

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm
Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am
First Saturdays 9:30 am
Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Confessions

Tuesday & Thursday
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday & Friday
9:15 am – 10:15 am
Saturday, 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
First Fridays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
First Sundays 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Religious Education

K4 – Confirmation
Sunday 9:50 am

Church Hours

Monday – Friday
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Office Hours

1303 McLees Rd. Anderson
Monday 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday 9:30 am – Noon



MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
- Mt 21:9*

MISSION

We the people of God at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, acknowledge the mission of Holy Mother Church as seeking the salvation of souls by making disciples of all nations – teaching them all that Jesus Christ has commanded. (Mt. 28:19-20)

Welcome Newcomers! Registration forms are available in the Narthex of the Church or email registration@sjccs.net.

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Mass Intentions	
29 SUNDAY — <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</i>	
5:00PM (Vigil) +Graham Holmes rb Rich & Shirley Hamel	
8:30AM +Fred Rose rb Carol Rose	
11:00AM <u>People of the Parish</u>	
30 Monday — <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	No Mass
31 Tuesday — <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	No Mass
01 Wednesday — <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	
8:30AM +Magdalena Palmillas rb Chimal Family	
02 Thursday — <i>Holy Thursday—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
7:00PM <u>Priest's Intentions</u>	
03 Friday — <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	
3:00PM Passion of The Lord/Veneration of The Cross	
04 Saturday — <i>Easter Vigil</i>	
8:30PM <u>People of the Parish</u>	
05 SUNDAY — <i>Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord</i>	
8:30AM <u>People of the Parish</u>	
11:00AM +Phyllis Morrisette rb Bob & Christine Morrisette	

Online Giving

Look for the **WeShare** logo on the website at www.sjccs.net/church



Daily Mass Readings	
29 SUNDAY — <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</i>	Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 (38)
30 Monday — <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)
31 Tuesday — <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)
01 Wednesday — <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)
02 Thursday — <i>Holy Thursday—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39)
03 Friday — <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i>	Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 (40)
04 Saturday — <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12 (41)
05 SUNDAY — <i>Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord</i>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41)

Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
<u>Weekly Collection - March 22, 2026</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 8,685.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 575.00
	\$ 9,260.00
Over / Under	\$ (1,240.00)
SOS	\$ 669.00
<i>2nd Collections-April 5, 2026 -Parish Charity</i>	
<u>WeShare Online Collection - February 2026</u>	
Support Our Saints	\$ 325.00
Parish Charity	\$ 340.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 60.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Organ Fund	\$ 25.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$ 85.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 75.00
Capital Campaign - Building for Now & the Future	\$ 1,958.84
Thank you for your support and generosity!	\$ 3,038.84

Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Need a blessing for your 25th, 50th, or 60th?
Please contact the Parish Office for scheduling.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If you or a relative are in need of an anointing, or if you have scheduled surgery, please call in advance to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick by a Priest.
Please do not wait until the last minute to call.

In the event of an emergency, call the Parish Office: 864-225-5341. After hours press 1 when prompted.

Pray for the Sick

March 29: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Semak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Frances & Kenny Cox, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliana Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Imes
March 22: Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Barbara Kaliski, Ewa Pedzimaz, Carolyn Schilling, Steve Hughes, Ashley Addison, Dave Gomey, Steve Semak, Rose Sbrocchi, Bridgett Hutchinson, Scott Cooley, Ciara Kline, Denise Wallace, Terry Alexander, Don Black
March 15: George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Filbert Vigil, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, Charlie Gard, Darrin Coles, Ronald Bendig, Alisha Rumbos, John Surer, Jane Sherman, Kelli Chastain, Kathy Silvers, Sherion Black, Debbie Lollis, Doug Alexander, Kimberly Williams, Nancy Zielke

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

Prayer to the Holy Trinity
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
direct and protect, guide and provide,
inspire and set on fire my heart for
Love of You and my neighbor in all things. Amen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Phyllis Rouleau , Wife of Thomas "Tom" Rouleau
Kimberley Mirabella, Parishioner

