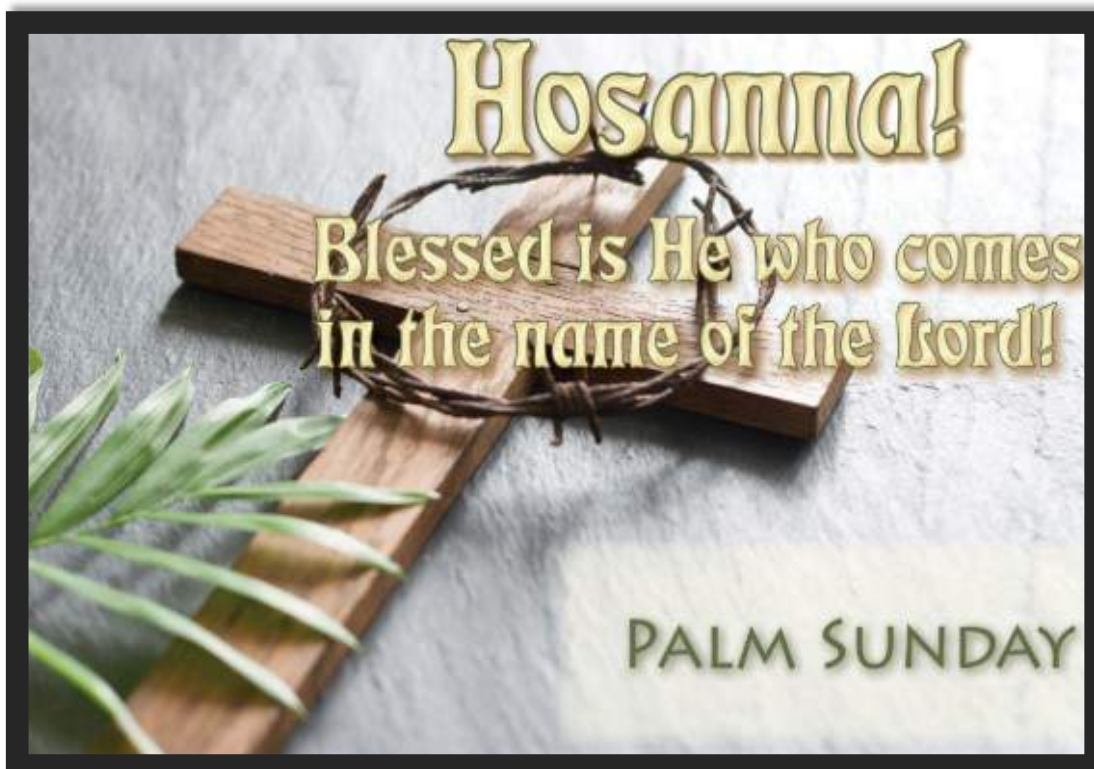


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Holy Day Masses: To be announced

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Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Chapel

### Sunday Rosary (Church)

7:30-7:45 am  
9:30-9:45 am (led by the Legion of Mary)

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Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by appointment

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**April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



8 am: Pro Populo  
10 am: Pro Populo

**Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List:** Pamela Arciniega, Jim Avery, Dick & Therese Bush, Debbie Caiola, John Carr, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, Frantz Etienne, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Arthur "Bo" Hunt, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, Trent Juroso, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Sampere, Marian Setien, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Paul Wagner, Henry Walton, Mary Ann Wilson.

**Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Soldiers:** Michael Abowd, Chris Colgrove, Caleb Cook, Dominic Cruz, Daniel Esposito, Jon Immel, Garrison Jackson, Jr., Christopher Laurencio, Sean Merrill, Erin Muga, Scott Starr.  
**Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Families:** Roy & Tommie Blake, Jonathan & Julie Cook, Nina Gibson, Chris & Diane Laurencio, Bruce & Mary Rose Randall, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

**Middle School Night!**

**TONIGHT!**

The Faith Formation team is hosting a Middle School Night for St. Mary youth **TONIGHT** from 7-8:30 pm in the Bakhita Room. The festivities will feature an

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Bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun and excitement!

Questions: Contact **Anna Caldwell** at (803) 322-4548 or [acaldwell@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:acaldwell@charlestdiocese.org)

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**April 6, 2025**

Offering	\$6,808.07
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Catholic Education	\$50.00
Easter	\$50.00
Flowers	\$665.00
Miscellany	\$17.50

**Second Collection**

April 27 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal

**Today's Readings**  
**Year C: Sunday Cycle**  
**Cycle I: Weekday**



**First Reading** — Is 50:4-7  
**Psalm** — Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
**Second Reading** — Phil 2:6-114  
**Gospel** — Lk 22:14-23:56

**Weekly Readings**

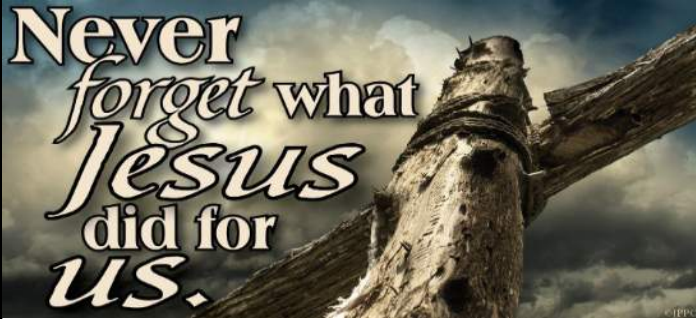
**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42  
**Saturday :** Gen 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; 22 Gen 22:1-18; Lk 24:1-12  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Cor 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Baby bottle fund drive**

The St. Mary Knights of Columbus are conducting a baby bottle drive to raise \$1,500 for **Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)**, a program that supports pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Baby bottles will be provided in the Gathering Space for parishioners to take a bottle home and fill it with loose change and dollar bills. Please return the filled bottle to the designated area in the Gathering Space by **NEXT SUNDAY**. Thank you!



