

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS
FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 21, 2025

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$1,980	Church in Africa	\$470
Loose	\$122	Retired Religious	\$20
Votive	\$	Infirm Priests	\$
Flowers	\$	Capital Campaign	\$7,243.75
Sub Total	\$2,102		
Grand Total	\$9,835.75	Sub Total	\$7,733.75

8AM	40	9:30	52	Total	92
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Capital Campaign/Parish Center			
Weekly Total	\$7,243.75	Grand Total	\$17,368.75

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 with their name, rank, and branch of service.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

MONDAY: [Luke 2:22-24](#)

Reflect today on the state of the world. In some places, the Kingdom of God is vibrant and alive; in others, it seems distant or absent. No matter where you find yourself, turn your gaze to the all-powerful Messiah, Who is capable of renewing His Kingdom on Earth as we await its fullness at the end of time. Devote yourself to His mission, and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire you to be an active participant in bringing about the reign of God.

TUESDAY: [Luke 2:36-38](#)

Reflect today, on God’s invitation to imitate Anna’s life of prayer. By following her example, you, too, will become more attuned to the voice of God and the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You will recognize the many ways the Messiah comes to you and is present all around you. This grace will empower you to overcome the evils and challenges of the world, making you a member of God’s faithful remnant, awaiting His consolation and redemption.

WEDNESDAY: [John 1:1;14](#)

Reflect today on Saint John the Evangelist as he wrote his Prologue. Consider the gift of contemplative understanding he received, the transformation that occurred within his soul, and the intimacy he shared with God. Each of us is called to this same life of interior union and contemplation. Let this beautiful and mysterious Prologue draw you deeper into prayer and into the mystery of the Word made flesh.

THURSDAY: [Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God](#)

Reflect today on this glorious title given to Jesus’ mother—the Mother of God. As you do, ponder the role she plays in your life and in the life of the entire Church. By giving birth to the Messiah, the Son of God, she gave birth to the Church, becoming mother and mediatrix to us all. Seek her intercession, mediation, and motherhood, knowing that doing so not only honors her Son, but also cooperates with His divine plan of salvation.

FRIDAY: [John 1:26-28](#)

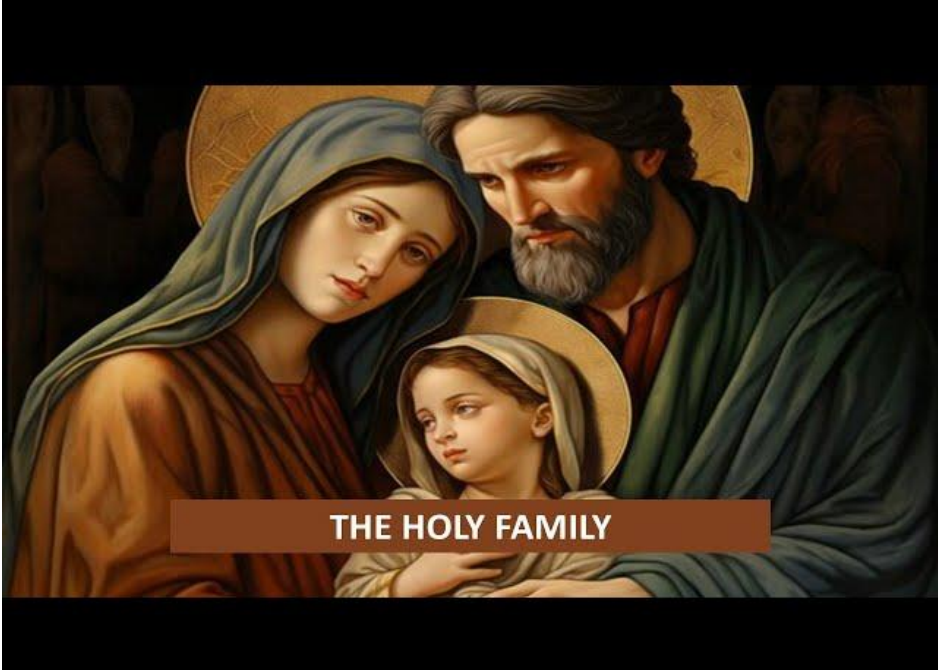
Reflect today on the humble truth of your complete unworthiness before the life and mission of the Messiah. Ponder John the Baptist as your model. Look at Jesus as John looked at Him, and believe what John believed. As you do, allow that realization to fill you with gratitude as you ponder God’s choice to meet you in that lowly state so as to serve you with the gift of His very life.

