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Mass Times

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am, Church
Fridays: 9:30 am, Chapel
Holy Day Masses: To be announced

Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Chapel

Sunday Rosary (Church)

7:30-7:45 am
9:30-9:45 am (led by the Legion of Mary)

Reconciliation

Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by appointment

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All bulletin announcements must be in the office by note or email by Friday at 9:00 am for the following week's Sunday (space permitting).

Diocesan Victim Assistance

Kristin Eyre
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January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord



8 am: Pro Populo
10 am: Pro Populo

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, John Carr, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, Frantz Etienne, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, Trent Juroscio, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Sampere, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Paul Wagner, Henry Walton.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Soldiers: Michael Abowd, Chris Colgrove, Caleb Cook, Dominic Cruz, Daniel Esposito, Jon Immel, Garrison Jackson, Jr., Christopher Laurencio, Sean Merrill, Erin Mugan, Scott Starr.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Families: Roy & Tommie Blake, Jonathan & Julie Cook, Nina Gibson, Chris & Diane Laurencio, Bruce & Mary Rose Randall, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

ATTENTION St. Mary Military Families

So that this information remains current, all parishioners, including those named in the prayer list above, are asked to review the list and notify Maryanne Genus (maryanne@stmarysrh.org or 803-517-5048 if any information needs to be updated. Thank you for your service and sacrifice!

IIth Annual Benefit Dinner!

Mark your calendar for Fat Tuesday, **Mar. 4, 4-10 pm** at Texas Roadhouse (2367 Dave Lyle Blvd). **Gift cards are now on sale after Mass.** St. Mary receives 10% of all gift card sales and 10% of all dinner sales when a flier displaying a special barcode is presented to your server that evening (*be sure to get a copy when you purchase your gift card*). Plan to attend this annual tradition with your fellow parishioners!



Meetings /events dates requested for 2025 church calendar

Attention ministry heads and event planners:

Please submit your 2025 ministry meeting dates & times or special event requests to **Pam Dennis** at pdennis@charlestdiocese.org. Pam manages the monthly church calendar and your cooperation helps prevent double-booking or scheduling conflicts.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Dec. 29	Jan. 5
Offering	\$3,467.00	\$9,250.55
Online Giving	\$3,519.90	\$1,830.90
Parking Lot		\$1,300.00
Building Maintenance		\$1,679.00
Food Pantry		\$336.00
Christmas	\$6,992.00	\$200.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$575.00	\$315.00
Solemnity of Mary		\$505.00
Kerosene	\$75.00	\$350.00
Donation from Quilters		\$115.00
Mass Offerings	\$100.00	
Soup Kitchen	\$250.00	
Catholic Education	\$5.00	
Rent		\$25.00

Second Collection

Jan. 26 - Church in Latin America

**Today's Readings
Year C: Sunday Cycle
Cycle I: Weekday**



First Reading — Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm — Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Second Reading — Acts 10:34-38
Gospel — Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Weekly Readings

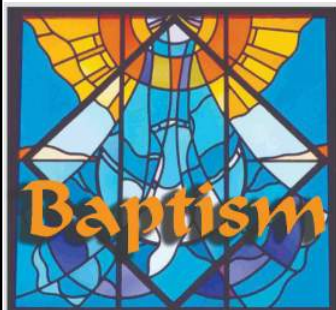
Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Mass intentions for 2025

Please contact the Parish office to schedule your requested intentions for the Friday and Sunday Masses at stmaryrh@charlestdiocese.org or 803-329-1008.

Baptism at work



Whether it's the well-known writer coming to town for a book signing, or the celebrity songstress arriving at the local arena, expectation fuels anticipation, and ticket sales reach a new high. It's just a natural happening. A bit of excitement that cuts through the ordinary day to day rhythm of our lives.

But when some other event occurs, for example, the funeral of a loved one, the interruption of the usual pattern triggers deep thoughts within us, whether we choose to go there or not. Then we're not as taken up by celebrity or fame. We want solid answers to serious questions. Fulfillment over fantasy.

With the coming of Christ into our world some 2,000 plus years ago, we got the best answers possible to our most serious questions. Of course, we need His very help, with trusting faith, to realize that.

