

MONDAY: [Matthew 5:1-3](#)

Reflect, today, upon the beginning of this challenging Sermon on the Mount. Try to find time to take each Beatitude to prayer. It is only through prayer and meditation that the full meaning of each of these invitations to holiness will be understood. Start with the call to interior poverty of spirit. This Beatitude calls us to complete detachment from all that is not part of God’s will. From there, consider the importance of mourning over your sin, of seeking purity of heart and humility in all things. Ponder each Beatitude and spend time with the one most challenging to you. Our Lord has much to say to you through this sermon. Don’t hesitate to allow Him to lead you to the heights of holiness through it.

TUESDAY: [Mathew 5:13-14](#)

Reflect, today, upon these two missions in life. First, ponder your call to holiness. How does God want to bring light into your own life, preserve you from all sin and add spiritual flavor for holy living? Second, who does God want you to love with His love? Who needs hope and joy, mercy and kindness, words of wisdom and encouragement? Be holy and then allow that holiness to shine forth to others and you will indeed be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

WEDNESDAY: [Mathew 5:17-18](#)

Reflect, today, upon the very high calling you have been given by our Lord. It’s not enough to simply do the bare minimum in our worship and moral life. Doing so may permit you to be “least in the Kingdom of heaven,” but God wants you to share in His greatness. He calls you to be among the “greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.” Do you understand your high calling? Do you have the perfection of holiness as your goal? Commit yourself to the full participation in the New Law of Christ and you will be eternally grateful that you did.

THURSDAY: [Mathew 5:21-22](#)

Reflect, today, upon the sin of anger. As you do, try to see your disordered anger as the real enemy rather than the person with whom you are angry. Pray to our Lord to free you from this enemy of the soul and seek the freedom that He wants to bestow.

FRIDAY [Mathew 5:29-30](#)

Reflect, today, upon those in your life whom God has given you to love. First, reflect upon those relationships that do have God at the center. These relationships will become true friendships and will produce an abundance of good fruit in your life. Rejoice in these friendships and give thanks to God for them. Second, reflect upon any relationship that does not bear good fruit. As you do, prayerfully consider how you approach that relationship. Do you attempt to maintain a “friendship” even though God is not able to be the center of that relationship? If so, ponder how God is calling you to change that relationship so that it more fully reflects the love God has for you and for that other person in your life.

SATURDAY: [Mathew 5:33-34](#)

Reflect, today, upon your own daily approach to honesty and sincerity. Do you go about your day with the goal of living in the truth, speaking the truth and seeking the truth? Are you honest with others, seeking good and clear communication with them? Ponder these questions and know that interior integrity requires these virtues of honesty and sincerity. Seek that integrity and others will benefit as they grow to trust you each and every day.

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) JUNE 11, 2023

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.

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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!

Sympathy of St. Mary's parish extended to the family of Hugh Gorman, who died this past week.

MASS INTENTION: Mass today is being celebrated for the repose of the soul of Lawrence 'Buddy' Green.

PARISH PICNIC: Today, SUNDAY, JUNE 11 at 3PM on the Church grounds. Delicious pulled pork, tacos, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. We will set up at 2PM. **EVERYONE is invited to attend!**

Parish Council meets on Tuesday, June 13th at the parish center at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Book Club meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, has been cancelled.

St. Mary's Outreach made \$286 from the Bake Sale last Sunday. Thank you for your continued support.

The Parish Charity second collection on June 25th will be designated to Project San Pedro. St. Mary's sponsors three children from the village. We help them with their school tuition so they can remain in school. Please stop into the parish center to see the photos and letters from our adopted children.

The last Engaged Encounter of the year is November 11-12 at St. Mary Magdalene in Simpsonville. This is an in-parish weekend, so couples are Responsible for their own lodging. The cost is \$160 per couple, and you do not need to be a member of the parish to attend. Please note that the weekends have been filling up two months in advance. Please go to our Website to register: southcarolina.engagedencounter.com, for additional information or questions contact Bob and Mary Reimer 864-420—2633.

VACATION: We wish all our CCD students, parents, teachers and all our parishioners a safe, fun summer. Father, bless our families during the summer break with vacations. Please protect us during our times of travel, leisure and play. (prayerinstitute.com)

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



Pray For Us: Trina Aquino Haj, Hazel Basilio, Campos Family, Chester Broton, Jr., Betty Butler, Allison Condon Chappell, Jack Cooper, Cherry Constable, Patrick Coryell, Maryanne Cortez, J. Gould, Hernandez Family, Jacob Matthew Dupree, Frances Enos, Ken Fleming, Elizabeth Good, Sally Gorman, Krist Groover, Petrina Jacques, Henry Kerr, Mary & Rod Jaros, Eileen Killenberger, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Renee Meyer, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Ann Mitchum, Jane Morley, Suzy Patterson, Nirmala Mary Narichetti, John North, Sarah Proulx, Elizabeth Smith, Landon Smith, Bill Smyer, John Stacy, Diane Stokes, Eloise Stroud, Larry Walker, Ellie Wilson, Mary Wilson, Mike Winn, Edward Wolf, Jose Yabut, and All Parishioners of our parish family.

Record of Faithfulness JUNE 4, 2023

	AMT		AMT
ENVELOPES	\$3,350	BAA/CASC	\$47
LOOSE	\$718	Maint & Repair	\$20
EASTER	\$		
	\$	Catholic Charities	\$10
		Catholic Communications	\$10
Sub Total	\$4,068		\$87
TOTAL	\$4,115		

8am	36	9:30am	40	Total	76
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, "The mystery of faith." What is "the mystery of faith?" Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

"The mystery of faith" is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight. Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the *Paschal Mystery*, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the *Paschal Mystery* "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.