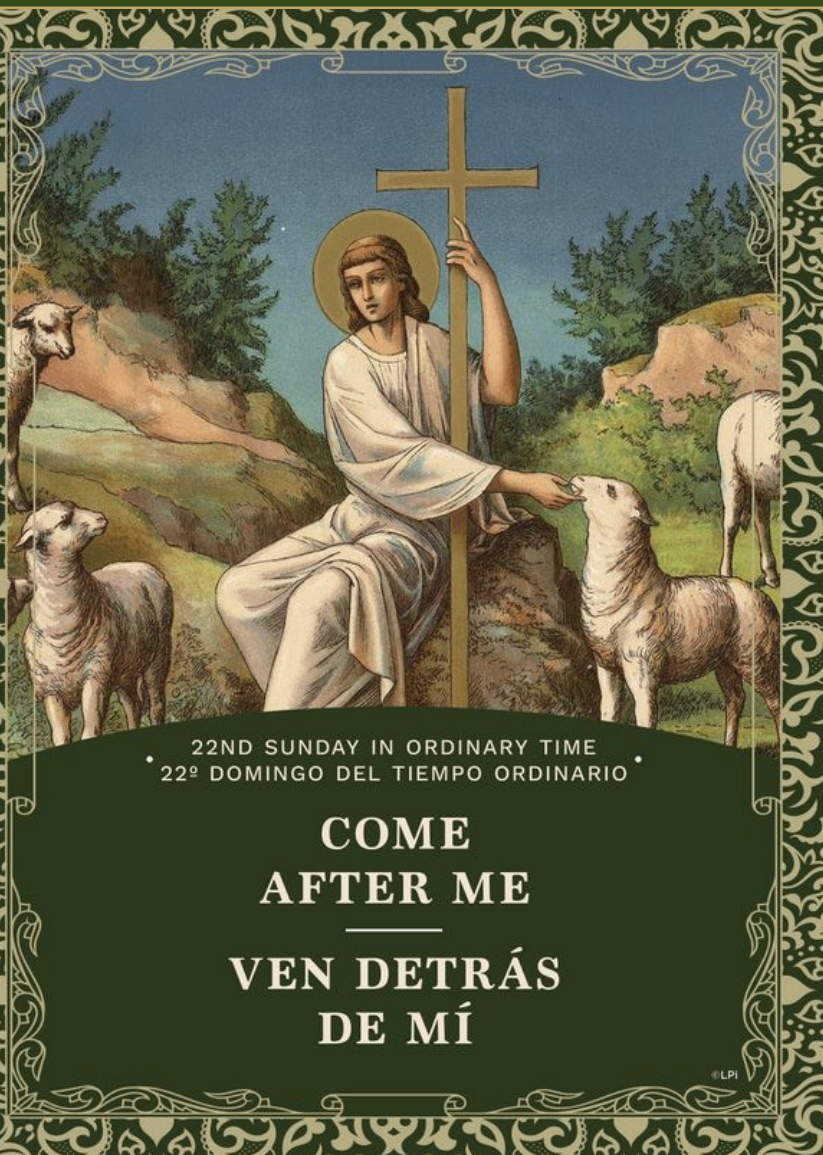




ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026– Twenty-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 August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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 until 10 am, 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:

- Cans of Spaghetti Sauce
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxes Saltine Crackers

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:

Kenneth Monroe

Joe Inglema

L. C. Davis

Pennye and Jerry Rose

Steve Hughes

Susan Wiker

Babies Beckett and Francesca

Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George, and Mark

Kris LeCompte

Linda Firnero

Renee Reid

Randy Kolb

Lynette Casey

Lori Prine

Roy Mack

Gloria Morris

Larry Binninger

Betty Mann

Brigitte Weitzig

Agapita Pena Martinez

Father John De Britto, m.ss.cc

Family members of Maria Fritz devastated by the Columbia earthquake and all those affected.

Weekly Collections

August 22-23, 2026

Operating: \$ 7,880

Buildings and Grounds: \$ 525

Food Pantry: \$ 1

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:

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones. (Jer 20:9)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:25)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Plenty of people are drawn to Jesus. Curious about him. Inspired by him. But can they carry the cross? Today, Jesus tells us that we cannot have one without the other — it is Christ and the cross, or nothing at all. Which will we choose?