*May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

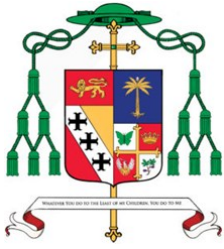
SAT	MAR 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Private Meeting, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Parish Office - Small Conference Room • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	MAR 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • OCIA 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office & OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Mass, 11:00 AM • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
	PALM SUNDAY	
MON	MAR 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM • Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 5:00 PM, Parish Office • KofC Leaders Meeting, 5:15–6:45 PM, Parish Office • Boy Scouts, 6:00–8:00 PM, Parish Hall • Cursillo Meeting, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office
TUE	MAR 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Office Closes at Noon • Cancelled Mass & Confessions • Concrete Work , 8:30 AM–6:00 PM • Church in Use, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM • Chrism Mass, Charleston, 11:00 AM • Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall • Private Meeting, 6:30 PM–9:00 PM, Parish Office
WED	APR 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Office Closed • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30–4:00 PM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office • Lenten Confessions, 4:00–5:00 PM • Church in Use, 4:15–5:50 PM & 7:00–8:30 PM
THU	APR 02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Office Closed • Cancelled Confessions • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM • Mass of The Lord Supper, 7:00 PM • Reposition in the Parish Hall until 10:00 PM
	HOLY THURSDAY	
FRI	APR 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Office Closed • Cancelled Mass, First Friday Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions • The Lord’s Pasion & Veneration of The Cross, 3:00 PM, Church
	GOOD FRIDAY	
SAT	APR 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelled First Saturday Mass & Confessions • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Blessings Easter Baskets, 10:00 AM • Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM
	EASTER VIGIL	
SUN	APR 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Mass, 11:00 AM • Baptisms, 12:30 PM • Cancelled Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers
	EASTER SUNDAY	



A GLANCE AHEAD

MARCH	APRIL	APRIL
OCIA, Sundays, 9:45 AM & 12:30 PM (Esp)	Youth Group, Tuesdays	Easter, 5 th
Youth Group, Tuesdays	Catholic Book Group, 9 th	Hilltoppers, 7 th
Catholicism for Dummies, Tues-Wed	Sunday Bible Study	Aristotle Reading Group, 8 th & 22 th
	Good Friday, 3 rd	Men Walking with Christ, 16 th
	The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross, 3 rd	CWS Meeting, 25 th
	Easter Vigil Mass, 4 th	

PASTOR'S CORNER



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Good Friday, April 3, our diocese will take up a collection for the Franciscan friars working in the Holy Land, striving to support the Christian presence and promote peace. The Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America is part of a worldwide network of Commissariats of the Holy Land which function as bridges between the Holy Land and Christians all over the world.

It is fitting to send assistance to the very place that Jesus lived out his ministry, bore the heavy cross on his shoulders and died for our sins. That vivid scene of his crucifixion remains in our hearts, minds and altars at the sacrifice of the Mass thousands of years later.

In union with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and all people of good will, we continue to call for peace and stability of the region and for the protection of all human life. We pray that sorrows are eased and that these holy men cling to the victorious Christ, who conquered all human frailty to open the gates of paradise for his children.

Thank you for your support of this important funding initiative.

“Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It is the school of the Gospel. Here we learn to observe, to listen, to meditate, and to penetrate the profound and mysterious meaning of that simple, humble, and lovely manifestation of the Son of God. And perhaps we learn almost imperceptibly to imitate Him.” (Pope Paul VI).

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston



**57 Praying Days until Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!**

MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: (July 1 Completion)

- Master Plan for School Expansion is complete.
- Geo Technology Exploration is Complete.
- Civil Engineering Site Plan has obtained all necessary approvals.
- School Loan Approved by Diocese of Charleston

New Parish Hall (Phase 2) Update:

- Master Plan for New Parish Hall is Complete.
- Feasibility Study is complete.
- 3 Million Dollar Capital Campaign is underway.
- Geo Technology Exploration is complete.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE
Building for Now and the Future

GOAL \$3 Million
Total Giving: \$2,192,163.59
Participation Rate: 35%



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The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.