To begin with, God surprised us all by coming to us in a human nature like ours in so many ways but one: it was linked mysteriously by a divine nature. Who is Jesus is easier to answer than what is He because of this dual nature in one Person.

This well-known event of His baptism at the storied Jordan river presents a problem and raises questions. If

one of the purposes of Baptism is to remove original sin, what is the Son of God Himself letting His cousin John the Baptist pour the water over Him? Where is the authenticity here? There are several answers.

First is Our Lord's intent to demonstrate His humility and become an example for us. Secondly, the baptism became a way for God to confirm that Jesus was His Son. Thirdly, the baptism enabled Jesus to join our humanity by sharing in our baptism. Finally, it was the way Jesus chose to inaugurate His mission among us as the obedient Son of God. We are quite conscious of the meaning of "inauguration" this month in the political life of our country. We could say, respectfully, that as Christmas was Christ's birth and arrival, so His baptism marked His first day at work.

Several years ago, one of our astronauts who walked on the moon was asked "What were you thinking about as you stood on the moon and looked back at the earth?" The astronaut replied, "I remembered how the spacecraft was built by the lowest bidder."

We as Christians can rejoice that the work of salvation did not go to "the lowest bidder," but was performed by an infinite God. Every expectation will be met. There will never be a deficiency in His work. Alleluia!

God love you and give you His peace.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Friends of the Oratory

St. Valentine Buffet & Dance

Supporting the Rock Hill Oratory Endowment

Friday, February 14 - 6:00 pm

(Mass celebrated at 5:30 pm)

St. Philip Neri Church - Parish Hall

Enjoy a festive evening of music, international food, wine, beer, silent auction and more in the spirit of gratitude for our Rock Hill Oratory priests!

Ticket Prices - \$30/person; \$50/couple; \$100/family

Donations welcome ■ Sponsorships available

Limited tickets available per parish

contact Nancy Summers: nancysummers99@aol.com or (803) 366-0707. Make checks payable to: Endowment Fund of the Rock Hill Oratory

The Way: Healing retreat for women



The Archdiocese of Atlanta is hosting *The Way*, a healing retreat for female survivors of abuse to be held **Feb. 14-16**. The Way is the path to find answers to these and many other questions your heart, mind, body and soul have been searching. This is where your healing journey begins. The 3 days of guided meditations and prayer crafted around the Stations of the Cross will show you the steps Christ took to overcome dread, confusion, deep hurt, betrayal, and anger not only for his experience of abuse, which culminated in his death on the cross and new life in the Resurrection, but for your abuse as well. You can choose to walk The Way with him, learn his ways, transform your pain and suffering into a new life, the life God has always wanted for you. Application deadline is **Feb. 7**. Contact **Sue Stubbs**, Retreat Facilitator & Counselor at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com to register.

St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

ALTAR SERVERS: Call the Parish Office at (803) 329-1008

ARCHIVES: Grace Flenniken, Jim Avery, Danise Simpson. Call the Parish Office for contact info

BAKHITA ARTS CENTER: Sula Pettibon, (803) 981-4769, bakhitaarts902@gmail.com

BEREAVEMENT: Contact Deacon Terrence Chisolm (803-517-2894 / tchisolm@charlestandioocese.org) or Deacon Walt Hollis (843-295-9192 / walthollis67@yahoo.com)

BIBLE STUDIES: Ellie Martinson, (803) 324-1018

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EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE: Rev. Dr. Terrence R. Chisolm, (803) 517-2894, tchisolm@charlestandioocese.org

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Robert Bathalter, (859) 240-4950, robert.bathalter@yahoo.com

LECTORS: Danise Simpson, (803) 524-1492, dsimpson@rhmail.org

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MEDIA: Rev. Dr. Terrence R. Chisolm, (803) 517-2894, tchisolm@charlestandioocese.org

ROSARY & CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. Gwen D. Finley, (803) 322-3344, gwendfinley@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Kristen Wood - Director):

FAITH FORMATION (Grades 1-8): Anna Caldwell, (803) 322-4548, acaldwell@charlestandioocese.org

YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9-12): Kristen Wood, (803) 487-5088, kristen.wood@charlestandioocese.org

