



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, May 24, 2026– Pentecost Sunday

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”
- Jn 7:37b

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS

“El que tenga sed, que venga a mí; y beba, aquel
que cree en mí.” - Jn 7, 37-39

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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 May 2026

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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

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 Fruit
- Ramen Noodles
- Oatmeal Packets

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

Pennye Rose

Beth Stibora

L.C. Davis

Peggy Cowick

Susan Wiker

Babies Beckett and Francesca

Scarlet, Jessica, Howard, Ashley, David, Goerge

Baby Beau Lee Osborn

Kris LeCompte

Linda Firnero

Renee Reid

Randy Kolb

Lynette Casey

Lori Prine

Roy Mack

Tom Morris

Weekly Collections

May 16-17

Operating: \$ 6,587

Building and Grounds: \$ 125

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

Prayer intentions cannot be posted in the bulletin unless permission is given to do so

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; <i>Memorial Day</i>
Tuesday:	St. Philip Neri, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Friday:	St. Paul VI, Pope
Next Sunday:	The Most Holy Trinity



Virtues, Explained!

"Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. "And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety."

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the
fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once. But today, he's just breathing. So we have to ask ourselves: why?

Signs of Life

If you're asthmatic, you know the phrase "as natural as breathing" doesn't always make a lot of sense.

Maybe that's because breathing isn't always natural. Sometimes, it's supernatural.

I come from a family of asthmatics. In my earliest childhood memories, my sister's nose and mouth are covered with a bulbous plastic mask connected by clear tubes to her transportable nebulizer. The machine whirs loudly as it vaporizes the medication that will open her lungs. In these memories, I watch my sister — her little eyes wide, her chest contracting and constricting with great difficulty — and wonder what it feels like.

Because I don't have asthma, and I don't think about breathing, unless I'm climbing a flight of stairs or chasing down one of my kids. It's such a utilitarian thing, breathing. It's unimpressive, unremarkable. Literally anyone can do it.

Until they can't.

Dead men don't breathe. That's what I think as I read the words of John's Gospel: "He breathed on them." (John 20:22) So much of what Jesus does in his resurrected Body is extraordinary and superhuman, making it unmistakable that here is a Body no longer playing by the rules of the physical world. He's passing through locked doors. He's in two places at once.

But today, he's just breathing.

So we have to ask ourselves: why? His Blood no longer requires oxygen. If he were asthmatic, neither bonfire nor damp night air could cause his lungs to constrict. His Flesh has been perfected.

But here we see a reality that is as spiritual as it is physical: where there is breath, there is life.

In Genesis, God breathes into dust and creates man. In today's Gospel, He breathes His Spirit onto man, and creates a Church.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Someone close to me has left the Church. How should I reach out to them?

Answer:

For many of us, this can be a challenging question. When people we love leave the Church, we may not always know how to relate to them in certain ways. Are some conversation topics off limits? Are there certain behaviors or decisions we can't support in good conscience? When someone or something is lost, Jesus shows two different attitudes in his parables.

One is *actively seeking*. Don't give up on this person and their life of faith. Ask them about their spiritual journey. Invite them to spend time with you in faith settings, as appropriate, and outside of them. Continue in relationship with those you love.

The other attitude Jesus shows is *consistent witness in the waiting*. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father doesn't go after the son. He waits for his return. However, the son knows his father is trustworthy. He remembers his father's fair treatment of the hired hands and knows it is safe to return, despite all he has done.

Your ability to change someone is quite small. However, you can change yourself. Make sure you consistently treat others with kindness, compassion, and respect. If your loved one wants a deeper conversation, they'll know you are a person to trust, a place to which they can return.

Prayer

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus.

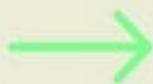
Mission for the Week

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you forgive others.

