



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

31ER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: "No estás lejos del Reino de Dios". - Mc 12, 34

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Mission Statement

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province, New York. The intention then and today, was and is to, in the spirit of Jesus Christ and St. Francis, minister in and with the African American Catholic community and to reach out to the African Americans of Anderson County. Furthermore, all who come to St. Mary's from whatever background and ethnicity with a desire for Christian family will be regarded as brothers and sisters to us. We also see ourselves as called to live in Gospel relationship to the alienated and the poor of this community.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of November 2024

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9 A.M. (En) 12:30 P.M. (Esp)
Tuesday - Friday: 8 A.M. (English)
Wednesday & Friday: 7 P.M. (Esp)
Saturday: 4 P.M. (En)
Confessions: 1/2 hour before each Mass.
Holy Hour: Thursday 7pm-9pm

Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- Canned chicken noodle soup
- Hearty soups
- Vienna sausage

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice

Mondays 6:15pm - 7:00pm

MusicallyHeather@gmail.com

Would you like to be an altar server?

Being an Altar Server, means serving God and God's people at Mass. This liturgical ministry is open to those to who have made their First Holy Communion.

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. There is no age limit

Homebound Ministry - Volunteers Needed

Provides a social connection to individuals who would benefit from a visit from a fellow parishioner.

This ministry, through volunteer effort, visits residences, nursing facilities and other home situations of parish members. Reasons for visits range from providing spiritual support to a friendly visit to someone who just wants to make a new friend.

The goal is to offer parishioners an encounter with other parishioners to experience God's goodness through the kindness of others. Any questions please contact:

officesma@charlestdiocese.org

RCIA

10:30-11:45 am

Weekly Collections

Oct 26 - 27, 2024

Operating: \$4908.00

B&G: \$20.00

Food Pantry: \$110.00

Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through donations of funds and time.

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

Women's Council

3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Women Council is a ministry of service to the parish and community. All women in the church are welcome.

Men's Club

1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday from 10:00-11:00 am, beginning October 3 and continuing until November 21.

Bible Study exploring the Epistle of James begins October 3
Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity. (James 3:17 - RSV2CE)

Join us as we read and discuss the practical wisdom and spiritual insights of the Epistle of James with our new 8-week Bible study. Sessions will take place Together, we'll explore how to live out our faith through action, navigate life's challenges with what James calls "wisdom from above," and grow closer to God in our daily lives. All are welcome! Contact Charlie Combarel at charlie ofs@gmail.com to join the email list and receive each week's readings and discussion questions.

Minster Schedules

NOVEMBER

3 Beben

10 Brockelbank

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength." (Dt 6:5)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

But Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away. (Heb 7:24)

Gospel:

"The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than [this]." (Mk 12:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love
God with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind and all our strength.
Live that love loudly. Hold nothing
back. Give God all you have.

Observances for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Daylight Saving Time Ends;
National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday: Election Day

Friday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic who was paralyzed as a young adult and survived for thirty years on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. She is the foundress of the Foyers of Charity.

Prayer for Vocations

For our married couples,
strengthen their covenant.
For our religious sisters,
surround them with Your love.
For our priests, support them as
they guide.
For our parents, sustain them in
Your grace.
For our religious brothers, draw
them nearer to You.
For our consecrated singles, be
everything they need.
For those discerning, be with
them as they journey.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging — honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of me, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday:

Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c,
31-32/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

