



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 2026– Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



23rd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

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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 September 2026

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 Jelly
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxes of Cereal

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

Kenneth Manuel

Joe Inglema

L. C. Davis

Pennye Rose

Steve Hughes

Susan Wiker

Babies Beckett and Francesca

Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George, and Mark

Kris LeCompte

Linda Firner

Renee Rei

Randy Kolb

Rhonda Davis

Lynette Casey

Lori Prine

Roy Mack

Larry Binninger

Betty Mann

Brigitte Weitzig

Agapita Pena Martinez

Father John

Family members of Maria Fritz devastated by the Columbia earthquake and all people affected by floods, landslides and storms.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sherry and Bill Lentker. May they rest in peace forever, through the mercy of God, Amen.

Weekly Collections

August 29-30, 2026

Operating: \$ 4,867

Buildings and Grounds: \$ 10

Women's Council: \$13

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.

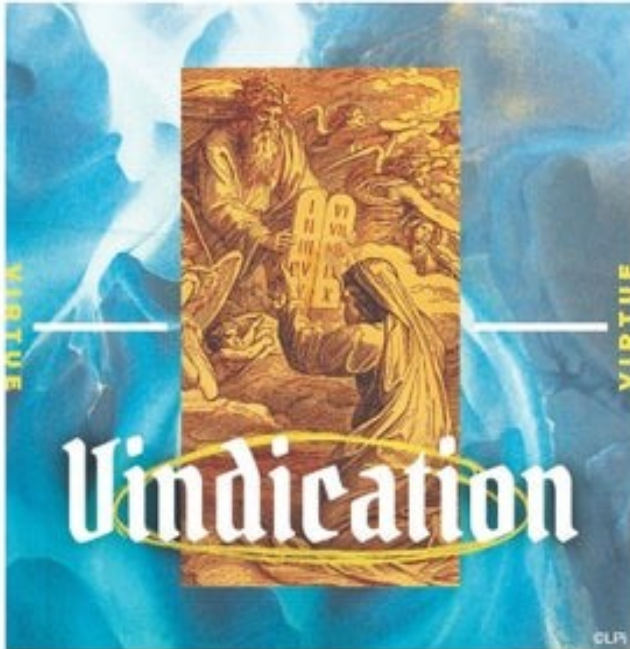
Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestdiocese.org

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 Scripture



Virtues, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term "vindication" in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is "vindicated" when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn't so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday." (Psalm 37:5-6)

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
(Ps 95)

Second Reading

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the
law. (Rom 13:8)

Gospel

Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven. (Mt 18:18)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that "where two or three are
gathered in my name, there am I in the
midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in
community with one another. No one should
be a Christian alone. How can you draw
closer to others who love Christ?

Worship & Observances

Back-to-School Blessing

Dear God,
We ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 136:1-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday

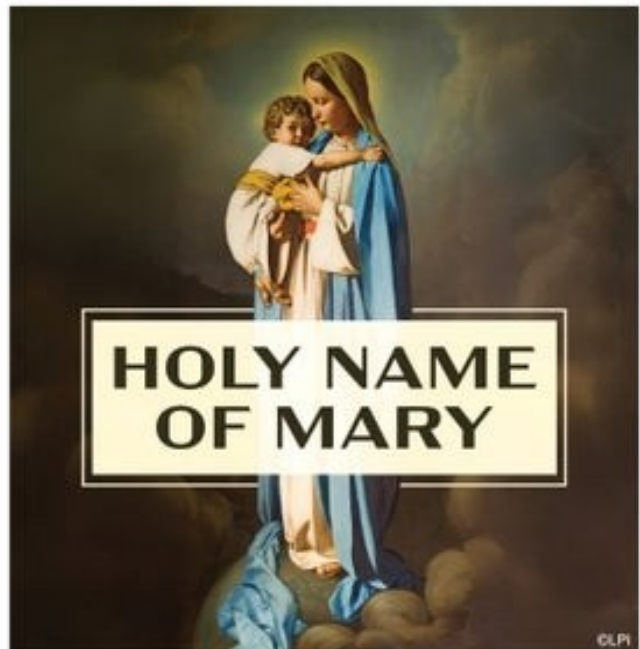
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/
Mt 18:21-35



Observances for the Week of September 6, 2026

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday

Labor Day

Tuesday

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday

Patriot Day

Saturday

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Next Sunday

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparent's Day

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples how to minister to those who sin, and declares that whatever they shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven.

