

Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor ~ pastor@sjccs.net



1200 Cornelia Road, Anderson
Parish Phone ~ (864) 225-5341
School Phone ~ (864) 760-1619
FAX ~ (864) 225-6432
Website ~ www.sjccs.net
General Contact ~ church.info@sjccs.net

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



APRIL 19, 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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.

| Church Staff 864-225-5341 | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor | pastor@sjccs.net |
| Fr. David A. Runion, Retired Priest | frunion@sjccs.net |
| Dcn. Salvatore L. Canello, OFS | sal.canello@sjccs.net |
| Dcn. John DeWolfe | john.dewolfe@sjccs.net |
| Dcn. Chet Johns | chet.johns@sjccs.net |
| Maria Finet, Parish Secretary | maria.finet@sjccs.net |
| Jan Heithaus, Religious Education | jan.heithaus@sjccs.net |
| Beth Diedrick, Faith Formation | beth.diedrick@sjccs.net |
| Anna Boyd, Director of Music | anna.boyd@sjccs.net |
| Kate Edwards, Special Projects | kate.edwards@sjccs.net |
| Gabriel Woofter, Youth Ministry | gabriel.woofter@sjccs.net |
| Finance | finance@sjccs.net |
| Communications at St. Joseph Catholic Church | |
| Bulletin/Pulpit Announcements | weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net |
| Building Committee Communications | building.committee@sjccs.net |
| Facility Usage/Repairs | facilities@sjccs.net |
| Parish Registration | registration@sjccs.net |
| Prayer for the Sick Requests | prayers@sjccs.net |
| Religious Education | religiouseducation@sjccs.net |
| School Staff 864-760-1619 | |
| Haymée Giuliani, Principal | haymee.giuliani@sjccs.net |
| Diana Cantú, Accounting | diana.cantu@sjccs.net |
| Kathy Massey, Admin. Assistant | kathy.massey@sjccs.net |
| Church & School Fax 864-225-6432 | |

| Mass Intentions | |
|---|--|
| 19 SUNDAY — <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> | |
| 5:00PM (Vigil) +Rosemarie Schwald rb Dave & Joanne Gomey | |
| 8:30AM People of the Parish | |
| 11:00AM +Joan Gebhardt rb Cary Infante | |
| 20 Monday — <i>Easter Weekday</i> | No Mass |
| 21 Tuesday — <i>St. Anselm, Bishop & Dr. of the Church</i> | 5:30PM +Jack Deloplaine rb Kathy Deloplaine |
| 22 Wednesday — <i>Easter Weekday</i> | 8:30AM +Rev. Timothy Gahan rb Fr. Gillespie |
| 23 Thursday — <i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr</i> | 5:30PM +Michael Angoli rb Marilyn Angoli |
| 24 Friday — <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr</i> | 8:30AM +Charles & Vivian Reidmiller rb Jan Heithaus |
| 26 SUNDAY — <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | |
| 5:00PM (Vigil) +Charlene Vickery Wewers rb Fritz Wewers Jr. | |
| 8:30AM +Thomas Schneider rb His sisters | |
| 11:00AM People of the Parish | |

Online Giving

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



| Daily Mass Readings | |
|---|---|
| 19 SUNDAY — <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> | Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46) |
| 20 Monday — <i>Easter Weekday</i> | Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273) |
| 21 Tuesday — <i>St. Anselm, Bishop & Dr. of the Church</i> | Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274) |
| 22 Wednesday — <i>Easter Weekday</i> | Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275) |
| 23 Thursday — <i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr</i> | Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276) |
| 24 Friday — <i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr</i> | Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277) |
| 25 Saturday — <i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i> | 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555) |
| 26 SUNDAY — <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> | Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49) |

