

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 2, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,055	CASC	\$520
Loose	\$206	Maintenance and Repairs	\$140
Votives	\$	Retired Religious	\$260
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Sub Total	\$3,261		\$
Grand Total	\$4,181	Sub Total	\$920

8AM	36	9:30	44	Total	80
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Parish Center	
Total	\$138,275

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: [Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr](#)
Reflection: Though not much is known for certain about Saint Lawrence, he has been highly revered as a martyr and deacon from at least the fourth century. Most of the legends come from the detailed writings of Saint Ambrose, who served as Bishop of Milan from 374 to 397, more than a century after Saint Lawrence’s death. His writings are likely more of an imagined telling of the story than a literal account. Another early source of Saint Lawrence’s life and martyrdom comes in the form of a Latin poem written by the Christian poet Prudentius, who lived c. 348–c. 405. Finally, the later Passio Sancti Laurentii gives other details about Saint Lawrence, which comes from an anonymous Spanish author who most likely did not write until the fifth or sixth century. From these three sources, as well as from the writings of others, such as Saint Augustine of Hippo and Pope Saint Gregory the Great, great reverence and devotion to Saint Lawrence have flourished throughout the centuries. He is even one of the few early martyrs named in Eucharistic Prayer I (the Roman Canon). It is for these reasons that today’s celebration holds the rank of Feast within our Church.

TUESDAY: [Matthew 18:1-5](#)
Reflect today on the deepest ambitions of your heart. Do you desire greatness in the eyes of God? If so, embrace the paradox of divine logic. The path to the heights of heavenly glory is found in the lowliness of humility. Desire greatness on God’s terms, not the worlds. Be small, and God will lift you up.

WEDNESDAY: [Matthew 18:15-16](#)
Reflect today on the mercy to which you are called when others sin against you. Consider the wounds you carry and whether they have become occasions of grace or sources of resentment. Pray for the strength to follow our Lord’s clear path of fraternal correction—not with harshness or judgment, but with the gentle firmness of love. Let your wounds become channels of healing, and allow Christ’s mercy to flow through you so that others may be drawn back to God. In this way, you will not only win your brother or sister back but also grow in holiness yourself.

THURSDAY: [Matthew 18:21-22](#)
Reflect today on how deeply you are aware of the mercy God has shown you. Do you take it for granted, or have you allowed it to transform you? Consider especially those you struggle to forgive. Let gratitude for God’s mercy soften your heart. From that softened heart, choose to forgive—not seven times, but seventy-seven times and beyond. In doing so, you will reflect the very heart of God and become a vessel of His saving grace in the world.

FRIDAY: [Matthew 19:3-6](#)
Reflect today on your vocation and how well you live the depth of love to which you are called. Whether you are married or celibate, trust in God’s providence and resolve to live not by the standards of the world, but by the wisdom of the Kingdom of Heaven. Such a calling can only be fulfilled by grace and by hearts courageous enough to say “Yes” to that grace, day after day. Resolve to say “Yes,” and your reward will be great.

SATURDAY: [Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)
Reflection: Within the history of the Church, one fascinating and inspiring phenomenon is the incorruptibility of some saints’ bodies. Over the course of history, the bodies of certain holy men and women have been exhumed from their tombs. On occasion, these bodies have been found to be incorrupt, meaning they have not decayed. Among the most notable saints are Bernadette Soubirous, Catherine Labouré, John Vianney, Padre Pio, Vincent de Paul, Clare of Assisi, and Teresa of Avila. However, the body of today’s saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, is unique. It is not just incorrupt but is also alive, resurrected, transformed, and sharing in eternal glory. Other than her Divine Son, the Mother of God is the only one to have been granted this privilege.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 9, 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!

SYMPATHY OF ST. MARY’S PARISH IS EXTENDED TO LESLIE BAUKNIGHT AND FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HER FATHER.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **Sandra Unger**, age 86, who passed away on July 31, 2026. A funeral mass will be held, **Friday, August 21st at 11am at St. Mary’s** followed by burial services at Holy Cross Cemetery, 604 Johnson Rd.

