

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

# St. Augustine Catholic Church

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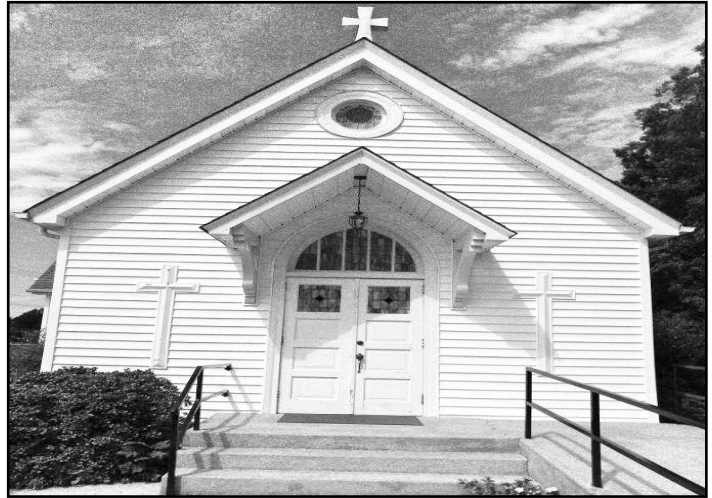
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Sacred Heart Parish Gaffney SC



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## OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY: CLOSED**

**TUESDAY: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**WEDNESDAY: CLOSED**

**THURSDAY: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**FRIDAY: CLOSED**

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## Welcome to Our Church

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend Sacred Heart regularly and consider this your parish, please take the time to **register** using the forms in the office or the website [www.sacredheartgaffney.org](http://www.sacredheartgaffney.org). You **must** be an **Active Member** in order to have a child baptized, to receive a sacrament, to be married, to be a sponsor, etc. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE ANY CHANGES.**

### ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (Precepts of the Church)

is defined as:

1. Registered in the parish for a sufficient length of time. (6 months)
2. Attend Mass on **Sundays** and **Holy Days of Obligation** and rest from servile labor.
3. Confess your sins at least once a year.
4. Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
5. Observe the days of fasting & abstinence established by the Church.
6. Help to provide for the needs of the Church.

## Holy Days of Obligation

In the Catholic Church, Holy Days of Obligation are the days on which the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They also abstain from unnecessary works, "which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body." (Canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law).

**All Sundays are obligatory for the faithful to participate in the Mass.**

## Mass & Confession Schedule

### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm Bilingual

6:00 pm Saint Augustine-Union

### Sunday

10:00 am English

12:00 noon Spanish

### Daily Masses (Church)

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 12:00 pm English

Wednesday 8:00 am English

Thursday 7:00 pm Spanish

Friday 8:00 am English

### Confession:

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Saturday: 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Tuesday thru Friday by appointment

*The Catholic Church is committed to respect for the dignity of each human person. Acts of sexual exploitation or abuse, particularly against children or the vulnerable, will not be tolerated by the Diocese of Charleston.*

**APRIL 12, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

# MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Apr 11	6 pm	† Jesús Navarro † Merced Navarro † Carmen Camacho † Concepción Camacho
Sunday	Apr 12	10 am	Gianna Harris 4th birthday
Sunday	Apr 12	12 pm	Parishioners
Tuesday	Apr 14	11 am	† Esther Melaragno
Wednesday	Apr 15	8 am	Parishioners
Thursday	Apr 16	7 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Apr 17	8 am	† Daniel Ranns
Saturday	Apr 18	4 pm	† Nord Davis
Saturday	Apr 18	6 pm	Parishioners

## Today's Readings

### Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine mercy

Reading 1, Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm, 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
Reading 2, 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel, John 20:19-31

## Daily Readings

**Monday** Reading 1, Acts 4:23-31

Psalm, 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Gospel, John 3:1-8

**Tuesday** Reading 1, Acts 4:32-37

Psalm, 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Gospel, John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday** Reading 1, Acts 5:17-26

Psalm, 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel, John 3:16-21

**Thursday** Reading 1, Acts 5:27-33

Psalm, 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

Gospel, John 3:31-36

**Friday** Reading 1, Acts 5:34-42

Psalm, 27:1, 4, 13-14

Gospel, John 6:1-15

**Saturday** Reading 1, Acts 6:1-7

Psalm, 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Gospel John 6:16-21

## Pray for Our Sick & Shut-in

Rev. James Touzeau, Michael Bassar, Bill Bower, Bev Camacho, Rayna Lynn Camacho, MaryAnn Forder, Jimmy Garrido, Ju Hyeon Kim, Rita Lowe, Leone Hunter, Kanani Lodge Lynn, Evelyn San Nicolas, John Aaron Turner, Johnny Velasquez, Beckham Waters, Rita & Gary Cooper and all parishioners in need of prayers.

