



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026– Fourth Sunday of Easter



## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

## 4° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

“El ladrón sólo viene a robar, a matar y a destruir. Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia”.  
- Jn 10, 9-10

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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:

- 1 lb. bags of Rice
- 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 18-19**

**Operating: \$ 5,830**

**Building and Grounds: \$ 544**

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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**

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.

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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:

Peter said to them,  
"Repent and be baptized, every one of you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins;  
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

By his wounds you have been healed.  
For you had gone astray like sheep,  
but you have now returned to the shepherd and  
guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:24-25)

### Gospel:

"I came so that they might have life and have it more  
abundantly." (Jn 10:10)

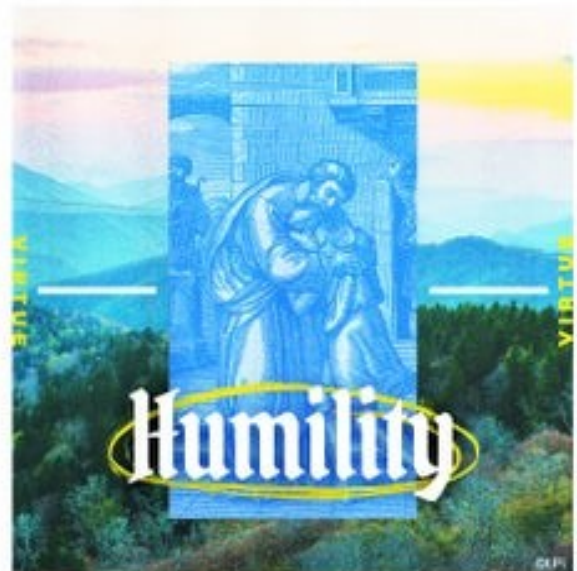
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice," Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.

## Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Friday:** St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
- Saturday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



## Virtues, Explained!

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.

## Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,  
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.  
Help me to know your voice and  
to respond.  
Help me to find your fold and the  
paths on which you lead.  
Bless me with verdant pastures  
and restful waters.  
Refresh my soul.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18  
(second choice)

### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/  
Jn 13:16-20

### Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

### Next Sunday:

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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11*

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** We can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

### The Devil's Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

#### Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

## Prayer

Jesus, help me hear the right voices, and not follow the wrong voices.

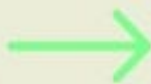
## Mission for the Week

I will listen and follow directions of my parents and teachers right away.

