

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 9, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,850	CASC	\$5
Loose	\$80	Maintenance and Repairs	\$
Votives	\$52	Disaster Relief	\$630
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Sub Total	\$2,982		\$
Grand Total	\$3,617	Sub Total	\$635

8AM	32	9:30	49	Total	81
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Parish Center	
Total	\$139,245

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: [Matthew 19:16-17](#)
Reflect today on the difference between obeying God’s Commandments and surrendering to Him in radical, wholehearted love. If you keep the Law, what do you still lack? What might Jesus be asking you to let go of so that you can follow Him more perfectly? Ask Him to reveal where your attachments lie. Then pray for the courage not to walk away in sadness, but to follow Him in joy and trust, wherever He leads.

TUESDAY: [Matthew 19:23-25](#)
Reflect today on your desires and attitudes toward material wealth and comfort. Ask yourself honestly whether you see riches as a path to happiness, or whether you are truly open to the freedom that comes with spiritual poverty. Consider the radical invitation Jesus offered the rich young man—not as a burden, but as a gift. Ponder what you may still cling to, and be courageous enough to let it go. Seek to cultivate a heart that finds joy in simplicity, generosity, and trust in God alone. In doing so, you will discover the incomparable riches of a life lived for the Kingdom of Heaven.

WEDNESDAY: [Matthew 20:13-16](#)
Reflect today on how readily and generously you respond to God’s call. Do you labor with a pure heart, seeking only to please Him? Or do you struggle with jealousy and envy, tempted to compare your path to that of others? Ask our Lord for the grace to serve Him with humility, joy, and love, confident that He will reward you according to the perfection of your response to His invitation.

THURSDAY: [Matthew 22:11-14](#)
Reflect today on the man cast out from the feast. Though he was invited, he failed to be properly clothed in grace. Jesus offers this parable not to condemn, but to awaken us to the need for ongoing purification of heart. In many ways, the wedding feast is an image of our parish churches, where the banquet of the Lamb is continually offered in the Holy Eucharist. All are invited—but only those properly disposed through humility, repentance, and faith can enter fully into the joy of the Eternal Feast, which begins here and now through the worthy reception of the Eucharist. Consider your own participation in the Holy Mass and strive to adorn your soul with the beauty of charity, for without this garment of grace, we will be cast out of the eternal Banquet of Heaven.

FRIDAY: [Matthew 22:34-36](#)
Reflect today on the quality and source of your love. Is your love for others rooted in your love of God? Does your love flow from time spent in prayer, from a heart purified by grace, and from a desire to glorify God above all? Seek to love not merely with emotion or obligation, but with divine charity. When you do, your relationships will not only be transformed, they will become instruments through which God touches the world.

SATURDAY: [Matthew 23:1-3](#)
Reflect today on any desires within your heart that are selfish or self-elevating rather than humble and oriented toward service. True charity always seeks the good of the other first. And paradoxically, it is precisely this self-forgetful love that brings about our own exaltation—not by our striving, but by God’s grace. Humble yourself, and God will lift you up. Exalt yourself, and your self-exaltation will be your only reward.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 16, 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!



Ligaya Aquino for the 4 Chasubles, Mark and Leslie Bauknight for the 2 Albs, and Irene Green for the Holy Water Font.

MASS INTENTIONS: Today’s 8:00 mass is being offered for Repose of the Soul of Betty Butler, on behalf of Teresa Loughridge.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: We will meet on **Wednesday, August 19 at 1PM** ay 4199 Hwy 165. We will have our final discussion of "The Fisherman's Bride" by Catherine Magia. She is just the wife of a fisherman, Simon, until they meet Jesus of Nazareth. We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. Our September meetings will be **Sept 2 and 16**. We read all summer! You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

BAKE SALE: Ladies Guild is gearing up for the fall season, our first of many Bake Sales will be **Sunday, September 13th**. Prices haven't gone up, time to try something new and different.

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.

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.

Lector for 08/23/26
8am Jim Madory
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Minister for 08/23/26
8am Becky Madory
9:30am Mark Bauknight
Second Collection Sunday 08/23/26
Maintenance and Repairs

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,



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).



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Imagine the Son of God referring to you as a dog. For most people, that would be deeply offensive. So why would Jesus do such a thing? He did so, in part, to draw forth from this woman an act of profound humility and faith. Through this moment of divine humiliation, Jesus invited her to rise to a heroic response, prompting Him to exclaim, “O woman, great is your faith!” He desires to do the same with each one of us.

When Jesus first encountered this woman, He saw into her soul and perceived the depth of her faith. As God, He knew everything about her—her suffering, her love for her daughter, her perseverance. He also knew He would heal the girl, yet He did not do so immediately. Instead, He engaged in what theology refers to as divine pedagogy—a method of instruction by which God teaches slowly, carefully, and with purpose. In this case, Jesus used the moment to teach His disciples—and us—a profound lesson about humility and unwavering faith. He tested her, and she passed the test marvelously.

The location of this encounter is also significant. It took place in the region of Tyre and Sidon, in modern-day Lebanon—a Gentile territory known for its Greek-speaking population and pagan customs. The woman is specifically identified as a Canaanite, evoking the memory of Israel’s ancient enemies. And yet, it is precisely this outsider—this woman of seemingly little spiritual privilege—who becomes a model of the faith the chosen people were meant to embody.

She first approaches Jesus, crying out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” By calling Him, “Son of David,” she reveals her belief in His messianic identity. But what does Jesus do? Nothing. He appears to ignore her—not because He is displeased or uncaring, but because He is testing her faith, knowing full well she will persevere and shine.

God often allows similar experiences in the lives of the faithful. It’s easy to assume that if we follow Christ, we will be shielded from difficulty. On the contrary, one of the most powerful ways God forms His saints is by allowing them to undergo trials. These trials, far from being signs of abandonment, are invitations to heroic virtue. They are divine tests. And God never permits more than we can endure by His grace.

If that seems confusing or difficult to accept, we need only look to the Son of God Himself. Though Jesus was perfect, it was the Father’s will that He endure the deepest depths of humiliation: rejection, persecution, suffering, and death. Through this ultimate “divine pedagogy,” the Son not only conquered sin and death but also taught us how to follow Him—by transforming our humiliation into humility, our weakness into strength, and our suffering into sanctification. In this way, God’s power is made perfect in our weakness (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9).

As the conversation with the woman unfolds, Jesus continues to appear distant, yet He knows she will not give up. Her faith and her love for her daughter drive her to persevere. She humbly persists through every trial, and in doing so, she wins grace—not only for herself and her daughter, but also for the disciples who witnessed the exchange and for all who read her story today.