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Church Weekly Budget Income | \$ 10,500.00 |
| <u>Weekly Collection - April 12, 2026</u> | |
| Received in Office | \$ 11,281.00 |
| WeShare Online Giving | \$ 1,301.00 |
| | <u>\$ 12,582.00</u> |
| Over / Under | \$ 2,082.00 |
| SOS | \$ 2,130.00 |
| <i>2nd Collections-April 26, 2026 -Catholic Home Mission</i> | |
| <u>WeShare Online Collection - March 2026</u> | |
| Support Our Saints | \$ 540.00 |
| Parish Charity | \$ 570.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$ 220.00 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ 25.00 |
| Easter | \$ 50.00 |
| Building Fund | \$ 70.00 |
| Organ Fund | \$ 25.00 |
| School Scholarship | \$ 20.00 |
| Church in Central & Eastern Europe | \$ 10.00 |
| Capital Campaign - Building for Now & the Future | <u>\$ 2,203.84</u> |
| Thank you for your support and generosity! | \$ 3,733.84 |

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

April 19: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Jim Semak, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Ron Miskelley, Juliana Rose, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Lynn Imes
April 12: 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, Jacob Surer, Ray Burger
April 05: George Chastain, Mary Beth McCarty, Filbert Vigil, Tommy Wallace, Kenneth Yuravich, Kathleen Turner, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, 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 Holy Souls in Purgatory
*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 | APR 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Mass, 12:00–1:30 PM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM |
| SUN | APR 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Hall • OCIA, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • Baptisms, 12:30 PM • OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM |
| MON | APR 20 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM • Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 5:00–6:00 PM, Parish Office • Boy Scouts, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Hall |
| TUE | APR 21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Portable |
| WED | APR 22 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:00 –11:00 AM, Parish Office • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30–4:00 PM • Church in Use, 4:15–5:50 PM & 7:00–8:30 PM • Aristotle Reading Group, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office |
| THU | APR 23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:30 AM–3:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM |
| FRI | APR 24 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • School Event, 5:30–7:30 PM, School, Church & Hall |
| SAT | APR 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • CWS Meeting, 8:00–12:00 AM, Parish Office • CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Parish Hall • Private Event, 12:30–1:30 PM, Church • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM |
| SUN | APR 26 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Hall • Faith & Reason, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • RE Classes, 9:50–10:50 AM, School • Mass, 11:00 AM • OCIA Spanish, 12:30–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM |



A GLANCE AHEAD

| APRIL | APRIL | MAY |
|---|---|--|
| Sunday Bible Study | CMC- Reunión de Mujeres Católicas, 25 th | Sunday Bible Study |
| Youth Group, Tuesdays | | Youth Group, Tuesdays |
| OCIA Spanish, Sundays | | Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting 2 nd |
| Aristotle Reading Group, 22 th | | Taste of St. Joseph / World Fair, 2 nd |
| Faith & Reason Class, 19 th & 26 th | | Parish Mission, 3 rd -5 th |
| CWS Meeting, 25 th | | Faith & Reason, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th |

PASTOR'S CORNER

From the first apology in defense of the Christians by Saint Justin, martyr
 (Cap. 66-67: PB 6, 427-431) *The celebration of the eucharist*

No one may share the eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the eucharistic bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is my body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is my blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray. On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give assent by saying, "Amen." The eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.



36 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

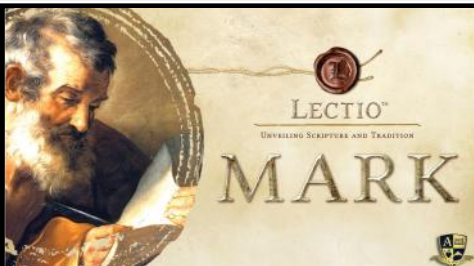
New Parish Hall (Phase 2) Update:

- 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%



formed
Forming Catholics for Life.

Saint Mark the Evangelist


Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

To Sign Up Go To: formed.org/signup

Create a New Account
Enter Church Zip Code

29621

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

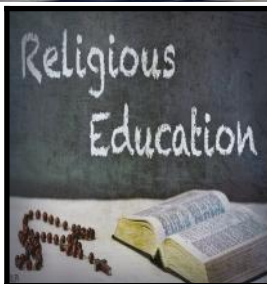
- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <p>Listen: Kresta in the Afternoon ~ Ave Maria Radio Catholic Radio ~ Search: MediaTrix" Fr. McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current</p> | <p>Read: Magnificat~www.Magnificat.com Magnifikid~Search MagnifiKid</p> | <p>Watch: The Chosen ~ Search The Chosen EWTN for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com</p> |
|--|--|--|

The School Expansion Has Started

Your patience is appreciated.

