

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 12TH, 2025

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$2,541	Maintenance & Repairs	\$40
Loose	\$140	Mission Sunday	\$901
Votive	\$51	CASC	\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$2,732		\$
Grand Total	\$3,093	Sub Total	\$941

8AM	38	9:30	71	Total	109
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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:

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: [Luke 13:14-15](#)
Reflect, today, upon any tendency you may have with these heavy burdens. Do you worry in an irrational way about sin? Do you ever find yourself obsessing over decisions, worrying that you may make the wrong one? Do you think about yourself far more than you think about God and others? If so, you may also be carrying a similar heavy burden that our Lord wants to lift. Serving God and His holy will must become the deepest joy of our lives, not a heavy burden. If you find your Christian walk more of a burden, then turn your eyes away from yourself and look to the merciful God. Run to Him with the utmost confidence of a child, as Saint Thérèse eventually did, and allow yourself to love Him more authentically, freed of scrupulous and self-imposed burdens.

TUESDAY: [Luke 6:12](#)
Reflect, today, upon Jesus choosing these two men and appointing them as Apostles. As you do, listen to God’s voice as He also speaks to you. Do not underestimate the importance of accepting the mission that Jesus gives to you. Say “Yes” to Him in imitation of these two Apostles and know that your choice to serve our Lord in this way will not only have a great effect in your life, it will also have an effect in the lives of many others for all eternity.

WEDNESDAY: [Luke 13:27](#)
Reflect, today, upon the fact that we must all take eternal salvation seriously. If you find that you have become lax in your spiritual life, then use this Gospel as a motivation to change. Do not allow yourself to be one of those knocking at the gates of Heaven, only to realize that our Lord does not know you. Do all you can to eradicate the sin of presumption from your life, and your reward will be truly great in Heaven.

THURSDAY: [Luke 14:1](#)
Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus acting as a mother hen, extending His wings over you to protect you from the many temptations and diabolical attacks you will encounter in this world. Ponder the fact that you need His daily protection. The demons will never stop their attacks. Mental, emotional and spiritual wounds need His healing. Jesus is the only one Who can protect you and heal you so that He can then pour forth the gift of eternal life. Remain under His protective care, and allow Him to fulfill the yearnings of His Sacred Heart.

FRIDAY: [Luke 12:57-59](#)
Reflect, today, upon this simple Gospel scene of Jesus attending a dinner, with many people He did not know, for the purpose of sharing the faith with them. Imagine yourself joining our Lord at this meal. How would you have felt? Would you have been self-conscious and uncomfortable? Or would you have seen it as an opportunity to share the Gospel? Reflect upon how zealous you are in your efforts to evangelize others and recommit yourself to this holy endeavor. Tell our Lord you are ready and willing to be used by Him wherever He sends you and then try to see every new adventure and experience in life as a new opportunity to share Christ’s saving message with others.

SATURDAY: [Luke 14:8-9](#)
Reflect, today, upon this gentle teaching of Jesus, given to those who greatly lacked humility. Try to see Jesus’ concern for them and His desire not to embarrass them but to free them from the heavy burden of their insecurities. If you are one who struggles with this, reflect upon our Lord gently inviting you to embrace humility. Pray for this virtue and practice it with sincerity. Know that the attainment of this virtue will open the door to much freedom in your life.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 26, 2025

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!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE WEDDING OF CHASE AND ABBIE SCHELBLE THIS PAST FRIDAY AT ST. MARYS. MUCH HAPPINESS TO BOTH OF THEM!

WELCOME: Welcome our newest parishioners James and Diane Deibert.

MASS INTENTIONS: **Today’s 9:30** mass is being offered for James Kenney, on behalf of the Kenney Family.

LADIES GUILD BAKE SALE TODAY: Please stop by the Parish Center after mass today and buy a delicious homemade treat to bring home.



ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our **November** meetings will be on **Wednesdays, November 5 and 19. We meet 1PM at 4199 Hwy 165.** We have chosen "Mother Angelica" by Raymond Arroyo for our next book. A story of "a nun, her nerve, and a network of miracles". You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

TRAINING FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LAY READERS: Fr. JP will hold a training class for Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Readers on **Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30pm** in the Church. This training is for those that recently signed up for these Ministries. However, if you are currently serving and would like a refresher please plan to attend. And for anyone who did not get a chance to volunteer at our recent Ministry Fair but wanted to be a Eucharistic Minister or Lay Reader, please come. For any questions about this training, please contact Donna Hudson at 703-371-1682 or wdhudson87@gmail.com.

