

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 11, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,700	CASC	\$20
Loose	\$189	Maintenance and Repair	\$1,252
Votives	\$	Memorial	\$100
Sub Total	\$2,889	Sub Total	\$1,372
Grand Total	\$4,261		

8AM	33	9:30	63	Total	96
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Parish Center	
Total	\$154,047

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.



DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Luke 12:13-15](#)
Reflect today on the subtle ways greed might influence your thoughts, choices, or desires. Consider whether you ever equate your worth with what you possess or whether you long for more than what God has given. What is the foundation of my life? If it is anything other than Christ and the generous love He calls you to live, then hear His words anew: “One’s life does not consist of possessions.” Seek instead to become rich in what matters to God—generosity, mercy, faith, and love—and let these be the treasures that define your soul.

TUESDAY: [Luke 12:35-36](#)
Reflect today on the consistency of your own prayer. Are you vigilant in every season, especially in the second and third watches of the night? Are you especially faithful to God when life is challenging? Seek to make every moment an offering to God, watching and waiting for Him with love and trust.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 12:47-48](#)
Reflect today on your knowledge of God and His perfect will. Do you diligently seek to know Him more so that more is demanded of you? Are you vigilant, always listening to Him through prayer and the promptings of the Holy Spirit? Resolve to become holy. Desire more of God in your life. The more you receive, the greater the purification God will ask of you, but in the end, those exponential blessings are worth it. Keep seeking them out.

THURSDAY: [Luke 12:49-50](#)
Reflect today on the fire that Christ came to cast upon the earth. Is your soul burning, smoking, or still untouched by that flame? Are you willing to be set on fire and to undergo the purifications necessary to become one with the divine flame? Allow the Word of God, the Sacraments, and deep prayer to be the sparks that enkindle your soul. Say “Yes” to this baptism of fire, and let your soul become a light to the world.

FRIDAY: [Luke 12:54-56](#)
Reflect today on how well you perceive God’s presence in the ordinary moments of your day. Do you interpret those moments as opportunities to grow in holiness by loving God and serving His will, even in the smallest ways? Strive to be among the faithful few who seek out graced moments of great significance for your life and the lives of others. Discern those moments with care and love, and you will discover the Messiah’s ongoing mission of love.

SATURDAY: [Luke 13:1-3](#)
Reflect today on how easily we can fall into the trap of self-assurance, focusing on the sins of others or dismissing our need for daily conversion. Ponder the urgency with which Jesus speaks. Let His words pierce your conscience and stir within you a holy fear—not of physical death, but of a hardened, unrepentant heart. Then run to the Lord with trust, humility, and sorrow for sin, confident that His mercy is always greater than our failures.

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 18, 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 8:00 mass is being offered for Recovery and Healing for Pope Leo XIV, on behalf of St. Mary's Parishioners.
Today's 9:30 mass is being offered for Wellness and Healing for Judy Shoun (sister of Kim Terry), on behalf of Tanya Riffe.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB
We will meet 1PM on Wednesday, October 21 at 4199 Hwy 165. We are reading "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. We are reading through Chapter 8. "The world is unsettled, contentious, and chaotic. How can you keep your balance? Elijah had some ideas. He stayed steady in unsteady times and showed us how to do the same." You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

NO WEEKDAY MASS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
Fr. JP will be attending the Priest Retreat.

ST. MARYS MINISTRIES:
November Training Sessions
Lay Readers: A training session will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The 2027 Workbook for Lectors will be handed out.
Extraordinary Ministers: A training session will be held Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
The above training sessions are for all current volunteers for these Ministries. All training will be conducted at St. Mary's Church. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a Lay Reader or Extraordinary Minister (or both) please contact Donna Hudson at 703-371-1682 or wdHUDSON87@gmail.com. We welcome all volunteers; this is a great way to further your Faith Journey.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ushers & Greeters
We are looking for friendly volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters at Mass! Help us create a warm and welcoming environment by greeting parishioners, assisting with seating, and helping everyone feel at home. No experience is necessary, just a welcoming smile and a willing heart. If you are interested in serving, please contact the parish office. Training will be held December 9th at 6:30pm.

PARISH DIRECTORY FORM:
St. Mary's Catholic Church is preparing a new Parish Pictorial Directory as a way of bringing our parish family closer together and helping us recognize one another by name and face. The attached form can be emailed to stmarys165@gmail.com, dropped off at the Parish Center, or placed in the collection basket. Please return all forms and pictures by December 1st. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOVEMBER 2nd- All Souls' Day- Mass at St. Mary's 5pm, 9am at St. Frederick & St. Stephen (Edisto).

Lector for 10/25/26
8am Renee Meyer
9:30am Joe Yabut
Eucharistic Minister for 10/25/26
8am Ginny Bruneau
9:30am Joe Branton
Second Collection Sunday 10/25/26
No Second Collection

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, Juliet 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).

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.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Herodians were a political group who supported the rule of Herod Antipas and his dynasty. They favored collaboration with the Roman Empire and upheld the Herodian line as the legitimate rulers over Judea. For the sake of national stability, they promoted political compromise.

The Pharisees, on the other hand, were a religious sect devoted to the Law of Moses and the strict observance of Jewish customs, though often corrupted by legalism. They viewed Gentile rule as a threat to the sanctity of God's covenant and wielded great influence over the people due to their outward piety and perceived religious authority.

Given their stark political and theological differences, the alliance formed between the Pharisees and the Herodians in their plot against Jesus is both startling and revealing. Despite their longstanding enmity, they found common ground in their mutual hatred of Jesus. The Pharisees sought to undermine His credibility among the people, while the Herodians hoped to present Him as a threat to Roman authority. Together, they constructed a trap, hoping Jesus would either speak against the Law or against Caesar—either of which would serve their purposes.

Hatred, envy, jealousy, pride, and self-righteousness can forge what appears to be unity—even among rivals—but it is a unity rooted in darkness, a counterfeit communion built on shared agendas rather than truth. It is the kind of alliance in which satan himself rejoices. Such false unity always unravels. Anything built on pride and sin cannot stand. Unity can only endure where truth, humility, and love prevail.

As we look around us, we see many such counterfeit alliances formed not by shared conviction in what is good and true, but by convenience in opposing what threatens personal influence or power. Individuals and groups unite to silence voices that speak uncomfortable truths. This is frequently seen in politics and culture, but is also tragically found even within the Church. In every case, truth is twisted, motives are disguised, and God's pure and holy will becomes the object of attack. When such unholy alliances take root within the Church, they do grave damage to our common mission to proclaim the Gospel in truth.

True Christian unity is not grounded in shared ambitions or human agendas, but in the Person of Jesus Christ. It is expressed through charity, humility, and fidelity to God's will. It is not built on calculation or convenience but on the self-emptying love of Christ, who calls us to die to self and live for Him. Our only agenda must be that God be glorified and His children drawn into His glory and sanctification. As members of His Body, the Church, our unity must reflect the communion of the Most Holy Trinity, rooted in divine love, not in political expediency or pride.

Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit.