

RECORD OF FAITHFULLNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,198	CASC	\$
Loose	\$147	Maintenance and Repair	\$1,112
Votives	\$	Catholic University	\$
Sub Total	\$2,345	Sub Total	\$1,112
Grand Total	\$3,457		

8AM	35	9:30	70	Total	105
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Parish Center	
Total	\$153,367

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.

SHRIMP BOIL UPDATE!

New Date: Sunday, October 25th

Bring:

- Family-size dish
- Your favorite beverage

Times:

- Set-up @ 2 PM
- Shrimp Boil @ 3 PM

Come hungry — come happy — come ready for shrimp!

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: Luke 10:30-33

Reflect today on those whom God has placed along your path. Who is “half-dead” and in need of your compassion? Who is wounded by loneliness, rejection, fear, or suffering? The first grace we need is the grace to truly see them: to notice their presence, to perceive their dignity as children of God, and to recognize the spiritual and moral duty we have to show love. Resolve to act, not out of obligation, but out of a heart moved by a mercy that reflects the very heart of Christ.

TUESDAY: Luke 10:38-40

Reflect today on the interior burdens that weigh you down and rob you of your peace. Ask yourself whether your heart is recollected and attentive to the Lord throughout your day, especially amid your duties and responsibilities. Strive to imitate Mary by sitting at the feet of Jesus in prayer, and imitate Martha by serving with love—but do both with a contemplative spirit. Choose the better part each day by letting your heart remain fixed on Christ, so that whether you pray or work, your soul rests in Him.

WEDNESDAY: Luke 11:1-4

Reflect today on this perfect prayer. Because we pray it often, it’s easy to treat the Our Father merely as a formula of words rather than a model for our lives. Pray it slowly and intentionally, allowing each petition to shape your heart. Let it direct your desires, express your childlike affection for God, put your reliance on His providence in the gift of the Eucharist, help you embrace the call to forgive and be forgiven, and strengthen you to endure every trial with patient trust. Pray with the sure and certain hope that you are being drawn into God’s Kingdom, where He will be eternally glorified by angels and saints.

THURSDAY: Luke 11:9-10

Reflect today on whether your prayer is persistent, confident, and marked by a blind trust in God’s goodness and perfect will. Do you boldly ask God for His will to be done, even when it requires surrender? Pray for the grace to seek only what is good in God’s eyes, and never cease knocking on the door of His Heart.

FRIDAY: Luke 11:15-18

Reflect today on the power contained in the finger of God. Jesus exercises that power readily, swiftly, and joyfully when we turn to Him in prayer. Let your confidence in God’s supreme authority over sin and every demonic force dispel all fear and anxiety that tries to take root in your heart. Remain vigilant, faithful, and spiritually alert, trusting in Christ through prayer, the Sacraments, fidelity to the Church, and a life of virtue. When you do, the devil has no true hold on you and the finger of God will prevail.

SATURDAY: Luke 11:27-28

Reflect today on Jesus’ quick and passionate response to this loving mother in the crowd. Hear in His voice a sense of urgency directed to your own soul. He desires to include you in His spiritual kinship and to count you among the blessed, those who hear His Word and faithfully observe it. Imitate the Mother of God, and you, too, will share in the blessings that such a life bestows.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 4, 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 9:30 mass is being offered for wellness and healing for Sherrie Drive.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING MARY AND BRYAN MUCKENFUSS TO OUR ST. MARY’S PARISH FAMILY.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY TRANSITION:

Our parish is currently in a period of transition as we prepare to welcome a **new Music Director**. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this process.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

We will meet **Wednesday, October 7 at 1pm** in the **PARISH CENTER**. We are reading "Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado. "Strong Faith in an age of anxiety, chaos and exhaustion". You may join us at any time. Please call [843 729-1644](tel:8437291644) for more information.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP:

St. Mary's Men's Group will continue their Faith journey. On **October 8, 2026** we will begin the series Foundations of Fatih, A Journey Through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We will meet at the **Parish Center at 6:00 pm on October 8th**. If interested in joining, please contact Mark Bauknight at 843-327-5371.

YOUTH NIGHT:

Our youth night is planned for **Saturday October 10th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at **Saint Frederick’s and Saint Stephen’s** parish hall. All teenagers are welcome! Please text 517-5818581 , Lou Rasmussen if you need plan to attend. We need a count for the Pizza and Drinks !

LADIES GUILD BAKE SALE:

Are you ready for the next Ladies Guild Bake Sale? It will be held on **Sunday, October 18th**, after both Masses.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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, 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).

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 10/11/26

8am Donna Hudson

9:30am Joe Yabut

Eucharistic Minister for 10/11/26

8am Wayne Hudson

9:30am Kim Terry

Second Collection Sunday 10/11/26

Maintenance and Repairs

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 5:1–7) and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God’s providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively.

The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach.

The parable ends in tragedy with the son’s murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit” (Matthew 21:43). Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today.

We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labor diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption.

Sometimes, when we speak of “the Church,” we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way.

To use the image from today’s parable, the vineyard and the fruit it is meant to bear are not equated exclusively with the tenants, the servants, the son, or even the landowner. The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a laborer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth.

Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labor for the salvation of souls—“people that will produce its fruit.” The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labor with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you.