O.C.I.A. (formerly R.C.I.A.): Kristen Wood, (803) 487-5088, kristen.wood@charlestandioocese.org

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Judith Varin, (803) 479-5094, judyvarin@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: Barbara Belle, (937) 684-5680, msbarbelle@yahoo.com

SR. FRANCIS SARING SHAWL MINISTRY: 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, Nancy Scholl, (863) 287-1649, nscholl79@gmail.com

ST. MARY OUTREACH PROGRAM: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30 am, Bannon Hall. Deacon Walt Hollis, (843) 295-9192, walthollis67@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP: Deek Alexander, (803) 366-5864, deekalexander@comporium.net

ST. MARY'S PANTRY: Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Bannon Hall. Bettye Finley, (803) 329-1008, betfinley41@gmail.com

ST. MARY QUILTERS: Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. Mary Bell, (803) 389-0912

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WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 2nd Saturday from 8-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Regeana Phillips, (803) 370-8999, regeanap@yahoo.com

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Local Shelter: Pilgrims' Inn: 803-327-4227



Our Food Pantry is always in need of canned and packaged goods, cash, and plastic grocery bags. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.



Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm - Chapel

Stuffed toy collection drive



The St. Martin de Porres Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary is collecting small stuffed animals or dolls to provide to First Responders. Oftentimes responders encounter a child on the scene who is injured or scared. The responder can offer a toy to help comfort the child and ease their anxiety.

St. Mary parishioners can participate by donating a small stuffed animal/doll or give a monetary contribution (suggested \$7.00). A container and donation envelopes will be in the Gathering Space through the **end of January** for you to drop off your gift/donation. The Knights are planning a banquet to present the toys to area emergency agencies. Contributors are welcome to witness the presentation. More details to come.



Contact Knight **Larry Facelli** at 803-517-4144 for any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Black Catholic Liturgy Heritage Mass

Please join Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC, and Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, for Mass in celebration of Black Catholic Liturgy Heritage! All are welcome to attend. Go to this link to sign up:

<https://charlestandioocese.flocknote.com/signup/188405>

A caravan of cars will be traveling from St. Mary's to the event. If interested in attending, please call the Parish office at 803-329-1008 for information.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF OUR
BLACK CATHOLIC LITURGY HERITAGE

The Holy EUCCHARIST

will be presided by

Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory

Archbishop of Washington, D.C.

January 25, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
120 Broad Street | Charleston, SC 29401

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Give yourselves the best present ever—take time for your marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **Jan. 31-Feb. 2** in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit SCMarriageMatters.org. Contact 803-258-0258, or applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Calendar



Sunday, January 12

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle
2-4 pm - Bakhita Arts: Afternoon of Poetry & Prose, Bannon Hall
NO Youth Ministry

Monday, January 13

6:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 14

6 pm - Finance Council, Parish office
7 pm - Knights of Columbus, Bakhita Room. Rosary at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

Sunday, January 19

NO Faith Formation
2-3:30 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Lecture, Bannon Hall
7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

Weekly events:

Sundays (9-10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall

Mondays (9 am-1 pm) Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 pm) Holy Hour of Prayer, Chapel; (6:30 pm) Legion of Mary, RH Oratory-Faber Hall

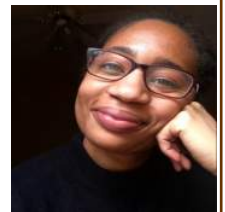
Fridays (10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall; (1:30 pm) Dominoes, Bakhita Room

Bakhita Arts



Free events in
Bannon Hall!

TODAY
2:00 - 4:00 pm



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose will feature **Alyssa Stewart** of Columbia, SC, who weaves melodies into her lyrical poetry. She is the inaugural recipient of the Combahee River Prize for a South Carolina BIPOC Writer. Her work is published in *Jasper* magazine and in *Fall Lines* volume X.

Sunday, January 19
2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Great Benefactor

Dr. Myer Leonard talks about the people who engineered the home thermostat, clean water, and driving rules and why they did what they did to ensure our lives are not “nasty, brutish, and short.” Leonard, professor of maxillo-facial surgery at the University of Minnesota from 1976-2001, has received NIH and other research grants, published in professional journals, and lectured to professional and lay audiences on all the continents except Antarctica.

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