MASS INTENTIONS: **Today’s 9:30** mass is being offered for Repose of the Soul of Charles Levitt, on behalf of Wes and Alison Levitt.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: We will meet on **Wednesdays, September 2 and 16 at 1PM.** We are discussing "The Fisherman's Bride" by Catherine Magia. This is the story of Simon Peter's wife. Her name is never revealed in the Bible. She is rejected by her family for choosing a poor fisherman over the rich man her father had chosen for her. Her life with Simon Peter consists of financial stress and hardship. We meet at **4199 Hwy 165 at 1PM the first and third Wednesday of each month.** We read all summer! You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF ST. PAUL’S PARISH: Volunteer Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels of St. St. Paul’s Parish. One morning a week or two mornings a month. Please call Edwin Worrell at 843-494-1893.

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: Please consider spending 90 minutes after Sunday 9:30 Mass to help count the donations. We are an all-Volunteer Church, and we need your participation. Contact Carolyn Gibbs at 9:30 Mass or email me at carolyn29449@gmail.com. Virtus training through the Diocese is required.

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 08/16/26
8am Renee Meyer
9:30am Alison Levitt
Eucharistic Minister for 08/16/26
8am Virginia Watson
9:30am Wes Levitt
Second Collection Sunday 08/16/26
Catholic Newspaper

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

Maria DeGennaro, 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, Linda Perry, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, 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).



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Fear always clouds our vision. Today’s Gospel takes place the night after Jesus fed the 5,000 on a mountain near the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, using only five barley loaves and two fish. Afterward, He withdrew to pray alone and sent the disciples ahead of Him by boat, directing them toward the town of Gennesaret, just south of Capernaum. While great miracles occurred the next day in Gennesaret, something just as remarkable took place during the night’s journey across the sea.

The disciples found themselves rowing against a strong headwind, making the journey slow, arduous, and perilous This scene is a vivid image of our journey through life. Life is rarely “a bowl of cherries,” as the saying goes. It can often feel laborious, filled with hardships, and some trials may seem never-ending. If life feels this way, today’s Gospel is especially for you.

During the fourth watch of the night, between 3 and 6 a.m., as the disciples continued struggling against the waves, they saw a figure walking on the sea, coming toward them. While we may be familiar with the idea of Jesus walking on water, for the disciples, this would have been an unimaginable and terrifying sight. They did not recognize Him—not because His appearance had changed, but because fear blinded them. This still happens in our lives. We can misinterpret suffering or divine silence as abandonment. But Jesus allowed their fear precisely so He could confront it directly: “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” In His divine wisdom, Jesus knew that countless disciples would read this story and ponder this moment until the end of time.

What message is He giving us? The courage that comes from recognizing God in our midst allows us to conquer fear—especially in our moments of suffering, when the path ahead seems hard, dangerous, and without end.

By a supernatural instinct, Peter utters the perfect prayer in this moment of uncertainty: “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you...” When we recognize God amid our trials, focus our gaze on Him, and pray this prayer, God will always answer, “Come.”

Peter sets the pattern for this bold, trusting prayer, but he falters in remaining faithful to it. Yet even this is allowed by God, for our instruction. Making an act of courageous faith does not guarantee we will not stumble. Peter sank not because he lacked faith entirely, but because fear began to overwhelm his trust. And in this, Jesus teaches us another lesson: Even when our faith wavers, we must not give in to despair. Peter did not drown—he cried out once more, “Lord, save me!” and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.

Despair is the true enemy of faith. Though fear and the growing force of the wind weakened Peter’s faith, he remained hopeful even in his weakness. And it was this hope—however trembling—that moved Jesus to stretch out His divine hand and save him.

Reflect today on any trial or suffering you endure that tempts you to fear. Confront that fear head-on. Rebuke it. Look for Jesus, who comes to you in the midst of the trial, walking on and through that very storm. Know that it is truly Him, drawing near. As you overcome fear, keep your eyes fixed on Him, not on the storm. This is what strengthens our faith and enables us to keep moving forward toward the goal: Jesus’ hand of divine grace.