

# 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:  
mfnnet@charlestandioocese.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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
SAINT MARY OF THE ANGELS  
**CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
ON DECEMBER 15TH  
2:00-5:00 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

We would be delighted to have you join us for a special Christmas dinner filled with joy, laughter, and delicious food.

Sign up sheet in lobby, please write your name, number of people joining, and a favorite dessert or side dish you would like to bring




PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT BY WEDNESDAYS 12 NOON . THEY WOULD BE POSTED IN THAT SUNDAYS BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

### Kids Corner

Help this child find the path to God.

**Prayer**  
Dear God, when I am afraid, help me to be brave and trust in you. I know heaven will be wonderful.

**Mission for the Week**  
Write down one thing that scares you. Tell God about it, and ask him to help you To be brave.

**Sharing the Gospel**  
One day Jesus will come back to take us home to live with him in heaven. So when scary things happen around us, we do not need to be afraid. We can stand up tall, because we know heaven will be so much better than this world.

Now color the picture! →





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ©LPI



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

**1ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**  
"Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad". - Lc 21, 27

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Mass (2001, 1998, 1970 CCD). Leccionario II © 1987 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. ©LPI

**Father Jairo Calderón**

jcalderon@charlestandioocese.org

**Deacon:** Juan Borges

**Religious Director/Parish Secretary:**

Alexandra Pérez

aperez@charlestandioocese.org

**Safe Environment:** Pat Binninger

pbinninger@charlestandioocese.org

**Pro life Director:** Petra Massey

nothingcouldbefiner@charter.net

**Technology Director:** Israel Ruiz Vega

**Church Office:**

864-226-8621/ 864-791-3517

**Email:** officesma@charlestandioocese.org

**Website:** sma43.net

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.

1821 White St, Anderson, SC 29624

### 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 December 2024

## For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### 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 \*\*No longer need egg cartons\*\*
- Hearty soups
- Vienna sausage
- Jelly in plastic container

### THANK YOU

\*\*\*\*\*

### Parish Chorus Practice

Starting December 5th: Thursdays at 6:00 pm

HeatherJCHiley@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@charlestandioocese.org

\*\*\*\*\*

### RCIA/OCIA

SUNDAYS 10:30-11:45 AM

### Weekly Collections

Nov 23-24

Operating: \$5,420.00

B&G: \$ 10,060.00

Food Pantry: \$ 2,050.00

\*\*\*\*\*

### 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.

\*\*\*\*\*

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"In those days, in that time,  
I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in the land." (Jer 33:15)

### Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.  
(1 Thes 3:12-13)

### Gospel:

"But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.  
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997,  
International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us to "be vigilant at all times." Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing — in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It's a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope. So, look to Jesus. He is coming.

## Observances for the week of December 1, 2024

**Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent  
**Tuesday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Saturday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the week

Blessed Chiara Luce Badano (1971-1990) an ordinary teenager who freely gave her life to Jesus in joy and suffering. She was beatified in 2010, the first member of Generation X to be Beatified. In 2018 she was one of the patrons of the Synod on Youth.

## Prayer for Prayer Expectation

Dear God,

As we prepare for Your arrival,  
align our hearts and homes to  
Your will.

Pour into us Your grace, as we  
wait in joyful expectation.

Amen.



## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

#### Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

#### Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Lk 10:21-24

#### Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 15:29-37

#### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

#### Saturday:

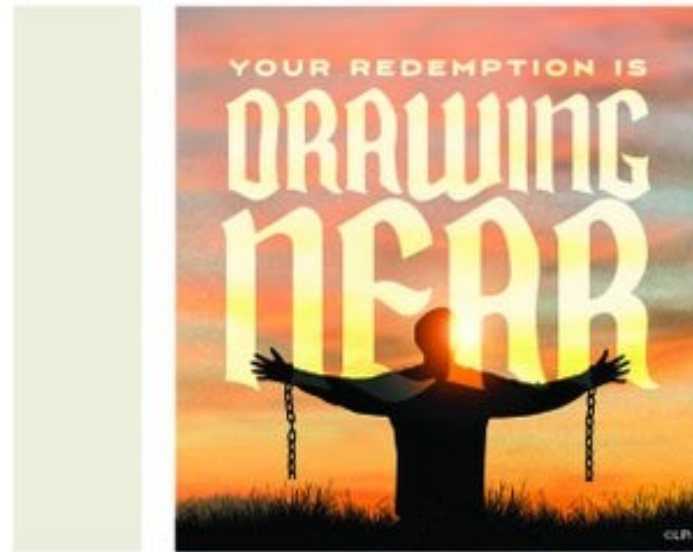
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### Next Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.  
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for  
Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in  
the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world"** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **"look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— Father John Muir

## Liturgical Life

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There's nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I over gift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. "The anxieties of daily life," as Jesus describes in today's Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My spiritual Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door and the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

#### Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**PRAY**

THAT YOU  
HAVE STRENGTH.

— LUKE 21:36 —

— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 —

©LPI