



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 2— EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

"No hay árbol bueno que produzca frutos malos, ni árbol malo que produzca frutos buenos. El hombre bueno dice cosas buenas, porque el bien está en su corazón, y el hombre malo dice cosas malas, porque el mal está en su corazón, pues la boca habla de lo que está lleno el corazón". - Lc 6, 43, 45

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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)

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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:

- Boxes of Spaghetti, 1 pound
- One pound bags of rice
- Bags of Ramen Noodles- (NO CUPS)
- Boxes of saltine crackers

### **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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### **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

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### **Homebound Ministry - Volunteers Needed**

Provides a social connection to individuals who would benefit from a visit from a fellow parishioner.

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

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### Weekly Collections

**Feb. 22-23**

**Operating: \$ 8489.00**

**B&G: \$ 168.00**

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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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### **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**

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.

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### **Stations of the Cross/Estaciones de la Cruz**

**(During Lent / Durante la Cuaresma)**

**Fridays after 8:00 Mass**

**Viernes despues de la Misa de 7:00 pm**

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Praise no one before he speaks,  
for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

### Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

### Second Reading:

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

### Gospel:

"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart  
produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil  
produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth  
speaks." (Lk 6:45)

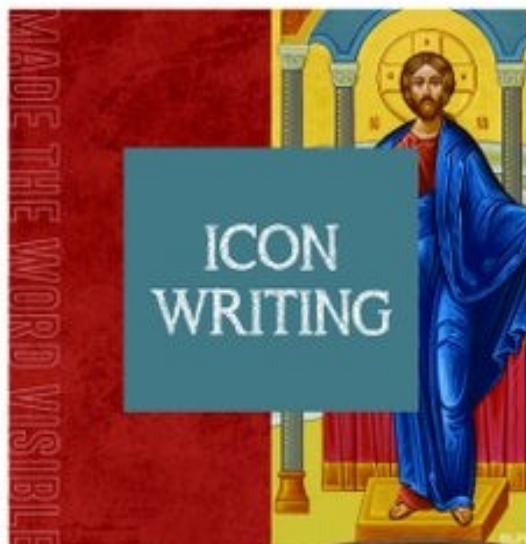
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

## Observances for the week of March 2, 2025

- Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
**Tuesday:** St. Casimir  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday  
**Friday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs  
**Saturday:** St. John of God, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins



## Devotions, Explained!

Though an icon depicts an image, it's much more than a religious picture. An icon is visual theology. It expresses the same truths written in the Gospel, but through an artistic medium, mirroring how Christ's incarnation made the Word visible to man in the flesh.

## Prayer for Interior Life

Dear Jesus,  
Fill my heart so full of  
goodness that it produces your  
goodness.  
Let my thoughts, words, and  
actions reflect you.

Amen.



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 2, 2025

### Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/  
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

### Monday:

Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday:

Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/  
Mk 10:28-31

### 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:

Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves.

### The Log in Your Eye

Today's Gospel is a big favorite of non-Christians — or Christians who don't like being told what to do.

That trusty ol' *remove the wooden beam from your own eye* line is a classic. *Mind your business, Christians! You're not perfect either.*

And that's entirely true. None of us are perfect. We've all got logs in our eyes. We can't approach life acting like we have the answers simply because we follow Jesus.

Jesus has the answers, and we have Jesus.

The real problem with having someone remove a splinter from my eye, if he himself has a log in his eye, is not that he has no business removing the splinter from my eye. It's that he can't see clearly to do it. His own eyesight is occluded.

If we see a splinter in another person's eye, or a problem in the world that needs to be fixed, or a scandal in the community that should be addressed, what Jesus is saying is not that we should ignore it and move on. He's merely saying that, when we see these things, we must take them first as a challenge to examine ourselves. To address the problem as it exists within our own souls, so that we ensure we are seeing clearly. Then, if we reach out to pluck the splinter, we will do so with clear eyesight.

He wants us to worry as much about our own souls as we do about other people's.

We tend to look at the world and feel anxious — so much evil! So much hate! So much sin! We pray, *God, when will you change it?*

And He whispers back: *I will change it here. Now. In your own heart. You just have to ask.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

Catholic Life  
Explained



### Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

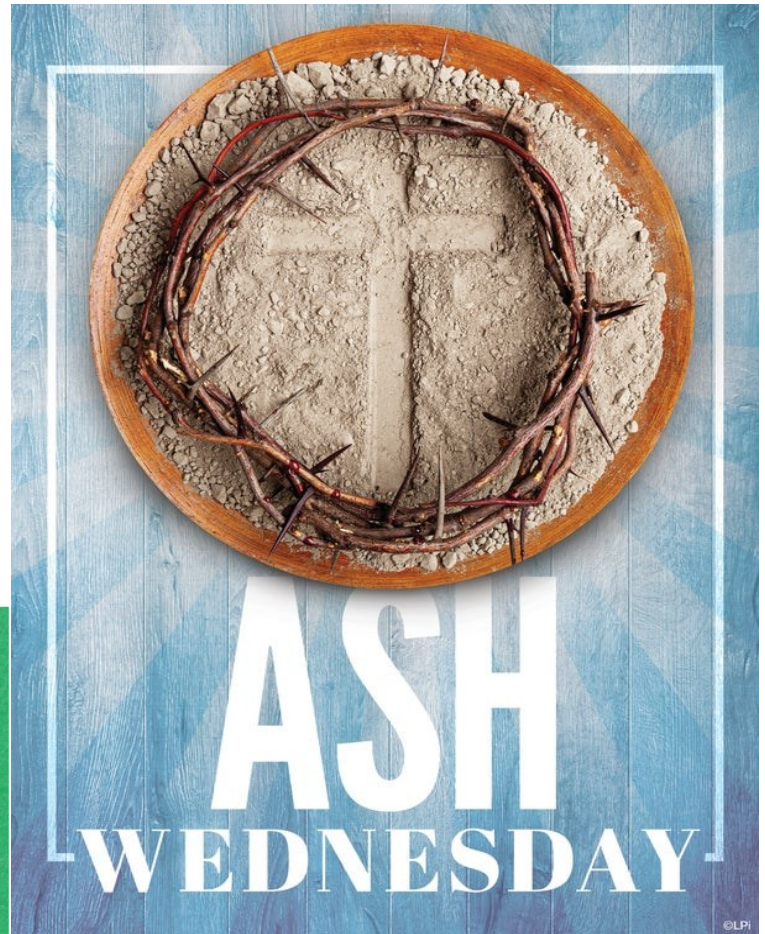
Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "*remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return*" or "*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.*" When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.





## WHAT'S GOING ON AT SMA



**March 5, 2025 Mass:**

**8:00 AM ENGLISH**

**12:00 NOON BILINGUAL**

**7:00 PM SPANISH**

PROJECT  
CHALLENGE  
PLAYHOUSE  
{ EST. 1986 }

# THE WIZARD OF OZ

*Directed by Copeland Quarles*



**MARCH 13-23, 2025**

**\$10**  
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BEFORE SHOWTIME



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*Don't forget*  
**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS  
TIME!**  
**SUNDAY MARCH 9TH**



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# A GOOD TREE DOES NOT BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT.

— LUKE 6:43 —



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025