



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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**"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down  
my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17**

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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 April 2024

## For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 9 A.M. (En) 12:30 P.M. (Esp)

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8 A.M. (English)

**Wednesday & Friday:** 7 P.M. (Español)

**Saturday:** 4 P.M. (English)

**Confessions:** 1/2 hour before each Mass.

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## 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:

- Oatmeal packets
- Snack bars
- Canned chicken

## THANK YOU

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Parish Chorus Practice

Mondays 6:15pm - 7:00pm

MusicallyHeather@gmail.com

## Weekly Collections

April 13-14, 2024

**Operating: \$6025.00**

**Food Pantry: \$90.00**

**Building and Grounds: \$160.00**

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## Knights of Columbus

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through donations of funds and time. We have a great group of parish men who do great things for many people and organizations.

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

Visit the K of C Yard Sale. One of our major fundraising activities is our huge yard sale/thrift shop located on the Anderson Jockey Lot. Come visit our building and support our fundraiser. We have something for everyone.

Donate House Items to the K of C. Are you moving? Do you have items you are not sure what to do with? You might consider donating them to the K of C for our yard sale. We even pick up items. For information please call Tom Holahan at 864-314-4444.

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## Minster Schedules

**Saturday 20** Kathy Barrington

**Sunday 21** Bartsche / Davis

**Saturday 27** Alison Harrison

**Sunday 28** Beben (P) / Bartsch

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This Sunday is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations. May Jesus the Good Shepherd, the heart of every vocation, guide more people to consecrated life! We also pray a prayer of gratitude for all who have already answered the call.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"There is no salvation through anyone else,  
nor is there any other name under heaven  
given to the human race by which we are to be saved."  
(Acts 4:12)

### Psalm:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the  
cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be  
like him,  
for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

### Gospel:

Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.

## Observances for the week of April 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**Monday:** Earth Day  
**Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day  
**Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**Friday:** Arbor Day  
**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter



## Saint of the week

St. Paschal Baylón was a devout Spanish monk. In his vocation as a lay brother, he worked as a chef, porter, gardener, and official beggar. He often gave so much to the poor that his brothers tried to limit his generosity. Because of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

## Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord,  
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

### Sunday:

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

### Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday:

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

### Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

### Next Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, **"I know my own and my own know me,"** and **"I lay down my life for the sheep."** Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— *Father John Muir*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: *what's in it for Him?* we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. *Why does He keep trying?*