The Big Parking Lot entrance on McLees Road, closest to Greenville Street, is closed Monday through Friday.

Please do not cross any cones or go beyond the caution tape at any time



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

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



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

PARISH MISSION

Fr. Becket Soule

“So you want to change your life?”

May 3 - May 5, 2026

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
1303 MCLEES ROAD
ANDERSON, SC 29621**

864-225-5341 ~ WWW.SJCCS.NET ~ jan.heithaus@sjccs.net



Fr. Becket Soule, a Dominican friar of the Eastern Province (U.S.), graduated from Davidson College, the Episcopal Divinity School, the University of Dallas, and Harvard University, and holds the professional Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University. Fr. Becket has taught at the Catholic University of America, the Pontifical College Josephinum (Columbus, OH), St Paul University (Ottawa, Ontario), and Oxford University. He has been visiting lecturer and fellow at other institutions of higher studies in the United States, Great Britain, and the Ukraine; after serving as an official for the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Rome, he became the first Judicial Vicar and Episcopal Vicar for the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter (US and Canada). He was Catholic Campus Minister at the College of William and Mary and continues to be in demand internationally as a lecturer, preacher, and retreat master. Fr. Becket is now Ordinary Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception (Dominican House of Studies) in Washington, DC, where he had previously served as Dean and Vice President.

MISSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Becket Soule will be present at all Weekend Masses May 2 & 3, 2026

| | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 6:30 PM | Rosary |
| | 7:00 PM | Mission Talk on Conversion |
| MONDAY, MAY 4 | 8:30 AM | Mass |
| | 9:15 AM | Bible Study—Bible Study Book of Revelation Chapter 2 (O) |
| | 5:00 PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| | 6:30 PM | Rosary |
| | 7:00 PM | Mission Talk on Confession |
| TUESDAY, MAY 5 | 8:30 AM | Mass |
| | 9:15 AM | Bible Study—Bible Study Book of Revelation Chapter 3 (O) |
| | 5:00 PM | Sacrament of Confession |
| | 5:30 PM | Mass |
| | 6:30 PM | Rosary |
| | 7:00 PM | Mission Talk on Starting Over |

(O) Office

Free Will Offerings Are Mandatory*

*Only kidding. :) Free Will offerings are gratefully accepted. ~ Fr. G



We are proud to be a Newman Guide Recommended School!



Save the Date! May 2, 2026



Contact the school if you would like provide a dish based on your heritage!

Our students will be participating in a Fun Run to support our school. Please use the QR code below if you would like to support us!

Run for St. Joseph
Use the QR code to donate today!

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:
Elementary Teacher (2026-2027)

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

✉ Email: Haymee.Giuliani@sjccs.net

Space Available

FIRST STEPS
SOUTH CAROLINA
FREE4KSC.ORG



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

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



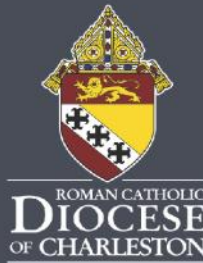
A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or orders, of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, priests, and deacons.

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?



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: charlestdioocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestdioocese.org.

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.

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)



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

APRIL 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: Malachi 3:6-12

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the Lord, through the prophet Malachi, contrasts his own unchanging character with the changing affections and varying fidelity of his people. How is this perhaps reflected in our own experiences?
2. The Lord also accuses his people of robbing him by refusing to support the Temple through tithes. Do you think there is more to this accusation than simply monetary concerns? How might this be applicable in our own time?
3. This passage ends with a promise for prosperity at least in terms of agricultural abundance. What does it mean to trust in God's promises? What happens when God fulfills promises in a way or in a timeframe that differs from our expectations?

