

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



AUGUST 02 2026

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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Online Giving

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



Church Weekly Budget Income	\$ 10,500.00
<u>Weekly Collection - July 26, 2026</u>	
Received in Office	\$ 9,844.00
WeShare Online Giving	\$ 2,642.00
	<u>\$ 12,486.00</u>
 Over / Under	 \$ 1,986.00
 Second Collection Building Fund	 \$ 706.00
 <i>2nd Collection - Aug 2 - School Scholarship</i>	
<u>WeShare Online Collection - June 2026</u>	
Support Our Scholars & Saints (School)	\$ 330.00
Parish Charity	\$ 560.00
Building Fund	\$ 140.00
Organ Fund	\$ 25.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 40.00
Seminary	\$ 130.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 2,203.84
Thank you for your support and generosity!	<u>\$ 3,428.84</u>

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

Mass Intentions

- 02 SUNDAY—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00PM (Vigil) +Charlene Vickery Wewers rb Fritz Wewers
8:30AM +Jack Deloplane rb Kathy Deloplane
11:00AM People of the Parish
- 03 Monday—Weekday**
No Mass
- 04 Tuesday—St. John Vianney, Priest**
5:30PM Fr. Gillespie rb Anonymus
- 05 Wednesday—The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
8:30AM +William Hubert Elias rb Fr. Gillespie
- 06 Thursday—The Transfiguration of the Lord**
5:30PM +Ulainee Lythgoe rb Rich & Shirley Hamel
- 07 Friday—St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St Cajetan, Priest**
8:30AM Dewayne Stewart Family rb Erika Sharp
- 09 SUNDAY—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00PM +Ann Kohlmaier rb Kathie Kohlmaier
8:30AM People of the Parish
11:00AM +E. John Pysar rb Maryanne Pysar

Daily Mass Readings

- 02 SUNDAY—Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 (112)
- 03 Monday—Weekday**
 Jer 28:1-17 (407)/Mt 14:22-36 (408)
- 04 Tuesday—St. John Vianney, Priest**
 Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)
- 05 Wednesday—The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**
 Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 (409)
- 06 Thursday—The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 (614)
- 07 Friday—St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St Cajetan, Priest**
 Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 (411)
- 08 Saturday—St. Dominic, Priest**
 Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (412)
- 09 SUNDAY—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (115)

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

Aug 02: Connie Bennett, Lynn Herold, Leif Hope, Jeanne Dutton, Juliana Rose, Frann Melanaski, Rosemary Gregory, Alexa Rose Surer, Lynn Innes, Beverly Rodriguez, Jim Bayne, Nick Sbrocchi, Michael Brady, Nick Garziane

July 26: Laura Nunn, Diane Krolak, Barbara Kaliski, Ewa Pedzimaz, Jacob Surer, Carolyn Schilling, Steve Hughes, Ashley Addison, Dave Gomey, Rose Sbrocchi, Bridgett Hutchinson, Scott Cooley, Denise Wallace, Ciara Kline, Terry Alexander, Don Black

July 19: Brenda Lankford, Kimberly Williams, Doug Alexander, Kenneth Yuravich, George Chastain, Alisha Rumbos, Mary Beth McCarty, Ronald Bendig, Kathleen Turner, Debbie Lollis, Jack Kelli Chastain, Scott, Filbert Vigil, Marsha Cox, Kathy Silvers, Darrin Coles, Nancy Zielke, Bo Hendry, Frank DeMario, John Surer, Jane Sherman, Sherion Black, Tommy Wallace