SATURDAY: [John 1:29-31](#)

Reflect today on those sacred words with which we are very familiar: “Behold the Lamb of God…” As you do, ponder how often you personally “behold” Him. Are you filled with wonder and awe at Mass? Within your daily prayer? In the life of the Church and in the lives of faithful Christians you encounter? As we continue our Christmas season, which focuses on the Incarnation, make the words of the Baptist your own as you discover the ongoing presence of our Lord made possible through the Incarnation.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 28, 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 Bishop of Charleston Rev. Jesuprathap Narichetti (Father JP) Pastor Email: 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
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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 8:00** mass is being offered for Greg Smith, on behalf of Chuck Smith. **Today’s 9:00** mass is being offered for Sandy Rickerson, on behalf of Matt and Katie Wolf.

2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please remember to pick up your 2026 Offertory envelopes in the Parish Center after mass.

ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB: Our January meetings will be 1pm on **Wednesday January 7 and Wednesday January 21** at 4199 Hwy 165. We will have our final discussion of "Mother Angelica" and begin a new book. You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

UPDATE ON OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Our nonassessable diocesan account for the capital campaign for our new parish hall is active. If you have an IRA and need to take your required minimum distribution before the end of 2025, please consider donating it to St. Mary's for our new parish hall. Distributions made directly to St. Mary’s are non-taxable, and move us closer to our building campaign goal. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Eric Meyer via email at emeyer@meyerkappassociates.com or Mark Bauknight at mbauknight@atc-hq.com. All donations are greatly appreciated!

January 1st, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
5pm Mass- Lector- Jim Madory Eucharistic Minister- Becky Madory
Lector Schedule for 01/04/2026
8am Vicki Gall
9:30am Leslie Bauknight
Eucharistic Ministers for 01/04/2026
8am Philip Gall
9:30am Mark Bauknight
Second Collection 01/04/26
Weekly Church Offering

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., 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, Jamekia Grampus, Krist Groover, Jerrie Hess, Doris Heffernan, Mary & Rod Jaros, Danny Kenney, Yvonne Livingston, Gus Long, John Lucas, Susan Mance Kelly Meyer, Patti McDermott, 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).

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 27/28		
Regular Sunday Mass Schedule		
Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation		
Mass at St. Frederick/Stephen	9 AM	
Mass at St. Mary's	12 Noon	

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we honor and ponder the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The love within their home exceeded that of any other household, and the love within their family poured forth upon their extended family and wider community. Scripture gives us limited details about the life of the Holy Family. What we do know is that from the very beginning, they suffered through enormous challenges.

Mary’s pregnancy was the first challenge they faced. She conceived the Christ Child before she and Joseph lived together. Though she knew how she conceived the Son of God, Joseph did not understand until the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. We can imagine that relatives and members of the community expressed their disapproval, given that the angel of the Lord did not reveal the truth to everyone.

Jesus was born far away from their home, in the little town of Bethlehem, in a cave, where animals dwelt. Humble shepherds were their first guests, and the magi from the East soon followed. Within a year or two after Jesus’ birth, this family had to uproot from their home and flee to Egypt, find accommodations, and earn a living because Herod sought to kill the child Jesus.

After Herod’s death, Joseph was instructed in two subsequent dreams that he could return to Israel and was to move his family to the small and unremarkable village of Nazareth. Though Nazareth was not held in high esteem, it was within this simple setting that Jesus was raised and learned the virtues of hard work, obedience, and humility. Nazareth, though overlooked by the world, became the sacred ground where the Savior of the world was prepared for His mission. Finally, given that Saint Joseph is not mentioned during the time that Jesus exercised His public ministry, it is commonly believed that Jesus and His mother experienced the human sorrow of Joseph’s earthly death.

Despite the hardships the Holy Family endured, the love in their home overshadowed every challenge, making their family life a source of the utmost consolation and joy. Amidst the trials they faced, the Holy Family found joy, not in worldly comforts, but in their deep union with God and with each other. Their home was a sanctuary of love, prayer, and mutual support, where God’s presence was always felt. How fascinating it will be one day, in Heaven, if God reveals to us the details about the earthly and hidden life of the Holy Family. Though the angels witnessed their lives as they unfolded in time, we can hope and imagine that God, in His goodness, will share these mysteries with the saints, revealing the true beauty of the Holy Family’s earthly life together. Their conversations, interactions, charity, prayer, fun, work, and all that made up their family life will be a source of eternal admiration and gratitude.

Reflect today on the Holy Family. Ask God to give you insight into their lives together. As you do, use any insights as a source of inspiration for your own life and relationships with those closest to you. Though we will all fall short of the charity that permeated the home of the Holy Family, we can work to imitate them by allowing God to increase our charity toward one another. Through daily prayer, acts of sacrifice, and a commitment to love one another, we can create a family life that reflects the holiness and unity of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.