

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup>  
2026**

	January 1st	January 4th
Envelopes	\$3,985	\$2,790
Loose	\$145	\$212
Votive	\$	\$42
Capital Campaign	\$	\$500
Sub Total	\$4,130	\$3,544
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$7,674	

Noon on 1st	95			Total	95
8AM 4 <sup>th</sup>	28	9:30	58	Total	86

**Capital Campaign/Parish Center**

<b>Weekly Total</b>	\$500	<b>Grand Total</b>	\$18,168.75
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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.

**DAILY REFLECTIONS**

**MONDAY: Mark 1:15-17**

**Reflect today** on the very beginning of Jesus' ministry. Like the Apostles, do you make an immediate and complete response to Jesus every time He calls within every moment of your day? What "nets" in your life hold you back from following Him completely? Are there attachments, comforts, or distractions that hinder your response? Do you spend time with the Word of God and in prayer, listening for His proclamation to you to repent and believe in the Gospel? Just as He spoke to Peter, Andrew, James, and John, Jesus speaks to you today: "Come after me." Do not hesitate to follow where He leads. Do not let this moment pass by—for He is calling you now.

**TUESDAY: Mark 1:21-22**

**Reflect today** on whether you recognize the Voice of God. Are you familiar with His definitive and authoritative Word that sheds light on your life and the world around you? Do you allow yourself to be regularly astounded by God's revelation? As we begin Ordinary Time, we enter a season during which we must hear and internalize Jesus' many authoritative teachings during His public ministry. When properly encountered, His Word is alive and transformative. Place yourself in the synagogue in Capernaum as Jesus begins to reveal the Truth established from the foundation of the world. Allow that Truth to affect you, change you, and set you on the path that leads to eternal glory.

**WEDNESDAY: Mark 1:35-39**

**Reflect today** on your commitment to daily prayer by following Jesus' example. Resolve to find a moment of solitude in which you silence your heart and simply dwell in God's presence. Let this time of prayer become the cornerstone of your day and a foretaste of the union with God in Heaven for which you were created. Prayer is not an option; it is the very path to becoming who we are meant to be—united with God in love, now and for all eternity.

**THURSDAY: Mark 1:44**

**Reflect today** on the miracles you might be hoping for in your own life. Are you willing to trust in God's wisdom and timing, even if His answer is not what you want? Rather than focusing solely on temporal favors, resolve to deepen your faith in Christ's mission. Commit to embrace His will, especially in moments of suffering or uncertainty, knowing that God's greatest desire is your salvation. Seek first His Kingdom, confident that His plan—whether through miracles, crosses, or quiet moments of grace—will always lead you to a deeper union with Him.

**FRIDAY: Mark 2:9-11**

**Reflect today** on your approach to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Do you regularly bring your sins to Jesus in faith, allowing Him to heal and reconcile you to the Father? As you ponder today's Gospel, place yourself in the shoes of the paralytic. See yourself as Jesus sees you—someone in need of His mercy and grace. Though He may grant us many blessings, the greatest gift He desires to bestow is the forgiveness of our sins. Yearn to hear His words echo in your heart in the Sacrament of Reconciliation: "Child, your sins are forgiven."

**SATURDAY: Mark 2:16-17**

**Reflect today** on the freedom that awaits those who discover Jesus as the Divine Physician who heals our wounds. If you allow guilt, shame, or fear to keep you from God's mercy, then place yourself at that sinners' meal with Jesus. Sin is a heavy burden to carry, but like Levi, we are invited to turn away from it with humble repentance. Let God forgive your past, heal your wounds, and lead you forward as His disciple.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC  
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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 11, 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 8:00** mass is being offered for Healing and Peace for Helaine Ahern, on behalf of Wayne & Donna Hudson.  
**Today's 9:30** mass is being offered for Carl Nandrasy, on behalf of Wes & Alison Levitt.

**BAKE SALE TODAY:** Stop by the Parish Center, come on over to see what we have..

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** in the Parish Center.

**PARISH CHARITY COLLECTION:** The next Parish Charity collection will again be for Meals on Wheels on **January 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please make your **checks payable to MOWSPP** or Meals on Wheels, St. Paul's Parish. The next collection for MOW will be in September. Thank you for your support.