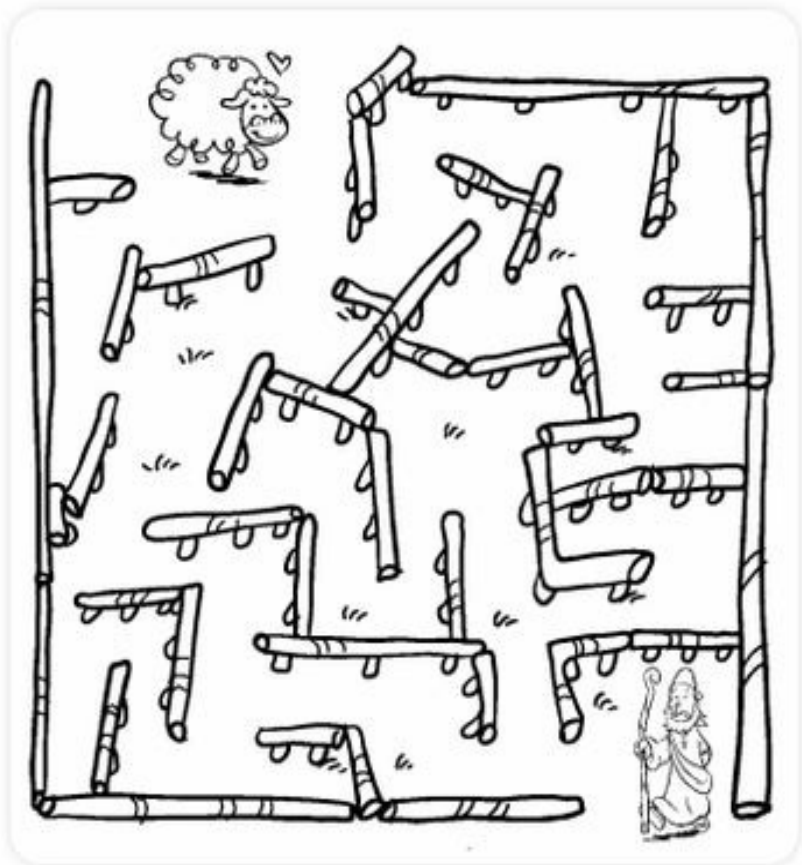
## Sharing the Gospel

You are one of God's sheep. Jesus calls you by name. You recognize his voice. Close your eyes. Listen to the voices of your family and friends. You can tell who is talking by the sound of their voices. You choose to follow Jesus on his path. You love God above everything. You love your neighbor as yourself. You share your toys, money and food with your family and the poor.

Now color the picture!



Help the sheep find the shepherd.





# VIA FIDELIS:

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## THE FAITHFUL WAY

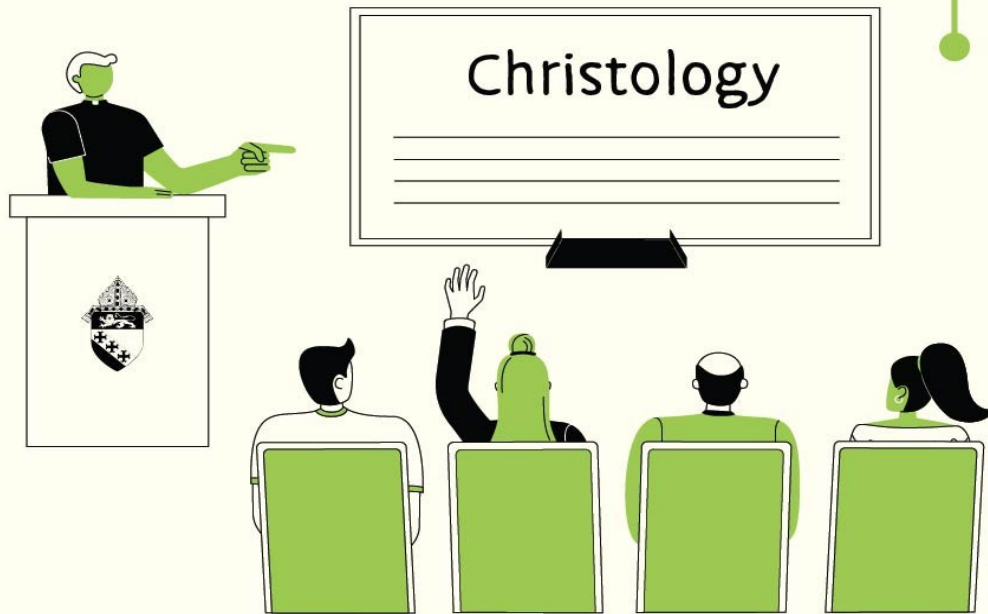
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### Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis  
Catequese  
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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.

# 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?

### 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 TASTE OF ST. JOSEPH



COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE  
OUR MANY CULTURES

**MAY 2, 2026**  
BEGINNING AT 6:00PM

FR. FRIEND HALL  
& SCHOOL PARKING LOT

TICKETS:  
\$20 ADULTS \$5 KIDS (12 & UNDER)  
UNDER 3 FREE

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A DISH FROM YOUR CULTURE?  
WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE!

EMAIL [KATHY.MASSEY@SJCCS.NET](mailto:kathy.massey@sjccs.net)  
OR CALL 864-760-1619 TO SIGN UP!

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

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

### UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



**VIA FIDELIS:** April | Experiences  
THE FAITHFUL WAY

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



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### THE BUZZ PROJECT

**Bee a DIGITAL MISSIONARY**

**#Bee CATHOLICCHALLENGESC**

Share your story of growing up in the Catholic Church.

Here is your mission:

- 1) Post your experience on social media
- 2) Use **#beecatholicchallengeSC**
- 3) Tag a friend to challenge them to do the same!

Don't forget to join our BEE HIVE on Instagram and Facebook **@buzzprojectsc**.

Let's swarm social media with faith and **#beeboldforJESUS!**

### 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 [charlestondiocese.org/eucharist2026/](http://charlestondiocese.org/eucharist2026/)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# I AM THE GATE.

— JOHN 10:9 —



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