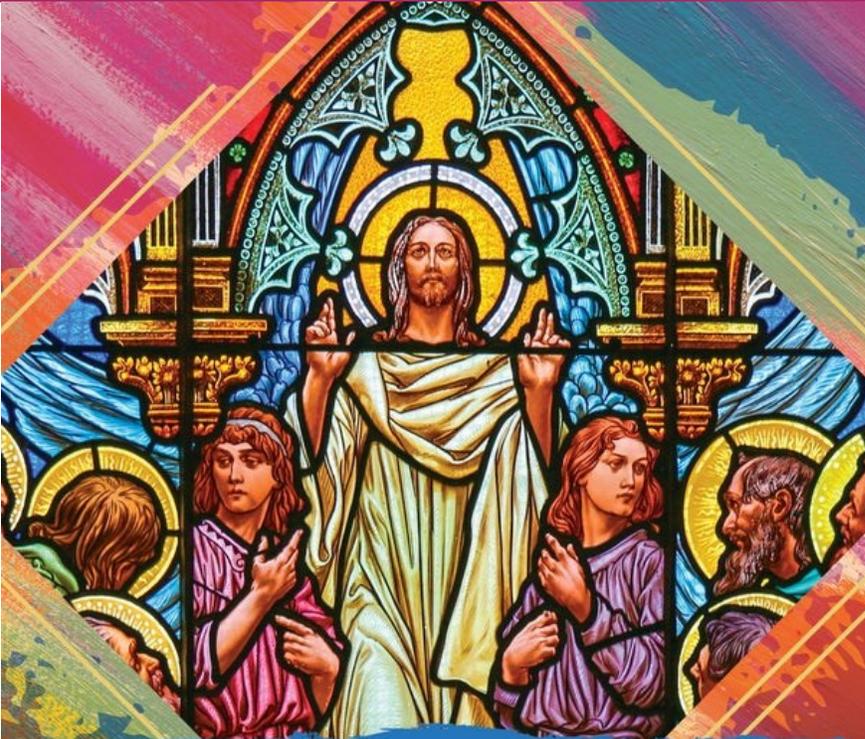




# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday February 15, 2025– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:22a

## 6° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Yo les digo: Todo el que se enoje con su hermano, será llevado también ante el tribunal”. - Mt 5, 22

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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 February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength or hope.

## 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:

- 1 Lb. Bags of Rice
- Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Ramen Noodles

## 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:

Renee Reid

Roy Mack

Rod and Iva Fernandez

Susan Wicker

Alisha Rambos

Lynette Casey

Jean Gillison

Goerge

Babies Francesca and Becket

## Weekly Collections

**February 7-8, 2026**

**Operating: \$ 9,273**

**B & G: \$ 340**

**Women's Council Bake Sale: \$ 76.27**

**(Diocese) Second Collection: \$ 670**

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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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## Bible Study

**From Exodus to Easter: Journey from Slavery to Freedom**

Join us for a ten-week Bible study that traces God's saving work from the Exodus to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, using the parables of Jesus to illuminate our own journey from bondage to freedom. This study invites us to discover how God liberates His people and forms them in faith. Rooted in Scripture and Tradition, the sessions will help us recognize our modern "Egypt," grow in trust during life's wilderness moments, and prepare our hearts for Easter renewal. This study is well suited for Lent and for anyone seeking deeper conversion and lasting spiritual freedom.

We will meet in the Guadalupe Room of the Parish Hall on Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. from January 22 through April 2.  
(We will not meet on February 12.)

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,  
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

### Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

### Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,  
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.  
(1 Cor 2:7)

### Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses  
that of the scribes and Pharisees,  
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

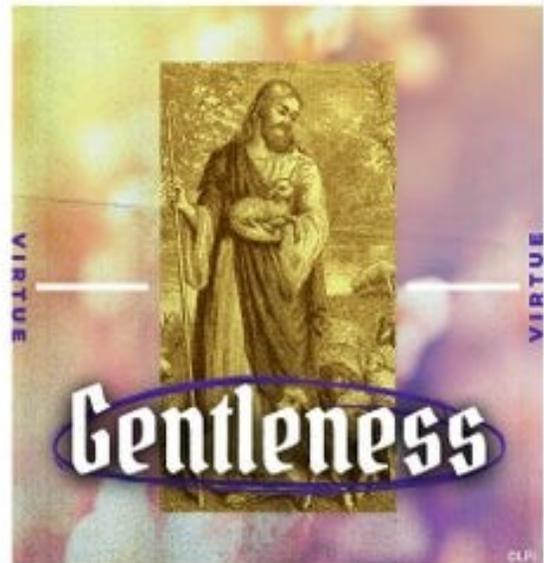
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law — he wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life — only then will it flow forth into the world.

