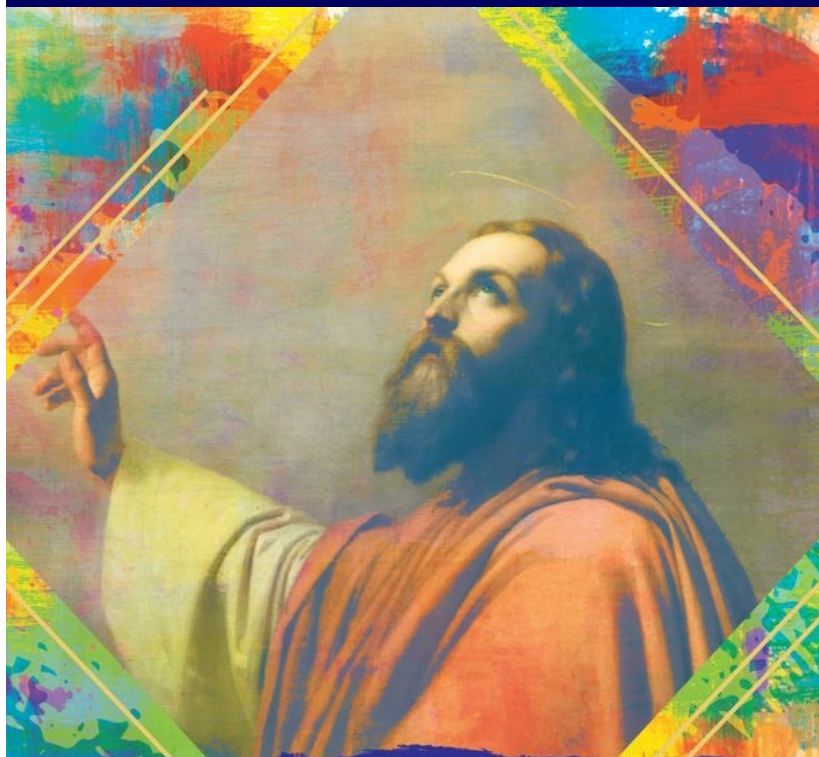




# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday October 26, 2025–Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

## 30° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado y el que se humilla será enaltecido”. - Lc 18, 14

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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 October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

## 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 9 am to 12 noon, Fridays 6 pm-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:

- Canned Pineapple
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
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## THANK YOU

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## Parish Chorus Practice

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

**HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com**

**Heather Brown, Music Director**

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## Bible Study The Sermon on the Mount

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets;  
I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them." (Matthew 5:17)*

Please join us for a Bible study on selections from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Chapters 5-7). Many, many entire books have been written on the Sermon on the Mount and how to live the teachings that Jesus presents. A quick Amazon search finds descriptions like "The key to success in life," "Human flourishing," and "Principles for Kingdom living." In these chapters Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, the parable of Salt and Light, "Love your enemies," the Lord's Prayer, and many other familiar passages.

We will meet weekly from October 9 through November 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Hall.

Some questions we will explore:

- How do these teachings of Christ fulfill and expand upon the Old Law?
- What are some deeper meanings found in these readings?
- How do they influence Catholic doctrine and how can we incorporate them into our daily lives?

For more information and to sign up to receive lesson plans before each session, please email Charlie Comberrel at [charlie.ofs@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.ofs@gmail.com), and include "Bible Study" in the subject line.

We look forward to some lively discussions!

## Weekly Collections

**October 18-19, 2025**

**Operating: \$ 7,063**

**B&G: \$ 25**

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## 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.

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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.

Sirve a la creciente población Hispania/Latina brindandoles atencion pas-toral y linguisticamente apropiada. Fomentando su participacion y liderazgo en la Iglesia y dandoles la bienvenida a una comunidad Catolicam-as amplia. Junta una vez al mes en Jueves. Las fechas para las juntas seran anunciadas.