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

God, however, is the author of all things, and he is unchanging. As the prophet Malachi gives witness: "For I the Lord do not change" (3:6). And God desires to teach us so that we can know him and his way, as the Lord Jesus told us: "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name — he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (Jn 14:26). By knowing the Lord's unchanging truth, he becomes a rock and fortress for us, as the Psalmist sings: *Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold!* (Ps 18:2)

We cannot love what we do not know. We cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. And so, we must be true disciples and learn from the Lord. We must let him teach us and show us his way. We are called to trust him and accept his divine guidance and love. As Christians, we must be vigilant and alert, so as not to be caught off-guard (see 1 Pt 5:8). We need to stay close to the Lord and let his teachings be a lamp to our feet (see Ps 119:105).

As the Lord Jesus says to us: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn 8:31-32). While the faithful must be attentive to the fallen world around them, the *Via Fidelis* is not the way of paranoia, fear, repression or misery. It is the way of prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy! We cannot know this way unless we know Jesus Christ and accept him as our teacher, prophet and companion.

REFLECT:

1. This selection begins with an appeal to the passage from Malachi that we discussed. What does it say about how we place our trust in God?
2. In this selection, the bishop emphasizes that we cannot give what we do not have. What do you think this means and what are the implications of this for our lives?
3. In this selection, while urging us toward vigilance, the bishop also emphasizes that the "faithful way" is a way of "prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy" and not one of "paranoia, fear, repression or misery." How can we embody this in our way of life?



charlestandiocese.org/via-fidelis

April 2026

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY

April | Experiences

Ask someone of a different age or background about their experiences growing up Catholic.



charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

Feasts & Solemnities

**TREASURY OF THE CHURCH:
THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH**

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
50-53, 68-69, 76, 80-83, 97, 105-108, 135-136*

- Divine Revelation is transmitted to us through Apostolic Tradition:
 - Apostolic Tradition is the communication of Christ's message, beginning with the Apostles, who entrusted all they received from Christ and the Holy to the Church
- Apostolic Tradition is transmitted through sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition
- Together, Scripture and Tradition form the one "Deposit of Faith"
- God is the author of sacred Scripture, which is written by human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
- Both the Old and New Testaments form the canon of sacred Scripture and together communicate God's plan of salvation for the World
- The Old Testament prepares for the New Testament while the New Testament fulfils the Old Testament
- In addition to the written words of Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition is also communicated through the living transmission of faith, which we refer to as "Tradition" or "Sacred Tradition"
- Both Scripture and Tradition communicate the Word of God and are rooted the Gospel Proclamation (*kerygma*)

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.

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.

APRIL 25: ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST








Early Christian writers tell us that St. Mark, the evangelist behind the Gospel of Mark, was a companion of St. Peter, and his account of Jesus' ministry is possibly that of St. Peter. St. Mark's remains are currently thought to be in the city of Venice. The winged lion often used to represent Mark's Gospel in iconography is the symbol of the city of Venice.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Book Category Color Guide

*Take a book home to read and return when finished. **Please don't keep them forever!***

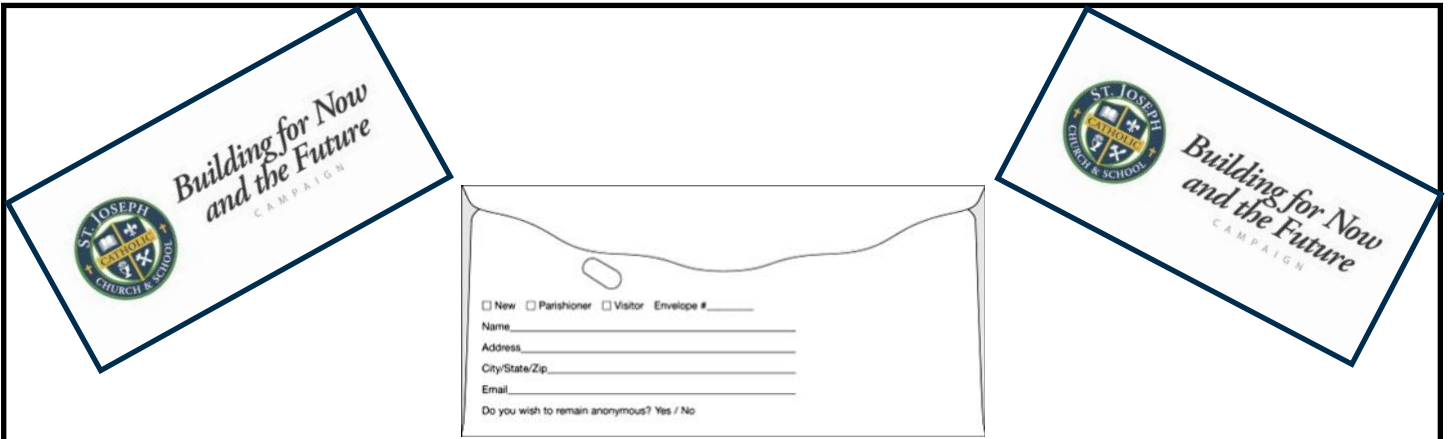
Our library uses a color-coded system to help you identify book categories.