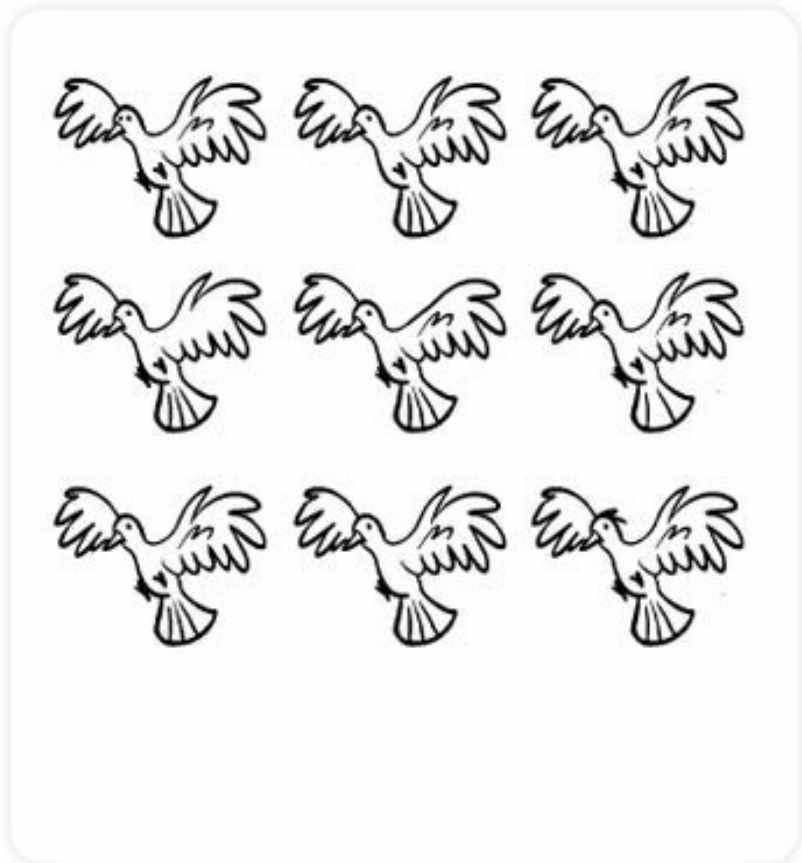
Sharing the Gospel

Jesus gave his friends the Holy Spirit, who would always live in their hearts. If any of them were ever sad or afraid, the Holy Spirit comforted them. If someone had sinned, they could bring healing and forgiveness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they shared God's love with the world.

Now color
the picture!



Circle the picture the two identical doves!





VIA FIDELIS:

THE FAITHFUL WAY

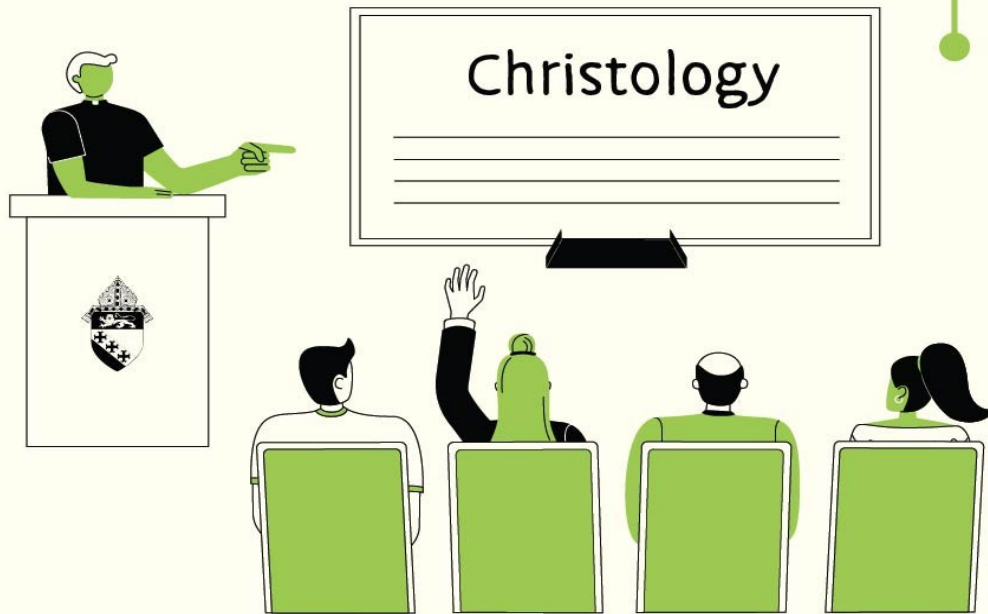
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Catechesis

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

2026

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May 2026

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May | Marian Apparition

Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.



