ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, September 27,2026- Twenty-sixth 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 in New York. The intention then and now is to be a welcoming family of faith where all are invited to encounter Jesus Christ, find a spiritual home, and grow together in love. Nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to worship God faithfully, grow as disciples, strengthen our families, serve those in need, and share the joy and love of the Gospel with all.

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

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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:

- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxes of Cereal
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Pears or Canned Fruit Cocktail

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

The Bateman Family
Susie McClure
Kenneth Manuel
Joe Inglima
L. C. Davis
Pennye Rose
Steve Hughes
Susan Wiker
Babies Beckett and Francesca
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George, and Mark
Kris LeCompte
Linda Firnero
Renee Rei
Randy Kolb
Lynette Casey
Lori Prine
Roy Mack
Larry Binninger
Betty Mann
Agapita Pena Martinez

Weekly Collections

September 19-20, 2026

Operating: $ 7441

Buildings and Grounds: $ 95

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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

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.

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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:

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.**

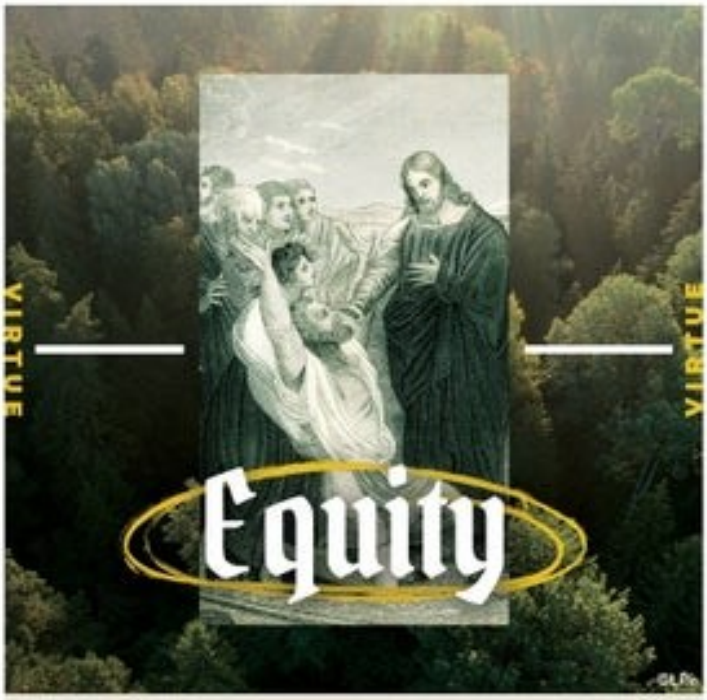
Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestondiocese.org

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@charlestondiocese.org

For confidential email: VAC@charlestondiocese.org

Weekly Scripture



Virtues, *Explained!*

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading

That at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:10-11)

Gospel

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you."
(Mt 21:31)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

Worship & Observances

Prayer for Autumn

Dear God,
As the weather changes,
the birds migrate, and autumn's
flowers, colors, and clouds make
their entrance, we thank You for
the gift of this beautiful season!
Help us use this season to
draw closer to each
other and to You.
Amen.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/ Mt 21:28-32

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

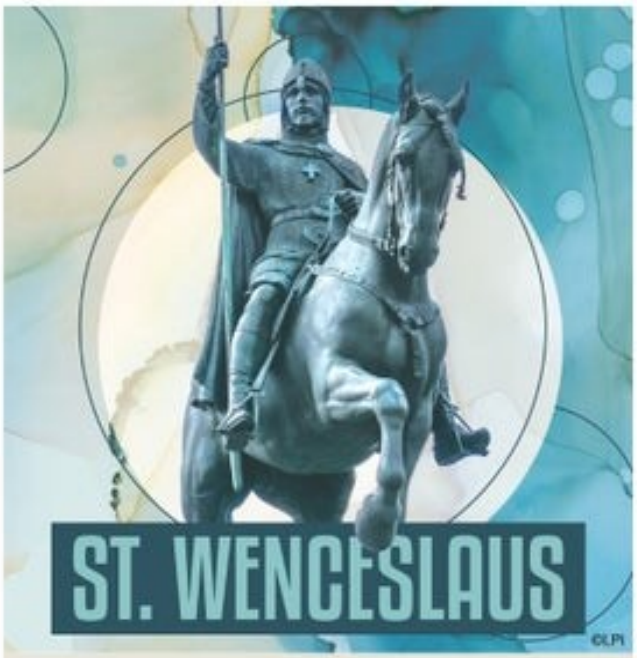
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/ Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43



Observances for the Week of September 27, 2026

Sunday

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday

Monday

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the two sons and the vineyard, telling the chief priests and elders that to enter the kingdom of God, they must change their minds about John the Baptist's message of repentance.

The God of Changed Minds

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind, and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road.

Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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Kids Corner

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to change your way of behaving after you hear his words. He wants you to say you are sorry and believe in him. He wants you to be a better person. He wants you to choose good over evil. Write your favorite Bible verse. Stick it on your mirror or your lunch box. When you know it by heart and do what it says, then get a new verse. That will make God smile.

Now color the picture!

Prayer

God, I want to listen to your words.

Mission for the Week

I will ask my parents to read the Bible to me every day.



