



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 11th—Fourth Sunday of Easter



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I know them, and they follow me." - Jn 10:27

4º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Yo las conozco y ellas me siguen". - Jn 10, 27

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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 3-4

Operating: \$ 7017

B&G: \$ 640

Food Pantry: \$ 165

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:

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:48-49)

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rv 7:17)

Gospel:

Jesus said:
"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me." (Jn 10:27)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." To follow him, we must know him. This week, how can we know Jesus better?

Observances for the week of May 11, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Wednesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Thursday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



Devotions, Explained!

Spiritual retreats are an act of removing oneself from daily life for a period of prayer and reflection, with the intent of returning transformed. There are many kinds of retreats, but all share a common purpose: communion with God.

Prayer to the Good Shepherd

Beloved Shepherd,
You guide in a way often
beyond my understanding.
You lead to paths yet
undiscovered.
Keep me in Your care, as
together we seek green
pastures and still waters.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/
Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8/ Jn 15:9-17

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me" (John 10:27).** Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. "Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?" But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled "What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair" or "Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You." Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all — I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you *do* know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, "Hey, follow me," and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. "Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"

But if someone we know and love and trust says, "Hey, follow me," we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

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— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

Prayer

I want to recognize and hear your voice, O God.

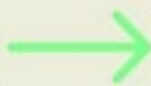
Mission for the Week

I will pray for the children who cannot hear anyone's voice at all.

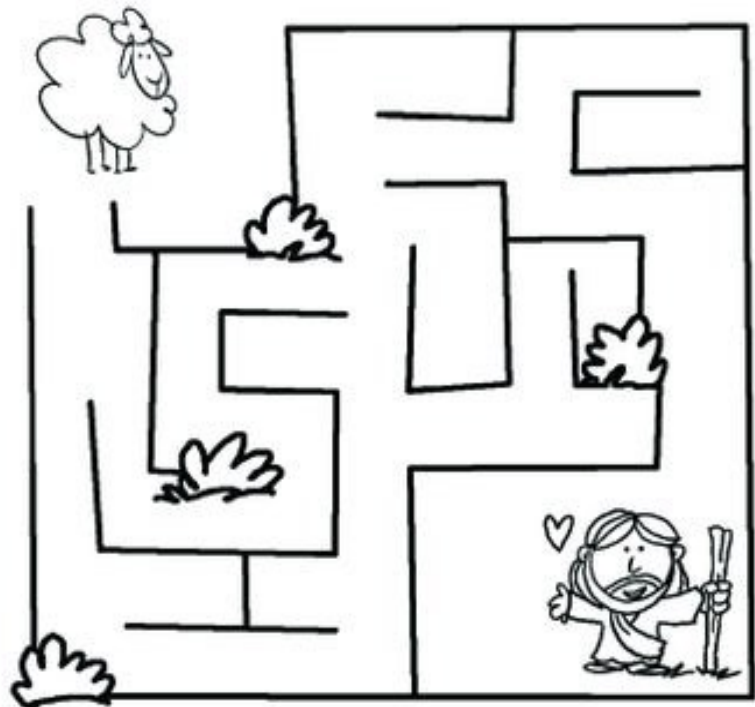
Sharing the Gospel

Your daddy knows when you are talking to him. You know when your daddy is talking to you. Your eternal Father wants you to recognize his voice, too. God's voice always says good things to you. His voice warns when you are in danger. He tells you the right thing to do. He tells you how to stay away from bad things. His voice keeps you on the road to heaven. Listen to him.

Now color the picture!



Help the sheep find Jesus.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SMA:

We need your help!

If you would like to join the parish counting team please contact the parish office for further detail.

This is a great opportunity to help your parish!



IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON SAINT:
OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

HOSTED BY FR. JAIRO CALDERON
ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS PARISH HALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

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

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I KNOW MY SHEEP.

— JOHN 10:27 —



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