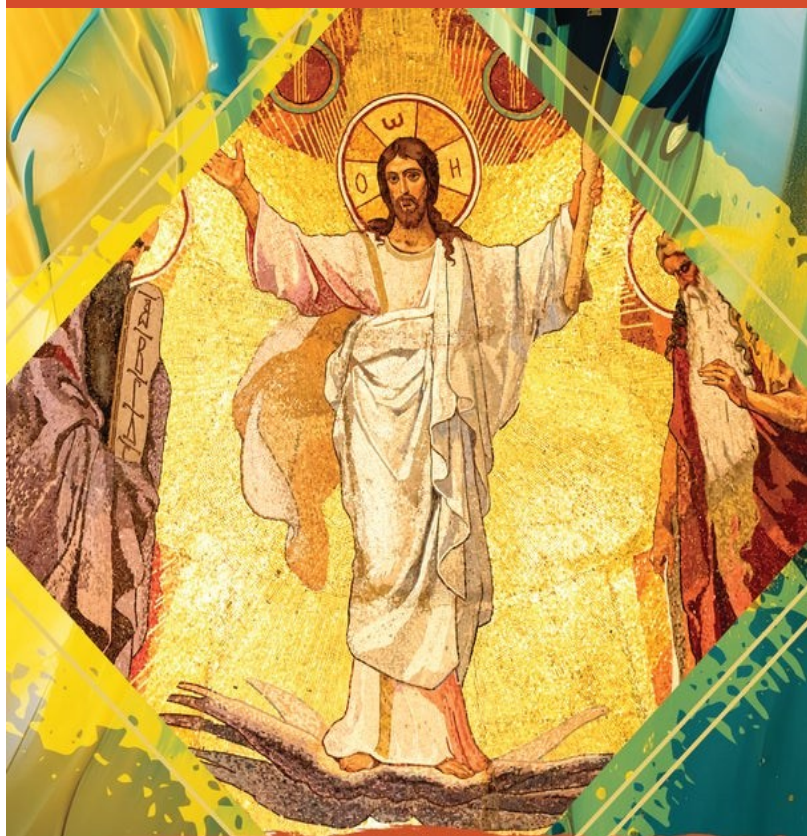




ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 16– SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” - Lk 9:35

2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

“Este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo”. - Lc 9, 35

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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:

- Boxes of cereal
- Mac n Cheese
- Scalloped Potatoes

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 8-9

Operating: \$ 6,533

B&G: \$ 118

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:

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give the land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." (Gn 15:18)

Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps 27)

Second Reading:

He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. (Phil 3:21)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Lk 9:28b-29)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

Observances for the week of March 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Patrick, Bishop [OM]; St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



Devotions, Explained!

Taizé is an ecumenical Christian movement that is known for its distinctive style of music and prayer. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart,
Lord, to the soft and still ways
You are inviting me today. And
then give me the strength and
courage to respond to what
You say.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

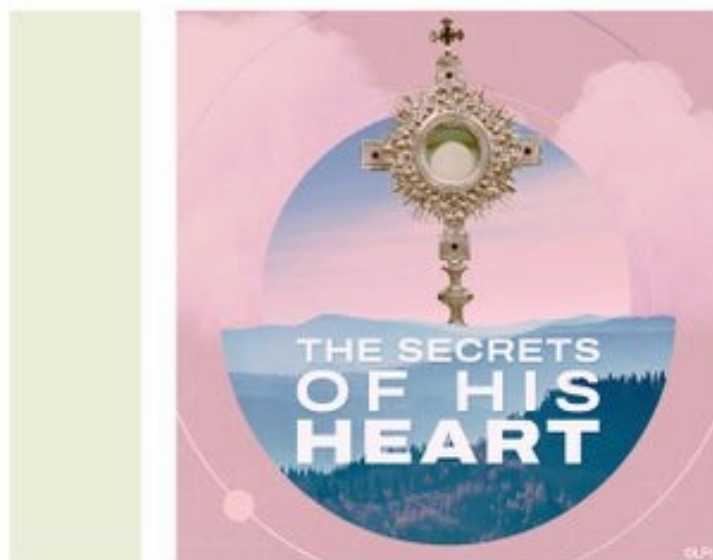
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, **"This is my chosen Son, listen to him"** (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that **"they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone."** Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust when we're facing a situation that confuses or alarms us. But we all have a divine confidante that can help us sort through anything we're dealing with. Are we taking advantage of that?

