



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 23– THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

Jesús les hizo este comentario: "¿Piensan ustedes que aquellos galileos, porque les sucedió esto, eran más pecadores que todos los demás galileos? Ciertamente que no; y si ustedes no se arrepienten, perecerán de manera semejante". - Lc 13, 2-3

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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 March 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts, even in their differences.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9 A.M. (English) 12:30 P.M. (Español)

Tuesday - Friday: 8 A.M. (English)

Wednesday & Friday: 7 P.M. (Español)

Saturday: 4 P.M. (English)

Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Mass.

Holy Hour/Adoration: Thursdays (all day)

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:

- **Vienna Sausages**
- **Boxes of Cereal**
- **Jelly**

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com

Heather Brown, Music Director

Would you like to be an altar server?

Being an Altar Server, means serving God and God's people at Mass. This liturgical ministry is open to those to who have made their First Holy Communion.

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. There is no age limit

Homebound Ministry Visitation Available

This ministry, through volunteer effort, visits residences, nursing facilities and other home situations of parish members. Reasons for visits range from providing spiritual support to a friendly visit to someone who just wants to make a new friend.

The goal is to offer parishioners an encounter with other parishioners to experience God's goodness through the kindness of others. Any questions please contact: officesma@charlestdiocese.org

Weekly Collections

March 15-16

Operating: \$ 8,645

B&G: \$ 65

Food Pantry: \$ 60

Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through donations of funds and time.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Thursday from 10:00-11:00 am, beginning January 23, and continuing through Holy Thursday, April 17.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."

Deepen your understanding of scripture as we journey through the inspiring words of the St. Francis Peace Prayer. This Bible study will connect each line of the prayer to scripture, Catechism teachings, and wisdom from Church Fathers and Doctors of the Church, offering an exploration of faith, forgiveness, and discipleship. All are welcome!

To receive the lesson plan ahead of each weekly session, please send your contact information to charlie ofs@gmail.com and include "Bible Study" in the subject line.

Stations of the Cross/Estaciones de la Cruz

(During Lent / Durante la Cuaresma)

Fridays after 8:00 Mass

Viernes después de la Misa de 7:00 pm

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example,
and they have been written down as a warning to us,
upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

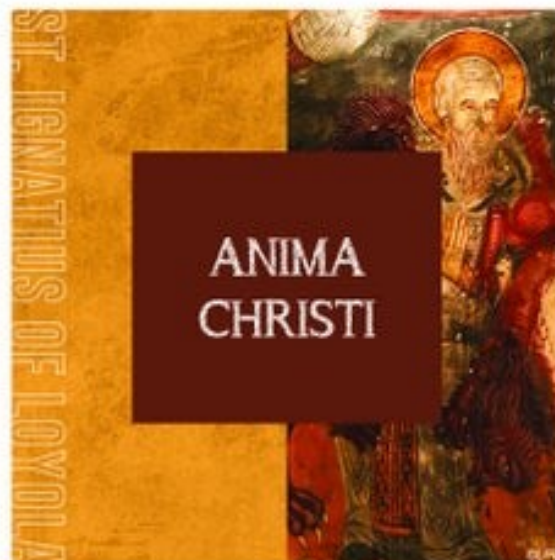
Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent



Devotions, *Explained!*

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Prayer of Lent

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be
my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal
Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know
You even more deeply.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday:

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave — the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin — while still damaging to the human heart and human society — are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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March 26, 2025 at 10:30am in Parish Hall,

All are welcome to attend.

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PLAYHOUSE
— EST. 1988 —

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Directed by Copeland Quarles



MARCH 13-23, 2025

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BEFORE SHOWTIME



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FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER

SATURDAY APRIL 19

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IN THE PARISH HALL

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Save the Date for:



HOSTED BY FR. JAIRO CALDERON
ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

****MORE DETAILS COMING SOON****

**We are looking for sponsors who are able to donate items
for our silent auction. If you wish to donate your time,
talents or items please contact parish office.**

officesma@charlestdioce.org

Prayer

Dear God, help me to grow closer to you with every day you give me.

Mission for the Week

When you get into trouble, ask God to help you change so that you do not do it again.

Sharing the Gospel

I sin. You sin. Everybody sins. God knows that we cannot be perfect like God. But God wants you to love him and talk to him. God wants you to be sorry for your sins, learn from your mistakes, and grow closer to him every day.

Now color
the picture! →

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PILATE
GALILEE
KILLED

SACRIFICES
SINNERS
SILOAM

WORSE
TREE
GARDENER

B	O	U	S	T	H	T	O	M	S
G	A	L	I	L	E	E	I	J	A
A	D	S	L	A	O	L	D	T	C
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR
FRUIT IN THE
FUTURE.

— LUKE 13:9 —

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