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CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

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HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30 NO MASS

Tuesday, March 31 NO Mass and NO Confessions
11:00 AM Chrism Mass in Charleston

Wednesday, April 01 8:30 AM Mass
9:00 AM Adoration until 4:00 PM
9:15 - 10:15 AM Confessions
4:00 - 5:00 PM Confessions

Thursday, April 02 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord’s Supper
(Reposition of the Eucharist to Hall for Adoration following Mass until 10:00 PM)

NO Confessions

Friday, April 03 GOOD FRIDAY
NO Mass and NO Confessions
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord / Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 04 HOLY SATURDAY
10:00 AM Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:30 PM Great Easter Vigil

NO 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Mass and NO Confessions

Sunday, April 05 EASTER SUNDAY
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass

NO Divine Mercy Prayers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Chrism Mass	01 C	02 Holy Thursday 7PM	03 Good Friday 3PM	04 Easter Vigil 8:30PM
05 Easter 8:30 & 11AM						

*C = Confessions; See times listed below by day & date.

Wednesday Apr 1 9:15 - 10:15AM & 4:00 - 5:00PM

VIA FIDELIS: UNDERSTAND THE FAITH



MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Mt 21:1-11 | Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 | CCC References 571-573

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

- The term "Paschal Mystery" is used to refer to the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ
- Through the Paschal Mystery, the saving work of the Incarnation is brought to fulfillment
- The term "Paschal" refers to Christ as the fulfillment of the Passover (see Exodus 12)
- Christ, our Passover Lamb, offers himself in sacrifice for our salvation

What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus? The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ. (*Compendium #112*)

March | Small Group

Join or start a small faith group (using the monthly study guide provided by the diocese.)

Hilltoppers Monthly Social

Are you over 50?

Please Join us for the FUN!

Location: PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday, April 7, 11:30AM

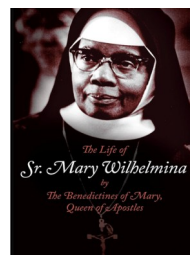
Speaker: Mayor Terence Roberts

Topic: The city's current and future development plans

Entrée – Shepherds pie

Solo? Bring a friend! You will meet interesting people and form new friendships.

Catholic Book Discussion Group Come join us!



**The Life of Sister Wilhelmina
By The Benedictines of Mary**

**Thursday, April 9
3pm or 6:30 pm**

**In the Parish Office
Conference Room**

Sister Mary Wilhelmina Lancaster, OSB, founded the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of Apostles in 1995 at the age of seventy. Four years after her death, in May 2023, the sisters were preparing for the reinternment of the remains of their beloved foundress. Upon seeing Sister Mary's remains, they discovered something incredible—her body appeared to be incorrupt! In The Life of Sister Mary Wilhelmina, you will become acquainted with this most humble sister, who, after fifty years of religious life, was called to establish the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, to remain faithful to the traditional religious life and the Latin Mass. This biography includes stories of her life, her experience as a Black Catholic during racial tensions, the founding of a community, and her original poetry. Her entire life is a testament to fidelity, devotion, and surrender to God's will.

Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information.

Book for May:

**The World's First Love
By Fulton J. Sheen**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and School
is no longer a repository for aluminum and cans.**

Our structure was degrading so we did a site cleanup!

Please do not leave any bags of cans as this is no longer an option.

Thank you.



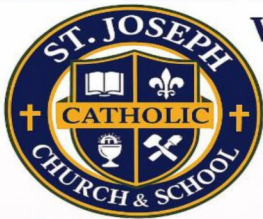
We are proud to be a Newman Guide Recommended School!



Save the Date! May 2, 2026



Join Our Mission — Educating for Eternity!



We're growing!

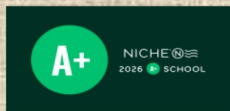
Our Catholic school family is seeking joyful, faith-filled educators who feel called to inspire young hearts.

Positions:

- ~~Pre-K Teacher (Starting January)~~ **Hired!**
- K3 Teacher (2026-2027 School Year)

Become part of a community where faith, love, and learning flourish. Apply today!

Email: Haymee.Giuliani@sjccs.net



SJCS is Now Enrolling
3K – 8th Grades!

Hurry - some grades are nearing capacity! K5 has a waitlist!