Additions or Deletions? Please email prayers@sjccs.net

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SAT	AUG 01	• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • First Saturday Mass, 9:30 AM • Lay Carmelite Monthly Meeting, 10:30 AM–2:00 PM, Parish Office • Private Event, 2:00–4:00 PM, Parish Hall • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM- Fr. Marek Sotek • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	AUG 02	• Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Office • Mass, 11:00 AM • First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:30 PM–3:00 PM • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM
MON	AUG 03	• Church in Use, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM • Women's Cursillo, 6:00–7:00 PM, Parish Office • Boy Scouts, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Hall
TUE	AUG 04	• Mary's Prayer Cenacle 9:30 AM–12:00 PM, Parish Office Small Conference Room • Teacher Meeting, 8:30–3:30 PM, Parish Hall • Church in Use, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM • Hilltoppers, 11:30 AM–2:00 PM • Mass, 5:30 PM • Knights of Columbus Meeting, 5:45 PM–8:45 PM, Parish Hall • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM - Fr. Marek Sotek • Liturgy of the Hours, 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Office
WED	AUG 05	• Teacher Meeting, 8:30–3:30 PM, Parish Hall • Mass, 8:30 AM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM - Fr. Marek Sotek • Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 AM –4:00 PM • CWS - Mercy Center Lunches, 9:30–10:30 AM, Parish Office • Liturgy of the Hours, 10:15–11:45 AM, Parish Office • Carmelite Council Meeting, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM, Parish Office
THU	AUG 06	• Teacher Meeting, 8:30–3:30 PM, Parish Hall • Catholic Book Group, 3:00–4:30 PM & 6:30–8:00 PM, Parish Office • Mass, 5:30 PM • Confessions, 6:00–7:00 PM - Fr. Marek Sotek
FRI	AUG 07	• First Step Starts 8:00AM–3:00PM • Mass, 8:30 AM • First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM • Confessions, 9:15–10:15 AM - Fr. Marek Sotek
SAT	AUG 08	• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM, Anderson Jockey Lot • Confessions, 3:15–4:45 PM- Fr. Marek Sotek • Mass, 5:00 PM
SUN	AUG 09	• Mass, 8:30 AM • Sunday Bible Study, 9:45–11:00 AM, Parish Office • Mass, 11:00 AM • School Ice Cream Social, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM, Parish Hall • Divine Mercy Chaplet / Penitential Prayers 3:00 PM



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
August 15 - 9:30 AM

A GLANCE AHEAD

AUGUST	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Hilltoppers, 4 th	First Day of School 12 th	Sunday Bible Study
Exploring Catholic Prayer, 4 th , 5 th , 11 th & 12 th	Aristotle Reading Group 12 th & 26 th	Hispanic Ministry, Wednesdays
Catholic Book Group, 6 th	Men Walking with Christ, 20 th	Women's/Men's Cursillo Group, Mondays
School Ice Cream Social 9 th	CWS, Rosary & Meeting, 22 th	Hilltoppers, 1 st

PASTOR'S CORNER

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHAPTER ONE - I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER
Article 1
"I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"
Paragraph 2. The Father**I. "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"**

232 Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."⁵³ Before receiving the sacrament, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son, and the Spirit: "I do." "The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity."⁵⁴

233 Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names,⁵⁵ for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

234 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith."⁵⁶ The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."⁵⁷

235 This paragraph expounds briefly (I) how the mystery of the Blessed Trinity was revealed, (II) how the Church has articulated the doctrine of the faith regarding this mystery, and (III) how, by the divine missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit, God the Father fulfills the "plan of his loving goodness" of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

236 The Fathers of the Church distinguish between theology (theologia) and economy (oikonomia). "Theology" refers to the mystery of God's inmost life within the Blessed Trinity and "economy" to all the works by which God reveals himself and communicates his life. Through the oikonomia the theologia is revealed to us; but conversely, the theologia illuminates the whole oikonomia. God's works reveal who he is in himself; the mystery of his inmost being enlightens our understanding of all his works.

So it is, analogously, among human persons. A person discloses himself in his actions, and the better we know a person, the better we understand his actions.

237 The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the

"mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God."⁵⁸ To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

II. The Revelation of God as Trinity
The Father revealed by the Son

238 Many religions invoke God as "Father." The deity is often considered the "father of gods and of men." In Israel, God is called "Father" inasmuch as he is Creator of the world.⁵⁹ Even more, God is Father because of the covenant and the gift of the law to Israel, "his first-born son."⁶⁰ God is also called the Father of the king of Israel. Most especially he is "the Father of the poor," of the orphaned and the widowed, who are under his loving protection.⁶¹

239 By calling God "Father," the language of faith indicates two main things: that God is the first origin of everything and transcendent authority; and that he is at the same time goodness and loving care for all his children. God's parental tenderness can also be expressed by the image of motherhood,⁶² which emphasizes God's immanence, the intimacy between Creator and creature. The language of faith thus draws on the human experience of parents, who are in a way the first representatives of God for man. But this experience also tells us that human parents are fallible and can disfigure the face of fatherhood and motherhood. We ought therefore to recall that God transcends the human distinction between the sexes. He is neither man nor woman: he is God. He also transcends human fatherhood and motherhood, although he is their origin and standard:⁶³ no one is father as God is Father.