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VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

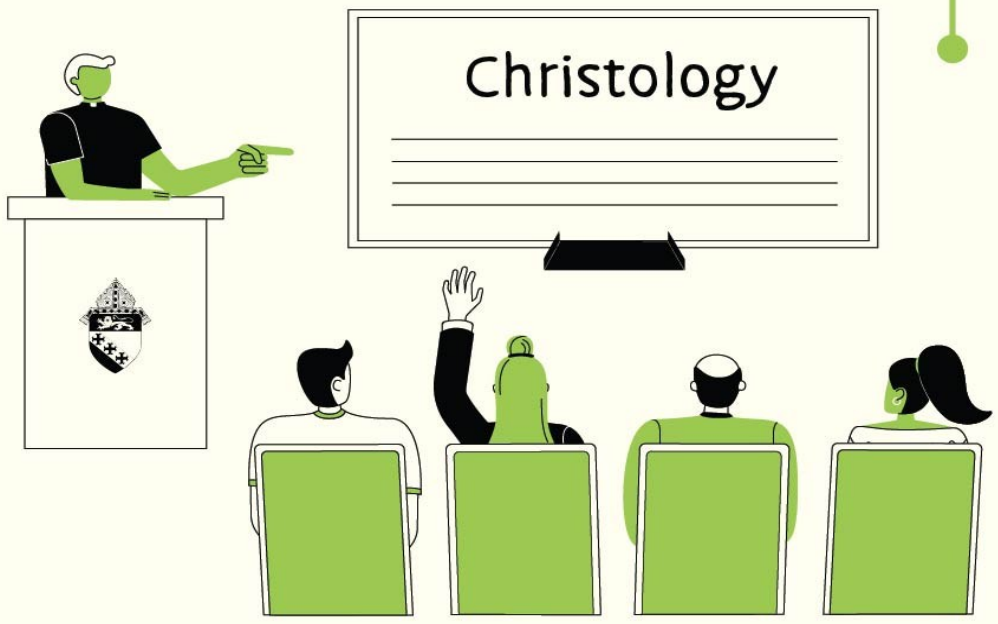
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Catechesis

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

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A Five Year Plan for the Diocese

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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.

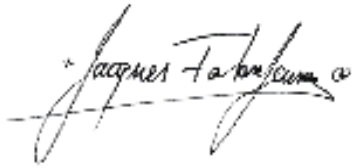
OCIA is designed for you to ask any type of question about Catholicism, maybe one you have been interested to explore deeper for years. The process follows the liturgical season to include reflections that draw us closer to God during Lent and especially leading up to the Paschal season. Through it all, 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

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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.

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

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
$3.00	$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+

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 instructions: charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal

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Mary's Baby Shower

During the month of **October**, we will be collecting **new** baby items. These will be donated to *Anderson Pregnancy Care*, a free prenatal care clinic.

Most Needed Items:



Diapers (sizes 3, 4, or 5)
Baby socks and shoes
Baby towels
Washcloths and wipes
Burp Cloths
Small blankets
Crib Sheets
Clothing (size 2T and smaller)
Boxed baby oatmeal
Jars of Baby Food



A special request for expectant parents:

Nursing pillows
Brushes and combs
Hygiene products for men and women

Our Lady of the Rosary

One Heart, Many Voices

Catechesis on Marian Devotions & Multilingual Rosary

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

October 15 | 7:30 PM EST

All are welcome to join via ZOOM: https://tinyurl.com/MultiRosary2026

SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

Charla Pre-Baptismal

MARTES 29 DE SEPTIEMBRE
7:00 PM EN LA PARROQUIA



LA CHARLA SERA EN ESPAÑOL.
ASEGURESE DE LLENAR LA
HOJA DE INCRIPCION AL FINAL
DE LA CHARLA

Parish Finance Council:

Finance meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, October 1, 2026 in the Parish Hall.

Following 8 am Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Catholic Church in the United States is observing National Migration Week, which culminates Sept. 27 with the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

In this year's message, Pope Leo XIV focuses in a special way on the impact of migration on displaced minors.
"Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience. Every year, millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies. Sadly, their number continues to grow," the pope said. "The economic, political and military consequences of this disaster are immense."

St. Mary of the Angels



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BLESSING OF PETS

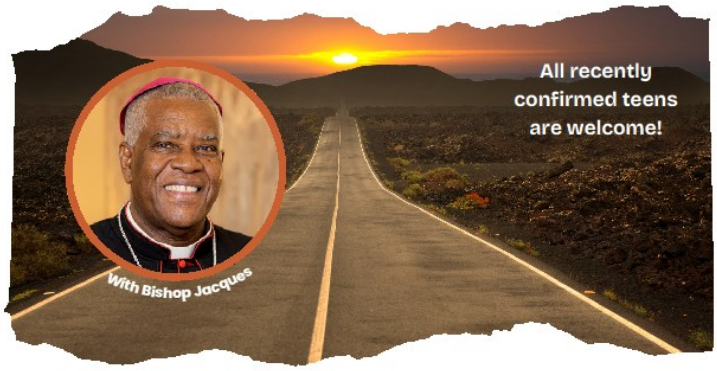
Saturday, October 3rd
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm



DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

CONTINUE THE JOURNEY

"Living in the Grace of Confirmation"



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 5:30-7:30PM

SEPTEMBER 23: ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
OCTOBER 7: ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH
OCTOBER 21: ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
NOVEMBER 11: ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH
DECEMBER 2: ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
DECEMBER 16: ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHURCH
JANUARY 6: ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