To request a name be "added to" or "taken off" the list,

Please contact the parish office by e-mail:

[rrodriguez@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:rrodriguez@charlestondiocese.org)

Prayer list is also available in the website:

[www.sacredheartgaffney.org](http://www.sacredheartgaffney.org)



## ~ Offertory ~

COLLECTION 04/05 TBA

~THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY ~

When there is more than one collection, please write separate checks. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Please do not roll or fold the bills.**



**Be generous in giving  
and grateful in receiving.**

[www.sacredheartgaffney.org](http://www.sacredheartgaffney.org)

## Offertory Guidelines

If you donate only 5% of your total family income to the church, this is how much you would be giving:

Annual Income (After taxes)	Offering per week
\$30,000.00	\$30.00
\$50,000.00	\$50.00
\$75,000.00	\$70.00

**2nd Collection for Buildings & Maintenance Fund  
every 1st Sunday of the month (Blue Envelope)**

**White with Red border envelopes are for Regular Offertory  
Colored Envelopes are for Holy Days & Special Diocesan Collections**

FOLLOW OUR  
**WHATSAPP CHANNEL**

[bit.ly/WAdiocesechas](https://bit.ly/WAdiocesechas)

If you wish to serve in a ministry (Ushers, Sacristans, Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Cleaning, Catechism, money counter, finance committee, etc) contact the office for more information. If you are a volunteer and you are not sure if your paperwork is up to date please go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and login to your account to verify your status.

**Every member in a ministry needs to fill the volunteer paperwork in order to serve.**

**Volunteer Sign Up**



# St. Augustine Church Parish Life



## YEAR OF CATECHESIS UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

205 Sams St.  
Gaffney, SC



	Lunes/Monday Español - 7pm	Jueves/Thursday English - 7pm	Viernes/Friday Español - 7pm
Leaders	Grupo Oración /Coro	Nancy Davis/Father Touzeau	Emaus/Lectores/Ministros/Ujieres
Episode 1	Feb 23	Feb 26	Feb 27
Episode 2	Mar 9	Mar 12	Mar 13
Episode 3	Mar 23	Mar 26	Mar 27
Episode 4	Apr 6	Apr 9	Apr 10
Episode 5	Apr 20	Apr 23	Apr 24
Episode 6	May 4	May 7	May 8
Episode 7	May 11	May 14	May 15

English Retreat May 16, 2026, in the Parish Life Center 8 am to 3 pm. Mass at 4 pm.  
Retiro Español 23 de mayo de 2026 en el Salón Familiar de 8 am a 3 pm. Misa 4 pm.

For more information call 864-489-9453/Para más información llame al 864-489-9453.

If you would like to sponsor flowers,  
there is a sign up sheet in  
the back of the church.



### Come and See The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

*A Way of Life for Everyday Disciples*

Are you longing for a deeper relationship with Christ? Do you admire the joy, simplicity, and love of St. Francis of Assisi? If so, the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) may be for you!

#### Who We Are:

The OFS is a worldwide community of lay men and women, single, married, or ordained, who live the Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis. While remaining in their everyday jobs and families, Secular Franciscans seek to bring peace, joy, and care for creation into the world.

#### What We Do:

Grow in prayer and fraternity  
Live simply in a busy world  
Serve the Church and those in need  
Care for God's creation  
Follow the Gospel with the heart of Francis  
Where - St Paul the Apostle Parish Center,  
Spartanburg, SC  
Please call Paula 269/626-4205



### St. Augustine Lector & Gift Bearer Schedule

#### April

- 5 Easter Jean/Johny ————— Román Family
- 11 Grace/Dilly ————— Smith Family
- 18 Michael/Leo Sr. ————— Woods Family
- 25 Dilly ————— Alvarado Family

Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you cannot serve on your assigned Saturday, please make arrangements for someone to take your place.

*Thanks & Blessings*

## PROMISE TO PROTECT



## PLEDGE TO HEAL

**BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.**

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your diocese is:

Kristin Eyre, MSW, LISW-CP  
(843)856-0748 OR (800) 921-8122:

## St. Augustine Announcements

- St. Augustine's Ladies Guild is continuing to recycle aluminum cans but with a **NEW LOCATION.**

Please place cans in the trailer in the parking lot across the street. We will be sharing proceeds with the Scouts. Thanks to all who participate!



## UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.

### APRIL 2026

#### SCRIPTURE

Read: Malachi 3:6-12

#### REFLECT:

1. In this passage, the Lord, through the prophet Malachi, contrasts his own unchanging character with the changing affections and varying fidelity of his people. How is this perhaps reflected in our own experiences?
2. The Lord also accuses his people of robbing him by refusing to support the Temple through tithes. Do you think there is more to this accusation than simply monetary concerns? How might this be applicable in our own time?
3. This passage ends with a promise for prosperity at least in terms of agricultural abundance. What does it mean to trust in God's promises? What happens when God fulfills promises in a way or in a timeframe that differs from our expectations?