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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/Virtus Program

St. Mary of the Angels Church is committed to upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. All parish volunteers -- ushers, lectors, sacristans, eucharistic ministers, adult altar servers, choir members, church cleaners, parish office and religious education volunteers -- must complete a background screening and VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive a clearance notification from the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Charleston before a volunteer begins service. For more information and help in completing the online background check questionnaire and

Virtus training, please contact: **Patricia Binnering**,

**[pbinnering@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:pbinnering@charlestdiocese.org)**

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The one who serves God willingly is heard;  
his petition reaches the heavens. (Sir 35:20)

### Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

### Second Reading:

The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Tm 4:18)

### Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."  
(Lk 18:14)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisee took such pride in his good deeds that he forgot to ask God for forgiveness; the tax collector acknowledged his many sins, and went home justified. Remember that we are saved not by our own merit, but by the mercy of God.

## Observances for the week of October 26, 2025

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|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time                                                               |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles                                                              |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | All Hallow's Eve                                                                           |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | All Saints                                                                                 |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends |



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Often one of the first prayers taught to children, the Guardian Angel Prayer consists of two rhyming couplets invoking the protection of one's guardian angel. Its exact authorship is unknown, but it originated in the medieval period.

## Prayer of Praise

Dear God,  
As we look to the week ahead,  
help us to remember that You will  
accompany us at every moment  
— You who greet us with mercy  
anew every morning, and grace in  
abundance each night.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

### Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23  
(7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

### Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/  
Lk 13:10-17

### Tuesday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

### Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

### Thursday:

Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/  
Lk 13:31-35

### Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 14:1-6

### Saturday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

### Next Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11  
or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

### **Tunnel Vision**

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

#### Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.



## PROCLAIM THE FAITH YEAR 1 STUDY GUIDES

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

# OCTOBER 2025

### SCRIPTURE

Read Mt 13:1-23

### REFLECT:

1. Why do you think Jesus uses this image of the "sower" to talk about the Kingdom of God? What can we ascertain from pondering the figure of the sower and his behavior in this passage?
2. What might the different types of soil tell us about receptiveness to the Gospel message? How might this affect how we think about evangelizing?
3. What type of soil do you think you are at this moment? What areas of potential growth can you identify?

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### READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 3

When we hear the word "evangelization," we often imagine knocking on people's doors or preaching on a streetcorner. While such efforts are sometimes helpful, this is not how most of us will be called to evangelize.

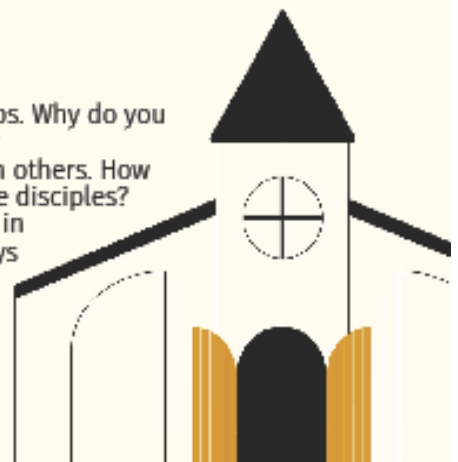
Rather, evangelization begins by walking alongside the people who God has placed in our lives — our family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We form relationships with them and meet them where they are. This is what Jesus did when he first began to walk with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, asking about them and listening to their worries and fears.

In the context of this relationship, we can help to gradually establish trust and clear away obstacles that might hinder the person's relationship with God. By being approachable and joyful in living our faith, they can feel comfortable to inquire or pose questions to us about God.

This is a gradual process of "clearing the soil" so that their hearts might be better prepared to receive the seeds of faith, so that the seeds of faith can land in good soil rather than rocky soil (Mt 13:1-9). This preparation can be called "pre-evangelization."

### REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the bishop talks about the importance of relationships. Why do you think this is such a key component for the process of evangelization?
2. The image invoked here from Emmaus is one of walking together with others. How does this inform our understanding of our baptismal mission to make disciples?
3. In what ways does understanding ourselves in the context of the soil in the "Parable of the Sower" help us to understand others? In what ways can we "cultivate the soil" in the hearts of those we walk with?



### Prayer

Lord, please forgive me.

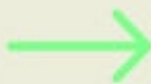
### Mission for the Week

I will ask God for forgiveness morning, noon, and night.

