



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday January 25, 2026– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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## **Mission Statement**

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province, New York. The intention then and today, was and is to, in the spirit of Jesus Christ and St. Francis, minister in and with the African American Catholic community and to reach out to the African Americans of Anderson County. Furthermore, all who come to St. Mary's from whatever background and ethnicity with a desire for Christian family will be regarded as brothers and sisters to us. We also see ourselves as called to live in Gospel relationship to the alienated and the poor of this community.

# The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of January 2026

## For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 9:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Español)

**Monday:** No Mass

**Tuesday:** 4:00 pm (English)

**Wednesday-Friday:** 8:00 am (English)

**Wednesday & Friday:** 7:00 pm (Español)

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confessions:** 1/2 hour before each Mass.

**Holy Adoration:** Thursdays after morning Mass, Fridays 6-7 pm

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### Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- 1 Lb. Bags of Rice
- Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Fruit

### THANK YOU

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### Parish Chorus Practice

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

**HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com**

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### Prayer Warriors:

We are a group of parishioners who pray for you, your family, and / or friends.

To join our faith filled ministry or to request prayer, please contact Judy Hanson at 434-944-2636

### Prayer Intentions for this week:

Randy Kolb  
Steve Quam  
Baby Francesca  
Melanie Qualters  
Marina Osborn  
Katherine Fariss  
Tim Rioux  
Ryan Richardville

### Weekly Collections

**January 17-18**

**Operating: \$ 6,489**

**B & G: \$ 145**

**Food Pantry : \$ 50**

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### Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through time and support of charitable organizations

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

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### Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

Serves the growing Hispanic/Latino population by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate pastoral care, fostering their engagement and leadership in the Church, and welcoming them into the broader Catholic community. Meetings are once a month on a Thursday. Meeting dates will be announced.

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### Women's Council

**3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall**

The Women Council is a ministry of service to the parish and community. All women in the church are welcome.

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### Men's Club

**1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall**

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

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### Bible Study Resumes January 22

#### **From Exodus to Easter: Journey from Slavery to Freedom**

Join us for a ten-week Bible study that traces God's saving work from the Exodus to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, using the parables of Jesus to illuminate our own journey from bondage to freedom. This study invites us to discover how God liberates His people and forms them in faith. Rooted in Scripture and Tradition, the sessions will help us recognize our modern "Egypt," grow in trust during life's wilderness moments, and prepare our hearts for Easter renewal. This study is well suited for Lent and for anyone seeking deeper conversion and lasting spiritual freedom.

We will meet in the Guadalupe Room of the Parish Hall on Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. from January 22 through April 2.  
(We will not meet on February 12.)



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

### Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree in what you say,  
and that you be united in the same mind and in the same  
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)

### Gospel:

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,  
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet  
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don't see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow?

## Observances for the week of January 25, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Tuesday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Virtues, Explained!

In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good, safeguard our reason against sorrow, and "look at (other people) with God's gaze knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults."

## Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.  
Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays.  
Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 25, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,  
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

### Monday:

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3,  
7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

### Thursday:

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,  
13-14/Mk 4:21-25

### Friday:

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a,  
6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

### Saturday:

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-  
17/Mk 4:35-41

### Next Sunday:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-  
10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I was 22 years old, lying in bed one night while on a pilgrimage, when I suddenly sensed an idea in my mind: "Go to the seminary." There was no voice, no vision, but a gentle and unmistakable clarity. I simply prayed, "Lord, if that's from you, let me find great joy in it." Three days later, my heart was bursting with joy. I dropped everything and entered the seminary. The older I get, the stranger my rather careless and hasty departure seems to me. I followed not because it made sense, or because I was especially brave. I went because the Lord called me.

Something like this happens in today's Gospel. Jesus walks by Simon, Andrew, James, and John and says, "**Come after me**" (Matthew 4:19). And *immediately* they leave their nets and follow. There's no explanation, no hesitation ... just movement. Why? As St. John says, "**In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us**" (1 John 4:10). They do not leave their nets because his call made perfect, calculable sense. They left them because they were called. And Jesus' call is powerful.