Observances for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Virtuous zeal refers to an all-consuming love, which has for its object the Lord Himself. Closeness with God is impeded by anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ, so no person can be "zealous" for God if they are violent or hateful.

Prayer for Vocations

Dear God,
Give us the courage and strength to answer when You call! Give us clarity and trust to hear Your soft invitations. Give us the love to respond, and the bravery to take the steps that will bring us ever closer to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 30, 2026

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/
Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, **"Get behind me, Satan."**

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a *suffering* Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

To Carry the Cross

Carry the cross? Absolutely. I'm happy to! Hand it over. Here's the thing: I just might...set it down for a second, from time to time. That's okay, right?

How else am I supposed to have both hands free to gesture in anger? I can't do that if I'm carrying the cross. Well, fine, then let me just shift its weight, so I can catch my breath and say what I think about this person who's got it all wrong — I'll just lean it against the wall here. No? Okay, fine, I won't put it down! I'll keep holding it. That's better, actually. Then I can use it as a weapon.

What? Am I doing this "Christian" thing wrong?

"Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it," Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. "But whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

This is not an affirmation of the paradox that if you no longer care about something, you can finally have it once and for all. It's not a judgment about the worthlessness of life in this fallen world or the futility of trying to preserve that life.

It's merely a statement about priorities.

When Peter says, "God forbid!" at the thought of suffering, God is not his priority. His own safety is.

When I say, "God forbid!" at anything that comes from the mouth of God, it's a reminder to look at my hands — because they've probably put down the cross.

How merciful is our Lord — he never takes my cross from me, even when I walk far away from it. He always lets me pick it back up. In his dear and sweet goodness, he even helps me lift its weight. And he gestures, in case I've forgotten: "This way. Follow me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests wear vestments?
Do they have a special meaning?

Answer:

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly, vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me strength to share your love.

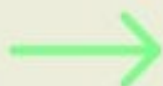
Mission for the Week

Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

Sharing the Gospel

Sometimes it's hard to give of your time, or your toys, or even to share your friends. Sometimes you want to be selfish and keep everything for yourself. This is not what Jesus did. He kept sharing God's love all the time. He shared so much that he even gave his life for us by dying on the cross. Jesus wants us to share like he did, to give of ourselves even when we want to be selfish.

Now color
the picture!



Find the matching pair.





VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

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Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis
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Huấn Giáo





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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month's *Via Fidelis* activity is to "Look on an apologetics website, such as *Catholic Answers*, to be able to respond to questions you are commonly asked about our faith." I want to explain what "apologetics" is and how it can be an important tool to understand and share the faith with others.

In English, the word "apology" has taken on a very different meaning since the 1500s. Today, when we apologize, we are admitting wrongdoing and asking for forgiveness from someone we have hurt or mistreated. The original meaning, stemming from the Greek word *apologia*, is to formally defend a position or belief. As Catholic Christians, we are called to apologize in both senses of the word. It is an extension of the Great Commission to baptize and share the Good News with those around us.

First, learning how to defend our faith deepens our understanding of what we believe. This involves doing in-depth research of *why* the Church teaches what it has for the past 2,000 years. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the writings of the saints and Fathers of the Church who have defended Christ throughout history. Instead of "reinventing the wheel" and attempting to justify the *why* on our own, let us remember that the wisdom of the Church has been passed down through an unbroken series of St. Peter's successors. This takes the pressure off us to make any final argument, and we are never alone.

Second, as a tool to share with others, apologetics relies on the reality of Jesus' ministry. He was prefigured throughout the Old Testament and continues to dwell among us in society and in tabernacles around the world. Christ himself stressed the urgency of sharing the Gospel message in parables, such as in the Sermon on the Mount, where he said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:14-16).

