

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



MAY 10, 2026
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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	
10 SUNDAY—Sixth Sunday of Easter	
5:00PM (Vigil) +Lisa Marie Coles rb Darrin Coles	
8:30AM +Mabel Loch rb Lay Carmelites	
11:00AM People of the Parish	
11 Monday—Easter Weekday	
No Mass	
12 Tuesday—Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr	
5:30PM +Vivian Reidmiller rb Tom & Kim Holahan	
13 Wednesday—Our Lady of Fatima	
8:30AM +Samuel Dollenmeier rb Christine Dollenmeier	
14 Thursday—St. Matthias, Apostle	
5:30PM +Len Krolak rb Krolak Family	
15 Friday—St. Isidore	
8:30AM +Mary Christine Gillespie rb Andrew & Karin Gillespie	
17 SUNDAY—The Ascension of The Lord	
5:00PM (Vigil) +Phyllis Ann Rouleau rb Jan Heithaus	
8:30AM People of the Parish	
11:00AM +E. John Pysar rb Maryanne Pysar	

Online Giving

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



Daily Mass Readings	
10 SUNDAY—Sixth Sunday of Easter	
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55)	
11 Monday—Easter Weekday	
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)	
12 Tuesday—Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr	
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)	
13 Wednesday—Our Lady of Fatima	
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)	
14 Thursday—St. Matthias, Apostle	
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564)	
15 Friday—St. Isidore	
Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)	
16 Saturday—Easter Weekday	
Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)	
17 SUNDAY—The Ascension of The Lord	
Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58)	

Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
Weekly Collection - May 3, 2026	
Received in Office	\$ 9,612.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 4,152.00
	\$ 13,764.00
Over / Under	\$ 3,264.00
Parish Charity	\$ 885.00
<i>2nd Collections-May 17, 2026 - Catholic Communication</i>	
WeShare Online Collection - March 2026	
Support Our Saints (School)	\$ 800.00
Parish Charity	\$ 682.29
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 55.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 110.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 10.00
Easter	\$ 450.00
School Scholarship	\$ 70.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 5,000.95
Thank you for your support and generosity!	\$ 7,203.24

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

May 10: 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
May 03: 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 26: 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 repose of the Soul of
Maria Rosado, 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	MAY 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Private Event, 8:30 AM–8:30 PM, Parish Hall • The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Sacrament of Matrimony, 11:30–1:30 PM • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	MAY 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Private Event, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM, , Parish Hall • Faith & Reason, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • First Communion Mass with May Crowning, 11:00 AM • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
MON	MAY 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary’s Prayer Cenacle, 9:30 AM • Boy Scouts, 6:00–8:00 PM, Parish Hall • Cursillo Meeting, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office
TUE	MAY 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary Guild, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00 –7:00 PM • Exploring Catholic Prayer , 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Office • Youth Group, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
WED	MAY 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30 –10:30 AM, Parish Office • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM–4:00 PM • Exploring Catholic Prayer, 10:15–11:30 AM, Parish Office • Church in Use, 4:10–5:50 PM & 7:00–8:30 PM • Hispanic Ministry - Santa Teresita del Niño Jesús, 4:30–5:30 PM, Parish Office • Private Meeting, 6:30–8:30 PM, Parish Office - Small Conference Room
THU	MAY 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM • Private Meeting, 6:30–8:30 PM, Parish Office - Small Conference Room
FRI	MAY 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM
SAT	MAY 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	MAY 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Hall • Faith & Reason, 9:45–10:45 AM, Parish Office • Mass, 11:00 AM • Confirmation Practice, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM, Church • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM



A GLANCE AHEAD

MAY	MAY	MAY
Sunday Bible Study	Exploring Catholic Prayer, 12 th & 13 th	Pentecost Sunday Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation, 24 th
Youth Group, Tuesdays	Rosary Guild, 12 th	
Hispanic Ministry, Wednesdays	Confirmation Practice, 17 th	
Faith & Reason, 10 th , 17 th & 24 th	Aristotle Reading Group, 20 th	
First Communion Mass with May Crowning 10 th	Men Walking with Christ, 21 th	

PASTOR'S CORNER



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each May, we celebrate the life of mothers and the strength, love and joy they bring to families. Mothers give everything to protect and care for their children, just as the mother of Jesus did. Women give life, show caring and love, and want what is best for their children, often with great sacrifice of their own comforts or desires.

