

New Years Eve Mass

Tuesday/Martes

December 31/31 de Diciembre

4:00 pm English

7:00 pm Español

New Years Day Mass

Wednesday/Miercoles

January 1 / 1 de Enero

10:00 am Bilingual / Bilingue



Wishing you
a blessed
New Year

On behalf of St Mary of the Angels, thank you so very much for your weekly contributions to the church.

A dedicated group of volunteers count the collections each week. Here are a few helpful tips that will make their job easier.

- *If you place cash in the collection basket, please keep the bills as flat as possible. The more times you fold the bill, the longer it takes to count it and there's a chance it will jam the counting machine.
- *If you have envelopes, please use them.
- *Please place your envelope number on the memo line of your check.
- *If you would like envelopes, place a note in the collection basket with your name and contact details.
- *Please use only blue or black ink on your checks – the bank won't accept other colors, like red.
- *If possible, please use separate checks for any special collection envelopes.
- *If you miss any regular, weekly Sunday collections, (the white envelopes, not the special collection envelopes), please throw away the unused weekly envelopes and just use the envelope for the Sunday you return. You can still use the special collection envelopes that you missed.
- *Please don't tape the envelopes closed. Just moisten the spot under the flap and close the envelope.

If you would like to join the counting team, please place a note in the collection basket with your name, address, and phone number. We will contact you to have your background check by the diocese, and then train you to become an accomplished counter.

Thank you. We're counting on you to help us count.

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



ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th – The Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. - Lc 2, 46

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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 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:

- Saltines **No longer need egg cartons**
- Cans of hearty soups
- Can of small soups like Chicken Noodle, Beef Barley
- Packets of Oatmeal
- Canned Tuna

THANK YOU

Parish Chorus Practice
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@charlestandiocese.org

Weekly Collections

DEC 21-22

Operating: \$8,756

B&G: \$115

Food Pantry: \$50

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.

Will resume in the spring time

MESSAGE FROM SMA FINANCE COUNCIL

A copy of the Balance Sheet will be included in the bulletin four times a year. The Finance Council meets quarterly and parishioners are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The next meeting is February 15, 2025.

OCIA/RCIA

Sundays 10:30-11:45 am

In RE Building

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



Saint of the week

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. During her last pregnancy a uterine tumor was surgically removed so she could bring her daughter into the world, even at the expense of her own life.

Prayer for Family

Dear God,

Help my family to be holy, too!

Amen.



Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Friday:

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!

Prayer

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

Mission for the Week

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

Now color
the picture! →

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus:





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**THE CHARITY
WHICH BURNED IN
THE HOUSEHOLD AT
NAZARETH SHOULD
BE AN INSPIRATION
FOR EVERY FAMILY.**

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- ST. JOHN XXIII