



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday November 16, 2025– Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



• 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**THERE WILL NOT
BE LEFT A STONE.**

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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 November 2025

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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 9 am to 12 noon, Fridays 6 pm-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 Cereal
- Oatmeal Packets
- Canned Fruit

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com

Heather Brown, Music Director

Bible Study The Sermon on the Mount

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets;
I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them." (Matthew 5:17)*

Please join us for a Bible study on selections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7). Many, many entire books have been written on the Sermon on the Mount and how to live the teachings that Jesus presents. A quick Amazon search finds descriptions like "The key to success in life," "Human flourishing," and "Principles for Kingdom living." In these chapters Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, the parable of Salt and Light, "Love your enemies," the Lord's Prayer, and many other familiar passages.

We will meet weekly from October 9 through November 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Hall.

Some questions we will explore:

- How do these teachings of Christ fulfill and expand upon the Old Law?
- What are some deeper meanings found in these readings?
- How do they influence Catholic doctrine and how can we incorporate them into our daily lives?

For more information and to sign up to receive lesson plans before each session, please email Charlie Comberrel at charlie ofs@gmail.com, and include "Bible Study" in the subject line.

We look forward to some lively discussions!

Weekly Collections

November 8-9

Operating: \$ 5,605.91

B & G: \$ 115

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.

Sirve a la creciente población Hispania/Latina brindandoles atencion pastoral y linguisticamente apropiada. Fomentando su participacion y liderazgo en la Iglesia y dandoles la bienvenida a una comunidad Catolica mas amplia. Juntas una vez al mes en Jueves. Las fechas para las juntas seran anunciadas.

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.

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.

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:

Marina Osborn

Randy Kolb

Steve Quam

Elvin Young

Baby Francesca

Lenin Flores

Veronica Bueno

Melanie Qualters

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise
the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you,
so that you might imitate us. (2 Thes 3:9)

Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.
By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 21:17-19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire
and brimstone, vivid with images of pain,
suffering, confusion — and, ultimately,
peace. Do we believe what he promises?
Do we have the endurance to stay with
him until the end?

Observances for the week of November 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter
and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne, Virgin
Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Devotions, *Explained!*

An Advent Wreath consists of
a circle of evergreen and four
candles, one for each week of
Advent. Three of the candles are
purple; one is rose, representing
Gaudete Sunday, a time of
rejoicing at the closeness of
Christmas.

Prayer in Season of Trust

O Lord,
Be with me now, I feel so alone.
Bring Your blessings to me, like
the light of a candle in darkness.
Wrap me in Your mercy,
give me strength to face every
hardship.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 16, 2025

Sunday:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/
2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps
119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and
15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

Two Things Can Be True At Once

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's — going — to — die — someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:9). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY

MONTHLY ACTIVITY
ACTIVIDAD MENSUAL

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November | Find

Find ways as an individual, family, or a parish group to find Jesus in your brother(s)/ sister(s) and to serve with love and joy.

Noviembre | Encuentra

Como individuo, familia o grupo parroquial, busca maneras de encontrar a Jesús en tus hermanos y hermanas a través del servicio con amor y alegría.



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

Nov. 3, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month in *Via Fidelis*, we turn our focus to seeing the face of God in our neighbors. Sometimes, we get caught up in the day-to-day rush and forget that, despite how we are feeling in the moment, everyone deserves respect as living images of our Creator.

Christ called us to spread the Gospel in every aspect of our lives — not just at church, but at home, at work and in our daily interactions. The fullness of the Good News culminates in Christ's sacrifice on the cross, where he taught us truly how to love one another. "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (Jn 15:12). Once we live this instruction, our lives become a testimony to the *kerygma*.

We may find the love of Jesus in every part of God's creation and must especially see that love in our brothers and sisters. Let us focus on recognizing the face of Christ in everyone we meet this month so we may serve them with love, joy and humility. This might mean offering patient words to someone who frustrates us, showing kindness to a worker at a drive-thru, or reaching out to someone who is lonely.