**READ:** A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Chapter 4

God, however, is the author of all things, and he is unchanging. As the prophet Malachi gives witness: "For the Lord do not change" (3:6). And God desires to teach us so that we can know him and his way, as the Lord Jesus told us: "The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name — he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (Jn 14:26). By knowing the Lord's unchanging truth, he becomes a rock and fortress for us, as the Psalmist sings: *Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, my saving horn, my stronghold!* (Ps 18:2)

We cannot love what we do not know. We cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. And so, we must be true disciples and learn from the Lord. We must let him teach us and show us his way. We are called to trust him and accept his divine guidance and love. As Christians, we must be vigilant and alert, so as not to be caught off-guard (see 1 Pt 5:8). We need to stay close to the Lord and let his teachings be a lamp to our feet (see Ps 119:105).

As the Lord Jesus says to us: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (Jn 8:31-32). While the faithful must be attentive to the fallen world around them, the *Via Fidelis* is not the way of paranoia, fear, repression or misery. It is the way of prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy! We cannot know this way unless we know Jesus Christ and accept him as our teacher, prophet and companion.

#### REFLECT:

1. This selection begins with an appeal to the passage from Malachi that we discussed. What does it say about how we place our trust in God?
2. In this selection, the bishop emphasizes that we cannot give what we do not have. What do you think this means and what are the implications of this for our lives?
3. In this selection, while urging us toward vigilance, the bishop also emphasizes that the "faithful way" is a way of "prudence, filial boldness, freedom and joy" and not one of "paranoia, fear, repression or misery." How can we embody this in our way of life?



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## Weekly Guide | April 2026 THEME - The Treasury of the Church: The Deposit of Faith

**APRIL 12: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY** Acts 2:42-47 | 1 Pt 1:3-9 | Jn 20:19-31 | CCC References 80-82, 97

### THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH

- Divine Revelation is transmitted to us through Apostolic Tradition.
- Apostolic Tradition is the communication of Christ's message, beginning with the Apostles, who entrusted all they received from Christ and the Holy to the Church.
- This Apostolic Tradition is transmitted through sacred Scripture and sacred Tradition.
- Together, Scripture and Tradition form the one "Deposit of Faith."

**WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRADITION AND SACRED SCRIPTURE?** Tradition and sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine wellspring and together make up one sacred "Deposit of Faith" from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation. (Compendium #14)

## UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



### April | Experiences

Ask someone of a different age or background about their experiences growing up Catholic.



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Thanks to all who generously donated for the Easter flowers. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

### Easter Flowers



## RESPECT LIFE

Prayer & Action

PRAYER GUIDE | APRIL 2026

### INTERCEDE



May all suffering from participation in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.

### PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

### REFLECT

By the age of 45, as many as 1 in 4 women have had an abortion, and a similar number of men and family members have been involved. Those who have participated in abortion suffer guilt, grief, and regret—often in silence—wrongly believing abortion to be "the unforgivable sin" and fearing they are beyond God's mercy.

Yet, the Sunday of Divine Mercy is an opportunity to share the message of Christ's infinite mercy with all suffering under the weight of sin. In the 1930s, Jesus appeared to a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, who recorded His messages in her *Diary*. On one such occasion, Jesus said to St. Faustina, "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners" (*Diary*, no. 699).

On this Solemnity, we contemplate the fullness of the Paschal Mystery: From the beginning of creation, throughout Scripture, and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus, God has revealed himself as love itself. In his infinite love for

us, God desires nothing more than to wash away our sins and offer us his mercy. Our celebration of the Sunday of Divine Mercy is a celebration of the forgiveness now available to all of us, by virtue of Christ's Resurrection. We must only run toward the outstretched arms of Christ.

God desires to take the greatest of sinners and transform them into the greatest saints. No sin is beyond his mercy. He makes "all things new" (Revelation 21:5) through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us never fail to seek the mercy that God desires to freely give us. *Jesus, we trust in you!*

### ACT (choose one)

- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm (the Hour of Mercy), with the intention of healing for all suffering from involvement in abortion. How to pray: [usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet](http://usccb.org/divine-mercy-chaplet).
- Jesus spoke to St. Faustina, "Reveal all the wounds of your heart. I will heal them!" (*Diary*, no. 1487) Seek Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and allow his healing mercy to reach every hurt and hidden pain.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

### ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the experiences of those who suffer from having participated in one or more abortions and how you can be a messenger of God's infinite mercy: [usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy).

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[respectlife.org/prayer-and-action](http://respectlife.org/prayer-and-action)

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