



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." - Jn 17:18

## 7° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

"Así como tú me enviaste al mundo, así los envío yo también al mundo". - Jn 17, 18

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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 May 2024

## For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

### 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.  
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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
- Spaguetti sauce
- Ramen noodles

### THANK YOU

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### Parish Chorus Practice

Mondays 6:15pm - 7:00pm  
MusicallyHeather@gmail.com  
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### Minster Schedules

Saturday 15 Kathy Barrington  
Sunday 16 Thompson/Everette/Bartsch  
Saturday 22 Alison Harrison  
Sunday 23 Bartsch/Beben  
Saturday 29 Kathy Barrington  
Sunday 30 Beben (P) / Brocklebank  
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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking volunteers to serve on a committee to establish Emergency Response Procedures and prepare a Parish Safety & Security Guide for St. Mary of the Angels Parish.

Once we have a list of interested individuals, we will schedule a meeting of the group to begin the planning process, provide a suggested guide, and invite a representative of the Anderson  
Everybody is welcome!

If you are interested in serving the parish in this area, please contact [officesma@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:officesma@charlestdiocese.org)

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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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### 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.

### Weekly Collections

May 4-5, 2024

**Operating: \$10263.73**

**Building and Grounds: \$766.00**

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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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### 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:  
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### 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

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

### Psalm:

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)  
Or: Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. (1 Jn 4:16)

### Gospel:

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

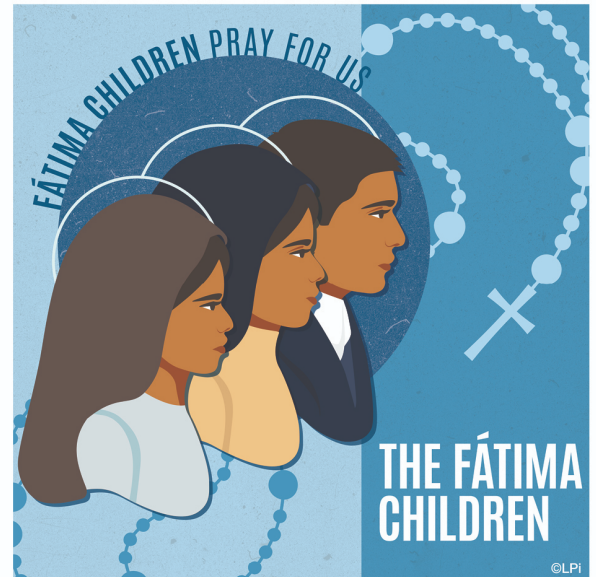
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

## Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

- Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother's Day
- Monday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Tuesday:** St. Matthias, Apostle
- Wednesday:** St. Isidore
- Saturday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday



## Saint of the week

The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.

## Prayer of Mission

Dear Lord,  
Grace us with courage and zeal as we go forth in Your name, speaking your Word, offering Your love, and bringing Your healing to a world in need.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

### Sunday:

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

### Monday:

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

### Wednesday:

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

### Friday:

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday:

*Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

### Nest Sunday:

*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “**that they may be one, even as we are one**” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Truth We Cannot See

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — *hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door* — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

*"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14*

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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

#### Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

#### Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:15-17

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading:

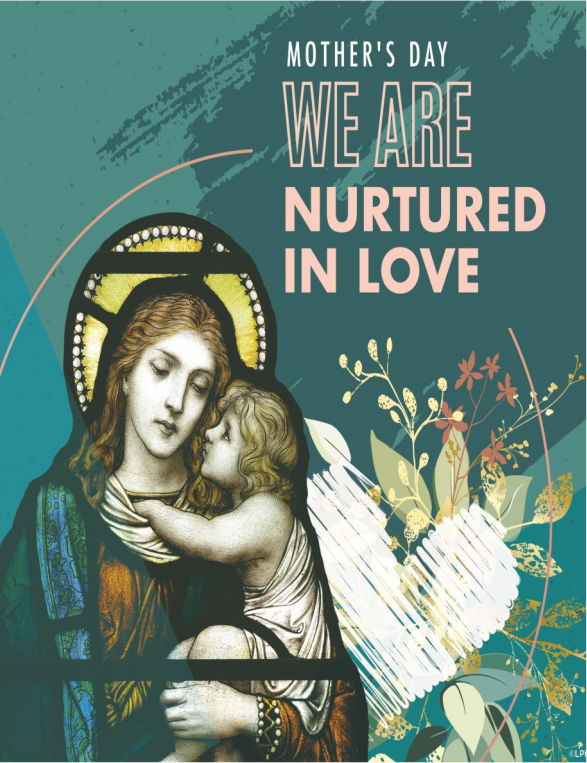
We learn how Peter and the apostles prayed for guidance from the Lord in choosing the right successor to Judas. What difficult decision in your life could you turn to the Lord for help in deciding?

### Second Reading:

John teaches us that God’s love remains in those who acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God. When are you most comfortable sharing your faith with others?

### Gospel:

Jesus prays to the Father to keep his followers united in faith, protected from the evil one, and consecrated in the truth. Have you ever thought that Jesus actually prays these things for you?



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19



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# LET'S BOWL

Join us for an afternoon of strikes, spares, and fellowship at our church bowling event!

Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just looking to have some fun, everyone is welcome to join in the excitement. Let's roll together and build stronger bonds within our church community. See you at the lanes!"


Registration form available in the narthex.

JOIN US TO DISCUSS  
MARRIAGE AND DECREES OF NULLITY


April 15, 2024

## VIRTUAL RCIA ROUND TABLE

12 - 1 PM



TO REGISTER:  
<https://bit.ly/RCIARoundtableApril2024>



Monday  
**May 13**  
12 - 1 PM

### EVANGELIZATION & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us to network and share ideas with other evangelizers and faith formation ministers!

## VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Via Zoom



Beyond the Revival: What's Next?

REGISTER  
<https://bit.ly/AFFERoundtableMay2024>



### Anyone out there like to kayak? Kayak Group - An Outdoor Guided Adventure by Father Jairo.

LORD, SEND OUT YOUR Spirit  
PSALM 104

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!

For more details or questions email:  
[mfinet@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:mfinet@charlestondiocese.org)

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### Taco Sale next week

Cards are now accepted

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# THANK YOU!



**Prayer**  
Father, I want to follow your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Mission for the Week**  
I will help others on my way to heaven in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus said, "Father, I am on my way to you. Keep my followers safe from the evil one." Tell God the Father that you are following his Son, Jesus Christ. When you are thinking about taking a toy that is not yours, God will help you decide to be good. When you get very angry and want to hit someone, God will help you to pull your hand back in peace. He will keep you safe from evil ways.

Now color the picture! →

Help the boy find his way to Heaven.




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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LIFTING UP HIS  
EYES TO HEAVEN,  
**JESUS PRAYED.**

JOHN 17:1