Treat Him Like a Gentile

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of

the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past.

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.



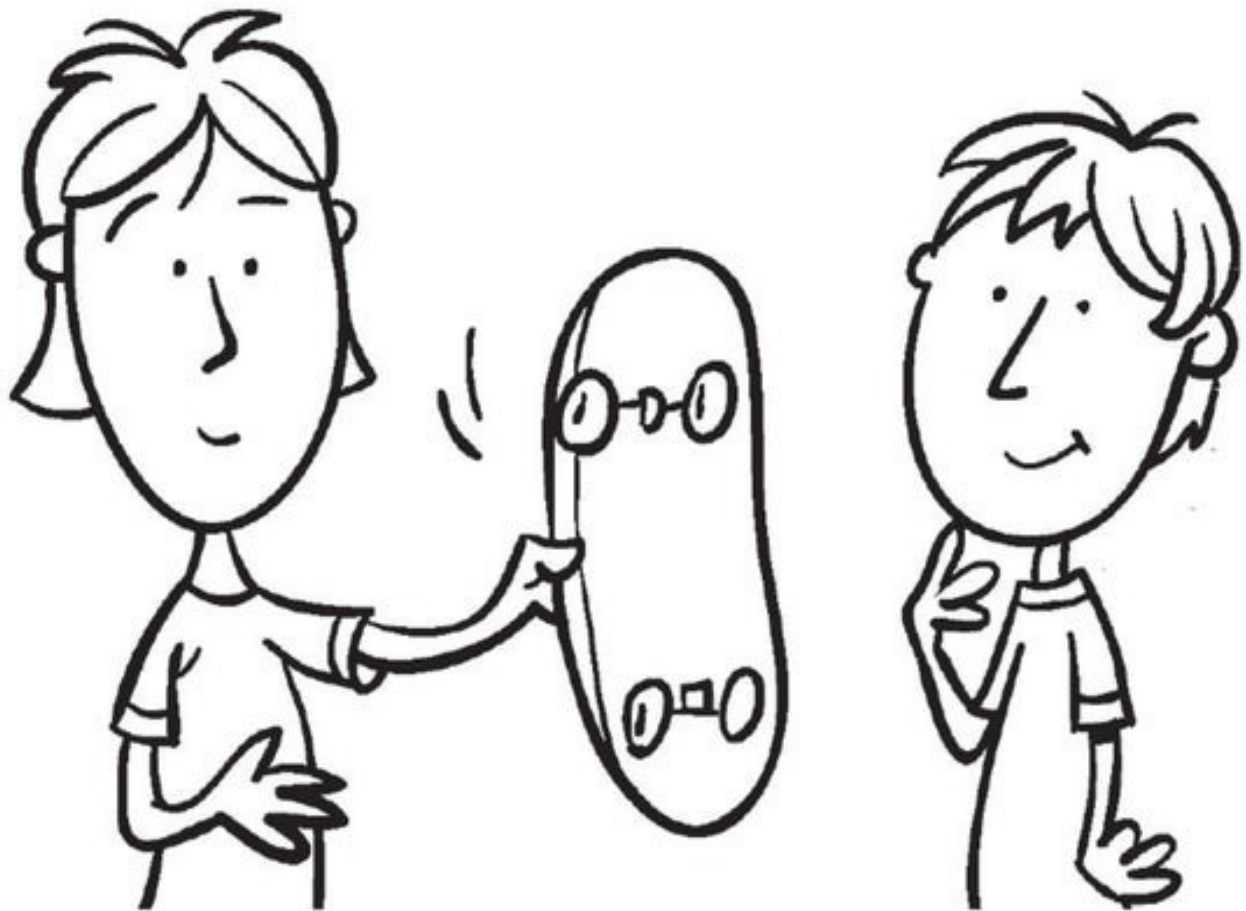
**Now color
the picture!**

Prayer

Be with me, Jesus, when someone has hurt me. Help me to forgive. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin. Help them out if you can.





VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

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Catechesis

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

2026

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month's *Via Fidelis* activity is to "Participate in one faith formation opportunity offered by your parish or by the diocese." This could be revisiting OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), even though you are a cradle Catholic, to sharpen your understanding of the faith. Perhaps join a family-focused retreat or even a single evening of Bible study at your parish. Whatever you choose, the goal is simply to keep growing in the knowledge and love of this treasury of our Catholic faith.

OCIA is designed for you to ask any type of question about Catholicism, maybe one you have been interested to explore deeper for years. The process follows the liturgical season to include reflections that draw us closer to God during Lent and especially leading up to the Paschal season. Through it all, it helps us remember that our formation in the faith is never truly finished. We are all, in some sense, perpetual *catechumens* — a word from Greek meaning "one who is instructed." We are always being shaped and drawn deeper into the mystery of Christ.

As we read in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "It is intrinsic to faith that a believer desires to know better the One in whom he has put his faith" (CCC 158). This longing in our hearts manifests as a life in which we continue to seek Jesus at every opportunity.

I encourage you to take up this month's activity with an open and willing heart. Speak with your pastor, investigate what your parish or the diocese is offering, and take that next step on the *Via Fidelis* — the faithful way.

May your efforts this month draw you closer to Christ, "that you may grow in the knowledge of God" (Col 1:10).

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read Sirach 1:1-30

REFLECT:

1. This passage from Sirach praises wisdom, saying that all wisdom comes from God. What or who do you think of when you think of wisdom? How is God reflected in that example?
2. In this passage, wisdom and fear of the Lord are closely connected. What do you think this means?
3. How can we best position ourselves to be receptive to God's Wisdom in our lives?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Learning the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (pg. 30)

As we have called on all members of the Church to take on the work of the Lord Jesus, so we vehemently call on all Catholic Christians to read, study and pray over the Bible. I ask our parishes to walk the *Via Fidelis* and do their best to provide on-going formation in the sacred Scriptures.

Our parishes should be vibrant places where the Word of God is regularly read and studied. Our parishes should make the faithful aware of the many resources that are available to families, including podcasts, books and other catechetical resources.

REFLECT:

1. In this brief selection, the bishop encourages us to bring Scripture to prayer. Why do you think Scripture is such a vital part of a full prayer life?
2. What are some of your favorite Scripture passages to reflect on?
3. How does reflecting on God's Word in Scripture nourish our pursuit of wisdom, as describe by Sirach?



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*).

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



To make a donation using stocks or mutual funds, please visit our website for instruction: charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal

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+



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GREENVILLE DEANERY CATECHIST DAY

THE CATECHIST

RESTORED
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CALLED
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SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

St. Mary Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC

Includes Lunch

\$20 Online Registration

<https://tinyurl.com/GvICatDay2026>

\$25 Walk-In Registration



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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!

Introducing REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE & LIVING THE FAITH

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, 6:30pm-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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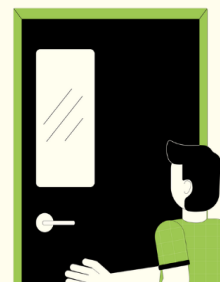
UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



September | Fall Faith Opportunities

Participate in one faith formation opportunity offered by your parish or by the diocese.

charlestandioocese.org/via-fidelis



If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

USCCB

The Knights of Columbus wants to thank St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church for your support of our BBQ fundraiser for Seminarian Patrick Duggan! With your support, we were able to present Patrick with a check for \$1,000!

Thank you!



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —



— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 —