Yet, there are mothers among us who lack the support to care for their children fully. Thankfully, Catholic Charities of South Carolina (CCSC) walks with these mothers. By helping women meet immediate needs and teaching life skills, CCSC ensures that moms have the tools and stability to The critical mission of Catholic Charities is to uplift mothers as they work to transform their lives and the lives of their children. This church organization helps honor all moms in our communities and is dedicated to assisting families throughout the Palmetto State through many services and outreach centers.

With this crucial resource in mind, we are taking up a second collection for this meaningful outreach on Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10. I welcome you to join me in supporting CCSC and families by donating \$25, \$100 or even \$1,000 — any amount that you can offer is a beautiful gift to South Carolina families. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Attached to this letter you will find an information sheet with details about the impact of Catholic Charities and how you can engage with its work.

In Christ's love,

Handwritten signature of Jacques Fabre-Jeune

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

Through your help, we are able to provide ...

 Emergency food to families through <i>Our Lady's Pantry</i>	 Regular <i>fresh produce</i> distributions	 Life-changing dentures through <i>Save a Smile</i>	 <i>Financial literacy programs</i> to break systemic poverty
 Showers and clean clothes with <i>Clean of Heart</i>	 Clean clothing through our <i>clothing closets</i>	 <i>Legal advice and outreach</i> to those new to our country	 Sacraments and Catechesis through <i>Prison Ministry</i>
 Help reentering society through <i>Restorative Justice</i>	 Medical aid during the <i>Guatemala Medical Mission</i>	 Encountering Jesus through our <i>Homeless Outreach</i>	 Basic needs to seafarers through <i>Port Ministry</i>

14 Praying Days until Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!

Love God & neighbor this Mother's Day!
SUPPORT THE WORKS OF MERCY!
Scan QR to donate or visit charitlessc.org/donate

MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: (July 1 Completion)
Work Has Begun!
Thank you for your cooperation.
Your patience is greatly appreciated.
Please do not cross any cones or go beyond the caution tape at any time.

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: \$2,213,721.59
Participation Rate: 38%



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Forming Catholics for Life.

The Sanctuary Youth Series | Trailer

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

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CATHOLIC MEDIA RESOURCES

Listen: Kresta in the Afternoon ~ Ave Maria Radio Catholic Radio ~ Search: MediaTrix' Fr. McTeigue, SJ ~ Search: The Catholic Current	Read: Magnificat~www.Magnificat.com Magnifikid~Search MagnifiKid	Watch: The Chosen ~ Search The Chosen EWTN for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com
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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**

*First Communion Mass
with Annual May Crowning*

Sunday, May 10, 2026
11:00 AM

***Pentecost Sunday Mass
with the Sacrament of Confirmation
of our current School and RE students***

**Celebrated by
Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune**
Sunday, May 24, 2026
3:00 PM



*** This Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.**

Exploring Catholic Prayer:

Lectio Divina

***An informal class on
growing in prayer***

When:

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm

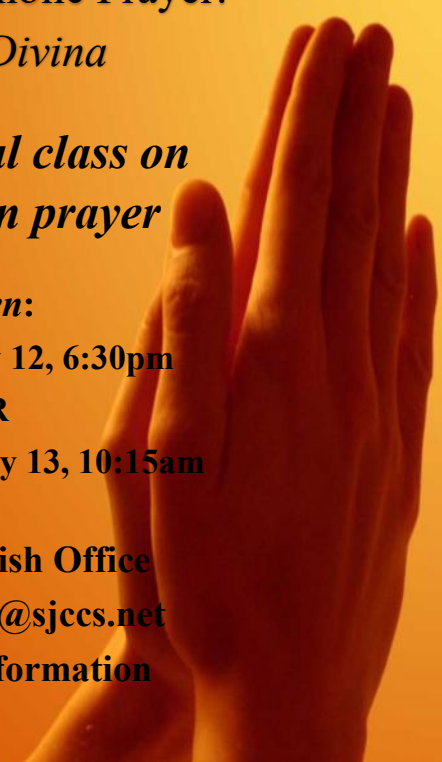
OR

Wednesday, May 13, 10:15am

Where: Parish Office

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

for more information



Religious
Education



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

PASSING
ON THE

faith



**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**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

MAY 13 | 7:15PM (EST)



RECLAIMING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
"Remote Marriage Preparation - what it is, and why it is crucial for passing on the Faith in our modern times"

How do we prepare the next generation for a lifelong, joyful marriage? It starts much earlier than the engagement. Join us for an insightful webinar focused on "remote preparation"—the foundational stage of the marriage catechumenate that begins in childhood and adolescence.



