



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, May 3, 2026– Fifth Sunday of Easter



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

“En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones. Si no fuera así, yo se lo habría dicho a ustedes, porque voy a prepararles un lugar”. - Jn 14, 2

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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 May 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

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
- Boxes of Mac and Cheese

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

Prayer Intentions for this week:

Pennye Rose

Beth Stibora

L.C. Davis

Peggy Cowick

Susan Wiker

Babies Beckett and Francesca

Scarlet, Jessica, Howard, Ashley, David, Goerge

Marina Osborn and her unborn child

Kris LeCompte

Linda Firnero

Renee Reid

Randy Kolb

Lynette Casey

Lori Prine

Rod and Ida Fernandez

Roy Mack

Tom Morris

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

Weekly Collections

April 25-26

Operating: \$ 7,358.99

Building and Grounds: \$ 22

Bake Sale: \$ 124

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:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)*

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: There are lots of different routes to Heaven. But there's only one Way.

The Way

A friend of mine who had family members belonging to several different religions once told me that there were as many different routes to Heaven as there were to the grocery store.

This was an analogy her family had used to remember that they all sought the same thing — God — even though they were going about the search in different ways.

I've thought a lot about her words in the years since she shared them with me. It's not an untrue analogy — there are a lot of different routes to the grocery store. An infinite number, in fact. There is actually no "right" way to get to the grocery store, because it all depends on where you're starting from and what other errands you have along the way.

And there are a lot of different routes to Heaven — likewise, an infinite number. It all depends on where you're starting from. It all depends on what you have to do along the way.

There it is: the part that matters. *The way.*

Whether we're talking about Heaven or the grocery store as our destination, all routes are not created equal. Some take too long. Some are impassable. Some are hard to navigate. Some are just plain made-up — the glitch of a GPS, the promise of a false prophet. And inevitably, if you take a less-than-ideal route, you will find yourself flagging down a pedestrian, asking, "I'm lost. Which way do I go?"

See, you can meander all you want. But in the end, you have to find The Way. And there's only one. Don't worry, though.

You'll know him when you see him.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who, by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture! →

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS	PLACE	BELIEVE								
TRUST	GOING	LIVING								
PREPARE	FATHER	MIRACLES								
A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
H	M	O	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	H
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T	R	U	S	T	R	F	H	A	E	T
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S	L	H	P	B	E	L	I	E	V	E
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VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

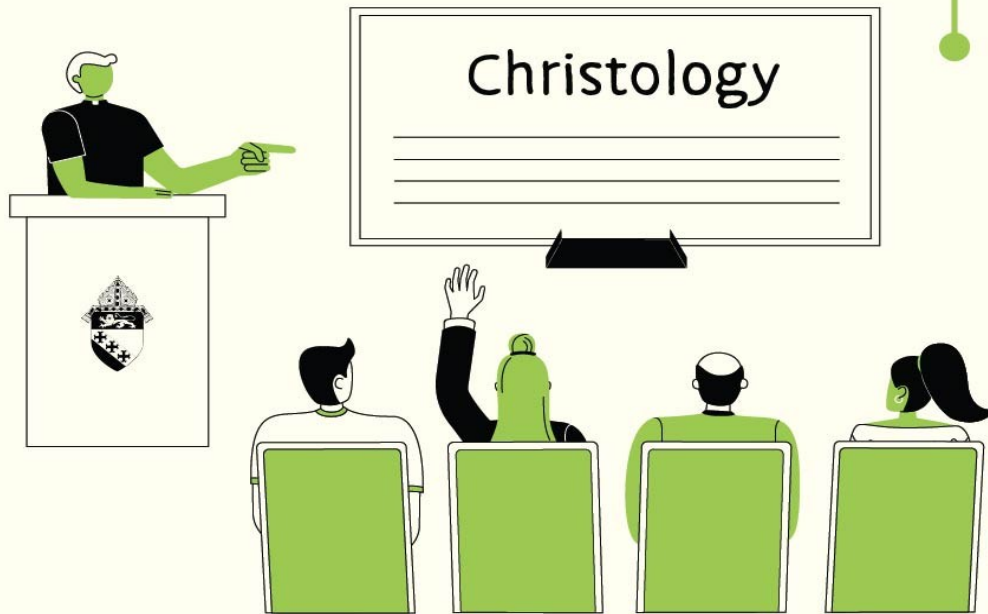
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Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis
Catequese
Katekesis
Huấn Giáo



May 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY



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May | Marian Apparition

Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.