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting is **1pm Wednesday January 21** at 4199 Hwy 165. As the new year begins, we will begin reading a new book. You are welcome to join us at any time. call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

**BECOMING A ST. MARY'S REGISTERED PARISHIONER:** For those interested in becoming registered members of St. Mary's Parish, the registration forms are in the back of the Church or ask an Usher for one.



With a heart filled with deep gratitude, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Matthew Kizer for his extraordinary generosity in donating a dependable vehicle for my pastoral ministry at St. Frederick & St. Stephen Parish, Edisto Island and Saint Mary's Parish, Yorges Island. Even before I ever voiced the need, Matthew recognized with kindness and humility the importance of reliable transportation for pastoral care and parish service, and responded with a gift that beautifully reflects God's providence at work. This generous act is offered in loving memory of his father, Wilber Kizer, and his beloved wife, Harriet "Ding" Kizer, whose lives and legacy of faith continue to bear fruit through such selfless love. I am deeply moved by this gift and gladly assure Matthew and his family of my continued prayers, asking the Lord to grant eternal rest to Wilber and Harriet, and to bestow abundant blessings, peace, and consolation upon all their loved ones. May God, who sees all that is done in love, reward this generosity a hundredfold.

With gratitude,  
Fr. JP Narichetti

*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).



Four young men from Father JP's home parish in India were ordained to the priesthood on January 5, 2026! Each of the men received a chalice donated by generous St. Mary's parishioners. The men will also receive a set of priest vestments from generous St. Frederick/Stephen parishioners. Let us pray for each of these men as they receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and begin their priestly duties.

#### **Lector Schedule for 01/18/2026**

8am Renee Meyer  
9:30am Joe Yabut

#### **Eucharistic Ministers for 01/18/2026**

8am Virginia Watson  
9:30am Joe Branton

#### **Second Collection 01/18/26**

Parish Charity – Meals on Wheels  
Please make checks payable to :  
MOWSPP

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets, entrusted with the mission to immediately prepare the way for the Messiah. Today's feast marks a pivotal transition from the Old Law to the New. Prior to Jesus' baptism, John's mission was in full motion. With Jesus' baptism, the mission of the Old Testament prophets is fulfilled, and the New Law of grace begins.

Why did Jesus enter the waters of baptism? He was sinless and had no need of repentance. Yet, in His divine wisdom, Jesus chose to be baptized to sanctify the waters, opening the gateway of grace for all who would follow. By entering the waters of baptism, Jesus set a precedent. Every Christian who enters the waters of baptism meets our Lord there, sharing in His life of grace.

As we reflect on Christ's baptism today, we are invited to consider our own. Most of us were baptized as infants and have no memory of the event. Others came to baptism later in life, fully aware of the grace they were receiving. Regardless of when it occurred, baptism's effects are profound and enduring. That singular moment of sanctification forever changed us, and its transformative power remains active within us.

Through baptism, Jesus meets us under the waters. When baptism is performed by full immersion, it powerfully symbolizes the reality of this encounter. We enter the waters of repentance, as John offered, but we emerge united with Christ. Just as the Father's voice declared at Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son..." so too does the Father continually speak to us after our baptism, affirming our identity as His beloved children. The Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are offered every gift of the Spirit, provided our hearts remain open.

Baptism occurs only once in our lives and imprints on our souls an "indelible spiritual mark (character)" (see Catechism of the Catholic Church #1272 and 1274). This mark configures us to Christ and signifies our permanent belonging to Him and His Church. It cannot be lost or removed, even by mortal sin. However, while this character endures forever, the state of sanctifying grace within our souls can be lost through mortal sin. In such cases, the grace of baptism is restored through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which our souls are once again cleansed and brought back into full communion with God. Marked as members of Christ's Body, we are continually disposed to receive sanctifying grace through the other sacraments, as long as we remain in a state of grace. Baptism accomplishes this disposition, enabling us to participate fully in the life of grace that flows from Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, reflect today on your own baptism. You are forever marked as a child of God. You encountered our Lord under the waters of baptism, were cleansed of all sin, and were filled with sanctifying grace. Though sin diminishes or even extinguishes that grace when it is mortal, the Sacrament of Reconciliation restores it, and the Eucharist and other sacraments increase it. Always return to your baptismal grace, seeking to live out your identity as God's son or daughter, as this sacred mark intends.