## Observances for the week of February 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Saturday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent



## Virtues, Explained!

Gentleness disposes us to receive the inspirations of the Spirit, who "reveals to men who Jesus is" (CCC 152). In cultivating a spirit of gentleness, we more closely resemble Christ, who was unfailingly gentle, even in the face of violence and death



## MONTHLY ACTIVITY

### February | Podcast

Try listening to a Catholic podcast — there are many excellent free options available.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

[charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis](http://charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis)

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

### Sunday:

Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/  
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37

### Monday:

Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/  
Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday:

Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and  
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/  
Lk 9:22-25

### Friday:

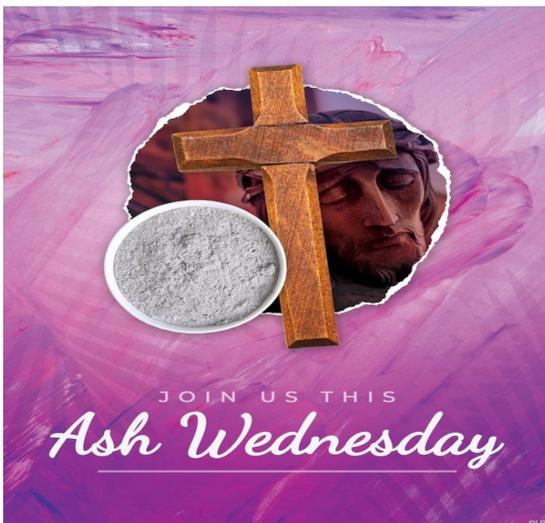
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/  
Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

### Next Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/  
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "**Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One**" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait

### **The Carpenter and the Law**

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck — we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raqa*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board — that law, that heart — it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a Carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance — strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s?

### Answer:

Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with *embryonic* stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

## Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

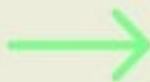
## Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

## Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

OBEDY  
BETTER  
MURDER

ANGRY  
FAITHFUL  
THOUGHTS

PROMISE  
KEEP  
SWEAR

Y T O B U O M E U Y S  
A G L S W E A R O T I  
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# LET'S BE TOGETHER.

## 2026 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC)** is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 96 parishes, 20 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

### Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,500,000 Goal

#### Givers of His Love | \$2,300,000 – 42%

CASC provides funds to the following diocesan-wide offices and ministries across the state that proclaim the joy of the Gospel and bring hope, support and love to others:

- Parish Emergency Fund
- Multi-Ethnic Ministry
- Catechetical & Evangelization Program
- Child Protective Services
- Education Support for Social Issues
- Family Life Ministry
- Catholic Charities of South Carolina
- Parish/Parishioner Outreach & Communication

#### Teachers of His Children | \$1,900,000 – 35%

CASC provides funds to support our Catholic schools by increasing access to affordable, quality, Christ-centered education through *Catholic school grants and tuition assistance.*

The appeal provides funds to over 20 college campus ministries across South Carolina. It funds **FOCUS missionaries, Chaplains and campus ministers.**

CASC supports youth and young adult ministries through *education and training opportunities, retreats, national conferences and regional young adult community gatherings.*

#### Servants of His People | \$1,300,000 – 23%

CASC provides funds to encourage and nurture the call of men and women to vocations and consecrated life through the support of *seminarians, vocation education and priest retirement and healthcare/long-term support.*

**Thank you for making a difference!**



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the 2026 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.



SAINT MARY OF THE ANGELS

## ASH WEDNESDAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A SOLEMN REMINDER OF OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY, MARKING THE START OF LENT. IT'S A DAY TO REFLECT, SEEK FORGIVENESS, AND EMBARK ON A PATH OF SELF-DISCIPLINE AND PRAYER. LET THIS DAY INSPIRE US TO GROW IN FAITH AND COMPASSION.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00 AM ENGLISH  
5:30 PM ENGLISH  
7:00 PM SPANISH

# VIA FIDELIS:

## THE FAITHFUL WAY

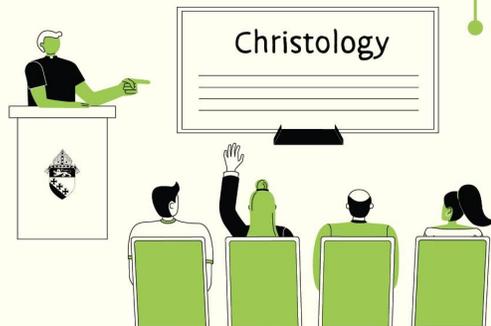
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### Catechesis

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

2026

Catequesis  
Catequese  
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Huán Giáo



## VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

## UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

## FEBRUARY 2026

### SCRIPTURE

Read: Proverbs 2:1-22

### REFLECT:

1. This poetic chapter of Proverbs discusses the importance of seeking wisdom and understanding. What does this passage say about this task? Do any particular portions of this passage resonate with you?
2. In what ways can we avoid following the wrong path in life? How do we ensure that we are truly following God's will?
3. What is the connection between knowledge, understanding and wisdom on the one hand, and how we live and act on the other?

**READ:** A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 1

**2026: Understand the Faith.** In our second year, we will focus on refreshing our knowledge of the faith as a diocesan family, which will also clarify our shared mission. Once we make an effort to understand our beliefs, we will be more equipped to explain it to others who want to learn more about the profound mysteries of faith.

### REFLECT:

1. In this very brief selection from the early part of the bishop's pastoral letter, the bishop gives a brief description of the upcoming year two of *Via Fidelis* (which begins Ash Wednesday), dedicated to understanding the faith: catechesis. What are your personal hopes and goals for this coming year?
2. The bishop here connects the task of understanding the faith with that of proclaiming the faith. What is this connection? Why must these two things go together in the Christian life?
3. What are some ways that you can help others grow in their understanding of the faith?



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BUT I SAY TO  
**YOU.**

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026