



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18th– Fifth Sunday of Lent



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new commandment:
love one another." - Jn 13:34a

5° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Les doy un mandamiento nuevo: que se
amen los unos a los otros". - Jn 13, 34

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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 2025

For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized

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:

- Snack Bars
- Ramen Noodles (no cups)
- Boxes of Cereal
- Canned Vegetables

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@charlestandiocese.org

Weekly Collections

May 10-11

Operating: \$5305

B&G: \$310

Food Pantry: \$100

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.

If you would like to place an announcement on the bulletin please send it to the parish office by Wednesday 12 noon for approval.

"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:

And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
(Ps 145) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.
He will dwell with them and they will be his people
and God himself will always be with them as their God."
(Rv 21:4)

Gospel:

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.
(Jn 13:34)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, Explained!

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love. May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper sticky words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (à la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, **"As the Father loves me, so I love you"** (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, **"Love another as I have loved you"** (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

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The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. *This is how all will know that you are my disciples.*

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

Prayer

Lord, teach me to love
and help others.

Mission for the Week

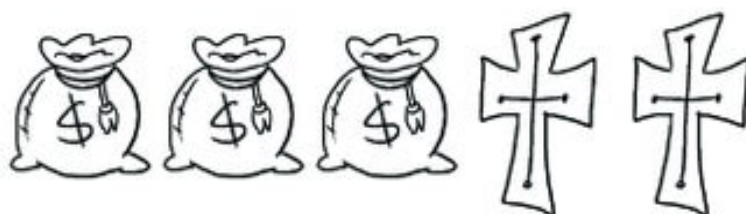
I will take three cans of
food to the church for the
poor.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus said, "Love
each other as I have
loved you." He died
on the cross so that
your sins and mine
might be forgiven.
Jesus was human
like you and me. He
shared his food with
friends. He visited
and healed the sick.
He cried when his
friends died. He
told stories to help
people learn about
his Father in heaven.
When you show love
for others, Jesus
smiles because he is
very proud of you.

Now color
the picture! →

Circle the group in each row that has more.
Then color in all the pictures.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SMA:



Congratulations to this amazing group who received their First Communion
Felicidades a este increíble grupo que recibió su Primera Comunión

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LAND-
SCAPING COMPANY! IF YOU OR
ANYONE YOU KNOW COULD HELP
OUR PARISH'S LANDSCAPING
NEEDS PLEASE CONTACT THE PAR-
ISH OFFICE**

We are looking for sponsors who are able to donate items for the silent auction that will be held during the gala. If you wish to donate your time, talents or items please contact the parish office.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR GARAGE SALE TUESDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM.
PLEASE DROP OFF AT PARISH HALL.
GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 28, 2025**





SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.

— JOHN 13:34 —