## The sacrifice of love



Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the 3 parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's Day, when our attention was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does

not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

*"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."*

God love you, and have a meaningful Holy Week.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*



### Have you seen our new mural?

Stop inside Bannon Hall and view our new and breathtakingly beautiful St. Mary mural! Commissioned by Bakhita Arts, Fort Mill artist **Alex Patterson** designed the full-length wall mural as a vibrant illustration of St. Mary Church's rich history—from its humble beginnings in 1945 through its evolution to today and our amazing growth ahead. The blue ribbon contains the names of our very first parishioners and some very special people who were instrumental in making our church a reality.

# St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

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**ST. MARY OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Open Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30 am, Bannon Hall. Deacon Walt Hollis, (843) 295-9192, [walthollis67@yahoo.com](mailto:walthollis67@yahoo.com)

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**WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday from 8-10 am, Fellowship Hall. Robyn Boxie, (808) 271-7143, [robboxie@hotmail.com](mailto:robboxie@hotmail.com)

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**Our Food Pantry** is always in need of canned and packaged goods, cash, and plastic grocery bags. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.



## Holy Hour of Prayer

**Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm - Chapel**

# Bakhita Arts

Free event in Bannon Hall ■ **TODAY!** ■ 2-4 pm



Afternoon of Poetry & Prose invites you to celebrate **National Poetry Month** with award winners and contributors of the 2024 *Kakalak Anthology*.



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## Making beautiful music together!

We all know how blessed St. Mary is to have the heavenly voices and musicians of the Gospel Choir perform at the 10 am Mass. The 8 am Mass is equally blessed to have heavenly music as well. Many “8 o’clockers” have



asked who the very talented duo is that performs with our beloved **Becky Schiff**. Meet **Michael & Nicole Fox!** After performing at various church events, Father Agustin

asked they officially join Becky at the start of this year to provide music for the 8 am Mass.

Prior to St. Mary, the Foxes provided music for St. Philip Neri’s 5:30 pm Teen Mass. In 2019, they won the Italian Idol talent contest at the church’s popular Italian Festival! The couple married in 2022 and are the proud parents of their adorable son, “**Theo**” (Theodore), who turned 1 in February. *Fun fact: Nicole is the daughter of parishioners, Ken & Kathy Ernst (Ken is also a much-appreciated bulletin advertiser!).* The couple first met after college. Michael attended Appalachian State University and Nicole attended Winthrop University. Sharing a deep mutual love and talent for music, “we started off just singing songs that we love in the car together and then began to worship together, and the rest is history!”, says Nicole.

Michael works as a Business Analyst for Private Advisor Group in Rock Hill, and Nicole is a part-time nanny for two wonderful children and a music instructor. She also teaches private voice and piano lessons and is currently directing the music for a middle school show. “Michael also has this crazy talent where he can just look at an instrument and know how to play it!” adds Nicole. The couple is also available to perform for weddings, funerals, and special events.

Asked why they joined St. Mary, Nicole explains “our favorite part of St. Mary’s is Father ‘A’. We love his homilies and sense of humor. I feel like it has been a long time since I felt so connected in church. St. Mary’s has a sense of community and belonging that you can’t find anywhere else!”

Accompanying Becky with Nicole’s angelic voice and Michael’s perfect harmonies and guitar-playing, the 8 am Mass is truly blessed to enjoy this talented trio every Sunday!



### Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday**

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle  
2-4 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Poetry & Prose, Bannon Hall  
7-8:30 pm - Middle School Night, Bakhita Room

7-8:30 pm - Youth Ministry, Cenacle

### Wednesday, April 16

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle

### Thursday, April 17

Parish office closed

4:30 pm - Holy Thursday Mass

### Friday, April 18

Parish office closed

3 pm - Stations of the Cross, Church

4 pm - The Passion of the Lord, Church

### Saturday, April 19

8 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

### Sunday, April 20 **Happy Easter!**

11 am - Easter Egg Hunt, across the street!

### Monday, April 21

6:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 22

6-7 pm - Prayer Shawl ministry, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 23

5:30-6:45 pm - O.C.I.A., Cenacle

### Sunday, April 27 **Chat & Chew**

8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle

7 pm - Bakhita Arts event: A Story of Nicaragua, Bannon Hall

### Tuesday, April 29

6:30-8 pm - Bakhita Arts event: Celebrating Iconography, Bannon Hall

### Weekly events:

**Sundays** (9-10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall

**Mondays** (9 am-1 pm) Quilters, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesdays** (6:30-7:30 pm) Holy Hour of Prayer, Chapel; (6:30 pm) Legion of Mary, RH Oratory-Faber Hall

**Fridays** (10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall; (1:30 pm) Dominoes, Bakhita Room



### April 17 – Holy Thursday

4:30 pm – Mass

### April 18 – Good Friday

3 pm – Stations of the Cross

4 pm – The Passion of our Lord

### April 19 – Easter Vigil

8 pm – Mass

### April 20 – Easter Sunday

8 am – Mass

10 am – Mass

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