

PARISH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



WELCOME: Welcome to St. Mary's! Although we are not fully participating in our Parish Mass and activities at this time, we look forward to returning to normal schedules and opportunities to meet and greet each other once again. In the meantime, we pray that all our parishioners and their families remain safe and well during these most unusual times!

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH: We will resume food collections in 2021. "Well done, my good and faithful servant". THANK YOU!

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: We are reading "The Girl's Still Got It" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This book is the story of Ruth. "Walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her calling, yet uncertain of her future". We meet in person at 4199 Hwy 165, just down the street from the church. If you are interested in attending the meeting via Zoom, please leave a message at (843) 729-1644 and leave your email address. We will send you a Zoom invitation to the next meeting. Everyone is welcome to join at any time.

St. Mary's Outreach is selling Note cards. All can be viewed in the parish center. Prices are marked.

Contribution Statements for 2020 have been mailed out. If you did not get one please email the office.

Volunteers Wanted: To help count Sunday donations, unusually after 9:30 Mass on Sunday. If interested, please email Carolyn at: carolyn29449@email.com



Doyle Adams, Linda Adams, K. Baker, d, Barbara Barrs, Hazel Basilio, , Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Maryanne Cortez, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Larry Gerth, Ruth Gerth, Bob Glenn, Elizabeth Good, Hugh Gorman, Sally Gorman, Krista Groover, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, DeeDee Huck, Milagros Lamar, Rowena Aquino Livingston, Susan Mance, Jane Morley, Mary Lydia Moskow, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Eloise Stroud, Richard Unger Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioner of our parish family..

Record of Faithfulness

Thanks to all who have mailed in their contributions.

01/17/2021

Envelopes:	\$ 2582.00	Main&Repair	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 92.00	Latin America	\$ 20.00
		Flowers	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 2465.00		

Attendance 8 am 25 9:30 am 31

Please call or email the rectory at: (843) 889-8549, stmarys165@charlestdiocese.org or stmarys165@gmail.com with any bulletin announcements.

Please pray for our country in this time of unrest that we may come through this as a more united and fair-minded nation.

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

Lord, we thank You for the blessings that come to us as citizens of this nation. Guide our leaders by the truths given through natural law and Holy Scripture. Preserve our citizenry from strife and discord. Give to Your people in this land both the courage and the liberty to proclaim Your Word and live faithfully according to it, reminding us that our truest citizenship is in heaven. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming. . . . "Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14, 15)

Today, as we near the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Church also celebrates the Sunday of God's Word. How fitting, then, that the readings today look at two proclaimers of God's word: Jonah and Jesus. Both proclaimed God's word, and both witnessed the power of that word to unite the people who heard it.

Although Jesus and Jonah were similar, their differences are even more significant. Unlike Jonah, Jesus was no reluctant prophet. On the contrary, he moved with determination from village to village in his desire to preach God's word (Mark 1:38-39). Also unlike Jonah, Jesus didn't preach only repentance. He also announced that God's time of redemption had finally come. In Jesus, we see the Word of God himself breaking into history and gathering all God's children into one. As Jesus would later say, "Something greater than Jonah [is] here" (Matthew 12:41).

How amazing it must have been to see and hear Jesus, the Word of God, walking this earth! But our celebration of God's word today reminds us that we have that same powerful Word available to us every time we read the Scriptures or hear them proclaimed at Mass. Jesus is always speaking to us.

So just as God's word touched the hearts of people in Nineveh and Galilee, it can move us to repentance and faith. Just as Jesus' words moved Simon and Andrew to leave their nets and follow him, they can move us to reorder our priorities and follow Jesus more closely. And just as Jesus' words called both Jews and Gentiles into one Church, God's word can bring us to unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As Pope Francis said when instituting Word of God Sunday, "The word of God unites believers and makes them one people" (*Aperuit Illis*, 4).

"Lord, change us by your word, and make us one so that the world might believe."

Word Among Us