-  *Blue – Mary*
 -  *Light Green – Popes / Saints / Holy Men & Women*
 -  *Orange – Family*
 -  *Yellow – Spirituality*
 -  *Purple – Prayer*
 -  *Red – Sacraments / Jesus / Holy Spirit / Bible*
 -  *Green – Apologetics / Catechism / Church Teachings*
-

Look for the colored label on each book spine!

“A room without books is like a body without a soul.”

– St. Thomas Aquinas



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
Knights Of Columbus #8295
706-564-7142
Epbyrd291@hotmail.com

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

FertilityCare System (CrMS)

THE CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM CAN HELP YOU:

- Monitor and maintain your gynecologic health
- Share responsibility for fertility regulation between spouses
- Uncover the root cause of many female health issues
- Safe and clinically proven alternative to hormonal birth control and IVF

**INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS
AVAILABLE - RSVP IS REQUIRED**

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.

foryourmarriage.org

- 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

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

RSV Second Catholic Edition

Old and New Testament

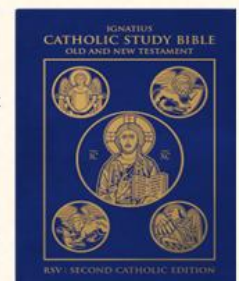
~Leather Edition ~

More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

It explains the historical, cultural, literary, and archaeological background of Scripture, while at the same time looking to the Fathers, Doctors, and Councils of the Church for insight into its theological and spiritual teachings. The result is a veritable library of Bible study resources, all under one cover, designed to help readers understand the written Word of God and apply its lessons to their lives today.

Key Features

- 7" x 10" trim size
- 2,320 pages printed on standard Bible stock
- Nearly 18,000 footnotes providing clarification from within the Catholic tradition.
- 50+ maps to help you track the geographic locations.



\$80.00 Cash/Check

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

GNC is sponsored by Knights of Columbus
Anderson Council #8295



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 |
| tlicari@charlestdiocese.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 |
| Theo Lombardi | Rev. Jonathan Duncan | Courtney Hull |
| tlombardi@charlestdiocese.org | jduncan@charlestdiocese.org | winthropnewman@yahoo.com |
| | | Wofford/USC Upstate |
| | | Michael Scheske |
| | | mscheske@charlestdiocese.org |

Diamonds-n-Gold Direct
 YOUR DIAMOND SOURCE-N-JEWELRY REPAIR CENTER
 3124 N. Main Street • Belvedere Plaza | Anderson, SC 29621
 864-225-3320
 www.diamonds-n-gold.com
 Jim & Maureen Sitzman/Owners - Parishioners



DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com



ZEBB HOME RENOVATIONS
 (864) 553-2550
 Windows • Siding • Roofs • Baths
zebbhomerenovations.com

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

#GiveToTheMissions
 GIVING TUESDAY
 December 3rd 2024
tpms.lgivecatholic.org



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com



Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO




4lpi.com/adcreator

IF YOU LIVE ALONE You Need

MDMedAlert!™ At HOME and AWAY!

As Low As **\$19⁹⁵** mo.

- ✓ Ambulance/Police
- ✓ Family/Friends
- ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

CALL NOW! 800.808.9294



md-medialert.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Scott Messner

smessner@4LPi.com
 (863) 875-1101

WE'RE HIRING!
 AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Local business ads sponsor the printing of our bulletin.

4lpi.com/adcreator