November is dedicated to the saints and the departed faithful. We know that Christ's salvation was offered once and to all, so we pray for those who have gone before us. Their salvation is at hand, and our prayers support their journey to eternal life with God. We are not separated by death from those whom we love.

I encourage you to participate in Mass celebrations, to pray the rosary and to perform acts of charity. What a beautiful gift we can offer through our prayers, and may our understanding of and love for the Gospel bring us and others to everlasting life. As we do these things as a diocese, and continue our personal and parish activities, we will make an indelible mark in South Carolina.

Thank you for answering the call to become disciples of the Lord and seeing his face in the people and the world around you.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to be brave and tell other people about you.

Mission for the Week

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes this world can be a scary place in which to live. Fighting, sickness, and storms can kill a lot of people. Jesus says that when those things happen around you, do not be afraid. Even when you die, you can still live forever with God. You have heaven to look forward to. When scary things happen around you, tell the people you love about Jesus. Tell them they can live forever with Jesus, too, so they don't need to be afraid.

Now color
the picture! →

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

temple
stones
attack

starve
trial
faith

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Anderson Pantry *List*



Please call for hours of operation and requirements, before visiting food sites.

ANDERSON PANTRY LIST

AIM-Anderson	1206 S Murray Ave.	864-226-2273	M-F 9-10
Anderson First Seventh Day Adventist	1001 Osborne Ave.	864-373-4312	Every Wed 9-11:30
Belton Interfaith Ministries	507 N Main St.	864-338-7797	M-Thur 9-12 - Check in by 11
Faith Food Bank	308 Williams St.	864-518-1477	Tues 3-5, 3rd Sat 9-11
Honea Path United Ministries	204 S Main St.	864-369-2550	Last Monday 2:30-5 & 3rd Thurs 2:30-5
IVA First Baptist	9536 Hwy 81 S	864-348-3662	Tues 2-3, Call for Details
Good Neighbor Cupboard	313 S Tower St.	864-224-1701	Tues-Thur 9-12
Overcomers Outreach Community Dev.	700 East Shockley Ferry Rd. A-5	864-359-2301	3rd Sat 10am-1pm & 1st Thurs 10-1
Royal Baptist Church	407 E Hampton St.	864-335-0641	2nd & 4th Sat 10-12
Sanctuary of Praise	518 Stone Dr.	864-224-6699	3rd Sat 10-12
St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church	1821 White St.	865-245-8081	Tues 9am-12pm
Tabernacle of Faith	1613 S Main St.	864-261-7107	Sun 11:30-1:30, & Wed 2-4

SOUP KITCHENS

Anderson Emergency Kitchen	1527 S. Main St.	864-224-4763	M-F 10:45 to 11:45
Tabernacle of Faith	1613 S Main St.	864-261-7107	Sun 11:30-1:30
Hope Mission of Upstate	213 S. Towers St.	864-359-2396	M-Sat 7-10am

Message from the Food Pantry:

We are looking for an extra volunteer for the food pantry. We work on Tuesdays from 8:45 am –12:00 noon. We make bags of food to distribute to our clients. If you are interested, please contact the parish office 864-226-8621



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Have questions or
want more information?

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GALATIANS 5:13

CALLING ALL MEN! JOIN US!

What does it mean
to be a Knight?

We are Catholic Men who

LEAD, SERVE,

PROTECT & DEFEND.

We share a desire to be better

HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS,

NEIGHBORS, & ROLE MODELS

and to put charity

and community first.



Enclosed is a copy of the Balance Sheet for the period ending September 30, 2025. This represents the close of the of the first quarter of our fiscal year. If you have any questions on this report or the finances of SMA please come to one of our Finance meetings, dates are always announced on the bulletin and on the website calendar



CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SANDWHICH MAKING: IT WILL BE DONE EVERY SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER, EXCEPT FOR NOVEMBER 22ND, FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AT THE SOUP KITCHEN.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOUR PERSEVERANCE
WILL SECURE
YOU.

— LUKE 21:19 —

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 —