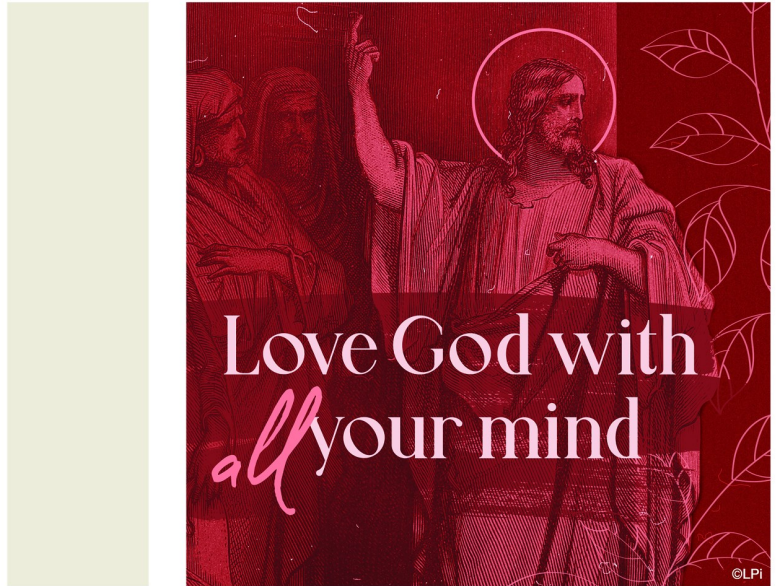
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1
Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— *Father John Muir*

Jesus replied, “The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

- Mk 12:29-30

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

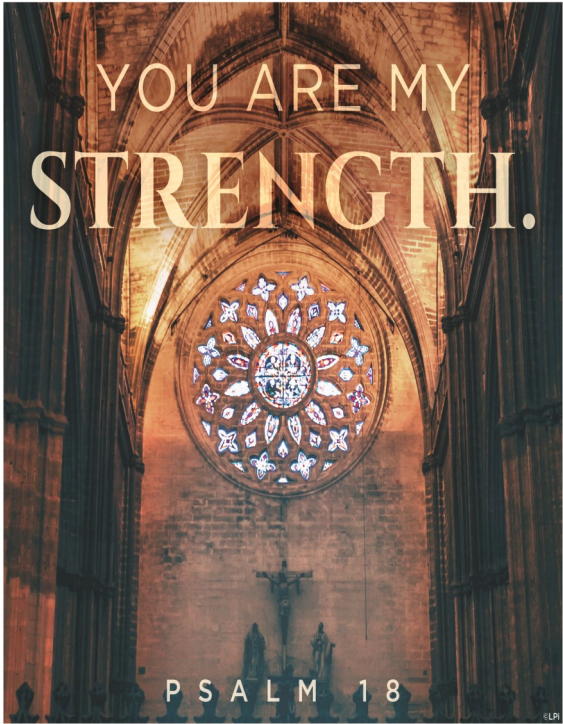
Moses taught the Israelites the importance of passing on the faith and keeping the Jewish prayer, the great *Shema* (“Hear, O Israel...”). What are some faith traditions your family practices?

Second Reading:

In Hebrews we hear that Jesus is the eternal and perfect high priest who intercedes for us before God. Do you have a friend or co-worker who needs you to pray for them this week?

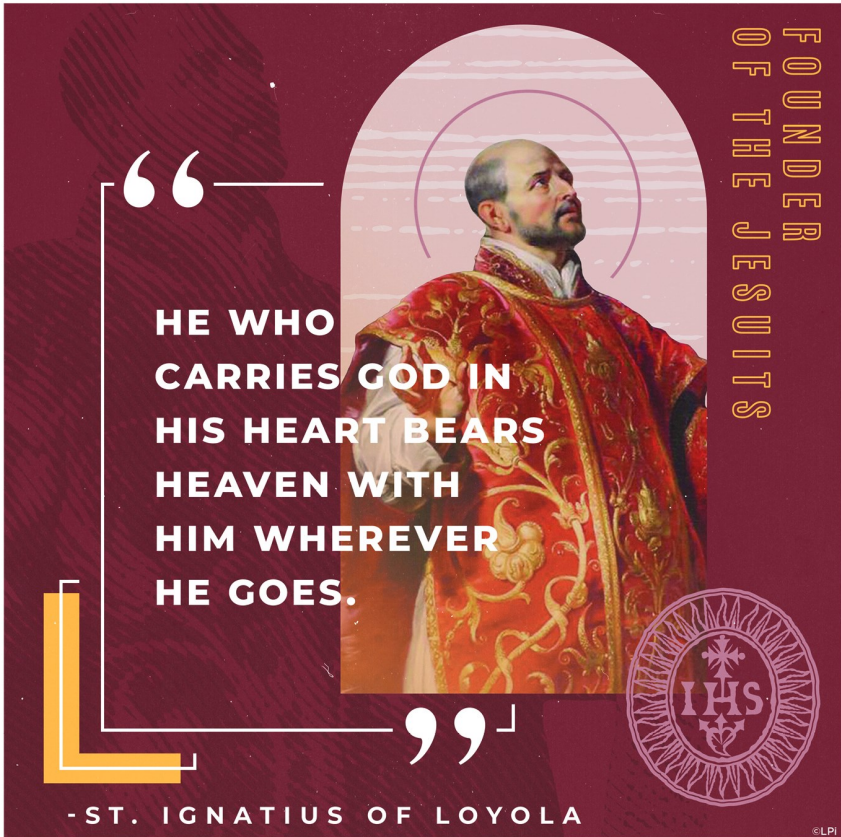
Gospel:

Jesus and the scribe find common ground on agreeing that the two greatest commandments are to love God and our neighbor. Do you value making peace with people you disagree with?



The scribe said to him, “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’” And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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What's Going on at SMA


ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Stained Glass Classes

Get to know her story, why she came to be Empress of the Americas; then learn how to draw her image; finally, to make a stained glass image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Hosted by: Kitty McDonough
Saturdays 2:30pm
First Day of Class: September 21
For more information:
mifinet@charlestondiocese.org



Socks for Saints

The Mother Cabrini Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Anderson will sponsor a project to help the less fortunate in our Anderson area.

The project, called Socks for Saints, will run through December 15. Members of the fraternity will collect donations of new socks, scarves, gloves, stocking caps, and rain ponchos. The donations will be distributed at the soup kitchen, Clean Start, and St Mary of the Angels food pantry.

Boxes for collections will be placed in the St Mary of the Angels vestibule.

Your participation in this project will be greatly appreciated!

Martha Comberrel OFS, project coordinator.



All Saints Day remembers those in heaven who aren't officially recognized as well, like your family members who died in a state of grace.



YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

Prayer

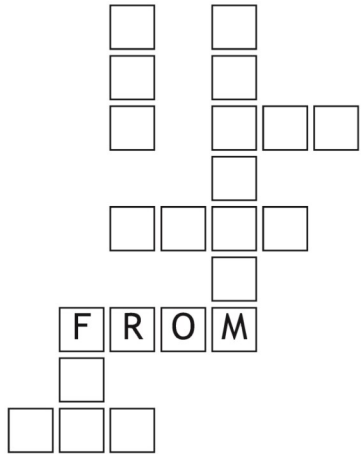
Dear God, help us to love you and love others the way you want us to.

Mission for the Week

Pretend you are a scribe. Copy Mark 12:32-33 in your own handwriting. Hang it up in a place where you will read it every day.

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not far from God's kingdom



Sandwich making 2024

The dates are November 2, 23, & 30.
From 9 - 12 am.
Sign up sheets on the Narthex. One for people to sign up to help and one to sign up to bring stuff.

Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading was a scribe. It was his job to write out copies of God's word. Many of the scribes did not care for Jesus, but this one man really understood the heart of God's law-love. To love God and to love others is more important than anything else.



Taco Sale

November: 3
Cards are now accepted

Now color the picture! →

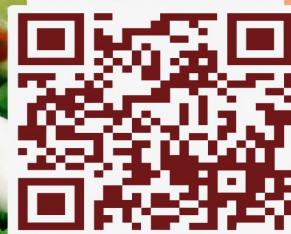


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ALL Souls



Please Remember

- Nancy Charles
- Jack Slattery
- Phil & Ann Ciufo
- Ramony Dolores Sifuentes
- Clemente y Natividad Sifuentes
- Julia Sifuentes
- Ramon A. Sifuentes
- Frances Tittle
- Domenica Peretti
- Doyle Willis
- Mary Shipman
- Ed + Pauline Rahilly
- Thomas Bertel Rahilly
- Larry Watklevicz
- Walter Bogus
- Norma Bogus
- Robert Bogus
- Mary Roznowski
- David Roznowski
- Bill Mencil

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD

OUR GOD IS
LORD ALONE.

— MARK 12:29 —



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