240 Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."⁶⁴

241 For this reason the apostles confess Jesus to be the Word:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God"; as "the image of the invisible God"; as the "radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature."⁶⁵



295 Praying Days
Until Pentecost!
Come Holy Spirit!

MASTER PLAN NEWS

School Expansion (Phase 1) Update: (August 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.



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UPDATE
Building
for Now
and the
Future

GOAL \$3Million
Total Giving: \$2,220,022
Participation Rate: 43%



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The Chosen ~ Search **The Chosen** EWTN
 for Mass, Movies, Programs @ EWTN.com



Congratulations, Vien Nguyen! Our 2025 summer seminarian

On July 26, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS celebrated a Candidacy Mass to formally recognize seminarian Vien Nguyen as he declared his intention to pursue holy orders.

This important milestone marks another step forward on his journey toward priesthood.

Please keep Vien and all seminarians in your prayers.

Hilltoppers Monthly Social

Are you over 50?

Please Join us for the FUN!

Location: PARISH OFFICE

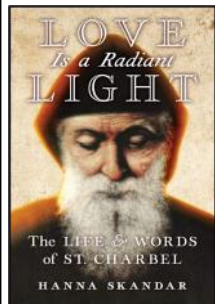
Tuesday, August 4, 11:30AM

Menu: Smoked Meatloaf

Speaker: Haymée Giuliani who will give a school update

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

Catholic Book Discussion Group Come join us!



**Love Is a Radiant Light
The Life & Words
of St. Charbel**

By Hanna Skandar

**Thursday, August 6
3pm or 6:30 pm**

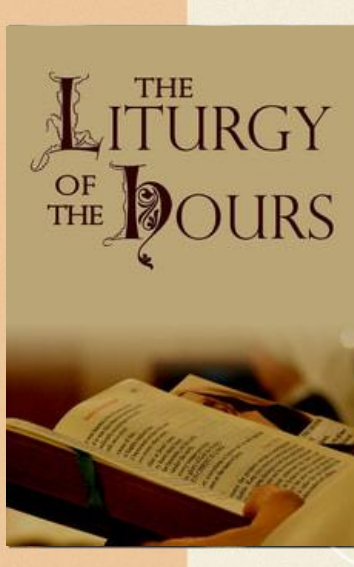
**In the Parish Office
Conference Room**

St. Charbel Makhlof (1828–1898) was a Maronite monk and priest from Lebanon whose reputation for holiness spread widely during his life, and whose heavenly intercession has worked countless miracles after his death. Although not well-known in the West, St. Charbel's homilies and proverbs are reminiscent of the sayings of the Desert Fathers: simple, homespun, and direct, yet shining and profound. Come learn more about this lesser known saint!

Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information.

***Book for September:
Remain in Me and I in You
by Fr. Wayne Sattler***

EXPLORING CATHOLIC PRAYER



**Liturgy of the
Hours**

*~An informal class on
growing in prayer~*

**Tuesdays,
August 4 & 11
6:30 PM**

OR

**Wednesdays,
August 5 & 12
10:15 AM**

Parish Office

Contact

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net
for more information

HAVE YOU FELT DRAWN TO A DEEPER LIFE OF CATHOLIC PRAYER AND SPIRITUALLY?

**Join us for an informational meeting to
learn about our Lay Carmelite community**

Date: Tuesday, August 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Parish Office
1303 McLees Rd,
Anderson, SC 29621



For more information, please contact:

Jan Heithaus 770-827-7929
Ann Cancellio 864-634-0094

Or email us at mqcarmelites@gmail.com

SJCCS YOUTH MINISTRY Kickoff

SAVE THE DATE!

6th-12th Graders

Join us for the
SJCCS Youth Ministry Kickoff

Wednesday, September 9th 6:00pm

Contact beth.diedrick@sjccs.net
for more information

YOUTH MINISTRY

**College aged and adult volunteers
are needed for the 2026–2027
school year!**

If you are interested in serving our youth and would
like to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Contact beth.diedrick@sjccs.net
for more information

2026 CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA PARISH PROGRESS



**Thank you to everyone who has already
made a gift to the 2026 Catholic Appeal.**

If you have not yet participated,
we invite you to prayerfully consider
making a gift of any size in 2026 to help
our parish reach its goal.

This month we highlight the Catholic
Appeal's support for the **Retired & Infirm
Priests Fund**, which ensures that the priests
who have faithfully served throughout our
diocese are cared for with dignity and
gratitude in their retirement.

