

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
MAY 17, 2026**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,670	CASC	\$
Loose	\$88	Maintenance and Repairs	\$
Votives	\$24	Catholic Charities	\$100
		Catholic Communication	\$420
Sub Total	\$2,782		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,302</b>	Sub Total	<b>\$520</b>

8AM	32	9:30	56	Total	88
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**Parish Center**

<b>Weekly Total</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	\$40,566.75
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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](mailto:stmarys165@gmail.com) with their name, rank, and branch of service.

**"Please remember Father JP in your prayers while he is away. Ask God to keep him safe & healthy, to help him have a wonderful time with his family." In case of an emergency in Father JP's absence, please contact Father Marreddy Allam at (864)378-5073.**

DAILY REFLECTIONS

**MONDAY: John 19:25-27**

**Reflect today** on the many ways God sanctifies and strengthens you for your mission. Through the Eucharist, we are united to Christ's Cross and receive the grace to rise triumphantly with Him. Along this journey, we are strengthened by the Blessed Mother, the Mother of the Church and the Mediatrix of grace. As the Spirit filled the Church at Pentecost, so too does He fill our hearts today, leading us to Mary, whose love and intercession anchor us to her Son and His saving grace.

**TUESDAY: Mark 10:28**

**Reflect today** on Jesus making these two promises to you. Do you believe that giving up "everything" and following Jesus will produce "a hundred times" more than what you give up? What attachments does our Lord ask you to relinquish? Believe what Jesus says. The life of holiness, as modeled by the saints, makes great demands upon us. If we believe this and live it, then the second promise will become our hope and eternal delight. This life is short. Turn your eyes to eternal life in the age to come, strive for that gift, and both promises will become a reality in your life.

**WEDNESDAY: Mark 10:33-34**

**Reflect today** on Jesus' interaction with His Apostles. Learn from their shortcomings and be grateful for Jesus' patience. Pray for the grace of an empathetic heart, for this virtue enables us to console the Heart of Christ by sharing in His Passion with attentiveness and compassion. In doing so, we imitate the perfect love of the Blessed Mother, who teaches us how to truly love.

**THURSDAY: Mark 10:46-48**

**Reflect today** on this poor blind man, Bartimaeus, sitting on the roadside. With him, profess your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and cry out for mercy. When sin hinders you, have the courage to admit it, confess it, and plead for forgiveness. When temptations try to silence you, resist them and cry out all the louder. In the end, Jesus called Bartimaeus to Himself and healed him. Jesus desires to do the same for us. He will, if we humbly identify with Bartimaeus, see ourselves in his condition, and imitate his unwavering faith and persistent prayer.

**FRIDAY: Mark 11:20-21**

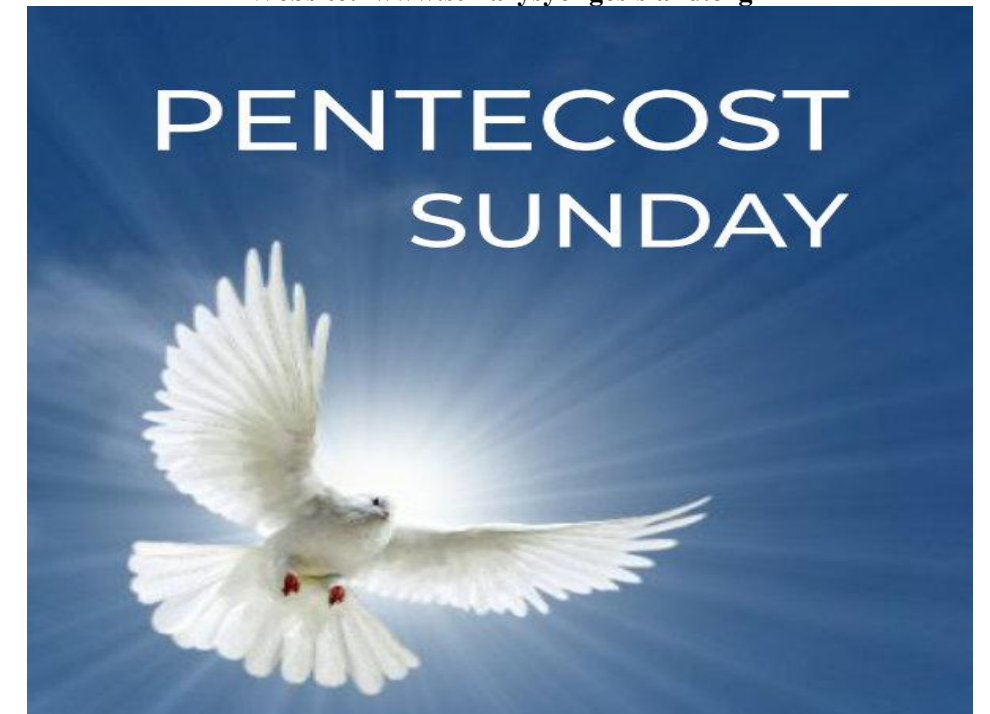
**Reflect today** on your soul as the new temple Jesus wants to cleanse. There is incredible potential for each one of us to bear an abundance of good fruit for His Kingdom. Begin by forgiving everyone from your heart. Then, approach prayer with faith that trusts God's providence and seeks His will. Let your worship be sincere—not for appearances or routine, but out of love for God and a desire for His Kingdom to grow. Fidelity to prayer and forgiveness will transform your life into one of fruitfulness and grace, leading you to the abundant life of His Kingdom.

