



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday, April 12, 2026– Divine Mercy Sunday / 2nd Sunday of Easter**

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

## 2° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

(LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA)

Luego le dijo a Tomás: "Aquí están mis manos; acerca tu dedo. Trae acá tu mano, métela en mi costado y no sigas dudando, sino cree".  
- Jn 20, 26-27

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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 April 2026

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## 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:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Small Boxes of Cereal
- Boxes of Mac and Cheese

## **THANK YOU**

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### Parish Chorus Practice

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

**HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com**

**Heather Brown**

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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:

Pennye Rose

Peggy Cowick

Susan Wiker

Babies Beckett and Francesca

Scarlet, Jessica, Howard, Ashley, David, Goerge

Marina Osborn

Kris LeCompte

Linda Firnero

Renee Reid

Randy Kolb

Lynette Casey

Lori Prine

Rod and Ida Fernandez

Roy Mack

Tom Morris

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

## Weekly Collections

**April 3-5, 2026**

**Operating: \$ 11,914**

**Food Pantry: \$ 285**

**Building and Grounds: \$ 40**

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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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## 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:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,  
praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.  
(Acts 2:46-47)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is  
everlasting. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia

### Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him;  
even though you do not see him now yet believe in him,  
you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,  
as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your  
souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you  
have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
(Jn 20:29)

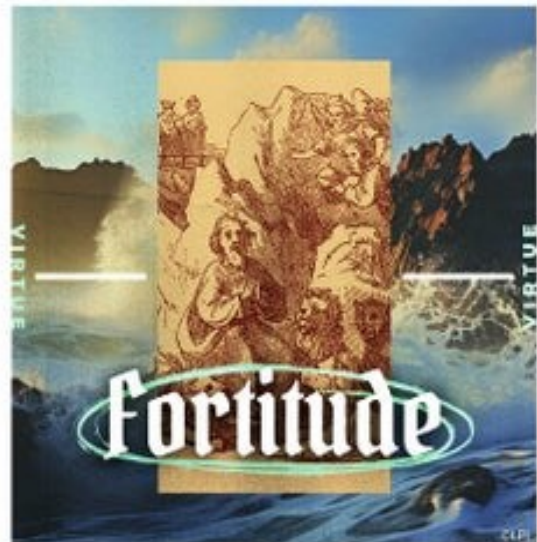
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas?  
Not by his face or his words, but by his  
wounds. So, when we look for God to show  
Himself in relief or in triumph, we must  
remember the wounds of Christ. This is where  
we find our salvation.

## Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
**Monday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** *Tax Day*  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually  
requires, first and foremost, the  
feeling of fear. In order to grow in  
fortitude, one must face a thing  
which frightens him, doing so  
specifically *in pursuit of the good*.

## Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,  
May your mercy flow over us,  
filling our gaps and healing our  
wounds.  
Open our hearts more deeply  
with knowledge of your love for us,  
understanding of the depth of your  
passion,  
and trust in your never-ending mercy.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday:

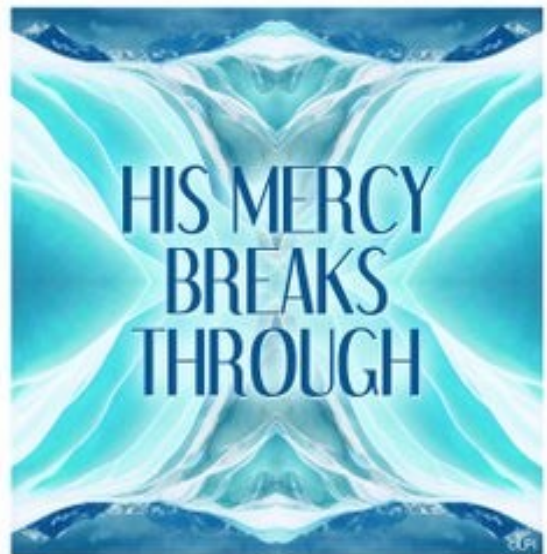
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.*

### Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "*anima Christi, sanctifica me*" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*"

Then comes my favorite part: "*within thy wounds hide me.*"

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of *liminal places*, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

### Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

## Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

## Mission for the Week

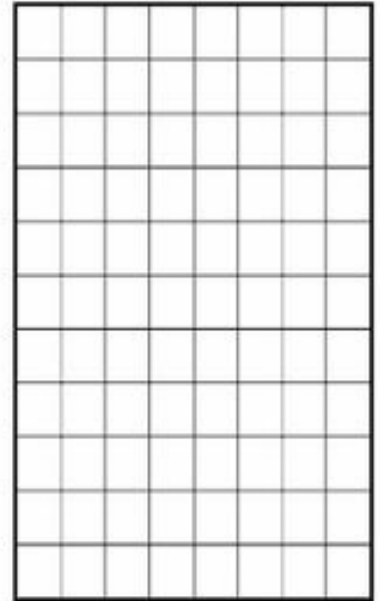
Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

## Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

Now color the picture! →

Copy the picture square by square.





# VIA FIDELIS:

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## THE FAITHFUL WAY

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### Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis  
Catequese  
Katekesis  
Huấn Giáo





## UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

# APRIL 2026

### SCRIPTURE

Read: Malachi 3:6-12

### REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the Lord, through the prophet Malachi, contrasts his own unchanging character with the changing affections and varying fidelity of his people. How is this perhaps reflected in our own experiences?
2. The Lord also accuses his people of robbing him by refusing to support the Temple through tithes. Do you think there is more to this accusation than simply monetary concerns? How might this be applicable in our own time?
3. This passage ends with a promise for prosperity at least in terms of agricultural abundance. What does it mean to trust in God's promises? What happens when God fulfills promises in a way or in a timeframe that differs from our expectations?

