



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday, April 19, 2026- Third Sunday of Easter**

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

"Y sucedió que, estando a la mesa con ellos, tomó el pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio. Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y le reconocieron; pero él desapareció de su vista". Lucas 24,30-31

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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 11-12, 2026**

**Operating: \$ 7,015.18**

**Food Pantry: \$ 50**

**Building and Grounds: \$ 86**

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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:

"Exalted at the right hand of God,  
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father  
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

### Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world  
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

### Gospel:

Then they said to each other,  
"Were not our hearts burning within us  
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the  
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

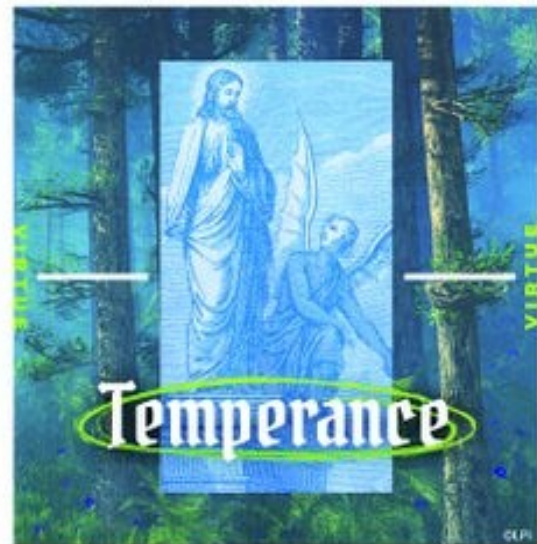
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way  
through this world with weary feet and  
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step  
beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we  
let him?

## Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day</i>
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; <i>Arbor Day</i>
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Mark, Evangelist
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



## Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

## Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,  
As this new season begins,  
bring new life to our hearts as well.  
Prune what has grown  
despondent,  
brush back that which darkens  
and clouds.  
As the flowers bud and bloom,  
bless us with new wonder, new  
hope, new promise, new joy.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

### 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

### Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/  
Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/  
Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/  
Jn 6:44-51

### Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

### Next Sunday:

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



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Christ gave us everything. He gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with everything? What do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

### The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

#### Answer:

We hear the phrase "the end of the world" casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that he will come again, even after he has ascended into heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin "Parousia," meaning "presence" or "arrival."

We believe that Christ will come again, and at his Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a "new heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects — for good or ill — will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, "Come Lord Jesus!"

## Prayer

Lord, help me show others that I am a Christian by my words and actions.

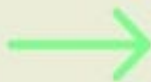
## Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."

## Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."

Now color the picture!



Which letter **begins** each picture name?  
Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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# VIA FIDELIS:

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## THE FAITHFUL WAY

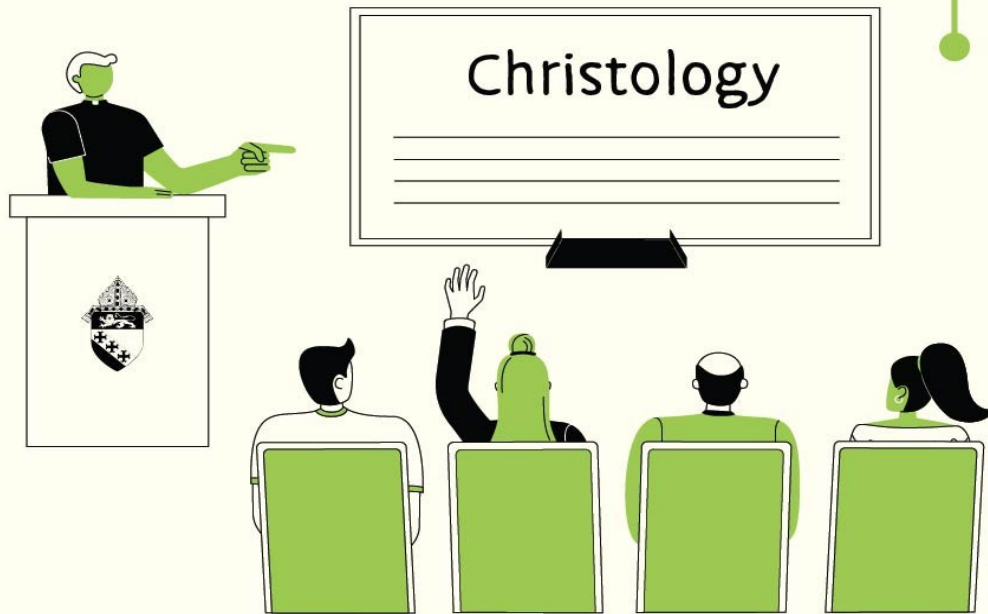
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### Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis  
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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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## CATHOLIC APPEAL of South Carolina



The CATHOLIC DIOCESE of CHARLESTON



# Altar Servers

Altar Servers training with Deacon Juan

Saturday, April 25th

9 am—12 noon, Parish

All parish children and teens who have received their First Communion are eligible to serve. This is a beautiful way for our kids learn and grow more within the Faith



## THE BUZZ PROJECT

**Bee to 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!

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

# TACO Sunday

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HISPANIC MINISTRY



APRIL 26  
AFTER EACH MASS

St. Mary of the Angels

# Bake Sale

Hosted by:  
WOMEN'S COUNCIL

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
APRIL 25-26  
AFTER EACH MASS



VIA FIDELIS:  
THE FAITHFUL WAY

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# JESUS

HIMSELF DREW  
NEAR AND WALKED  
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026