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

*"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

### Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

- Jn 10:14-15

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

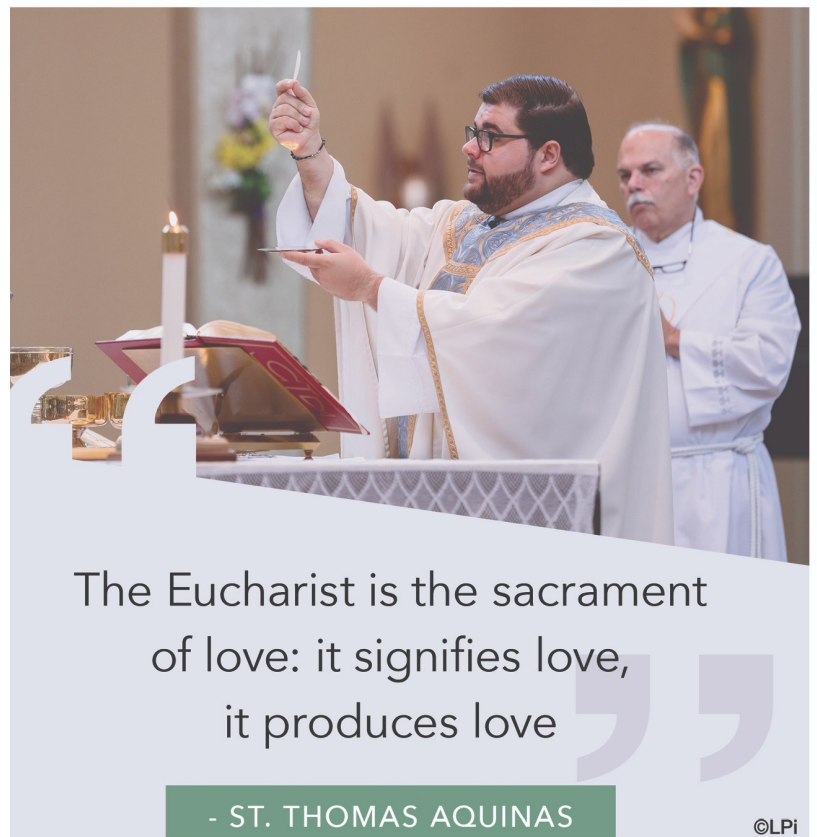
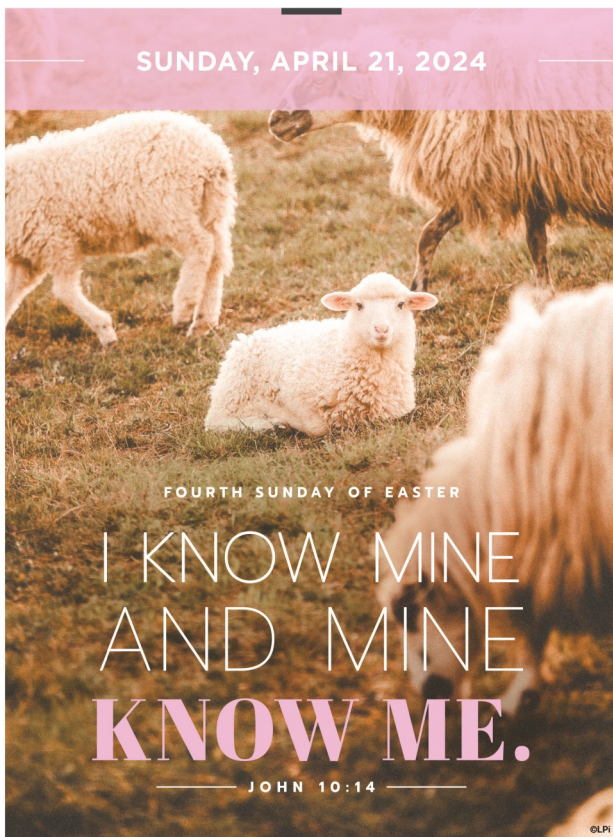
Peter bore witness to the Sanhedrin that it was the crucified and risen Jesus who healed the crippled man and through whom we are saved. Have you ever told someone else about your faith in Jesus?

### Second Reading:

John tells us that as believers we are destined one day to be like the resurrected and glorified Jesus. How do you think we can best prepare for such a future?

### Gospel Reading:

As the “Good Shepherd,” Jesus speaks of the power given to him by the Father to lay down his life for his sheep. What could you do this week for the benefit of another?





**Would you like to be an altar server?**  
 This liturgical ministry is open to those to who have made their First Holy Communion.  
 Being an Altar Server, means serving God and God's people at Mass. Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass.  
 There is no age limit  
 Any questions please contact:  
 officesma@charlestdiocese.org  
**Training May 4, 2024 –11:00AM**

**DONATE AN INSTRUMENT  
 CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE**  
 Trumpets, saxophones, clarinets, tubs, violins, guitars, harps, flutes and more.



**Anyone out there like to kayak?**  
**Kayak Group - An Outdoor Guided Adventure by Father Jairo.**  
 We will meet, chat, share ideas, fellowship and enjoy God's beautiful creation. All you need is a kayak, paddle, life jacket, and water to drink. Everyone is welcome!  
**Lake Hartwell - April 27, 2024. Meeting and Blessing 9am. at the Church.**  
 For more details or questions email: mfinet@charlestdiocese.org



**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.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIocese OF CHARLESTON**  
**Native American Ministry**

**EARTH DAY  
 CELEBRATION**  
 APRIL 22, 2024  
 6PM-7PM VIA ZOOM

PLANET VS PLASTIC

*"WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR SEAS AND OCEANS TO BE LITTERED BY ENDLESS FIELDS OF FLOATING PLASTIC."*  
 POPE FRANCIS

Presenters:  
 Deacon Larry Deschaine, Ph.D.  
 Sr. Anita Braganza, IBVM  
 Sr. Trina McCormick, OP  
 Kathleen Merritt

REGISTRATION LINK:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7cckdu6pozmpgdheqdd0cuev\\_sduxfxt1tpou](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/7cckdu6pozmpgdheqdd0cuev_sduxfxt1tpou)




**Taste of St. Joseph**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024  
 6:00 pm  
 Adults \$15 Children \$5 Under 4 free  
 Parish Hall & School Parking lot  
 Support our Saint & Scholars**

**Kids Corner**

**Prayer**


God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

**Mission for the Week**

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.

**Sharing the Gospel**

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

**Now color the picture!** 

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.