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### READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* – Chapter 4

God, however, is the author of all things, and he is unchanging. As the prophet Malachi gives witness: "For I the Lord do not change" (3:6). And God desires to teach us so that we can know him and his way, as the Lord Jesus told us: "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (Jn 14:26). By knowing the Lord's unchanging truth, he becomes a rock and fortress for us, as the Psalmist sings: *Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold!* (Ps 18:2)

We cannot love what we do not know. We cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. And so, we must be true disciples and learn from the Lord. We must let him teach us and show us his way. We are called to trust him and accept his divine guidance and love. As Christians, we must be vigilant and alert, so as not to be caught off-guard (see 1 Pt 5:8). We need to stay close to the Lord and let his teachings be a lamp to our feet (see Ps 119:105).

As the Lord Jesus says to us: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn 8:31-32). While the faithful must be attentive to the fallen world around them, the *Via Fidelis* is not the way of paranoia, fear, repression or misery. It is the way of prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy! We cannot know this way unless we know Jesus Christ and accept him as our teacher, prophet and companion.

### REFLECT:

1. This selection begins with an appeal to the passage from Malachi that we discussed. What does it say about how we place our trust in God?
2. In this selection, the bishop emphasizes that we cannot give what we do not have. What do you think this means and what are the implications of this for our lives?
3. In this selection, while urging us toward vigilance, the bishop also emphasizes that the "faithful way" is a way of "prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy" and not one of "paranoia, fear, repression or misery." How can we embody this in our way of life?



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## 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

## GIFT PLANS TO CONSIDER

*(Based on 10-month pledge)*

Daily Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice	Total Gift
\$32.68	\$1,000	\$10,000
\$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
Azalea Circle	\$10,000+

## OPTIONS FOR GIVING

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

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

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



*To make a donation using stocks or mutual funds, please visit our website for instruction: [charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal](http://charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal)*



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The CATHOLIC DIOCESE of CHARLESTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! Alleluia!

As we rejoice in the glory of the Easter Season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. Your presence, participation, and devotion during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations truly touched my heart.

Our church was overflowing with faithful souls-and what a beautiful sight it was! Your active involvement in our liturgical celebrations was a powerful witness to the joy of the Resurrection. It reminded all of us that we are not alone on this journey of faith but are part of a true community united in the Risen Christ

May this Easter Season continue to fill your hearts and homes with **joy, peace, and renewed hope.** Let us carry the light of the Risen Lord with us wherever we go, so that by our lives, our words, and our love for one another, we may be true **witnesses to His Resurrection.**

Thank you for your generous support and for making our parish the loving community that it is.

I am blessed and honored to be able to celebrate this Holy Season with you.

*May the Risen Lord bless you and your families abundantly!*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

*God bless you all,*

*Fr. John De Britto m.ss.cc*

SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

# Charla Pre-Baptismal

MARTES 5 DE MAYO

6:00 PM EN LA PARROQUIA

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

CHARLA DIRIJIDA POR PADRE JOHN DE BRITTO



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



April | Experiences

Ask someone of a different age or background about their experiences growing up Catholic.



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## PARISH MISSION

Fr. Becket Soule

“So you want to change your life?”

May 3 - May 5, 2026

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Fr. Becket Soule, a Dominican friar of the Eastern Province (U.S.), graduated from Davidson College, the Episcopal Divinity School, the University of Dallas, and Harvard University, and holds the professional Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. Fr. Becket has taught at the Catholic University of America, the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus, OH), St Paul University (Ottawa, Ontario), and Oxford University. He has been visiting lecturer and fellow at other institutions of higher studies in the United States, Great Britain, and the Ukraine; after serving as an official for the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Rome, he became the first Judicial Vicar and Episcopal Vicar for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter (US and Canada). He was Catholic Campus Minister at the College of William and Mary and continues to be in demand internationally as a lecturer, preacher, and retreat master. Fr. Becket is now Ordinary Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, DC, where he had previously served as Dean and Vice President.

### MISSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Becket Soule will be present at all Weekend Masses May 2 & 3, 2026

SUNDAY, MAY 3	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Mission Talk on Conversion
MONDAY, MAY 4	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:15 AM	Bible Study—Bible Study Book of Revelation Chapter 2 (O)
	5:00 PM	Sacrament of Confession
	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Mission Talk on Confession
TUESDAY, MAY 5	8:30 AM	Mass
	9:15 AM	Bible Study—Bible Study Book of Revelation Chapter 3 (O)
	5:00 PM	Sacrament of Confession
	5:30 PM	Mass
	6:30 PM	Rosary
	7:00 PM	Mission Talk on Starting Over

(O) Office

Free Will Offerings Are Mandatory\*

\*Only kidding. :) Free Will offerings are gratefully accepted. - Fr. G

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: May - July 2026

In honor of America's 250th year, the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage embraces the theme *One Nation Under God*—an invitation to place our lives, communities, and nation under Christ's guidance. Through prayer and the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, we seek unity, healing, and renewal for our country. The Diocese of Charleston is blessed to be part of the pilgrimage route, hosting five main stops across South Carolina South Carolina from **May 28-30**.

To learn more about the National Pilgrimage, visit: [www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org). For details about the pilgrimage in South Carolina, visit [charlestdiocese.org/eucharist2026/](http://charlestdiocese.org/eucharist2026/)

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SHOWED

THEM HIS HANDS  
AND HIS SIDE.

JOHN 20:20