St. Joseph Anderson Goal	\$ 41,797
Total, Collected as of 7/14/26	\$33,948
Percent of Goal:	81%
Number of Donors:	78/465 (16%)

To donate online, please visit
www.charlestdiocese.org/donate



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Interested in learning about
the Catholic faith or joining the Catholic Church?

Already Catholic?

Do you need First Communion or
Confirmation?

Would you like to learn more about your faith?
Invite a friend!

Registration

Now Open!

Registration forms are available
in the Narthex and Parish Office

For more information, contact

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2026 - 2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR

Registration Now Open!

K4 through Confirmation

Registration forms available
in the Narthex
and Parish Office

For more information:

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religiouseducation@sjccs.net

FALL CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Handmade Crafts - Unique Gifts - Home Décor -
Seasonal Items - Baked Goods & More!

1200 Cornelia Rd. Anderson, SC

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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.charlestandiocese.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@charlestandiocese.org

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

For confidential email: VAC@charlestandiocese.org



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

AUGUST 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

REFLECT:

1. In this passage, Paul urges Timothy to persevere in the faith, even amid difficulty and persecution. What can help us persevere in difficult times in our lives?
2. Paul asks Timothy to hold on to what he has been taught, especially in difficulty. How has the faith that you have been taught proven to be beneficial to you at various times in your life?
3. In this passage that would become part of Christian Scripture itself, Paul highlights the divine inspiration of Scripture and how it can be useful for the Christian life. Where do you encounter and engage in Scripture in your own life?

READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Catechetics in the Parish (pg. 28)

In our intellectual tradition, St. Jerome was a translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate. He did this because the majority of believers spoke Latin, and the Church wanted the faithful to hear and understand the Word of God. In his work, the saint-scholar said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

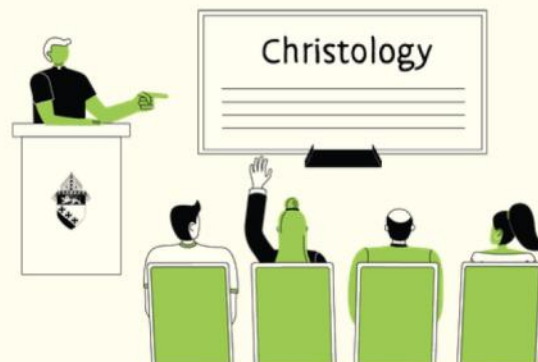
We cannot know who Jesus Christ is, or follow his way, or discern his will if we are not well-versed in the Scriptures that contain the prophecies and promises of his arrival, the sacred institutions that paved his way, the account of his life and teachings and the proclamation of his Paschal mystery by which we are saved. We can have no confidence in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus without the inspired Word of God. As followers of the Lord, we need to read, study and pray over the sacred Scriptures.

It is a sad observation that we Catholic Christians have a stigma of not reading the Bible outside of the context of the Mass. Our Protestant neighbors have many of the Lord's words, and the words of St. Paul about him, memorized by heart. We can learn from their example.

Our lack of exposure to the Bible can be effectively diminished by attending daily Mass, which is always highly recommended by the Church. For most people, however, daily Mass is not possible because of work and family commitments. For many believers, the best time to study the Bible is at home or in their parish.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection we encounter St. Jerome's famous axiom: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." What do you think this means?
2. What are some concrete ways to engage with Scripture on a regular basis?
3. If you regularly read the Bible, what difference has this made in your life? If you have not had much experience with Scripture, what difference do you think it could make?



 **ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON**

AUG 10 | 7:15PM (EST)

The Marriage Catechumenate Webinar Series presents:



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Gottman Leaders



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For more info, contact jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org



Immaculate Heart of Mary

One Heart, Many Voices

Catechesis on the Immaculate Heart & Multilingual Rosary

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
August 20 | 7:30 PM EST



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

SEPT. 26 | 9-3

Spend a fun, relaxing day away with your spouse

A Better Marriage
RETREAT

A DAY LONG RETREAT WITH WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, TALKS, AND LUNCH
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Register Here: tinyurl.com/BetterMarriageSept26
For more info: familylife@charlestondiocese.org



INFORMATIVE CLASS

Marriage Nullity

YES, IT IS POSSIBLE!

