

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

### MONDAY: [JOHN 10:2-4](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon how attentive you are to God in prayer. What does your daily prayer look like? Do you spend time each day listening to the gentle and beautiful voice of our Lord? Do you seek to form a habit by which His voice becomes clearer and clearer? If not, if you do struggle in recognizing His voice, then make the decision to establish a deeper habit of daily prayer so that it is the voice of our loving Lord Who leads you every day.

### TUESDAY: [JOHN 10:24-25](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon the mysterious ways in which God communicates to you. If you do not understand how He speaks, then that is a good starting point. Spend time with this Gospel, prayerfully pondering it. Meditate upon Jesus' words, listening for His voice. Learn His language through silent prayer and allow His holy words to draw you to Himself.

### WEDNESDAY: [JOHN 12:44-45](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon the passion in the heart of Jesus to reveal to you Who He is in relation to the Father. Be open to a deeper understanding of this divine truth. And as you open yourself to this revelation, allow God to also reveal to you His desire to draw you into Their holy life of unity. This is your calling. This is the reason Jesus came to earth. He came to draw us into the very life of God. Believe it with much passion and conviction.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

### THURSDAY: [ST. MARK, EVANGELIST](#)

**Reflection:** Though little is known for certain about Saint Mark's life, the Gospel attributed to him is unquestionably one of the most important scriptures ever written. In a nearly breathless way, Mark recounts Jesus' public ministry in concise and vivid detail. The shortest of the four Gospels is packed with information. Mark's Gospel was most likely written primarily for Roman Gentiles, rather than for Jews, which is why he often describes various Jewish customs to the reader.

### FRIDAY: [JOHN 14:1](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon whatever it is that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear in your life. Allow Jesus to speak to you, to call you to faith and to rebuke those troubles gently but firmly. When you have faith in God, you can endure all things. Jesus endured the Cross. The disciples eventually endured their crosses. God wants to strengthen you, too. Let Him speak to you so that you will overcome whatever is most troublesome to your heart.

### SATURDAY: [JOHN 14:12-14](#)

**Reflect, today**, upon this high calling. Do so by looking at the desire within your own soul for greatness and then unite that desire with God's will as the only thing that can fulfill you. Pray for this gift every day with humility and detachment and you will become an instrument of acts that give eternal glory to God. In Heaven, this will be your eternal joy.

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

4255 HIGHWAY 165  
YONGES ISLAND SC 29449-6011  
(843) 889-8549  
EMERGENCY (843) 731-1162  
EMAIL: [STMARYS165@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STMARYS165@GMAIL.COM)  
Website: [www.stmarysyongesisland.org](http://www.stmarysyongesisland.org)



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024

### 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-Juene  
Bishop of Charleston**

**Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti  
(Father JP)  
Pastor**

**Email:  
[jnarichetti@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jnarichetti@charlestdiocese.org)  
(843) 731-1162**

**Parish Secretary Becky Chaski**

### 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!

**Congratulations to our First Communicants Asher Coryell, Elliot Garcia-Balderas, Eva Garcia, Solomon Hall and Brianna Miller who will receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 Mass today. Please join us after Mass for breakfast in the Parish Center to congratulate these children!**

**THANK YOU:** Marcelina and Eva Garcia and Rojelio Pachero for sharing the delicious tamales and soup after the 9:30 Mass. To celebrate the CCD classes.

**BAKE SALE:** **Thank you** to all the bakers and buyers at last Sunday's bake sale. We made \$245. Look at the bulletin for our next bake sale date.

**BUILDING MEETING:** **Tuesday, April 23 @6:30pm.**

**CONFIRMATION:** Please keep our three Confirmands, Samantha Balderas-Garcia, Lukas Coryell and Rachael Madory in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** at Blessed Sacrament Church.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:** Mike Miller, our music director, was counting attendance at both 8 and 9:30 am Sunday Masses. Since his retirement, we are looking for someone to count parishioners attending the 8 am Mass. Please contact Carolyn and [carolyn29449@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn29449@gmail.com) if you are interested. There is a yellow post-it pad and pencil on the table in the back of the Church, just write down the date and number of attendees. Thank You

*We pray for each other. In your time of prayer, please remember the following people and intentions:*



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Colleen Cremin, Sonia Dees, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Sally Gorman, J. Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Emily Meyer Hall, Petrina Jacques, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killennerger, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, Suzy Patterson, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, John North, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, 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).

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS**  
**April 14, 2024**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,448	CASC	\$20
Loose	\$40	Holy Land	\$50
Votives	\$	Maintenance & Repair	\$10
	\$	Catholic Relief	\$25
Sub Total	\$3,488		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,593</b>	Sub Total	<b>\$105</b>

8am	50	9:30am	45	Total	95
-----	----	--------	----	-------	----

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

**Reflect, today,** upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.