

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SMA

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**SUNDAY, FEB 9, 2025
5:30 PM
FR. FRIEND HALL**

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THEY WOULD BE POSTED IN THAT SUNDAYS BULLETIN.



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STARTING AFTER 8:00 AM MASS



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26– THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

3ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí.
- Lc 4, 18

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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 January 2025

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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:

- Oatmeal Packets
- Cereal Boxes

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com

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 - 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@charlestondiocese.org

Weekly Collections

Jan. 18-19

Operating: \$ 7,167

B&G: \$ 110

Food Pantry: \$75

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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM SMA FINANCE COUNCIL

A copy of the Balance Sheet will be included in the bulletin four times a year. The Finance Council meets quarterly and parishioners are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The next meeting is February 15, 2025.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God,
interpreting it so that all could understand what was read
(Neh 8:8)

Psalm:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

He said to them,
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."
(Lk 1:21)

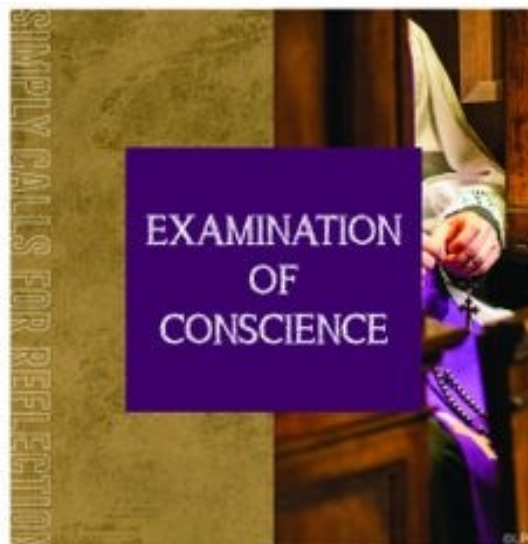
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Scripture passage he reads in the synagogue, a missive of promise and hope from an ancient prophet. But he invites us to be part of his work, here and now, in our own lives, our own communities. Be part of the fulfillment.

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Saturday:**
- Next Sunday:** The Presentation of the Lord,
World Day for Consecrated Life



Devotions, *Explained!*

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God,
Anoint me to bring your love,
light, and freedom to the places
you call. From the heights to the
depths: you are there, you are
actively moving, and when you
call, you will also provide.

Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday:

Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4,
5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday:

Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday:

Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Mk 4:21-25

Friday:

Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-
40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister*!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is **"fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21)**. After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix our brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

"Alas, that these evil days should be mine."

If you've ever seen "The Lord of the Rings," you might recognize this quote from "The Two Towers." The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "*I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!*" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "*If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen*" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "*the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God*" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT

OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME.

— LUKE 4:18 —



— SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 —