Finally, I want to emphasize that sometimes the most effective way to defend our faith is to live it out in our own families and in society. When we bear the love of Christ Jesus to the world, he will call those who are searching for the truth to ask us questions about the Catholic Church. So, as you share this faith with those who do not believe or who are longing to "come home" to the Church, begin with a prayer in your hearts to the Holy Spirit to guide you in charity and humility. All good work, especially evangelization and witness to truth, should be credited to God alone who speaks through us.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

AUGUST 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, Paul urges Timothy to persevere in the faith, even amid difficulty and persecution. What can help us persevere in difficult times in our lives?
2. Paul asks Timothy to hold on to what he has been taught, especially in difficulty. How has the faith that you have been taught proven to be beneficial to you at various times in your life?
3. In this passage that would become part of Christian Scripture itself, Paul highlights the divine inspiration of Scripture and how it can be useful for the Christian life. Where do you encounter and engage in Scripture in your own life?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Catechetics in the Parish (pg. 28)

In our intellectual tradition, St. Jerome was a translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate. He did this because the majority of believers spoke Latin, and the Church wanted the faithful to hear and understand the Word of God. In his work, the saint-scholar said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

We cannot know who Jesus Christ is, or follow his way, or discern his will if we are not well-versed in the Scriptures that contain the prophecies and promises of his arrival, the sacred institutions that paved his way, the account of his life and teachings and the proclamation of his Paschal mystery by which we are saved. We can have no confidence in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus without the inspired Word of God. As followers of the Lord, we need to read, study and pray over the sacred Scriptures.

It is a sad observation that we Catholic Christians have a stigma of not reading the Bible outside of the context of the Mass. Our Protestant neighbors have many of the Lord's words, and the words of St. Paul about him, memorized by heart. We can learn from their example.

Our lack of exposure to the Bible can be effectively diminished by attending daily Mass, which is always highly recommended by the Church. For most people, however, daily Mass is not possible because of work and family commitments. For many believers, the best time to study the Bible is at home or in their parish.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection we encounter St. Jerome's famous axiom: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." What do you think this means?
2. What are some concrete ways to engage with Scripture on a regular basis?
3. If you regularly read the Bible, what difference has this made in your life? If you have not had much experience with Scripture, what difference do you think it could make?



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

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*).

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(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.

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St. Francis Circle	Any monthly recurring gifts
Camellia Circle	\$1,500 - \$4,499
Magnolia Circle	\$5,000 - \$9,999
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Parents, if you'd like some help and encouragement as you raise your young teens, we've got a program for you!

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A program for parents with your 7th or 8th grade child.



Real Love & Real Life is a fun, informative, Catholic program that you and your 7th or 8th grader attend together! You'll experience new ways to speak with each other (calmly!) about purity, sex, real love, future dating, God's gift of fertility, and being created male and female in His image. It's presented by men and women from Family Honor. Family Honor, created in 1988, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.

Join other families and sign up today!

Date(s) of Program: Friday, September 11, 6:30am-8:30pm & Saturday, September 12, 9am-2:30pm
Program Location: Galivan Hall, Saint Mary's Catholic Church
Cost: \$35
Questions? Contact: Daniel West: dwest@familyhonor.org
Register at: <https://familyhonor.org/real-love-real-life-st-marys>

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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\$20 Online Registration

<https://tinyurl.com/GvICatDay2026>

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 AT 8:00 AM

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- GO TO CONFESSION (8 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER IF YOU ARE IN STATE OF GRACE)
- RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION
- PRAY 5 DECADES OF THE ROSARY
- KEEP OUR LADY COMPANY FOR 15 MIN. WHILE MEDITATING ON ONE OR MORE OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

THE PROMISE: OUR LADY PROMISED TO ASSIST ALL THOSE WHO WILL PRACTICE THE DEVOTION OF THE FIRST SATURDAY ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS WITH THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR SALVATION AT THE HOUR OF THEIR DEATH

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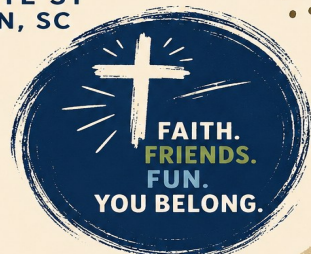
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WEDNESDAY
6:30P-8:00P

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME !!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP HIS CROSS.

MATTHEW 16:24