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A CHURCH THAT TEACHES

Read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
85-90, 100, 890-891, 897-900, 940, 1262-1274, 1279-1280

- Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the work of the Apostles is carried on with the Bishops as their successors
- The authentic interpretation of the the Deposit of Faith takes place through the Magisterium, or teaching office of the Church
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this living teaching office is exercised by the Pope, who is the successor of St. Peter and Bishop of Rome, and the bishops in communion with him
- This office can be exercised infallibly (or without error) in doctrinal proclamations (regarding faith or morals) by the Pope or by the entire College of Bishops with the Pope (especially in an ecumenical council)
- It can also be exercised infallibly by the Pope and Bishops in their "ordinary Magisterium" when there is agreement on the definitiveness of a doctrine
- Supported by the Magisterium, all members of the Church, albeit in different ways, are called to share the faith with others and "make disciples of all nations" (see Mt 28:19)
- Through faith in Christ and Baptism one becomes a member of the Church, the People of God
- By virtue of their Baptism, all the faithful are given a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ
- The laity live this in away fitting the "secular" (or 'everyday') nature of their way of life
- The laity, therefore, have a particular calling to both holiness and the apostolate, being sent out to bring Christ to the world and everyday life



Feasts & Solemnities

MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

St. Athanasius is known as the great defender of Jesus' true divinity during a period of heated division within the Church. As bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, St. Athanasius came into conflict with other influential Church leaders and several emperors. His staunch defense of the teachings of the Council of Nicaea led to his exile from Alexandria on five separate occasions.

MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (who had betrayed Christ). Choosing him is one of the first things the Apostles do after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:15-26). This is the first example of a successor to one of the Apostles. Today, our bishops stand as successors of the Apostles, and the Holy Father is the successor to their leader, St. Peter.

MAY 17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter (see Acts 1:3) and traditionally falls on a Thursday (since Easter is on a Sunday). In most of the United States, the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday. By ascending with his resurrected body, Jesus gives us hope of one day sharing in heavenly communion with the Father.

MAY 24: PENTECOST

Pentecost literally means "fifty" and takes place 50 days after Easter. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christian Pentecost coincides with the Jewish feast of Pentecost (*Shavout*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew), at which the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai is commemorated. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost shows the enduring presence of God with his Church as the one who gives her life and inspires her action. In the sacrament of confirmation, we share in a special way in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help us carry out the mission of the Church: to spread and defend the faith as witnesses.

MAY 25: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Mary has many titles, and there are different days these are commemorated. She is the Mother of God by conceiving and giving birth to Jesus, and she is our mother, too, because we are united to Christ in baptism. Mary is a model of true discipleship for the Church. As "Mother of the Church," she exemplifies the motherhood that the Church exercises. Just as Mary enables Christ to be present in the world through the Incarnation, so too the Church's mission, as the body of Christ, is to enable Christ's continued presence in the world.

May 31: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us who God is. There is one God in three distinct persons. These three persons are in real relation to each other. Yet, they each fully possess the one divine nature. This is why we invoke the one divine "name" when making the sign of the cross (i.e. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit").

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
\$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+

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)*.

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A word of Gratitude

On behalf of our parish family here at St. Mary of the Angels, we would like to take a moment to thank all those who worked so hard to clean and prepare our church- inside and out. Our parish looks truly beautiful. Your hands, your time and your love for this sacred place speak louder than words. **THANK YOU.** Your love for this parish always makes our church more beautiful- and that beauty reflects the love you carry in your heart.

May the Holy Spirit, whom we celebrate today, continue to inspire and unite us as one community of faith.

SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANGELES

Charla Pre-Baptismal

MARTES 9 DE JUNIO
7:00 PM EN LA PARROQUIA

LA CHARLA SERA EN ESPAÑOL.
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INCRIPCION AL FINAL DE LA CHARLA

CHARLA DIRIJIDA POR PADRE JOHN DE BRITTO



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*The Sacred Heart Catechesis &
Multilingual Rosary*

PREPARING OUR DOMESTIC CHURCHES FOR
THE SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT
English | Guatemalan | Spanish |
Vietnamese | Portuguese | Filipino



EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
Apr 16 | May 21 | Jun 18 | July 16
7:30 PM EST

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

MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY
FATHER,
INSCRIBE
THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
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RECEIVE
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

— JOHN 20:22 —