Take a moment this week to remember when Christ first called you. However small or quiet it was, recall it, and give thanks. The more we marvel that Christ has called us personally, the more passionately and freely we will follow him.

— Father John Muir



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

### Sea of Galilee Moments

Young or old, believer or non-believer, rich or poor, healthy or sick: it doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter what our life looks like. If we are a human being, if we have a soul, we stand on the shore of a great and powerful sea, a net in our hands and a hunger in our soul.

So what's in the sea? I don't know about yours, but mine is filled with feelings of inadequacy. It's filled with fear and resentment and confusion. It's filled with misplaced pride. It's deep. It's dark. It's well-stocked.

I cast my net, over and over again. What else is there to do? If I draw back a harvest, it can sustain me for days, weeks, maybe even years. The nourishment of the sea can keep away the hunger pangs — for a time. You can survive on fear and resentment and pride if it's all you have. You'll never feel full, and you'll never be strong, but you'll survive on what the world can offer you — so long as you keep coming back to the shore.

This is where Jesus finds us.

If I close my eyes, I can picture the moments exactly, all of them: my Sea of Galilee moments. I could describe them to you — the day, the year, what was happening in my life, what I wanted and what I needed and what gnawing hunger had brought me, once again, limping, crawling back to the shore.

But you wouldn't understand my Sea of Galilee moments, just like I wouldn't understand yours. There is only one who understands, and his is the voice we heard, clear and strong: "Put down the net, and come with me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

#### Answer:

Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible — it's you!

## Prayer

Lord, I want to be a flashlight leading others to you.

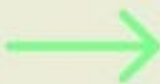
## Mission for the Week

I will ask my parents how I can help them today.

## Sharing the Gospel

Jesus was the light in the darkness that was mentioned in the Scriptures. He told people to repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. Jesus was a good teacher. He explained things so that people understood about God's two greatest commandments. He told stories. Today his word is like a flashlight lighting your path to heaven. If the batteries in your flashlight need recharging, prayer will light up your flashlight again.

**Now color the picture!**



Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.







# The Sending of Seventy

Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'\* If a peaceful person<sup>2</sup> lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'





On January 17th, Fr. Andrew Trapp hosted an Evangelization Rally called “Two by Two” in Columbia. The name comes from Luke 10:1-9, the ‘sending of the seventy.’ When Fr. John asked if I would go, I was equally nervous, honored and excited. I immediately thought who better to go, than our newly Confirmed. Joining 115 churches, St. Mary of the Angels was represented by Kiara and Keiri Telles, Patrizio (Pato) Fabian Rios, Nolan Rose and myself.

The day started in prayer and consisted of 7 sessions. The first was “South Carolina Needs Jesus!” We learned the Fruits of Discipleship which included prayer, worship, service, generosity, study, school, mission and vocation. Fr. Trapp discussed how we are called to have a personal relationship with Jesus and to share the Good News of the Gospel (the Kerygma) to help people become disciples inside our church and outside. We are to be *missionary disciples* but that doesn't necessarily mean we go knocking on doors or stand on a sidewalk with a big megaphone. How we live our lives by example and how we help others matters. He used an analogy of a priest alone on a boat, trying to save 99 in the water as an example. If each one that the priest saved into the boat then saved three more, there would be less exhaustion for the priest and more would be saved and safe on the boat. When we live out this call of discipleship, we will begin to witness spiritual multiplication, which is God touching many souls through us.

Dr. Michael Martocchio then took us into the second session called “Dropping our Nets.” This may have been our favorite session. We watched *The Chosen* clip that depicted Luke's account of Peter, James, and Andrew fishing in chapter 5, exhausted from a night's work, only to come to shore empty handed. Jesus then tells Peter to “put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Peter, in frustration but without much to lose, says, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command, I will lower the nets.” The nets filled with fish, and Peter in awe and disbelief tells Jesus, “Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Jesus goes on to tell the men, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men...when they brought in their boats, they left everything and followed Him.” Like Peter, we are not worthy but are called to make a choice to “drop our nets” meaning letting go of what is keeping us from following Jesus in a personal way and make Him the center of our lives.