NOW ENROLLING: 3K - 8TH GRADE
New Middle School Facility

3K - 8th Grade

SC ESTF PROVIDER

(864) 760-1619 | sjccs.net/school
1200 Cornelia Rd, Anderson, SC

Visit Our Website



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Spots Available



Safe Environment Program ~ St. Joseph Church & School is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and for upholding the “National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers) and all parish office and school volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete *VIRTUS* online training.

Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact the parish office or school for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse go to www.charlestdiocese.org and click on “Child and Youth Protection” at the bottom left of the homepage.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Kate Edwards, (864) 225-5341 or kedwards@charlestdiocese.org



School Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestdiocese.org

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: Jeniffer Medina, (843) 225-8136

Diocesan Victim Assistance: Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestdiocese.org

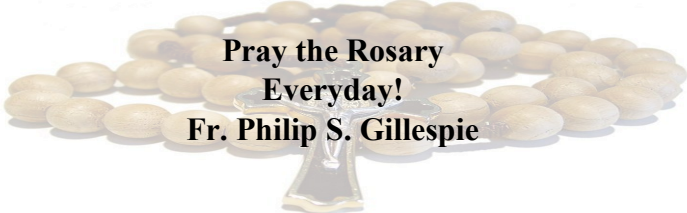
For confidential email: VAC@charlestdiocese.org

Join us online

Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility
EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Apr 7 | May 5 | June 2 | July 7
7:30 PM (EST)



**Pray the Rosary
Everyday!**
Fr. Philip S. Gillespie



Every Tuesday!

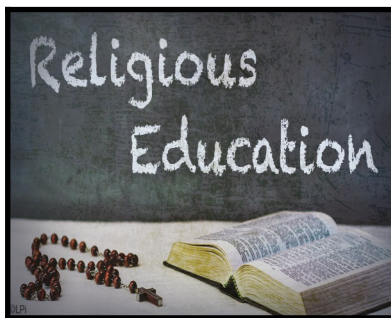
YOUTH GROUP
Weekly Meeting

**Come Together in
Faith, Friendship,
and Fun!**

- Uplifting Prayer and Discipleship
- Encouraging Devotional Message
- Time of Fellowship with other Youth
- Snacks & Fun Activities!

EVERY TUESDAY AT 6:30 PM
SJCCS Parish Hall
Grades 6th - 12

For More Information:
Gabriel.woofter@sjccs.net



**2026-27 Religious Education school year
Early Sign Up Begins April 26, 2026**

Contact Beth Diedrick in the parish office for more information

864-225-5341

religiouseducation@sjccs.net



**Religious Education Ministry
is looking for volunteers for the 2026-27 school year**

Qualifications:

- ✓ Be an active Catholic in good standing with the Church
- ✓ Be Approved by the pastor and the DRE or Faith Formation Coordinator
- ✓ Be cleared by a background check conducted by the Diocese's Office of Child and Youth Protection
- ✓ Complete the prescribed Safe Environment Training Program required of Catechists and all serving in ministry
- ✓ A willing spirit and a desire to evangelize

Please contact

religiouseducation@sjccs.net for more information



A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

Deacons are ordained for a ministry of service, which they carry out under the authority of the Bishop. All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Altar, and Charity.



**PERMANENT
DIACONATE**

ARE YOU CALLED?



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served."



THE DIACONATE IS A VOCATION OF LIFE-LONG SERVICE OF WORD, LITURGY AND CHARITY. THE DEACON IS TO EXTEND THE SACRAMENTAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST'S SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH AND INTO THE SECULAR WORLD.

THE WORD

Proclaim the Gospel and Preach • Teach the Catholic Faith • Evangelize Believers and Unbelievers

THE ALTAR

Assist Bishops and Priests at the Liturgy • Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion • Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage, Preside at Wake Services and Rites of Burial • Preside at Devotional Services

CHARITY

Perform Charitable, Administrative, and Social Welfare Duties • Visit the Sick, Feed the Hungry • Minister to the Imprisoned • Minister to the Bereaved

FORMATION

- New classes form every two years
- Discernment and formation lasts 5 ½ years
- Catholic men must be aged 35-60 at time of application to be eligible to apply
- Scan the QR code for more requirements and information.

For information on exploring a vocation as a deacon in the Diocese of Charleston: charlestdiocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestdiocese.org.