Join Daniel West of Family Honor for an insightful webinar on reclaiming the domestic church through remote marriage preparation—equipping parents and leaders to form the next generation for lifelong, joyful marriage and faith.



SPEAKER
Daniel West
 Executive Director
 Family Honor

REGISTER in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/RemotePrepMay>
 For more info, contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org



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

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Mother & Daughters Tea

Celebrating the Beauty of Growing Up
for daughters 10-12 yrs old

Enjoy brunch and tea, a Marian craft, and talks with Q&A as we explore the beauty of growing up, fertility, and the virtue of chastity with love and respect.

MAY 16, 2026
SATURDAY | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM


GUADALUPE HALL
 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 3710 AUGUSTA RD, GREENVILLE, SC




COSTS: \$20 / family and \$10 additional kid

Register in advance: <https://tinyurl.com/MotherDaughterMay>
 For more info, contact karen.kmeyer@charlestondiocese.org
"I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE." — PSALM 139:14

Join us online




One Heart, Many Voices

The Sacred Heart Catechesis & Multilingual Rosary

PREPARING OUR DOMESTIC CHURCHES FOR THE SACRED HEART ENTHRONEMENT
 English | Malayalam | Spanish | Vietnamese | Portuguese | Filipino

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
 Apr 16 | May 21 | Jun 18 | July 16
 7:30 PM EST



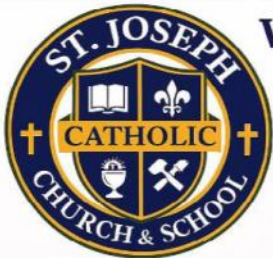
All are welcome to join via ZOOM: <https://tinyurl.com/MultiRosary2026>



Space Available



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



Spirit NIGHT



May 13th! 5-8pm



Join us for a Spirit Night at HipBurger Anderson where 10% of all credited sales go back to support us!

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



SUMMERTIME

BBQ



JUNE 6TH & 7TH

PICK UP AFTER EACH MASS IN THE NARTHEX

PICK UP ONLY - PRE ORDER TICKETS!

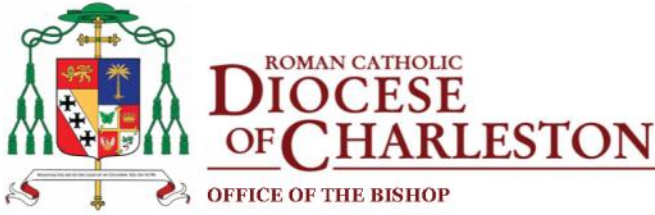
\$15 / 1 LB
BBQ PULLED PORK



TICKETS ON SALE
AFTER MASS
5/23, 5/24, 5/30, 5/31

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT
FELLOW KOC BROTHER &
LOCAL SEMINARIAN

PATRICK DUGGAN



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month, our *Via Fidelis* activity is “Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.” As Catholics, we believe that Mary has appeared to many believers over the centuries after her glorious assumption into heaven. She continues to share messages that are meant to correct, encourage and lead us, as her spiritual children, to her son Jesus Christ.

While there are myriad examples we could study together, I want to share a surprisingly little-known fact for many Catholics. We have an approved Marian apparition that took place in the United States. *WOW!*

In 1859, Belgium immigrant Adele Brice encountered Mary while in the forest near present day Champion, Wisconsin. Our Lady encouraged Adele to receive the sacraments for the reparation of sins and teach the catechism to children. Adele began to travel as far as 50 miles on a regular basis to honor Mary’s request, and soon after became an integral part of founding a convent for other faithful women in the region.

During the deadliest fire recorded in American history — the Great Peshtigo Fire, which began the same day as the Great Chicago Fire, Oct. 8, 1871 — Adele and her companions called upon Our Lady of Champion for help, raising her statue in procession and leading others in the rosary as they took refuge in the church. On Oct. 10, the fire was extinguished by a change in weather and heavy rainstorms. In fact, the convent, school, chapel and five acres of land that were dedicated to Mary all survived the fire, when very few things did.

