

**RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
March 1, 2026**

**No Totals for this week**

	AMT		AMT
Envelopes	\$	Maintenance & Repairs	\$
Loose	\$	Black and Indian Mission	\$
Votive	\$	Ash Wednesday	\$
Loose	\$		\$
Sub Total	\$		\$
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$	Sub Total	\$

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**Capital Campaign/Parish Center**

<b>Weekly Total</b>	\$500	<b>Grand Total</b>	\$34,268.75
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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: [Luke 4:24](#)**

**Reflect today** on what it would mean to be in the crowd at Nazareth. Approach this reflection humbly and sincerely. Allow Jesus' loving challenge to the people of His hometown to resonate in your own heart. Rather than defend yourself, welcome His gentle rebuke, letting it awaken you to His presence in the familiar. Seek Him with renewed attentiveness, and allow Him to lead you more deeply into His love.

**TUESDAY: [Matthew 18:21-22](#)**

**Reflect today** on two key things. First, grasp the unfathomable mercy God has given you. Let it fill your heart with deep gratitude. Second, call to mind anyone against whom you harbor anger or resentment. Even the smallest trace of unforgiveness must be confronted. Make an act of your will to forgive, and continue doing so until that forgiveness flows sincerely from your heart.

**WEDNESDAY: [Matthew 5:17-18](#)**

**Reflect today** on the call to be perfect. If that seems impossible, commit to one step at a time. The road to perfection is long, demanding, and difficult—but it is also freeing, transforming, and ultimately glorious. Though you won't become a saint overnight, you can take the next step toward holiness today. Say "Yes" to this journey and trust that God will lead you.

**THURSDAY: [Luke 11:23](#)**

**Reflect today** on situations in which you might be tempted to remain silent or neutral out of fear. While anger and hostility are not the solution, avoidance is equally problematic. Charity demands that we speak the truth with love, even when it is difficult. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, discerning whether your silence is rooted in wisdom or in fear and intimidation. Commit yourself to standing with our Lord in every situation, confident that He is stronger than any evil you might face.

**FRIDAY: [Mark 12:34](#)**

**Reflect today** on how obedient you are to God's Law. Most importantly, ponder the depth of charity you have. True charity toward God and neighbor will enable us to fulfill all external observance of God's Law, but it will not stop there. There is no limit to love. We can always increase it. We must increase it. Charity, while requiring our active cooperation, ultimately flows from God's grace working within us. Without His grace, our efforts to love are incomplete. If we understand this and seek to love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, then, like this scribe, Jesus will say to us, "You are not far from the Kingdom of Heaven."

**SATURDAY: [Luke 18:9-10](#)**

**Reflect today** on how you approach prayer. Are you wise in your prayer? Do you, like the tax collector, acknowledge your need for God's mercy? Pray the tax collector's prayer with sincerity and depth: "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." If you find yourself thinking, "I'm not that bad of a sinner," then your prayer is more like that of the Pharisee. Don't shy away from the truth. Humbly confess your weaknesses and sins before God. He is merciful. Acknowledge your complete dependence on His grace. Only then, like the tax collector, will you go home justified before God.



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**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
MARCH 8, 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  
Bishop of Charleston**  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8am &amp; 9:30am</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Friday*</b>	<b>9:00am</b>

\*Adoration following Mass  
on the 1st Friday

**RECONCILIATION**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:15-8am</b>
<b>Wed/Fri</b>	<b>8:30-9am</b>

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!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Parish Council will meet **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** in the Parish Center.

**ST. MARY'S BOOK CLUB:** Our next meeting will be **1pm on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 4199 Hwy 165. We will begin reading "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will meet Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene. Three women who walked with Jesus. You are welcome to join us at any time. Please call (843) 729-1644 for more information.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:** The Sunday School students at St. Mary's will volunteer at Hallie Hill Animal Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 21, from 1-3 PM** as their Lenten service project. Students need to bring rakes and gloves; parents welcome to come as well. The students will also be collecting monetary donations for the animal sanctuary - if you would like to contribute, please make check out to Hallie Hill and place in collection basket. Thank you, as always!

**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](http://www.stmarysyongesisland.org).

**LENTEN SCHEDULE:** Beginning **Wednesday, February 25**, Wednesday daily Mass at St. Mary's during Lent will be at **5 PM**, followed by Stations of the Cross and a soup supper. There will **not be a 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays during Lent**. Please join us in this Lenten observation.

### **Lector Schedule for 03/15/2026**

8am Tracy Pejsa

9:30am Donna Hudson

### **Eucharistic Ministers for 03/15/2026**

8am Joe Pejsa

9:30am Wayne Hudson

### **Second Collection 03/15/26**

Second Collection – Catholic Relief Services

*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).



**“Thank You”** to Katie and Matt Wolf for hosting the Oyster Roast last weekend. We had a beautiful day, and great turn out. Thank you to all who brought sides and desserts.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today, we are given the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. The story begins with Jesus resting by the well, for He was "tired from his journey." A Samaritan woman approaches the well at noon, during the heat of the day, most likely to avoid the scorn of the other women who looked down on her. Jesus then does something that greatly surprises her: He asks her for a drink of water.

Jews used nothing in common with Samaritans, yet Jesus was willing to drink from her utensil. When she questioned Him about this, Jesus responded, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The "living water" Jesus desired to give her was the spiritual gift of grace to renew and refresh her soul. His divine eyes enabled Him to see her spiritual hunger, and His compassion filled Him with a desire to free her from her many burdens.

The passage above might sound harsh at first: "For you have had five husbands..." Why would Jesus bring up this woman's humiliating situation? Because she had clearly been searching for fulfillment throughout her life, engaging in one failed marriage after another. Now, she was living with a man who was not her husband, a reality that left her dry and thirsty.

By speaking this way to the woman, Jesus lets her know that He knows all about her, loves her, and longs to fill her with the satiation she has been searching for throughout her life. He does not judge or condemn her; He invites her to experience the freedom He longed to bestow upon her. After the encounter, the woman left the well overjoyed and even left her water jar behind, symbolizing that she was no longer thirsty—spiritually speaking. She then confidently went to the people of the town and said, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

Each of us needs to see ourselves in this woman. Our sins fill us with shame. The guilt of our hidden sins weighs us down, leaving us thirsty. If we can identify with this sinful woman, then we can also expect the same depth of compassion from Jesus. Too often, we hide our sins, even from ourselves, justifying our actions, downplaying them, or ignoring them. That is not the path to freedom. Freedom only comes by allowing our Lord to reveal our sins to us, facing them, and encountering God's abundant mercy.

**Reflect today** on the importance of opening your eyes to see the reality of your sins. Don't run from your past—confront it, understand it, confess it, and receive the living water of mercy. The holier you become, the more clearly you will see even the smallest sins you have committed. That is good. It is necessary if we want to be healed and refreshed by God. Imitate this sinful woman today. God is never ashamed of us. Let the shame and guilt dissipate within God's abundant mercy so that like this woman, you will know that God knows you through and through and loves you despite your sin.