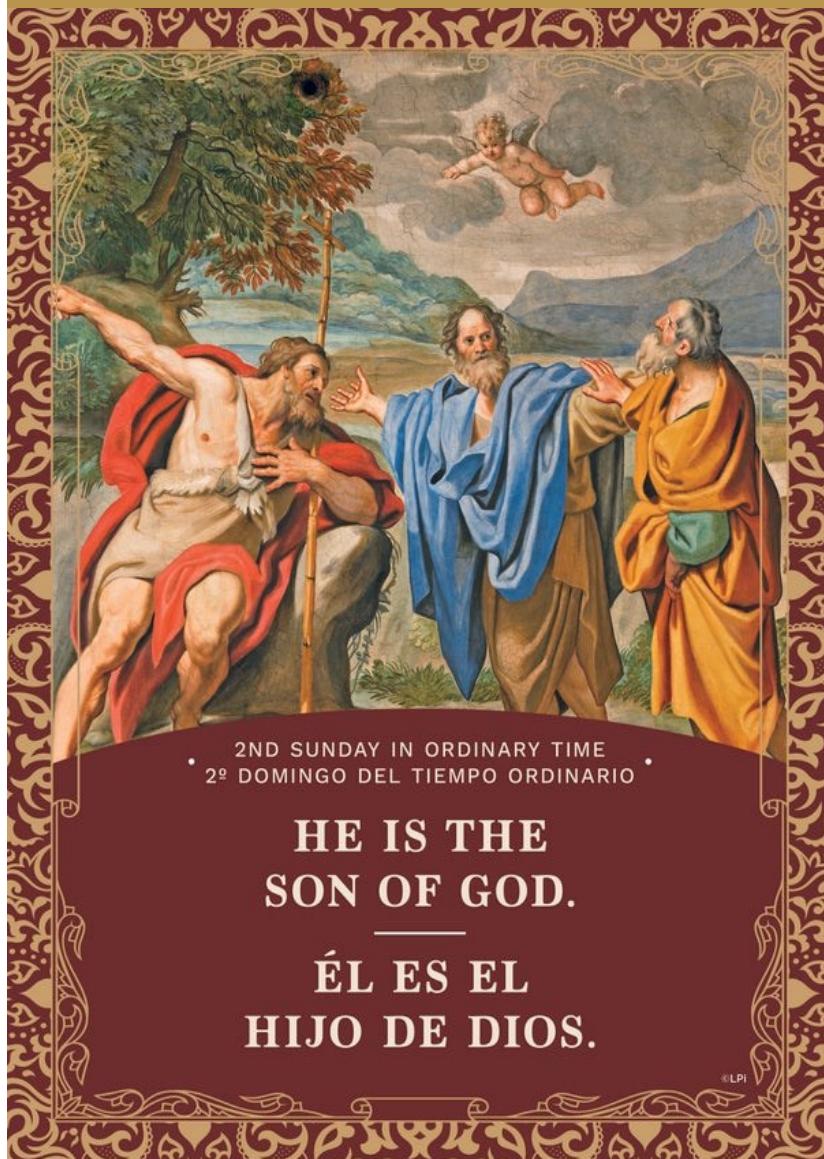




# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday January 18, 2026-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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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 January 2026

## For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary church.

### 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
- Oatmeal Packets
- Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Beans

### **THANK YOU**

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### 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:

Randy Kolb  
Steve Quam  
Baby Francesca  
Melanie Qualters  
Marina Osborn  
Katherine Fariss  
Tim Rioux

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### Weekly Collections

**January 10-11**

**Operating: \$ 6,471**

**B & G: \$ 52**

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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 "Egypts," 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:

I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.  
(Is 49:6)

### Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

### Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

### Gospel:

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the  
world." (Jn 1:29)

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## Live The Liturgy

### Inspiration of the Week

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

## Observances for the week of January 18, 2026

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Martin Luther King Day

**Tuesday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;  
St. Sebastian, Martyr

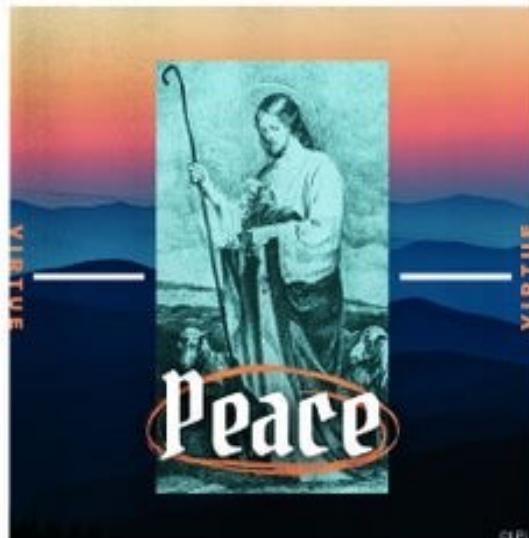
**Wednesday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

**Thursday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children

**Friday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

**Saturday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



## Virtues, Explained!

Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and refers not just to an absence of violence but to a personal reconciliation with one's Creator.

## Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,  
Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.  
Remind us of our identity in You: loved, called, and equipped for mission.  
Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/  
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23/Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/  
Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,  
9-10/Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-  
11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

### Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/  
Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday:

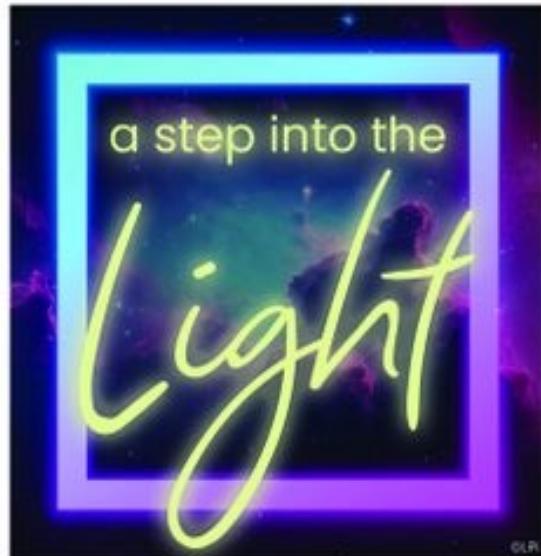
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/  
Mk 3:20-21

### Next Sunday:

Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,  
17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's common to hear belief in Jesus and the Church mocked as blind faith and credulity. But in reality, it is deeply human and rational. Think about it: we rely on the testimony of others constantly. I trust chemists who certify the safety of toothpaste and cleaning products. I trust engineers when I use a microwave or drive over a bridge. Why? Because they have studied and seen what I have not, and their testimony proves itself in daily life. That kind of trust is not irrational; it is how human knowledge works.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist declares: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:34).** That is the language of an eyewitness. It invites us into a very human act: trusting someone who has directly encountered something — or Someone — we have not yet fully seen ourselves.

The Church's faith is built on this kind of reliable sight-based testimony. The Apostles did not make abstract claims. They saw, followed, suffered for, and proclaimed Jesus Christ. Over centuries, their witness — carried in Scripture, in the lives of the saints, and in the sacramental life of the Church — has proven dependable. We come to know its truth by assenting to it, by living and studying it, praying with it, trusting it.

Faith in Christ is not a childish leap into the dark. It is a step into the light of testimony that proves itself over time.

— Father John Muir

# Liturgical Life

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. This is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

### Behold the Lamb

"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Be honest. When the priest or deacon read this line from the Gospel today, did your brain finish it with: "Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb"? (Mine did. And then I almost blurted out: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed." Because it's Sunday morning, and I'm tired.)

We hear the words of John the Baptist every Sunday in the *Agnus Dei*. If you have been Catholic since childhood, the words of this rite are probably ingrained in your memory, like a groove worn across a wooden floor by the scratching of an often-used chair. That's the beautiful thing about our liturgy: it gets inside of you, and it doesn't leave. I've never met a Catholic, however long-fallen-away, who did not recall the responses of the Mass.

When the priest says or chants the *Agnus Dei*, he is showing us the Host — the most ordinary-looking thing you ever did see. Nothing interesting about it whatsoever. Nothing that would make a person give it a second glance.

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus when he sees him, though there is nothing extraordinary-looking about him. There is nothing that would make a person give Jesus a second glance, if that person expected redemption to come in a loud, aggressive show of power.

And this is how Jesus comes to us today: veiled in the ordinary. He is in the people who are easiest to miss, the easiest to ignore, the easiest from whom it is to turn away.

Consider what the world could look like, if an instinct to love and reverence those people were as deeply ingrained in us as the beautiful words so easily on our lips: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

How many times a day can a person receive communion?

##### Answer:

To find an answer to this question, we need to turn to the Church's Code of Canon Law. Here we read, "One who has received the blessed Eucharist may receive it again on the same day only within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates ..." (no. 917). This tells us that the standard answer would be that we can receive communion twice in a day.

Having said that, we also want to be sure that we pay attention to the entire instruction. The phrase "within a Eucharistic celebration in which that person participates" is important. It means a) that we always have to think of receiving communion as being within a celebration of the Mass and b) we have to be participants in that celebration — we can't simply show up "in time" for communion.

So, when would this rule apply?

For example, if you attend Mass on a Saturday morning and then take part in the Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, you could licitly receive communion at both celebrations. Or, another example, if you receive communion at a wedding or funeral Mass, you could also receive communion at a daily Mass or Sunday Vigil celebrated on the same day. We always want to be sure that we observe the rules for fasting from food and drink before receiving the eucharist (see Code of Canon Law, no. 919).

We should also remember that the Code of Canon Law instructs that anyone who is in danger of death or seriously ill may also receive communion a second time (no. 91, §2).

