



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2026– Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

19° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Le entró miedo, comenzó a hundirse y gritó: "¡Sálvame, Señor!" Inmediatamente Jesús le tendió la mano." - Mt 14, 30-31

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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 August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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

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 Oatmeal Packets
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Saltine Crackers

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

L.C. Davis
Pennye and Jerry Rose
Steve Hughes
Susan Wiker
Babies Beckett and Francesca
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George
Baby Beau Lee Osborn and his family
Kris LeCompte
Linda Firnero
Renee Reid
Randy Kolb
Lynette Casey
Lori Prine
Roy Mack
Gloria Morris
Betty Mann
Brigitte Weitzig
Agapita Pena Martinez

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

Weekly Collections

August 1-2, 2026

Operating: \$ 6,848

Buildings and Grounds: \$ 936

Food Pantry: \$ 50

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 Binnering, (703-403-5573), or pbinnering@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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

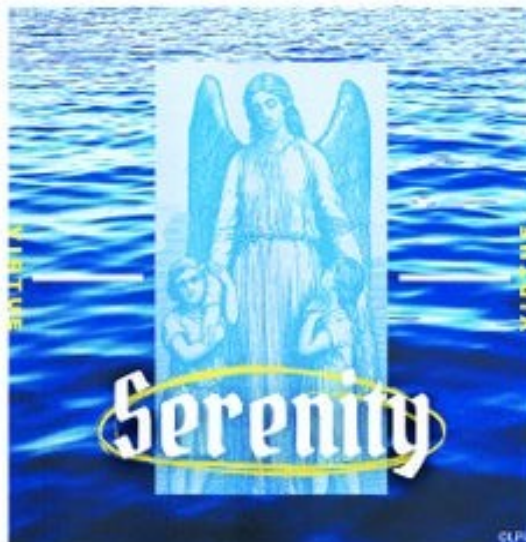
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or
hear Your voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the path ahead,
guide me.
When I don't know the next step,
support me.
In every day and in every moment, be
my strength.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

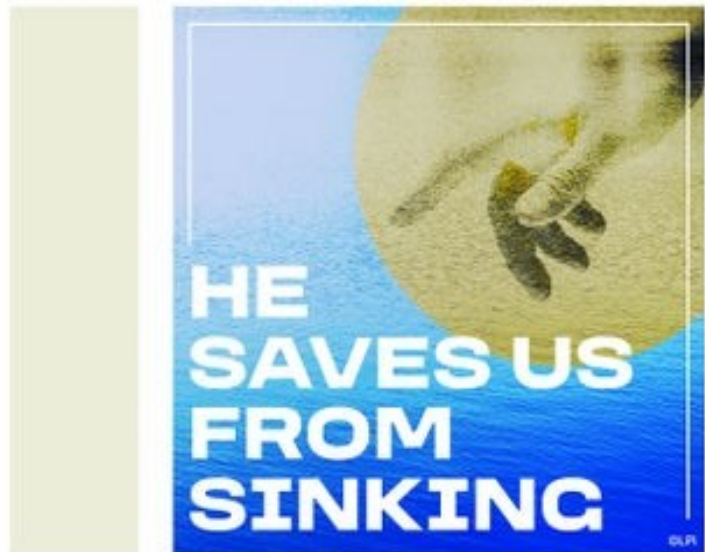
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we call Jesus "the light of the world"?

Answer:

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create *light*, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. "*The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race*" (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.

Prayer

Lord, help me be humble,
kind, and loving.

Mission for the Week

I will hear and do what
God asks in a humble
manner.

Sharing the Gospel

Mary was humble. She loved and trusted God. God had been good to Abraham and to the people of Israel. Mary would do as God asked. God, the mighty one, chose her out of many women to be the mother of his only Son. Be like Mary. Do not brag about your goodness. Do not act like you are better than others. Then God will lift you up to a place of high honor with him in heaven.

Now color
the picture! →

Which picture name begins with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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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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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month's *Via Fidelis* activity is to "Look on an apologetics website, such as *Catholic Answers*, to be able to respond to questions you are commonly asked about our faith." I want to explain what "apologetics" is and how it can be an important tool to understand and share the faith with others.

In English, the word "apology" has taken on a very different meaning since the 1500s. Today, when we apologize, we are admitting wrongdoing and asking for forgiveness from someone we have hurt or mistreated. The original meaning, stemming from the Greek word *apologia*, is to formally defend a position or belief. As Catholic Christians, we are called to apologize in both senses of the word. It is an extension of the Great Commission to baptize and share the Good News with those around us.

