strive to love and serve them as their angels do. As you ponder this awe-inspiring gift, allow this truth to fill you with peace, humility, and a renewed resolve to follow God’s will and to help others do the same, so that His greatness may radiate through your life.

SATURDAY: Luke 10:17-20

Reflect today on your own focus. Are you more fascinated by the darkness of evil or by the light of grace? Are you more intrigued by dramatic spiritual battles or by the quiet workings of sanctity? Rejoice above all that your name, by God’s grace, is written in heaven, and make this the ultimate goal of all you do by God’s grace.

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Col. Robert B. Christensen on behalf of Bryan and Carolyn Gibbs.

THANK YOU:

St. Paul's Meals on Wheels wishes to thank the parishioners at St. Mary's for their very generous donations to us. This money will help us keep bringing food to our neighbors in need of a nutritious meal.

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.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

Our October meetings will be on Wednesdays, October 7 and 14. We are reading "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.



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 10/04/26
8am Jim Madory
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Minister for 10/04/26
8am Becky Madory
9:30am Mark Bauknight
Second Collection Sunday 10/04/26
Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC)

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This parable must have been difficult for the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second parable, not included in today’s Gospel, we read, “although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet” (Matthew 21:46). It seems they dismissed Jesus’ words and His rebuke, but fear of public backlash, rather than fear of God’s judgment, kept them silent for a time.

In today’s Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God’s law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God’s law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God’s saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

Consider more carefully the reactions of the two sons. We might imagine that the second son, who said, “Yes, sir,” represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance—“I will not”—his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn’t include a third son, one who says “Yes, sir,” and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories He presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God’s will. From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to live.

Reflect today on the first son, and humbly see yourself in him. In what ways do you find it difficult to say “Yes” to God’s will right away? It is not a sin to struggle with obedience. This struggle is part of our fallen human nature. Like the first son, we must allow grace to work within us, forming our conscience and compelling us to act in accordance with God’s will, especially in the areas where we resist. When we allow grace to move us beyond our initial hesitation, we grow in virtue and become more like our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, who both said “Yes” to the Father and followed through completely.