ALL SAINTS DAY: Saturday, November 1st, All Saints Day, although this is **not** a holy day of obligation, Fr. JP will offer mass at St. Mary’s at **9:00 am, Saturday, November 1st** in Celebration of All Saints Day.

Lector Schedule for 10/26/25
8am Vickie Gall
9:30am Joe Yabut
Eucharistic Ministers for 10/26/25
8am Phillip Gall
9:30am Mary Ann Keating
Collection for 11/02/25
All Souls Day
Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC)

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, Frank Chestnut, Julliet Collins, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Maryanne Cortez, Sonja Dees, Teresita Y. Domingo, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Tricia Espiritu, Erlinda Evangelista, Ricardo Evangelista, Victoria Flanders, Ken Fleming, Avery Goetz, J. Gould, Patricia Gould, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Jerrie Hess, Doris Heffernan, Mary & Rod Jaros, Danny Kenney, Eileen Killennerger, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, Ray Marrone, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, Yvonne Nasser, Terri Nobleman, John North, Evan North, Connor O’Brien, Sarah Proulx, Miquelina Sanchez, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Sandy Unger, Soul of Marlene Ille Vincent, Larry Walker, Mary Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Jose 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).

CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026, please contact Carolyn at carolyn29449@gmail.com or 843-769-4742.

ST. FREDERICK ST. STEPHEN SERVICE CLUB: St. Frederick & St. Stephen Service Club will be **selling BBQ at the November 8th Rummage Sale** and will include BBQ sandwiches with drink and chips for \$15, or BBQ by the pound for \$15/lb. **To preorder,** email SFSS.SERVICECLUB@GMAIL.COM



GOSPEL REFLECTION

What a sad prayer. Of course, it wasn’t even a prayer to God since the Pharisee “spoke this prayer to himself.” The prayer of the tax collector, however, was a perfect model for all prayer. We read that the tax collector “stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” Which prayer more resembles your own prayer?

To honestly answer that question, let’s examine both prayers. First of all, the contrast of these two prayers is a contrast between humility and pride. The Pharisee was clearly full of pride. Pride blinds us from true self-knowledge. Saint Teresa of Ávila teaches us that the very first thing we must do on our journey to God is obtain self-knowledge through humility. Without that, we will never grow in holiness.

The sin of pride is obvious in the prayer of the Pharisee and, therefore, his lack of true self-knowledge is also evident. Note that even his physical posture of standing depicts pride. Throughout the Scriptures, kneeling, or even falling prostrate, is the disposition of the humble. In addition to standing, the Pharisee’s prayer was a list of his own goodness. He very well may have fasted twice a week and paid tithes on his whole income. But his prayer suggests that he did this by his own effort. He did not ascribe those acts to the grace and strength of God, which means they were not true acts of charity. His prayer suggests that he doesn’t need God in order to do good. This is also seen in the fact that he asks nothing of God. Instead, he simply thanks God for how good he is through his own effort. The result is that God gives him nothing, since he asked for nothing.

True prayer must begin with the humble recognition of our weakness and need for God. The tax collector expressed this humility by bowing his head to the ground, not even daring to look up to Heaven. This reveals he did not consider himself worthy of God’s grace. Truth be told, he wasn’t worthy of it. That’s why God’s grace is a mercy. It is all mercy in that He bestows that which we are not worthy to receive. And He only bestows it on those who know they are not worthy of it. The words spoken by the tax collector are the perfect model of prayer because his words depict these truths. As a sinner, he doesn’t deserve mercy but begs for God’s grace as an act of God’s mercy.

When you pray, how do you pray? What is the disposition of your heart and for what do you pray? Begin by considering the physical position in which you pray. Though we can pray standing, sitting, kneeling or even lying down, there is something very good about kneeling or even lying prostrate. It doesn’t mean we have to do so the entire time we pray, but it is a good practice to kneel, bow your head or fall down prostrate before God at least for a moment each day. Do you do this? If not, consider making this a daily habit.

When you pray, do you begin your prayer with humility? We begin the Mass by examining our conscience and confessing our sins. This is a good example of how to begin your prayer every time you pray. Humble yourself by calling to mind your sins and weaknesses. Confess them to God and acknowledge the fact that, because of your sins, you are unworthy of God’s mercy. Humility like this will help you to see yourself as God sees you, and this will help you open yourself to the grace you need from God to grow in holiness.