Our next session was with Jesus. We each spent this Holy Hour in Eucharistic adoration and reflected on how God has worked in our lives and asked ourselves what was keeping us from “dropping our nets and going into a deeper relationship with Jesus. The five of us reflected in different ways, some in song, journaling, writing poetry, and in silent prayer.

Session 4 was with Deacon Jerry White and a bit of a challenge for all of us! Now that we hear our calling, how do we reach people?! We learned the differences between a Paul Testimony (a radical encounter with Jesus that causes a complete change from non-belief to belief like Saul) and a Timothy Testimony (a deepening of one's faith through an ‘ah ha’ moment with Jesus), and the 3 parts of an effective one. In minutes, we were out of our comfort zones as we paired up with perfect strangers and shared our own testimonies for the first time.

Taylor Culbertson spoke to us about how evangelization is the Spiritual Accompaniment of another person in session 5. Here we learned how to recognize the stages of one's faith journey, not to label but to better serve and know when to ask questions to provoke more thinking and when to just listen. Kathy Schumugge went on to show us steps we can take in session 6: 1) Praying and asking God to place one person on our hearts. 2) Asking God to help understand which threshold this person might be in and what needs they have. 3) Asking God for help with our blindspots and to help understand how He might be calling us to walk with this person. We ended with a quote from St. Paul VI, “Put on your new self.”

As Pato said to our church last Sunday, “God gave you a voice. If you don't use it to bring others to the love of God then it's a voice wasted.” In our final session, Bishop Jacques encouraged us, blessed us and sent us forth. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus gave us a Great Commission, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” At St. Mary of the Angels, let us ‘drop our nets’ and do just that.

In His service with blessings and love,

*Sonia Rose*



St. Mary of the Angels

INVITATION TO LEAD  
THE ROSARY BEFORE  
MASS.  
3:30-4:00 PM  
SATURDAYS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
BE ADDED TO THE  
ROSARY LEAD LIST FOR  
SATURDAY MASS  
PLEASE CONTACT THE  
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## Finance Council

**We have a meeting  
scheduled for  
Thursday  
January 29th  
9 am in the Parish Hall.  
All are welcomed**

Saint Mary of the Angels

## First Aid & CPR Training

Because Safety Starts with You.

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 am -2:00pm**

Parish Hall

Training will be conducted by the Anderson Fire Department.

If you are interested in receiving this training please sign up in the Parish Narthex by JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>.

There is a \$10 fee for the training/ certification. Please submit payment to parish office by January 24<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions please contact Pat Binninger, Safe Environment coordinator:  
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SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

## Charla Pre-Baptismal

MIERCOLES 28 DE ENERO  
POR FAVOR ASISTIR A LA  
MISA DE 7 PM

LA CHARLA SERA EN ESPAÑOL.  
ASEGURESE DE LLENAR LA HOJA DE  
INCRIPCION AL FINAL DE LA CHARLA

CHARLA DIRIJIDA POR PADRE JOHN DE BRITO



**Via Fidelis, the faithful way, is the way of the Lord Jesus.** As he said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn 14:6). Each of us who have been baptized in the mystery of Jesus Christ have been chosen and are invited to walk the faithful way with the Lord. He tells us: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you” (Jn 15:16).

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# 2026

## Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge of our Church's teachings  
to discover how we can be more like Christ.



**2026: Understand the Faith.** In our second year, we will focus on refreshing our knowledge of the faith as a diocesan family, which will also clarify our shared mission. Once we make an effort to understand our beliefs, we will be more equipped to explain it to others who want to learn more about the profound mysteries of faith.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# HAVE SEEN A GREAT **LIGHT.**

— MATTHEW 4:16 —

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**