

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,357	Maintenance & Repairs	\$1,000
Loose	\$292	Church in Eastern & Central Europe	\$540
Votive	\$	CASC	\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$2,649		\$
Grand Total	\$4,189	Sub Total	\$1,540

8AM	37	9:30	57	Total	94
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Capital Campaign/Parish Center			
Weekly Total		Grand Total	\$33,768.75

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

Beginning **Wednesday, February 25**, Wednesday daily Mass at St. Mary's during Lent will be at **5 PM**, followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. There will **not be a 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays during Lent**. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring soup in the back of the church. Please join us in this Lenten observation.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Matthew 25:31-32](#)
Reflect today on the eternal promises our Lord makes to us. At the end of time, He will separate the sheep from the goats. We must never forget that while God is perfectly merciful, He is also perfectly just. If His mercy is not embraced through repentance and conversion, His justice must be satisfied in the end. But if His mercy is embraced, it perfectly fulfills justice, and we will live with Him as our King and Shepherd forever.

TUESDAY: [Matthew 6:7-8](#)
Reflect today on how you pray, especially when you recite the Our Father. Do you fully understand what you are saying? Do you believe it with all your heart? Your Father in Heaven knows your needs. Trust Him, turn to Him, acknowledge His holiness, worship Him, rely on His providence, seek and extend forgiveness, and allow Him to protect you from evil. If you do, you will pray as Jesus desires.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 11:29](#)
Reflect today on Jesus’ rebuke of the evil surrounding us, which demands proof but refuses to see the one sign that truly matters. The only proof Jesus offers is the grace that transforms us. When we discover and embrace this grace, we will know, believe, and be changed. Open your heart to the miracle of conversion that God desires to bestow upon you, and become a witness of Christ’s greatest miracle for others to see.

THURSDAY: [Matthew 7:7-8](#)
Reflect today on Jesus’ call to ask, seek, and knock. Do so abundantly—but not for superficial wants or fleeting pleasures. Instead, ask for God Himself and His holy will to be made manifest in your life. Pray that He fills you with His grace, purifies your thoughts, and aligns your desires with His perfect plan. When you do, your Heavenly Father will bestow upon you every good thing beyond anything you could ask for.

FRIDAY: [Matthew 5:20](#)
Reflect today on Jesus’ teaching about the deeper meaning of this and other commandments. Lent is a time of turning away from sin and returning to God. If you struggle with anger, examine its roots. If rash judgment is at the heart of it, seek God’s mercy and repent to find peace. If you’ve hurt others with critical or condemning words, especially if you’ve judged their moral character, confess this grave sin and remember that God alone is the Judge. Strive to fulfill not only the letter of God’s Law but also its spirit, and your life will bear abundant fruit.

SATURDAY: [Matthew 5:43-44](#)
Reflect today on God’s incredible invitation given to you to be a member of His family. As you hear that invitation and respond with acceptance, consider the requirements that result from that choice. Look at those in your life for whom you hold a grudge, have a complicated relationship, or have been hurt. Do not act according to natural reason alone. Allow your mind to be elevated by truth so that you understand what God expects of you, and allow your will to be strengthened by grace so that you can act toward others as your heavenly Father acts toward you.



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FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 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!



To everyone who participated in the Bake Sale. The Ladies Guild appreciates your generosity. There will be no bake sales in March, during Lent.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our next meeting will be **1pm** on **Wednesday, March 4** at 4199 Hwy 165. We have chosen our book for the Lenten Season: "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene. Three women who walked with Jesus. You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, March 1st**, St. Mary's Annual Oyster Roast and Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and meet other parishioners. More Information to follow.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SOUP SUPPER: There are still openings for volunteers to sign-up to bring soup and bread for our **Wednesday evening Mass** and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Church Narthex. Bring a crock-pot full of soup and a loaf of bread to the parish center before Mass.