First, learning how to defend our faith deepens our understanding of what we believe. This involves doing in-depth research of *why* the Church teaches what it has for the past 2,000 years. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the writings of the saints and Fathers of the Church who have defended Christ throughout history. Instead of "reinventing the wheel" and attempting to justify the *why* on our own, let us remember that the wisdom of the Church has been passed down through an unbroken series of St. Peter's successors. This takes the pressure off us to make any final argument, and we are never alone.

Second, as a tool to share with others, apologetics relies on the reality of Jesus' ministry. He was prefigured throughout the Old Testament and continues to dwell among us in society and in tabernacles around the world. Christ himself stressed the urgency of sharing the Gospel message in parables, such as in the Sermon on the Mount, where he said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:14-16).

Finally, I want to emphasize that sometimes the most effective way to defend our faith is to live it out in our own families and in society. When we bear the love of Christ Jesus to the world, he will call those who are searching for the truth to ask us questions about the Catholic Church. So, as you share this faith with those who do not believe or who are longing to "come home" to the Church, begin with a prayer in your hearts to the Holy Spirit to guide you in charity and humility. All good work, especially evangelization and witness to truth, should be credited to God alone who speaks through us.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

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SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, Paul urges Timothy to persevere in the faith, even amid difficulty and persecution. What can help us persevere in difficult times in our lives?
2. Paul asks Timothy to hold on to what he has been taught, especially in difficulty. How has the faith that you have been taught proven to be beneficial to you at various times in your life?
3. In this passage that would become part of Christian Scripture itself, Paul highlights the divine inspiration of Scripture and how it can be useful for the Christian life. Where do you encounter and engage in Scripture in your own life?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Catechetics in the Parish (pg. 28)

In our intellectual tradition, St. Jerome was a translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate. He did this because the majority of believers spoke Latin, and the Church wanted the faithful to hear and understand the Word of God. In his work, the saint-scholar said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

We cannot know who Jesus Christ is, or follow his way, or discern his will if we are not well-versed in the Scriptures that contain the prophecies and promises of his arrival, the sacred institutions that paved his way, the account of his life and teachings and the proclamation of his Paschal mystery by which we are saved. We can have no confidence in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus without the inspired Word of God. As followers of the Lord, we need to read, study and pray over the sacred Scriptures.

It is a sad observation that we Catholic Christians have a stigma of not reading the Bible outside of the context of the Mass. Our Protestant neighbors have many of the Lord's words, and the words of St. Paul about him, memorized by heart. We can learn from their example.

Our lack of exposure to the Bible can be effectively diminished by attending daily Mass, which is always highly recommended by the Church. For most people, however, daily Mass is not possible because of work and family commitments. For many believers, the best time to study the Bible is at home or in their parish.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection we encounter St. Jerome's famous axiom: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." What do you think this means?
2. What are some concrete ways to engage with Scripture on a regular basis?
3. If you regularly read the Bible, what difference has this made in your life? If you have not had much experience with Scripture, what difference do you think it could make?



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

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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.

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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.

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St. Francis Circle	Any monthly recurring gifts
Camellia Circle	\$1,500 - \$4,499
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Marriage Nullity

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Sacrament of Matrimony
General steps to obtain a Declaration of Nullity
Why to start the process?
Questions & Answers

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE
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SIMPSONVILLE, SC 29681



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<https://tinyurl.com/MarriageNullitySimpsonville>
María Romero 305.979.1573



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7:00 PM EN LA PARROQUIA

LA CHARLA SERA EN ESPAÑOL.
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Registration for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is open. If you are 18 and over and would like to be fully initiated in the Catholic faith or are just curious about your faith you are welcome to join our weekly class. Please register by August 15th, no late registration forms will be accepted. Registration forms are located in the parish narthex. We are also asking for volunteers who would like to become sponsors or prayer partners. For more information please see the sheet next to the registration forms or call the parish office.

Father Allam Marredy will be helping our parish during Father John's vacation. Please let us give him a warm welcome.

— ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS —

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AGES 13-17

WEDNESDAY
6:30P-8:00P

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Programa de Fortalecimiento Familiar (SFP)

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- Habla y escucha mejor
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- Construye vínculos más fuertes
- Gestiona mejor el estrés

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- Cuidado infantil gratuito (niños de 5 años o menos)
- Incentivos por asistencia semanal y práctica en casa

Traiga a su familia: ¡nosotros nos encargamos del resto!

Comienza

Jueves, 3 de septiembre
A las 5:30 p. m.

*La clase se imparte todos los jueves.
Los adultos y los niños que reúnan los requisitos deben asistir cada semana.

Inscríbete AHORA!
Escanea o usa el enlace de abajo para registrarte.



<https://childrenstrustofsc.wufoo.com/forms/sklzokb16ug996/>

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MATTHEW 14:26