



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY JULY 6, 2025-FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." - Lk 10:9

14° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO
"Ya se acerca a ustedes el Reino de Dios". - Lc 10, 9

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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 July 2025

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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:

- Canned Beans
- 1 lb. Bags of Rice
- Canned Chicken

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

June 28-29

Operating: \$ 4,435

B&G: \$ 50

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.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER WARRIORS

Calling all Prayer Warriors and those in need of intercessory prayers! Anyone can pray. You don't have to have transportation or attend a meeting. You just have to be willing to add the names of those requesting love and your help to your daily prayers.

Prayer requests should include the person's name, the specific prayer request or just that he/she needs prayers. All intentions will be confidential within the prayer group. We will pray for each person every day for a week unless the petition is requested for a longer period.

Please contact Judy Hanson at **jahans1010@gmail.com** if you would like to be a SMA Prayer Warrior or if you or a loved one is in need of our prayers.

Seminarian Fund

We are excited to invite you to support our growing number of seminarians in the Diocese of Charleston through the Seminarian Fund once again this year.

Over 30+ seminarians will be in formation during the 2025-2026 year, and the number of men expressing interest in the priesthood is growing. Gifts to the Seminarian Fund exclusively provide funding for the total cost of education and living expenses for their years in formation.

The Seminarian Fund answers the call for the increased financial needs while providing a means for parishioners to be a part of the men's journey to priesthood. Please consider donating at charlestdiocese.org/seminarian-fund.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

Second Reading:

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

Gospel:

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits
are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Lk 10:20)

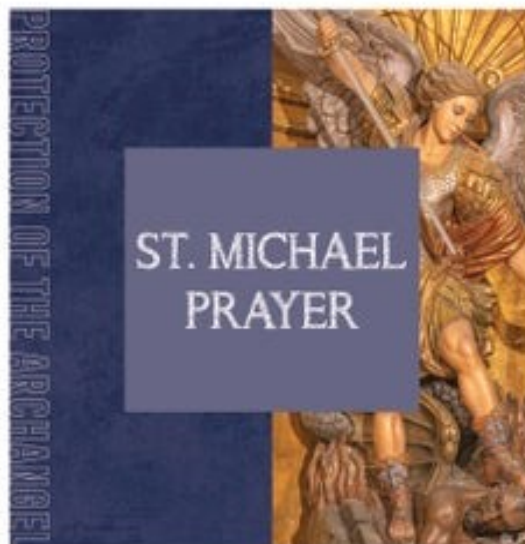
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As he sends his disciples into the world to proclaim his name, Jesus tells them to be bold. He tells them to be flexible. To be forgiving. To be faithful. As we enter this week, let's remember these instructions. It's good advice, in any century.

Observances for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The prayer to St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII, invokes the protection of the archangel Michael in the ongoing spiritual battle for the souls of all mankind. It is commonly said at the end of the rosary and by some parishes after the conclusion of Mass.

Prayer for Evangelization

As You reach out to the world,
Lord, let us be Your hands!
As You answer those crying, send us.
Let us be Your people, answer to
prayers prayed, comfort to the
afflicted.
May we be laborers in Your
harvest.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sunday:

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/
Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday:

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/
Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and
15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday:

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday:

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, "**Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven**" (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by--to rejoice in--what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

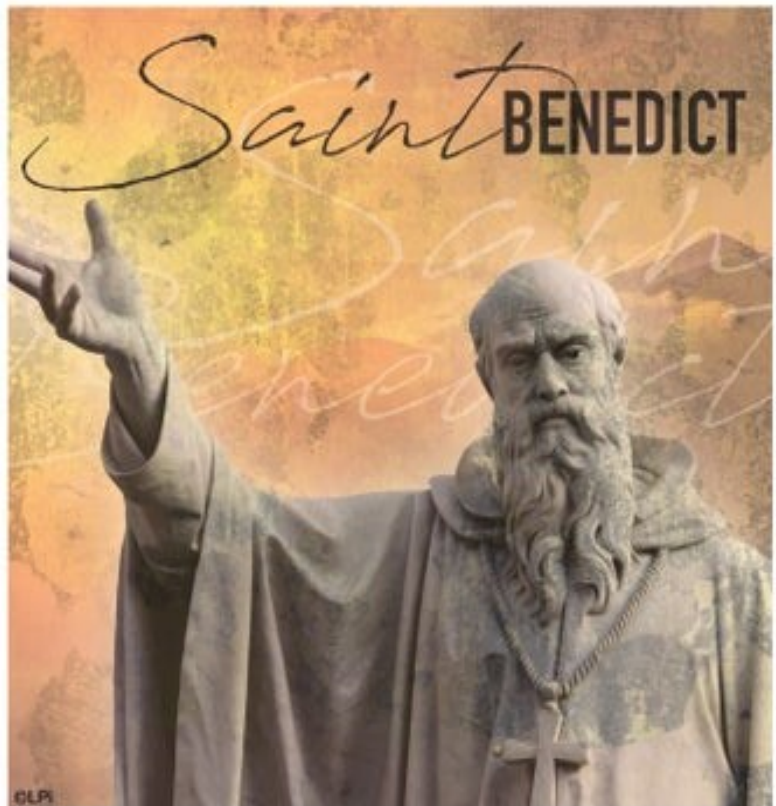
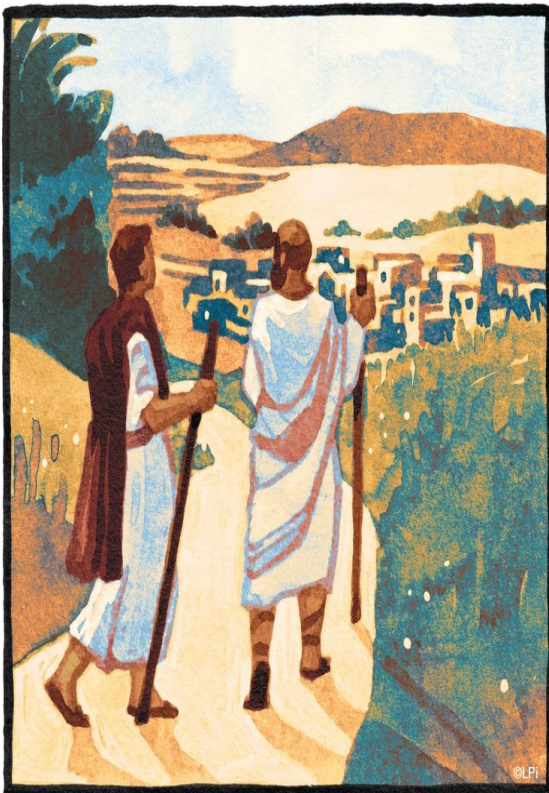
Isaiah speaks of God's love and care for Jerusalem as a loving mother who feeds and comforts her child. What are some favorite memories or images you have of your mother?

Second Reading:

Paul ends his letter to the Galatians emphasizing that believers are part of God's "new creation," no longer defined by circumcision and uncircumcision. How does your faith community encourage or energize you to think differently?

Gospel:

The 72 followers of Jesus succeeded in their work to preach the kingdom of God and heal the sick and demon possessed. What does a successful parish look like today?



Visiting Priest for the weekend of July 12-13:
Father Jean Phillipe Alexis from St. Peter in Beaufort, SC

Kids Corner

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

Mission for the Week

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

Now color
the picture! →



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THE HARVEST IS **ABUNDANT.**

— LUKE 10:2 —



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