**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.

## Prayer

Lord, I will be a good disciple by learning and sharing your words.

## Mission for the Week

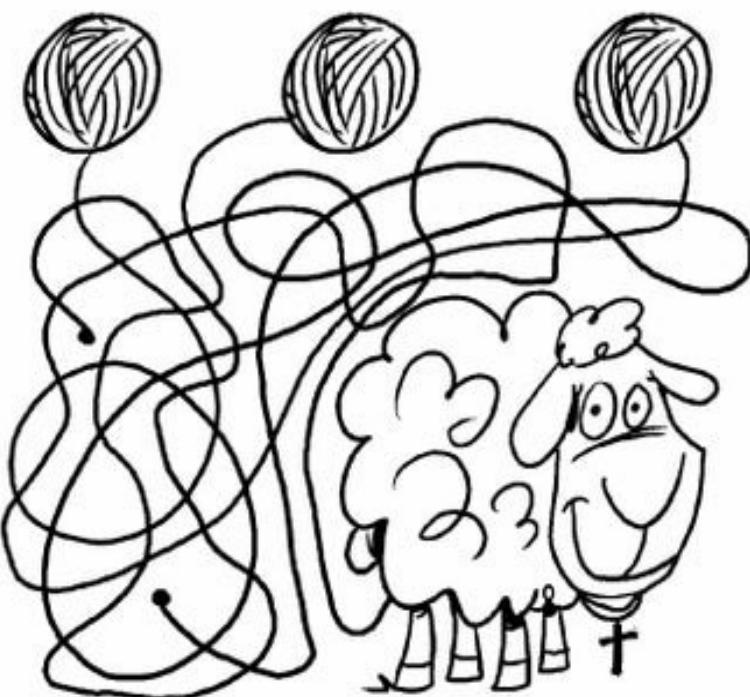
I will ask someone to read the Bible to me every day.

## Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was the Son of God. He told them the Holy Spirit came down on Jesus and remained on him as the Scriptures said. Jesus taught his disciples and others. He healed people to show his power as the Son of God. God wants you to be his disciple. He wants you to be a good example of a loving child of God.

Now color the picture!

Which ball of yarn leads to the Lamb of God?



## Caring for the Sick and Homebound

Dear Parish Family,

One of the most beautiful duties of the Church is to care for the sick and those who are homebound. When someone is ill, recovering from surgery, facing a serious diagnosis, or growing weaker with age, they should never feel alone. The Lord draws near to them through our prayers, through the Holy Eucharist, and through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

As your priest, I want to assure you that I am always available to visit your home, hospital, or assisted living facility whenever you or a loved one needs spiritual care.

Our parish also has a special group of parishioners who bring Holy Communion and visit those unable to attend Mass.

Please inform the Parish Office if you or a loved one is sick, homebound, hospitalized, or in assisted living. Often, we do not know, and if you don't tell us, it can be hard for us to reach you.

When you call, please provide a contact phone number, the person's name, and their location so we can arrange a prompt visit.

Let us keep being a parish that notices, cares, and reaches out with compassion.

Thank you for helping us care for each other in Christ's love.

In Christ,  
Fr. John De Britto, m.ss.cc

SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

## Charla Pre-Baptismal

MIERCOLES 28 DE ENERO  
POR FAVOR ASISTIR A LA  
MISA DE 7 PM

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

CHARLA DIRIJIDA POR PADRE JOHN DE BRITO



Saint Mary of the Angels

## First Aid & CPR Training

Because Safety Starts with You.

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
10:00 am -2:00pm

Parish Hall

Training will be conducted by the Anderson Fire Department.

If you are interested in receiving this training please sign up in the Parish Narthrex by JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>.

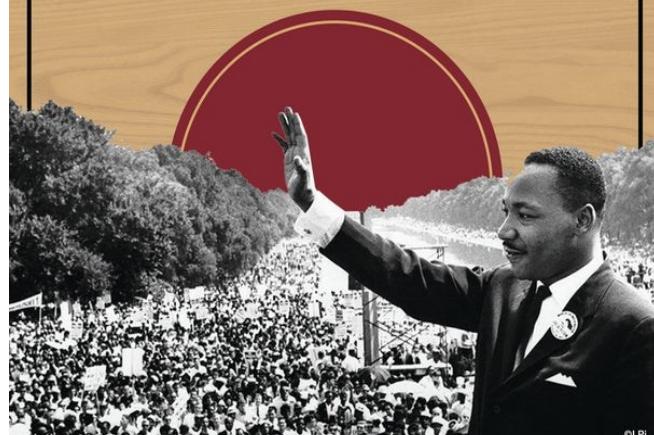
There is a \$10 fee for the training/ certification. Please submit payment to parish office by January 24<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions please contact Pat Binninger, Safe Environment coordinator: [pbinninger@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:pbinninger@charlestondiocese.org)



“Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:29



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026