The story of Our Lady of Champion reminds us that we can always call upon our Immaculate Mother when we are faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges or threats to our spiritual or physical safety. I encourage you to share such stories with those around you, to uplift your brothers and sisters. Please read the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 963-975) to learn more about Mary’s role in the salvific life of the Church, with the knowledge that we are loved deeply by God and the woman he chose to alter the course of history through her cooperation.

“Go and fear nothing, I will help you” (Our Lady of Champion).

In Christ’s love,

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

May 2026

VIA FIDELIS:
THE FAITHFUL WAY




UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY **May | Marian Apparition**

Learn about a particular Marian apparition, such as at Lourdes or Fatima.



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A CHURCH THAT TEACHES

*Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church
85-90, 100, 890-891, 897-900, 940, 1262-1274, 1279-1280*

- Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, the work of the Apostles is carried on with the Bishops as their successors
- The authentic interpretation of the the Deposit of Faith takes place through the Magisterium, or teaching office of the Church
- Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this living teaching office is exercised by the Pope, who is the successor of St. Peter and Bishop of Rome, and the bishops in communion with him
- This office can be exercised infallibly (or without error) in doctrinal proclamations (regarding faith or morals) by the Pope or by the entire College of Bishops with the Pope (especially in an ecumenical council)
- It can also be exercised infallibly by the Pope and Bishops in their "ordinary Magisterium" when there is agreement on the definitiveness of a doctrine
- Supported by the Magisterium, all members of the Church, albeit in different ways, are called to share the faith with others and "make disciples of all nations" (see Mt 28:19)
- Through faith in Christ and Baptism one becomes a member of the Church, the People of God
- By virtue of their Baptism, all the faithful are given a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ
- The laity live this in away fitting the "secular" (or 'everyday') nature of their way of life
- The laity, therefore, have a particular calling to both holiness and the apostolate, being sent out to bring Christ to the world and everyday life



Feasts & Solemnities

MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP

St. Athanasius is known as the great defender of Jesus' true divinity during a period of heated division within the Church. As bishop of Alexandria in Egypt, St. Athanasius came into conflict with other influential Church leaders and several emperors. His staunch defense of the teachings of the Council of Nicaea led to his exile from Alexandria on five separate occasions.

MAY 14: ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (who had betrayed Christ). Chosing him is one of the first things the Apostles do after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:15-26). This is the first example of a successor to one of the Apostles. Today, our bishops stand as successors of the Apostles, and the Holy Father is the successor to their leader, St. Peter.

MAY 17: ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated 40 days after Easter (see Acts 1:3) and traditionally falls on a Thursday (since Easter is on a Sunday). In most of the United States, the celebration is transferred to the following Sunday. By ascending with his resurrected body, Jesus gives us hope of one day sharing in heavenly communion with the Father.

MAY 24: PENTECOST

Pentecost literally means "fifty" and takes place 50 days after Easter. In the Acts of the Apostles, the first Christian Pentecost coincides with the Jewish feast of Pentecost (*Shavout*, meaning "weeks" in Hebrew), at which the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai is commemorated. The descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost shows the enduring presence of God with his Church as the one who gives her life and inspires her action. In the sacrament of confirmation, we share in a special way in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help us carry out the mission of the Church: to spread and defend the faith as witnesses.

MAY 25: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Mary has many titles, and there are different days these are commemorated. She is the Mother of God by conceiving and giving birth to Jesus, and she is our mother, too, because we are united to Christ in baptism. Mary is a model of true discipleship for the Church. As "Mother of the Church," she exemplifies the motherhood that the Church exercises. Just as Mary enables Christ to be present in the world through the Incarnation, so too the Church's mission, as the body of Christ, is to enable Christ's continued presence in the world.

May 31: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The doctrine of the Trinity tells us who God is. There is one God in three distinct persons. These three persons are in real relation to each other. Yet, they each fully possess the one divine nature. This is why we invoke the one divine "name" when making the sign of the cross (i.e. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit").