**SATURDAY: Mark 11:27-28**

**Reflect today** on any hostility you might encounter. If it seems senseless and leaves you feeling oppressed or fearful, turn to Jesus as your guide. Hostile irrationality can arise from many sources, even those close to us. We must resist the temptation to return hostility with hostility, but neither should we give in to fear. Our response must be rational, calm, and firm, just as Jesus demonstrated. Our Lord's witness should not only result in our admiration and praise, but also in our imitation, relying on His grace to confront evil as He did.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC  
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**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 24, 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 Ireneo G. Faustino, on behalf of Jen Crowe.

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 20.** We are reading "Theo of Golden" for our next read. "Theo arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Theo sets out on a mission...." **We meet at 4199 Hwy 165 at 1PM.** We read all summer! You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

**PARISH CHARITY COLLECTION:** Our yearly collection for Project San Pedro (**using the Parish Charity envelop**) will be on May 31st. St. Mary's supports three children in Guatemala with their upbringing and their education. Come to the parish center to see the letters they write to us and their photos.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, June 9 at 6PM.**

**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](http://www.stmarysyongesisland.org).

### **Lector for 05/31/26**

8am Jim Madory

9:30am Joe Yabut

### **Eucharistic Minister for 05/31/26**

8am Ginny Bruneau

9:30am Kim Terry

### **Second Collection Sunday 05/31/2026**

Project San Pedro (Parish Charity)

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



Helaine Ahern, Hazel Basilio, Sam Blackburn, Chester Broton, Jr., James Butski Jr., Kalynn Sandoval Campbell, Allison Condon Chappell, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Maria DeGennaro, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, 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, Evan North, Connor O'Brien, Judy O'Neal, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, 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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which took place fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. Today's Gospel recounts Jesus' first appearance to the Apostles as a group—Thomas being absent—on the evening of the Resurrection. During this appearance, Jesus conferred on them the authority to forgive sins, a power foundational to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This gift anticipates the fuller outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, when the Apostles were empowered to carry out their mission with boldness and divine strength.

By breathing on the Apostles, Jesus recalls the creation account in Genesis, when God breathed life into Adam ([Genesis 2:7](#)). Now Christ, the New Adam, breathes new life—the divine life of grace—into His Apostles. While this breathing conveys the Holy Spirit in an anticipatory manner, Pentecost represents the full bestowal of the Spirit upon the Church, sanctifying and empowering the Apostles and all disciples.

Our knowledge of Pentecost comes to us from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke's continuation of his Gospel in which he details the beginning of the Church: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" ([Acts 2:2-3](#)).

When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles at Pentecost, there were physical manifestations. God often accompanies significant biblical actions with visible signs to reveal the invisible reality of His presence and activity. Though the transforming reality of Pentecost was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the accompanying signs teach us about the Spirit's nature and work.

The "strong driving wind" that "filled the entire house" symbolizes the ongoing, life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. Like the wind, the Spirit is unseen yet powerful, moving where He wills and producing visible effects in the lives of believers. Though we understand the natural causes of wind today, its mystery and uncontrollable nature remain, reflecting the Holy Spirit's divine origin and unstoppable work in the world. He comes from God's hidden presence, unseen but active, bringing about a new creation in the Church and in every soul He touches.

The "tongues as of fire" signify the Spirit's purifying and transforming action, burning away sin and igniting hearts with zeal for God's mission. Together, these signs reveal the Spirit as the powerful, life-giving, and sanctifying presence of God, animating the Church and guiding her to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before Pentecost, the disciples hid in the Upper Room, fearful and uncertain. Though Jesus had taught them, performed miracles, and revealed His perfect love, their hearts were not yet fully transformed. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a divine fire, emboldening them to become fearless witnesses.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the same gift bestowed upon the disciples at Pentecost. We might not feel a strong driving wind or see tongues of fire descend from Heaven, but the reality is the same. The signs at Pentecost were not only for the disciples, they were also for us, revealing the Holy Spirit's workings and power in our lives.

**Reflect today** on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Have you experienced the Spirit's presence in your life? Like the first disciples, have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you with power from on high, emboldening you, purifying you, and setting you on fire with zeal to fulfill the mission God has entrusted to you? The Holy Spirit will transform us—if we let Him—setting our feet on the path to eternal glory.