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A CHURCH THAT TEACHES

Read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
85-90, 100, 890-891, 897-900, 940, 1262-1274, 1279-1280

- Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the work of the Apostles is carried on with the Bishops as their successors
- The authentic interpretation of the the Deposit of Faith takes place through the Magisterium, or teaching office of the Church
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this living teaching office is exercised by the Pope, who is the successor of St. Peter and Bishop of Rome, and the bishops in communion with him
- This office can be exercised infallibly (or without error) in doctrinal proclamations (regarding faith or morals) by the Pope or by the entire College of Bishops with the Pope (especially in an ecumenical council)
- It can also be exercised infallibly by the Pope and Bishops in their "ordinary Magisterium" when there is agreement on the definitiveness of a doctrine
- Supported by the Magisterium, all members of the Church, albeit in different ways, are called to share the faith with others and "make disciples of all nations" (see Mt 28:19)
- Through faith in Christ and Baptism one becomes a member of the Church, the People of God
- By virtue of their Baptism, all the faithful are given a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ
- The laity live this in away fitting the "secular" (or 'everyday') nature of their way of life
- The laity, therefore, have a particular calling to both holiness and the apostolate, being sent out to bring Christ to the world and everyday life



Feasts & Solemnities

MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

St. Athanasius is known as the great defender of Jesus' true divinity during a period of heated division within the Church. As bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, St. Athanasius came into conflict with other influential Church leaders and several emperors. His staunch defense of the teachings of the Council of Nicaea led to his exile from Alexandria on five separate occasions.

MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (who had betrayed Christ). Choosing him is one of the first things the Apostles do after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:15-26). This is the first example of a successor to one of the Apostles. Today, our bishops stand as successors of the Apostles, and the Holy Father is the successor to their leader, St. Peter.

MAY 17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter (see Acts 1:3) and traditionally falls on a Thursday (since Easter is on a Sunday). In most of the United States, the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday. By ascending with his resurrected body, Jesus gives us hope of one day sharing in heavenly communion with the Father.

MAY 24: PENTECOST

Pentecost literally means "fifty" and takes place 50 days after Easter. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christian Pentecost coincides with the Jewish feast of Pentecost (*Shavout*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew), at which the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai is commemorated. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost shows the enduring presence of God with his Church as the one who gives her life and inspires her action. In the sacrament of confirmation, we share in a special way in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help us carry out the mission of the Church: to spread and defend the faith as witnesses.

MAY 25: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Mary has many titles, and there are different days these are commemorated. She is the Mother of God by conceiving and giving birth to Jesus, and she is our mother, too, because we are united to Christ in baptism. Mary is a model of true discipleship for the Church. As "Mother of the Church," she exemplifies the motherhood that the Church exercises. Just as Mary enables Christ to be present in the world through the Incarnation, so too the Church's mission, as the body of Christ, is to enable Christ's continued presence in the world.

May 31: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us who God is. There is one God in three distinct persons. These three persons are in real relation to each other. Yet, they each fully possess the one divine nature. This is why we invoke the one divine "name" when making the sign of the cross (i.e. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit").

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



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Si ya formas parte o deseas integrarte a alguno de los ministerios litúrgicos, *anímate a participar en la formación de alguno de los siguientes ministerios:*



Escaneé el código QR para registrarse

- Ministerio para Lectores
- Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión
- Ministerio Servidor del Altar (Monaguillos)
- Ministerio de Hospitalidad
- Ministerio de Música



Sábado 18 de julio de 2026
8:30 am a 4:00 PM



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Greenville, SC 29609



\$25.00 incluye materiales y comida



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UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

MAY 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: John 8:31-59

REFLECT:

1. What is the image of discipleship that Jesus gives in this passage? How can we attain to that image in practice?
2. Jesus speaks here of slavery to sin and contrasts it with the freedom of the life of the disciple, where one finds truth. In what ways are we affected by slavery to sin? In ways do we find freedom in Christ?
3. Why do think Jesus is so harshly criticized by those he is speaking to in this passage? How does this passage reveal who Jesus is and how he changes our relationship with God and with the world?

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

The Catholic Church is the Body of Christ and the oldest institution in the world. For over 2,000 years, she has continued to be taught by the Lord Jesus and guided by his Holy Spirit. Faithful to the task given to her, she proclaims her teachings at all times and in every place. The teachings of the Church are enlightened by sacred Scripture. They are founded upon sacred Tradition, especially the Church fathers, the living priesthood and the constant witness of the baptized through the ages.

The remedy to the disbelief of our age, therefore, is the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. It will be the hope and joy that exude from the witnesses of the Lord Jesus that will most challenge and collapse the disbelief and false belief of our times.

For this reason, I call on all the baptized to fan into flame the grace you have received from God, pursue a path of Christian formation, know our faith, live it without compromise and be one of the disciples whose life of grace will heal the secularism of our age and bring God back into the hearts of all men and women.



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REFLECT:

1. In this selection, the bishop discusses the "Deposit of Faith," sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition. What are some concrete ways that we can become deeper immersed in scripture and tradition in this year devoted to a deeper understanding of the faith?
2. What does "the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ" look like in practice? How can we strive towards developing that life?
3. What are ways that we can "bring God back into the hearts" of those we encounter?

St. Mary of the Angels



First Communion Mass
Misa de Primera Comunión

SATURDAY, MAY 9
SABADO 9 DE MAYO
11:00 AM

"Do this in remembrance of Me." – Luke 22:19

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 INCRIPCION AL FINAL DE LA CHARLA



CHARLA DIRIJIDA POR PADRE JOHN DE BRITTO

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

IN MY FATHER'S
HOUSE THERE ARE
MANY DWELLING PLACES.

JOHN 14:2