

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$3,020	CASC	\$415
Loose	\$115	Maintenance and Repair	\$
Votives	\$85		\$
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Sub Total	\$3,220		\$
Grand Total	\$3,635	Sub Total	\$415

8AM	38	9:30	51	Total	89
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Parish Center	
Total	\$153,037

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.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [John 3:13-15](#)
[Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#)

Reflect today on the mystery Jesus first revealed in secret. Through His exaltation on the Cross, He brings salvation to all who believe, also enabling our crosses to share in His triumph. Gaze upon the Cross with faith. What once symbolized death has become our hope, our healing, and our path to eternal life.

TUESDAY: [Luke 2:33-35](#)
[Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows](#)

Reflect today on the sorrow within your own heart. It is easy to be saddened by loss, hardship, or trials. But sadness is not the same as holy sorrow. Does suffering lead you to compassion and empathy, or does it turn into self-pity? As we ponder the sorrows of our Blessed Mother, pray for the grace to imitate her holy compassion. Embrace your trials with love, and allow mercy to flow from your wounded heart. The Blessed Virgin perfectly exemplifies this sacred charity, and through her intercession and example, we are called to do the same.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 7:31-32](#)

Reflect today on the disposition of your own heart. Are you moved by the Gospel’s invitation to rejoice in the nearness of God and His blessings? Are you also willing to let your heart be pierced by the sorrow that comes from recognizing sin and the suffering it causes? Ask for the grace of a heart that is fully alive—dancing to the melody of divine joy and weeping with holy sorrow over all that hinders love. By embracing both, you will be drawn more deeply into the mystery of Christ, who came to call both the joyful and the contrite into His Kingdom.

THURSDAY: [Luke 7:36-38](#)

Reflect today on this unnamed sinful woman, and try to see yourself in her. Let her humility become your own. Let her tears of sorrow become yours. Let her bold and loving gestures toward Jesus inspire you to approach Him without fear or hesitation, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No sin is too great for His mercy. If you come to Him with a contrite heart, He will not only forgive you—He will elevate your soul, heal your wounds, and unite Himself to you in the deepest bond of divine love. Let her story become your own act of love and trust.

FRIDAY: [Luke 8:1-3](#)

Reflect today upon this unexpected company Jesus formed. Many people struggle with a sense of unworthiness or feel inadequate in their spiritual lives. If you have ever felt this way, take heart in the diverse group Christ called. Their varied and imperfect backgrounds reveal the deep and consoling truth that no one is beyond being called by God. Each of us, no matter our past or present, is invited to walk with Him, to offer what we have, and to participate fully in His redemptive mission. Accept this invitation. Join this holy company. And give yourself wholeheartedly to the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

SATURDAY: [Luke 8:4-8](#)

Reflect today on the high ideals set forth in the Parable of the Sower. Move from concept to reality. This parable is not only meant to inspire, it is meant to prompt action. First, open your heart to Christ the Word through daily prayer, participation in the Sacraments, and works of charity. Then, become a co-worker with Christ. In what ways can you assist the Divine Sower? To whom can you be an instrument of the Word of God? Be receptive to His grace and resolute in your mission, that the Field of God’s Kingdom may continue to grow and flourish.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 in memory of Naomi and Moody Roberts on behalf of Alice Womack.

BAKE SALE TODAY

Stop by the Parish Center after mass for the Ladies Guild Bake Sale. Take home some delicious homemade goodies. Prices haven’t gone up in years.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB

We meet the first and third Wednesday of each month. at 4199 Hwy 165, just down the street from St. Mary's. Our next meeting will be Wednesday September16 at 1PM. . You may join us at any time. Please call 843 729-1644 for more information.

PARISH CHARITY COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 20TH

The second collection on September 20th will be for Meals on Wheels of St. Paul’s Parish. This small organization provides nutritious meals to people who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. They must live in Hollywood, Meggett, Yonges Island, Ravenel, or Adams Run. Please be generous. Contact Edwin Worrell 843-494-1893 if you need this service or if you would like to volunteer to help prepare or deliver the meals.

FAITH FORMATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL):

Faith formation (Sunday School) will begin on September 20 following 9:30 Mass. All our young folks are invited to come. Parents, you are the primary religious educators of your children, but we supplement your teaching with our classes.

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).

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.

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus tells this parable in response to Peter, who asked, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Peter likely thought he was being generous. But Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

The context is helpful. Not long before this dialogue, Jesus had changed Simon’s name to Peter—Petros—meaning “rock,” the foundation upon which He would build His Church. He further promised Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against it and said, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Soon after that, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where they were privileged to witness His Transfiguration—a glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had also witnessed many other miracles, some quite personal. For example, when asked by tax collectors whether Jesus paid the Temple tax, Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, cast a hook, and open the mouth of the first fish he caught. Inside, he found a coin worth twice the Temple tax—enough for both Jesus and Peter (Matthew 17:27).

Perhaps these recent events in which Peter played a privileged role left him feeling quite favored. He may have begun to think well of himself, sensing a special place in Jesus’ mission. Wanting to demonstrate his spiritual maturity, Peter made what he thought was a generous offer: to forgive his brother up to seven times.

In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos (cf. Amos 1:3). So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety.

But Jesus’ response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It’s a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God’s own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. But it also begins with a shocking image. When the king began the accounting and the servant who owed a “huge amount” was brought before him—an amount so large he had no way of repaying—the master ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and all his property be sold. This illustrates the incalculable debt we owe to God for our sins. Not only are we incapable of repaying it, but even everything we hold dear cannot cover the cost. At the heart of the parable is this truth: Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God’s mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does that person’s offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in you.



Lector for 09/20/26

8am Vickie Gall

9:30am Leslie Bauknight

Eucharistic Minister for 09/20/26

8am Phil Gall

9:30am Mark Bauknight

Second Collection Sunday 09/20/26

Parish Charity - Meals on Wheels of St. Paul’s Parish