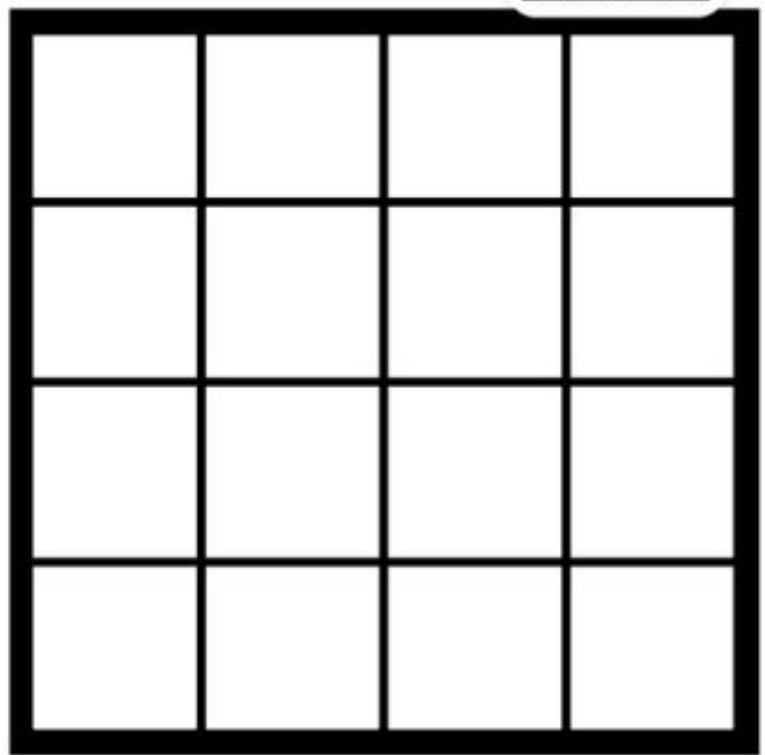
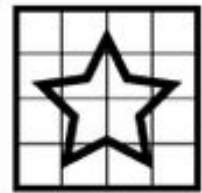
### Sharing the Gospel

During Mass you will hear the priest and people say, "Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy." It means, "Lord, forgive me." You are human. You will make mistakes. God is proud when you are honest and admit that you did something wrong. He smiles when you forgive yourself and others. He frowns when you talk and act like you are better than others. God wants you to do right.

Now color  
the picture!



Draw the star square by square.



# FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS  
BEGIN NOVEMBER 1, 2025 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.

**HISPANIC MINISTRY  
FOOD SALE**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2  
AFTER EACH MASS**

**DIOCESAN PRIEST  
RETREAT**

**Week of: NOVEMBER  
3, 2025**

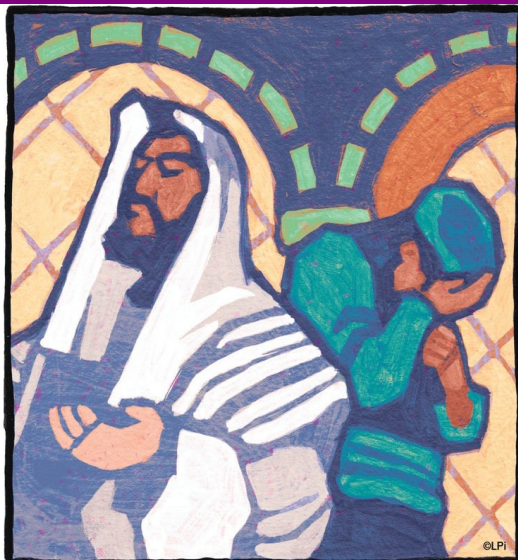
**NO DAILY MASS  
DURING THIS WEEK**

**HOLY ADORATION SCHEDULE CHANGE STARTING**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2025:**

**THURSDAYS AFTER 8AM MASS—12 NOON**

**FRIDAYS FROM 6 PM– 7 PM**



CHANGE OF VENUE FOR SANDWICH MAKING WHICH WILL START IN NOVEMBER. IT WILL BE DONE EVERY SATURDAY OF NOVEMBER, EXCEPT FOR NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AT **THE SOUP KITCHEN**. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS. THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME OR IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# O GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER.

— LUKE 18:13 —

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025