ST. MARY'S WELCOME COMMITTEE: St. Mary's is seeking volunteers to create a Welcome Committee. The committee volunteers foster belonging by greeting and assisting new parishioners. They typically distribute welcome packets, answer questions, and host social gatherings to help everyone feel comfortable. Is this something you might be interested in volunteering for? Please contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 843-889-8549 or email at stmarys165@gmail.com.

BECOMING A ST. MARY'S REGISTERED PARISHIONER: For those interested in becoming registered members of St. Mary's Parish, the registration forms are in the back of the Church or ask an Usher can provide you with one.

Lector Schedule for 02/22/2026

8am Jim Madory

9:30am Joe Yabut

Eucharistic Ministers for 02/22/2026

8am Ginny Bruneau

9:30am Kim Terry

Second Collection 03/01/26

Second Collection – 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, 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).

Meet Georgia French: Sunday, March 1st @2pm, prior to the



Oyster Roast: Georgia specializes in investment planning, asset allocation and estate planning. In her more than 30 years of financial services experience, Georgia has been a Financial Advisor, Branch Manager, Complex Manager and National Sales Manager. Georgia holds a Bachelor's in international business from Simmons College in Boston, MA. She earned the Certified Financial Planner designation from The College of Charleston in 2002. In addition to being very active with the South Carolina Catholic Diocese, she also serves as a mentor to graduate students at the College of Charleston School of Business, where she is an occasional guest speaker on investment strategies as well as an Instructor for the Certified Financial Planning program offered through the College of Charleston.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In His great humility and compassion for us, Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, allowed Himself to endure something that we sinful human beings encounter every day—temptation. God's glorious plan from the beginning included the creation of both humans and pure spirits—angels—to form one glorious Kingdom of God. Original Sin, the fall of the angels, and our struggle against temptation were not part of God's original intention, but they became realities due to the misuse of free will, both by angels and by humans. Free will was necessary for both angels and humans to love God freely, which led to a third of the angels and many humans turning away from Him.

Theologians such as Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Augustine offer profound insights into God's original plan for His Kingdom. In that plan, angels were believed to have been tasked with assisting humans in their journey toward perfection through enlightenment and contemplation. Some choirs of angels were tasked with the governance of the cosmos, guiding the physical world in harmony with God's will.

Tragically, the fall of a third of the angels, along with the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has resulted in a world filled with struggle and sin. The fallen angels—now demons—use their natural gifts to deceive, confuse, and tempt. Those who were once responsible for guiding the cosmos now seek to sow chaos, contributing to the existence of natural disasters, disease, and death. While Catholic angelology is speculative, based on a limited amount of biblical revelation, it is important to recognize the role of angels and demons as we enter this sacred season of Lent.

Today's Gospel focuses on the activity of the most powerful fallen angel—Satan, originally named Lucifer, meaning "Light-Bearer." Tradition holds that he was among the highest of the angels, possibly a Seraphim. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Lucifer's fall resulted from pride: He desired to be a god unto himself, to create and govern according to his own will, refusing to serve God. This cosmic reality, of which both Jesus and Satan were fully aware, sets the stage for and adds profound significance to their encounter in the desert.

In this dramatic confrontation, Jesus, by allowing Himself to be tempted, begins the ultimate defeat of Satan, a victory that will culminate in Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is the only recorded instance in which Jesus permits Satan to tempt Him directly. While Satan remained active throughout Jesus' ministry, seeking to disrupt His mission, this moment in the desert addresses temptation specifically. By rejecting each temptation, Jesus not only demonstrates how to overcome the devil but also empowers humanity with the grace needed to resist temptation through His triumph on the Cross.

As we enter into the first full week of Lent, reflect today on the temptations you face in your own life. Though Satan is powerful and highly intelligent, he is no match for the grace of God. By uniting ourselves to Christ, we are strengthened to resist all that Satan and his demons throw at us. Victory over temptation is not achieved by our own strength but through Christ's grace, which He freely offers to all who turn to Him.