The Divine Confidante

My husband pretty much knows that if he tells me something — anything — he's also telling my sister.

Most of us have that person that we run to when we have important information. I'm not even talking about gossip; I'm talking about stuff we just *have* to discuss. We joke that I don't really know how I feel about something until I've run it by my sister first.

There's not really anything wrong with that. When we're trying to figure out how to think about something that has happened or how to react to a certain situation, it's always helpful to get the opinion of someone we trust.

But what if we ran as quickly to discuss the situation with God as we did to discuss it with our "person?" Wouldn't that be ideal?

After witnessing the transfiguration — an event that had to have been as confusing as it was astounding — we hear that the disciples "fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."

When something profound, frightening, or confusing happens, our first confidante should be God. I'm reminded of Luke 2:19: "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." There is something to be said for taking a moment to keep that information sacred between ourselves and the One who can really help us confront it.

Sure, maybe we don't understand what just happened. Maybe we're scared by it. We don't really know how we feel about it. And that's totally okay. The divine confidante knows how to help us pray through that confusion, that fear.

If you're someone's "person" and they come to you wanting to talk, that's great. Talk it out. But remind them — and remind yourself — to pray about it as much as you talk about it.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:

On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team — successful or not — will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

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

All are welcome to attend.

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FOR KIDS 12 AND UNDER

SATURDAY APRIL 19

11:00 AM-12:00 NOON

IN THE PARISH HALL

HOT DOG LUNCH AFTER THE EGG HUNT



Please Join Us For The



HOSTED BY FR. JAIRO AT
ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025

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 the parish office. More details to follow.
officesma@charlestdioce.org

40 Days for Life Midpoint Rally:

We are excited to announce that Dr. Haywood Robinson will join us for our Midpoint Rally on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road. Dr. Robinson is a former abortion provider who converted and is now 40 Days for Life director of medical affairs and education. He is co-author of *The Scalpel and the Soul: Our Radical Transformation as Husband and Wife Abortion Doctors*. Please come and help us welcome him. We will have music and refreshments. You may wish to bring a chair.

AN ILLUSTRATIVE GUIDE TO LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



What is fasting?

Spiritual Discipline & Penance
Fasting consists of having one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal

What is abstinence?

Refers to the absence of meat or fowl. Traditionally meat was more expensive & considered a luxury



Fish is allowed! which is why we host Fish Fry Fridays! ✓



FASTING & ABSTINENCE



ABSTINENCE

When are these required?

REMINDER FROM THE USCCB:
"in all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting"

Who is required?

FASTING: Ages 18-59
ABSTINENCE: Ages 14+

Pregnant & breastfeeding women are excused

Why do we practice fasting & abstinence during Lent?

Imitating Jesus' temptation in the desert

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1343, 1438, 2043)

Opportunity to suffer for Christ & His Church!

Numerous scriptural roots of fasting

Meals on Wheels
ANDERSON

JOIN US FOR A

**Community
Champions
Breakfast!**



Tuesday, March 18th
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
105 S Fant Street, Anderson, SC 29624

Drop in and find out how you can volunteer with us and be a community champion!

Please submit announcements by Wednesday 12 noon to parish office, to be placed in that weeks bulletin

officesma@charlestandioces.org



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IN MEMORY OF:

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THOMAS WOODRUM
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GRACE COSGROVE

IN HONOR OF:

ANNA WOODRUM



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

UP THE MOUNTAIN
TO PRAY.

— LUKE 9:28 —

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025