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

MAY 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: John 8:31-59

REFLECT:

1. What is the image of discipleship that Jesus gives in this passage? How can we attain to that image in practice?
2. Jesus speaks here of slavery to sin and contrasts it with the freedom of the life of the disciple, where one finds truth. In what ways are we affected by slavery to sin? In ways do we find freedom in Christ?
3. Why do think Jesus is so harshly criticized by those he is speaking to in this passage? How does this passage reveal who Jesus is and how he changes our relationship with God and with the world?

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

The Catholic Church is the Body of Christ and the oldest institution in the world. For over 2,000 years, she has continued to be taught by the Lord Jesus and guided by his Holy Spirit. Faithful to the task given to her, she proclaims her teachings at all times and in every place. The teachings of the Church are enlightened by sacred Scripture. They are founded upon sacred Tradition, especially the Church fathers, the living priesthood and the constant witness of the baptized through the ages.

The remedy to the disbelief of our age, therefore, is the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. It will be the hope and joy that exude from the witnesses of the Lord Jesus that will most challenge and collapse the disbelief and false belief of our times.

For this reason, I call on all the baptized to fan into flame the grace you have received from God, pursue a path of Christian formation, know our faith, live it without compromise and be one of the disciples whose life of grace will heal the secularism of our age and bring God back into the hearts of all men and women.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection, the bishop discusses the “Deposit of Faith,” sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition. What are some concrete ways that we can become deeper immersed in scripture and tradition in this year devoted to a deeper understanding of the faith?
2. What does “the life of a strong, well-formed, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ” look like in practice? How can we strive towards developing that life?
3. What are ways that we can “bring God back into the hearts” of those we encounter?



charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



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.



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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.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY

Book Category Color Guide

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

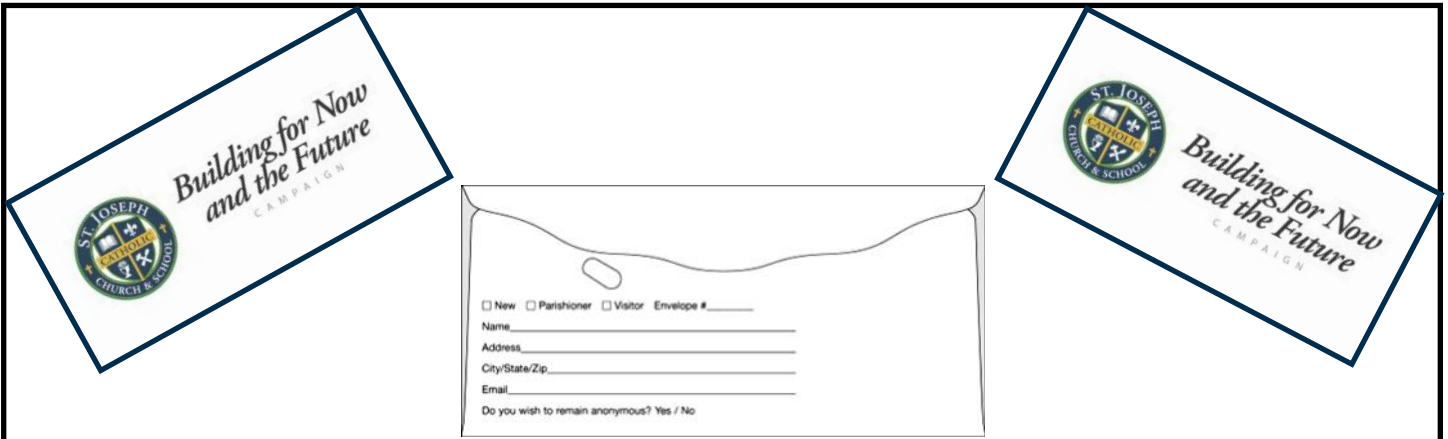
Our library uses a color-coded system to help you identify book categories.

-  *Blue – Mary*
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 -  *Yellow – Spirituality*
 -  *Purple – Prayer*
 -  *Red – Sacraments / Jesus / Holy Spirit / Bible*
 -  *Green – Apologetics / Catechism / Church Teachings*
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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
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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.

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

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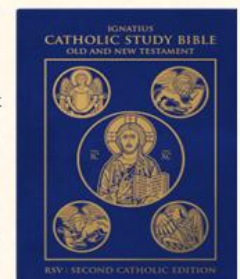
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Altar Guild
Assistance Requested


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
tlicari@charlestdiocese.org	cofcssa@gmail.com	gbriguenta@presby.edu
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