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

MARCH 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

REFLECT:

1. This passage appears in the 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's Gospel, in which Jesus imparts many key elements of his teaching. How is this passage one of those key elements of Jesus' message?
2. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of salt to describe discipleship?
3. Similarly, why do you think Jesus uses the image of light to describe discipleship?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 4

Over the course of the last few centuries, Western countries have demoted the Christian faith to a mere cultural symbol. The faith has been stripped of its richness and beauty. The Lord Jesus and his Gospel are dismissed or outrightly mocked. The Church is viewed as an antique of a bygone era that is no longer relevant or helpful to society. Such signs show us the loss of faith in our day.

In our age, which is predominated by secularism and moral relativism, even believers can get caught up in the moral laxity, financial greed, political messianism and nihilistic cultural realities around them. While expressed in different ways at different times, darkness and error are found in every age and our own age is no exception. We are in an active struggle to show the goodness of the Lord Jesus, the credibility of the Gospel and the essential role of the Church as salt and light for our world today.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection, the Bishop describes a widespread loss of faith in our culture. In what ways have you seen this to be true? Conversely, what points of hope have you seen?
2. What effect do the 'moral laxity, financial greed, political messianism and nihilistic cultural realities' that the Bishop describes have on society and the individuals within society? How do we respond?
3. The Bishop echoes Jesus' call to be 'salt and light' in the world of today. What does this mean in our context?



charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



Feasts & Solemnities

APRIL 2: HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Last Supper during which the Eucharist was instituted as Jesus’ Paschal sacrifice. It is sometimes referred to as Maundy Thursday. *Maundy* comes from the Latin *mandatum* (command), referring to the “new commandment” Jesus gives at the Last Supper shortly after washing his disciples’ feet. This command is “to love one another as he has loved us” (Jn 13:34-35). After this celebration, the Eucharistic Prayer is not prayed again until the Easter Vigil.

APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY

We refer to Good Friday as “good” because of the goodness of Jesus’ complete gift of self on the cross. At the celebration of the Lord’s passion, the Eucharist is distributed, but Mass is not offered.

APRIL 4: HOLY SATURDAY

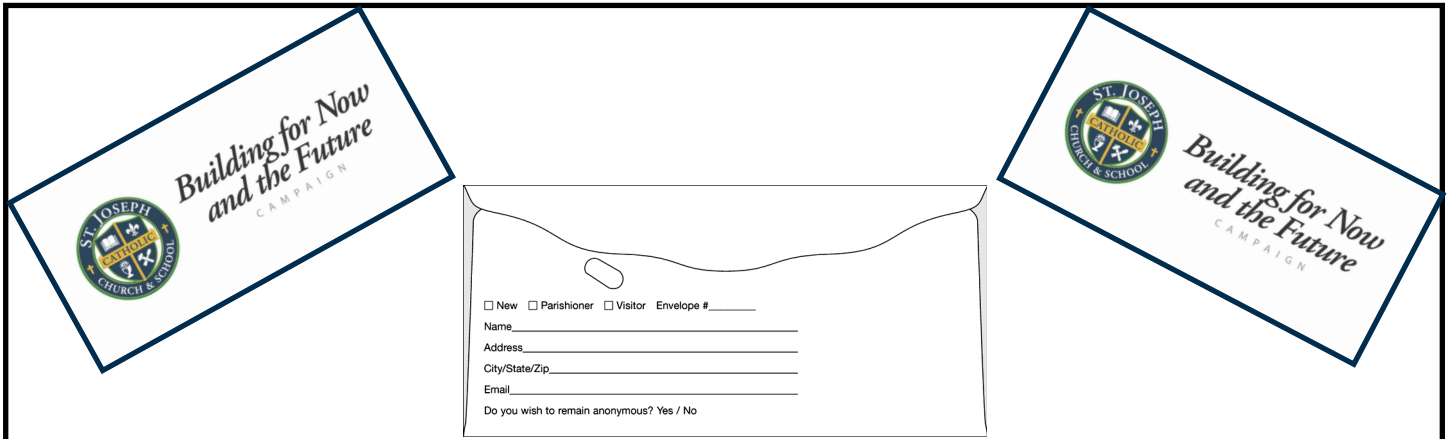
A day of silence, Holy Saturday is meant to be an opportunity to enter into the mystery of Christ’s with hopeful expectation. The feeling of absence, that comes from the lack of daily Mass being offered, points us to the reality of Christ’s death — in turn, it means that his resurrection is also real.

