



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday February 1, 2026- Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.” - Mt 5:11

## 4° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Dichosos serán ustedes cuando los injurien, los persigan y digan cosas falsas de ustedes por causa mía.”  
- Mt 5, 11

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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, 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 February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## 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 24

Operating: \$ 4,187

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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:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst  
a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

### Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
(Ps 146)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise,  
and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.  
(1 Cor 1:27)

### Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

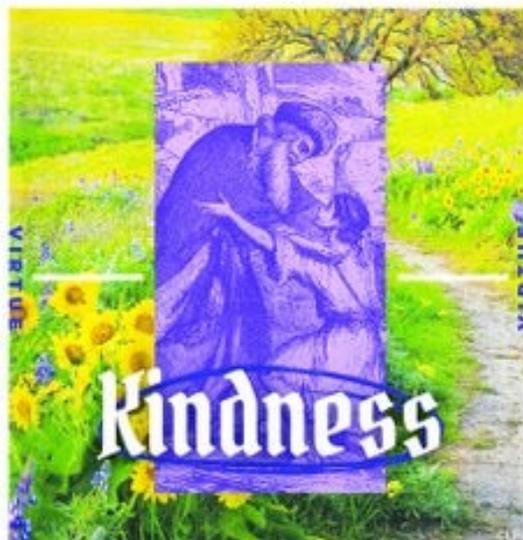
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Blessed are the poor, the meek, the persecuted. These are radical words in a world that insists the opposite: blessed are the wealthy. Blessed are the forceful. Blessed are the comfortable. Do we have what it takes to be radical?

## Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** The Presentation of the Lord,  
World Day for Consecrated Life  
**Tuesday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;  
St. Ansgar, Bishop  
**Thursday:** St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Marriage Day



## Virtues, Explained!

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God, who has adopted us as His own.

## Bless Us, Lord

Jesus,  
You are good and gracious, every moment of every day. You invite us to be meek, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers. Give us the grace to seek these virtues, and to seek you. May your blessing accompany us on our way.  
Amen.



## St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

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January 25, 2026

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we begin the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina, I encourage your sacrificial support as we join this effort with Catholic throughout our state. Every day, our diocesan-wide ministries are offering care to the poor and disadvantaged, educating our youth and adults, and supporting the clergy and religious who serve in every corner of South Carolina. The Catholic Appeal challenges us to look beyond our own parish boundaries and consider the broader mission of the Church throughout our state and grow our Catholic charitable community.

With an overall goal of \$5,500,00 dollars, and a parish target of \$27,328, this undertaking presents you, as parishioners, with the opportunity to support the mission of our church throughout its ministries. When we surpass our goal, we receive back 50% of funds raised beyond our goal. Remember: is not about how much you can give but that you are confirming your faith in this effort by giving in any capacity.

In the coming weeks, each of us will have an opportunity to support this cause through the direct mail appeal from Bishop Fabre and at weekend Mass. I know we will respond to this challenge as we have in previous years.

Thank you again for all that you do to support our parish and diocese. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,

*Father A. John De Britto m.ss.co*

*Parish Administrator, St. Mary of the Angelsq*



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Tuesday:

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,  
11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

### Friday:

Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/  
Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday:

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/  
Mk 6:30-34

### Next Sunday:

Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
Mt 5:13-16



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad"** (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir*

## Prayer

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

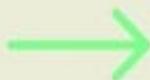
## Mission for the Week

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.

## Sharing the Gospel

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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meek  
filled

mercy  
pure  
peace

kingdom  
reward  
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# DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIocese**  
OF **CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Feb. 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of Feb. 7-8, our diocese will take up the second collection for the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC).

CASC is a yearly initiative that brings faith to life by funding essential ministries, parishes and schools throughout our diocese. Your generosity to this statewide appeal will sustain and bolster the crucial work of our Church, which consists of schools, parishes, retired priests, campus ministries, Catholic Charities of South Carolina, seminarians, permanent deacons, missions and youth ministry programs.

As we continue in this Year of Catechesis of *Via Fidelis*, we are placing a special emphasis on the importance of learning and understanding the “why” of Catholic social teaching.

By responding to Christ’s call to continue his mission and live as faithful stewards, those who support our Catholic appeal help illuminate the path for the Church, so that we remain Jesus’ gracious hands and patient ears for all those who seek him. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

*“And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col 3:17).*

In Christ’s love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS  
Bishop of Charleston

**CPR CLASS  
RESCHEDULED  
TO SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY  
28TH  
10:00 am- 2:00 pm**

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St. Mary of the Angels

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

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CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE  
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Anniversary  
Mass*

SUN | 15 | 10:30AM  
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with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

### What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called anaphora. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

### Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

**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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE  
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN  
**TO TEACH.**

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



— SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026 —