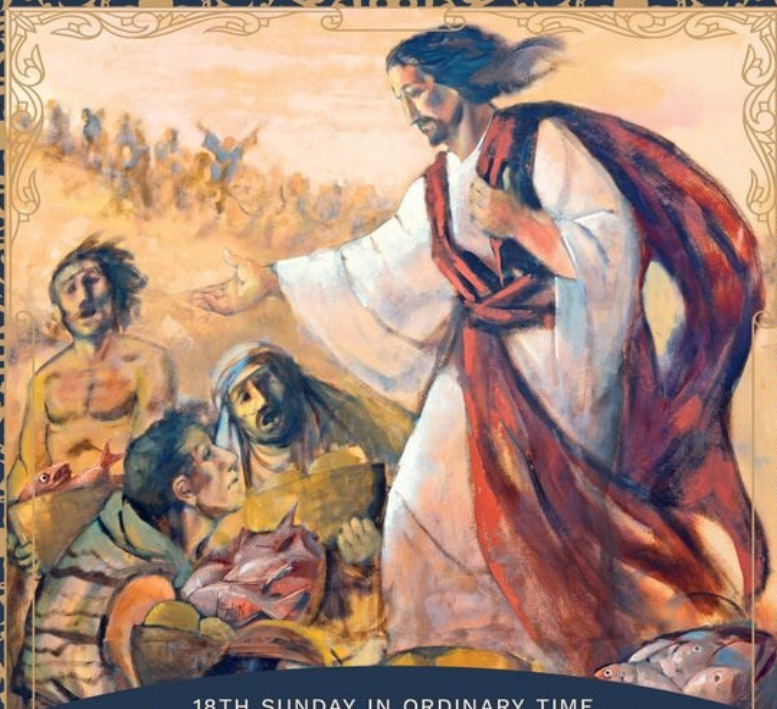




ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, August 2, 2026– Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

**HIS HEART WAS MOVED
WITH PITY FOR THEM.**

**SU CORAZÓN SE
COMPADECIÓ DE ELLOS.**

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Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am–2:00 pm

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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 August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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 until 10 am, Fridays 6-7 pm

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:

- Boxes of Oatmeal Packets
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter
- Shelf Stable Milk

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com

Heather Brown

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

L.C. Davis
Pennye and Jerry Rose
Steve Hughes
Susan Wiker
Babies Beckett and Francesca
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George
Baby Beau Lee Osborn and his family
Kris LeCompte
Linda Firnero
Renee Reid
Randy Kolb
Lynette Casey
Lori Prine
Roy Mack
Gloria Morris
Betty Mann
Brigitte Weitzig
Agapita Pena Martinez

Prayer intentions cannot be posted in the bulletin unless permission is given to do so

Weekly Collections

July 25-26, 2026

Operating: \$ 7,643.00

Buildings and Grounds: \$ 19,266.38

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.

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.

Women's Council

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

St. Mary of the Angels Women's Council call all Catholic women to come together to lead and serve with a united voice in matters affecting the Catholic welfare, communication, and spiritual growth. We encourage personal talents and support new membership for the benefit of all.

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.

Safe Environment:

Safe Environment/Virtus Program: St. Mary of the Angels Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir) and all parish office, Food Pantry and religious education volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive clearance notification from the Diocese of Charleston prior to a volunteer beginning service.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestdiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestdiocese.org

For confidential email: VAC@charlestdiocese.org

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.

Mission for the Week

I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.

Now color
the picture!



Find the matching pair.





VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

2

Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge
of our Church's teachings.

2026

Catequesis
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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month's *Via Fidelis* activity is to "Look on an apologetics website, such as *Catholic Answers*, to be able to respond to questions you are commonly asked about our faith." I want to explain what "apologetics" is and how it can be an important tool to understand and share the faith with others.

In English, the word "apology" has taken on a very different meaning since the 1500s. Today, when we apologize, we are admitting wrongdoing and asking for forgiveness from someone we have hurt or mistreated. The original meaning, stemming from the Greek word *apologia*, is to formally defend a position or belief. As Catholic Christians, we are called to apologize in both senses of the word. It is an extension of the Great Commission to baptize and share the Good News with those around us.

First, learning how to defend our faith deepens our understanding of what we believe. This involves doing in-depth research of *why* the Church teaches what it has for the past 2,000 years. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the writings of the saints and Fathers of the Church who have defended Christ throughout history. Instead of "reinventing the wheel" and attempting to justify the *why* on our own, let us remember that the wisdom of the Church has been passed down through an unbroken series of St. Peter's successors. This takes the pressure off us to make any final argument, and we are never alone.

Second, as a tool to share with others, apologetics relies on the reality of Jesus' ministry. He was prefigured throughout the Old Testament and continues to dwell among us in society and in tabernacles around the world. Christ himself stressed the urgency of sharing the Gospel message in parables, such as in the Sermon on the Mount, where he said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:14-16).