The Diocesan Tribunal Office presents

Sacrament of Matrimony
General steps to obtain a Declaration of Nullity
Why to start the process?
Questions & Answers

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE
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<https://tinyurl.com/MarriageNullitySimpsonville>
Maria Romero 305.979.1573

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RETRouvaille MARRIAGE HELP

Offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/ crises. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program in Charlotte area on Oct 2nd-4th, 2026 for couples. Email: bill-lyn@helpourmarriage.org or Call: 7273436701 Website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Capital Campaign

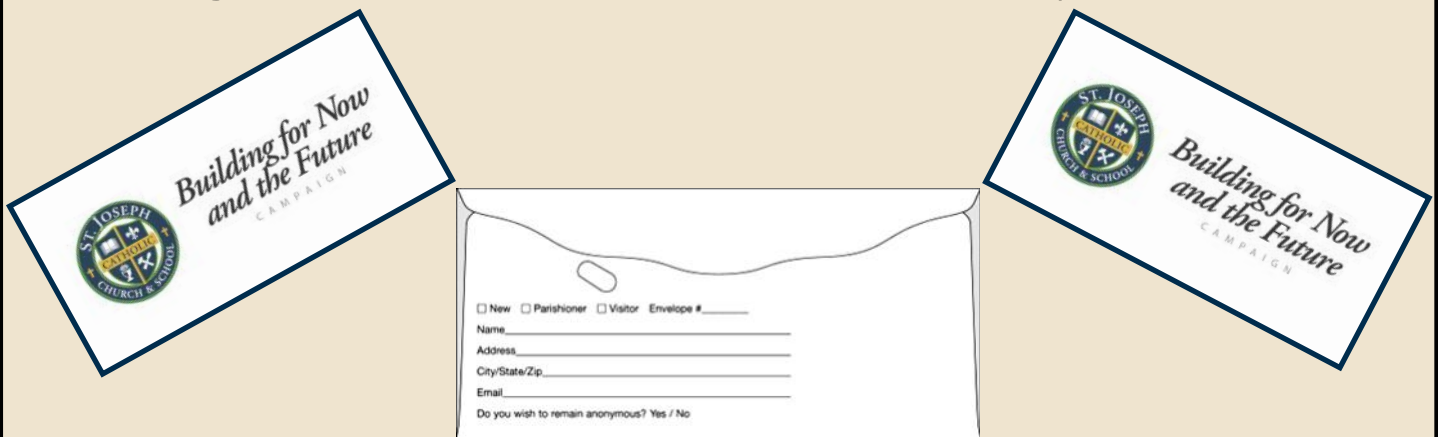
Made a pledge?

Please use envelopes in the pews or available at Parish Office to make your payment.



Haven't pledged yet?

Pledge forms available in the Narthex for your use.



Please fill out the back of the envelope for proper credit.

Capital Campaign Payments

- 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.



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: charlestdiocese.org/diaconate. Email Deacon Brian Justice, Director of Formation: bjustice@charlestdiocese.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*
 -  *Light Green – Popes / Saints / Holy Men & Women*
 -  *Orange – Family*
 -  *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*

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

Epbayrd291@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.

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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FertilityCare System (CrMS)

THE CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM CAN HELP YOU:

- Monitor and maintain your gynecologic health
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**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

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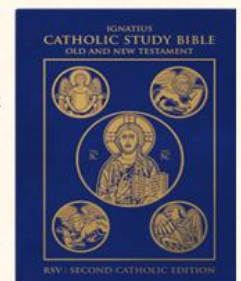
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More than any other study edition of the Bible on the market, the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible draws insights from the best of modern scholarship as well as the best of the Catholic tradition of interpretation through the ages.

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.

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- 7" x 10" trim size
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- Nearly 18,000 footnotes providing clarification from within the Catholic tradition.
- 50+ maps to help you track the geographic locations.



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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. Familiarize yourself with the locations of these AEDs and how to use them. Your safety is our priority!

Training:

CPR/AED training out of date? Never been trained? Interested? Please call the office and have your name added to a list. When we have a full class we will arrange for training.



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
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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
Tony Licari
tllicari@charlestandiocese.org

College of Charleston/Charleston Southern
Tom Gregory
cofccsa@gmail.com

Presbyterian
Giovani Brigunte
gbrigunte@presby.edu

Clemson
Stephanie Manasa
stephanie@saclemson.org

Francis Marion
Dr. Christine Masters-Wheeler
cmasters@fmarion.edu

USC
Kelly Guilbeau
kelly@stthomasmoreusc.org

Coastal Carolina
Theo Lombardi
tlombardi@charlestandiocese.org

Furman
Rev. Jonathan Duncan
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Winthrop
Courtney Hull
winthropnewman@yahoo.com

Wofford/USC Upstate
Michael Scheske
mscheske@charlestandiocese.org

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