APRIL 4: THE EASTER VIGIL

Our celebration of Easter begins at sundown on Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil. In this celebration, we experience the light of Christ and recall God’s saving work throughout all of “salvation history” through the readings. As we recall God’s saving work and will that find the fullest expression in Christ himself and the Paschal mystery, this celebration is a time when new Christians join Christ in his death and resurrection through baptism.

DEFINE: PASCHAL TRIDUUM

We use the term Triduum to refer to the three-day period of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday which culminates with the celebration of the East Vigil. In a special way, the whole Church enters into Christ’s Paschal mystery of his passion and resurrection. We use the term paschal, meaning Passover, because Christ’s saving death and resurrection fulfill all of God’s saving work in the Old Testament, of which the Passover of Exodus has a special place even as it is practiced in Judaism today. The Paschal Triduum is considered the high point of the Liturgical Year.



Building for Now and the Future Capital Campaign Payments

- Envelopes are available in the pews and at the Parish Office for your convenience.
- Please fill out the back of the envelope for proper credit.
- Envelopes may be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.
- If making payments through bill pay or RMD IRA Contributions, please note that the contribution is for the ***Capital Campaign - Building for Now and the Future***.
- Your contributions to this campaign will be noted on your end of year giving statements.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Edwards email: kate.edwards@sjccs.net.

We thank you for your generosity.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

Our priests need our prayers!!!

Dear women of the parish, our priests need you and Our Lord wants to spend time with you!! Please consider spending one hour, on the day of week of your choice, before Our Savior in the Tabernacle, at the church of your choice.

Your prayers will be for Fr. Gillespie or our retired priest, Fr. Runnion. Join the Seven Sisters Apostolate, and make a real difference in the lives of these priests while Adoring Our Lord." To join either group or for more information, please contact Lisa Commerford 864-556-2136 or lcommerford@hotmail.com

Join Cub Scouts Adventure Awaits!

Are you looking for a fun and wholesome activity for your child?

We're inviting boys in K5-5th grade to join Cub Scouts!

Cub Scouting is all about:

- Learning outdoor skills
- Building character and confidence
- Serving the community
- Making new friends
- Having fun adventures as a family

If you or your child are interested in joining, please contact:

Ernest P. Lane
706-564-7142
Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

Once we have enough interest, we'll set up an informational meeting to go over details such as meeting nights, Dens, and how BSA operates.

**Come be part of the adventure
Scouting starts here!**

Troop of St. George Adventure & Brotherhood

We're looking for young men interested in joining the Troop of St. George!

This is a Catholic scouting program for boys ages from 6-18 (1st grade through 12th)

The Troop of St. George is about:

- Growing in faith and virtue
- Learning outdoor and survival skills
- Building leadership and character
- Serving your parish and community
- Forming lifelong brotherhood



We're currently gathering interest to form a troop.

Once we have enough families, we'll set an informational meeting to determine our regular meeting time and place.

If you or your son are interested, please contact:

Brian Sakidovitch
860-917-5585
bsakidovitch@gmail.com

Come be part of the adventure – Faith, Service, and Brotherhood in Christ.

<https://troopsofsaintgeorge.org/start-a-troop/>

Join Boy Scouts Adventure Awaits!

Are you looking for a fun, wholesome, and adventurous activity for your son?

We're inviting boys ages 11-17 (5th-12th grade) to join Boy Scouts!

Scouting is all about:

- Learning outdoor skills
- Building leadership and character
- Serving the community
- Making lifelong friends
- Having adventures that prepare you for life

Meetings: Every Monday
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Father Friend Hall

If you or your child are interested in joining, please contact:

Ernest P. Lane-Charter Organizational Representative
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**Come be part of the adventure
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To RSVP or learn more about the CrMS Natural Family Planning system contact:

Molly Millerbernd, BSN, RN, FCPI
molly.fertilitycare@gmail.com
or 864-332-9262

All meetings are held in the Parish Office

What is Active Member Status in the Parish?