Finally, I want to emphasize that sometimes the most effective way to defend our faith is to live it out in our own families and in society. When we bear the love of Christ Jesus to the world, he will call those who are searching for the truth to ask us questions about the Catholic Church. So, as you share this faith with those who do not believe or who are longing to "come home" to the Church, begin with a prayer in your hearts to the Holy Spirit to guide you in charity and humility. All good work, especially evangelization and witness to truth, should be credited to God alone who speaks through us.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

AUGUST 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, Paul urges Timothy to persevere in the faith, even amid difficulty and persecution. What can help us persevere in difficult times in our lives?
2. Paul asks Timothy to hold on to what he has been taught, especially in difficulty. How has the faith that you have been taught proven to be beneficial to you at various times in your life?
3. In this passage that would become part of Christian Scripture itself, Paul highlights the divine inspiration of Scripture and how it can be useful for the Christian life. Where do you encounter and engage in Scripture in your own life?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Catechetics in the Parish (pg. 28)

In our intellectual tradition, St. Jerome was a translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate. He did this because the majority of believers spoke Latin, and the Church wanted the faithful to hear and understand the Word of God. In his work, the saint-scholar said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

We cannot know who Jesus Christ is, or follow his way, or discern his will if we are not well-versed in the Scriptures that contain the prophecies and promises of his arrival, the sacred institutions that paved his way, the account of his life and teachings and the proclamation of his Paschal mystery by which we are saved. We can have no confidence in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus without the inspired Word of God. As followers of the Lord, we need to read, study and pray over the sacred Scriptures.

It is a sad observation that we Catholic Christians have a stigma of not reading the Bible outside of the context of the Mass. Our Protestant neighbors have many of the Lord's words, and the words of St. Paul about him, memorized by heart. We can learn from their example.

Our lack of exposure to the Bible can be effectively diminished by attending daily Mass, which is always highly recommended by the Church. For most people, however, daily Mass is not possible because of work and family commitments. For many believers, the best time to study the Bible is at home or in their parish.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection we encounter St. Jerome's famous axiom: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." What do you think this means?
2. What are some concrete ways to engage with Scripture on a regular basis?
3. If you regularly read the Bible, what difference has this made in your life? If you have not had much experience with Scripture, what difference do you think it could make?



STATEWIDE



96 parishes



20 missions



32 schools



30 seminarians



109 diocesan
priests



16 campus
ministries



85 youth ministry
programs



246 permanent
deacons



8 Catholic Charities
of SC locations

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Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

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- A PLEDGE that is payable over 10 months
- An AUTOMATICALLY RECURRING GIFT that continues until you elect otherwise (*must be fulfilled electronically*).

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\$16.34	\$500	\$5,000
\$8.17	\$250	\$2,500
\$5.00	\$150	\$1,500
\$2.50	\$75	\$750
\$1.67	\$50	\$500
83¢	\$25	\$250

NOTE: A 10% down payment is encouraged but not required.

His Garden Society

His Garden Society, offers a special way to join the Bishop as he leads the flock. Members of His Garden Society take a leadership role in supporting the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina with an annual gift of \$1,500 or more, or with a recurring monthly gift.

HIS GARDEN SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS

St. Francis Circle	Any monthly recurring gifts
Camellia Circle	\$1,500 - \$4,499
Magnolia Circle	\$5,000 - \$9,999
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PLEASE NOTE THAT DURING FATHER JOHN'S VACATION ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE AS NORMAL, INCLUDING MASS

Registration for Religious Education has closed.

Parent meeting date to be announced soon.

Thank you to all those who have registered their children in our program. We are excited to begin and join them in their faith journey!

SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

Charla Pre-Baptismal

MARTES 18 DE AGOSTO
7:00 PM EN LA PARROQUIA

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



Registration for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is open. If you are 18 and over and would like to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith or are just curious about your faith you are welcome to join our weekly class. Please register by August 15th, no late registration forms will be accepted. Registration forms are located in the parish narthex. We are also asking for volunteers who would like to become sponsors or prayer partners. For more information please see the sheet next to the registration forms or call the parish office.

— ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS —

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AGES 13-17

WEDNESDAY
6:30P-8:00P

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Programa de Fortalecimiento Familiar (SFP)

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- Construye vínculos más fuertes
- Gestiona mejor el estrés

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Traiga a su familia: ¡nosotros nos encargamos del resto!

Comienza

Jueves, 3 de septiembre
A las 5:30 p. m.

*La clase se imparte todos los jueves.
Los adultos y los niños que reúnan los requisitos deben asistir cada semana.

Inscríbete AHORA!
Escanea o usa el enlace de abajo para registrarte.



<https://childrenstrustofsc.wufoo.com/forms/sklzokb16ug996/>

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- Bring Your Family—We'll Take Care of the Rest!**

STARTS

Tuesday, September 1st
@ 5:30pm

*Class is held every Tuesday
Adults and eligible child(ren) must attend each week

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Scan or use link below to register



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