Active member status means that the person is:

- Registered in the parish
- Attends Mass weekly
- Supports the Parish through the consistent giving of time, talent, and/or financial resources in support of our Parish

Why should a person have Active Member Status in our Parish?

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- Parishioner tuition in the school
- Attendance in Religious Education classes
- Letter of Eligibility to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation (see additional conditions below)
- Reception of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Marriage at our Church (unless specific permission is given)

What are the requirements for being a Sacramental Sponsor (Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor)?

To be eligible to be a sacramental sponsor, a person must:

- Be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If these sacraments were not received at our Church, must provide a sacramental record from the Church of Baptism with Parish seal.
- Marital status of single or married according to the laws of the Catholic Church
- Have Active Member Status in the Parish as outlined above

Is my Marriage Recognized by the Church?

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if your marriage is fully recognized by the Catholic Church.

Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a **“dispensation from canonical form,”**

Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family’s mission to sharing God’s love.

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- SACRAMENTS -



Are you, or a member of your family, in need of receiving:

Baptism?

First Holy Communion?

Confirmation?

Marriage in the Church?

If yes, please contact the Parish Office so we can assist you with this.

864-225-5341

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

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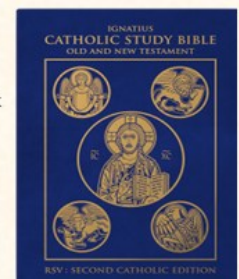
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Altar Guild

Assistance Requested

Do you have time to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the Church?

We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM for 1 to 2 hours to clean, repair, and “spruce up” the Church and Narthex. Couples are invited to come together, families too! Many hands make light work!

Note: this can be used as Parish/Community Service Hours for students.

If you have time to assist in this please call the Parish Office and leave your name, phone number, and email address. OR just show up.

Call the Office to get on the list.



We are excited to announce the placement of

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) throughout our Parish Campus!

These life-saving devices are now available in key locations to ensure quick access in case of a sudden cardiac arrest.

Locations:

Church Narthex: water fountain

School: Near Playground Door

Parish Office: Main Conference Room

Remember:

Quick response is crucial during a cardiac emergency.



The GOOD NEIGHBOR CUPBOARD is asking for your help to feed the hungry!

Many of you have contributed to our box in the Narthex and we greatly appreciate your help!

As a Food Pantry, we feed over 500 families a month and continue to need your help! Below are the items most needed.

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, VEGETABLES, AND FRUITS; NUTRITIOUS CEREALS, MAC ‘N CHEESE, PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE

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Parish Office Communication

We are asking you to review the following email addresses for use in communicating with the Parish Office/Staff. It is helpful to utilize the best address for your request. This will assist us in promptly answering your inquiry or addressing your needs. Thank you!

facilities@sjccs.net – To request any use of all facilities, *OR* to report any facility maintenance issues, this would include missing/damaged or non-working items. Forms are available on the website and are required for all reservations to be placed on the calendar.

registration@sjccs.net – To register in the Parish, *OR* to update your information.
 Note: If your landline is no longer in service, please update our records with a new number.

prayers@sjccs.net – To submit prayer requests for the bulletin “Pray for the Sick”.

weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net – For bulletin/pulpit announcements – Submit in Word or Publisher format. All requests must be editable and submitted at least two weeks in advance of publishing date.
 Note: at Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, & Thanksgiving the deadlines are often well ahead of the print date.



Brown Scapular enrollment

Scapulars are available for purchase in the Parish Office.

Catholic Campus Ministries - If your child will be attending a College/University in South Carolina and they would like to join the Catholic Campus Ministry please contact their respective Campus Ministers:

The Citadel	College of Charleston/Charleston Southern	Presbyterian
Tony Licari	Tom Gregory	Giovani Briguenta
tlcari@charlestdioocese.org	cofcssa@gmail.com	gbriguenta@presby.edu
Clemson	Francis Marion	USC
Stephanie Manasa	Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler	Kelly Guilbeau
stephanie@saclemson.org	cmasters@fmarion.edu	kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org
Coastal Carolina	Furman	Winthrop
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