

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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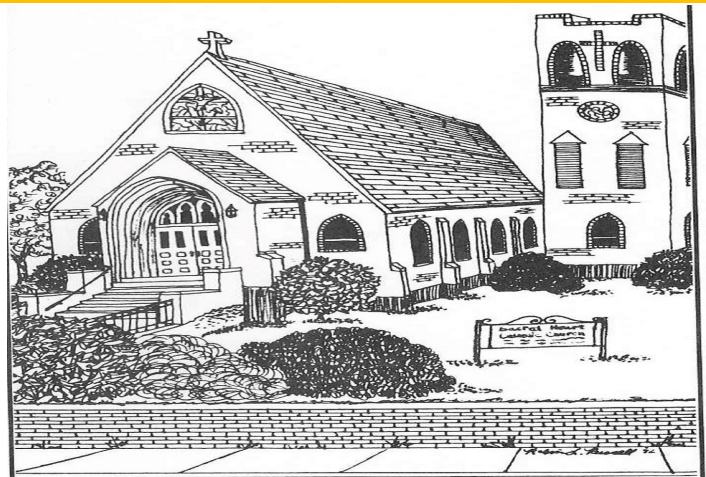
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Website: www.sacredheartgaffney.org



Sacred Heart Parish Gaffney SC



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. 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.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Rev. James F. Touzeau - Pastor

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Rosa Rodríguez - Administrative Assistant/DRE

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Tamara Martinez - Youth Minister

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: CLOSED

WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

THURSDAY: CLOSED

FRIDAY: CLOSED

OFFICE WILL RESUME SERVICES ON APRIL 14

For emergencies e-mail jtouzeau@charlestandioocese.org

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 5, 2026 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Apr 4	8:30 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	Apr 5	10 am	† Daniel Ranns
Sunday	Apr 5	12 pm	† Efigenia Estrada Morales
Tuesday	Apr 7	11 am	Parishioners
Wednesday	Apr 8	8 am	† Esther Melaragno
Thursday	Apr 9	7 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Apr 10	8 am	Pat Bunke
Saturday	Apr 11	4 pm	† Jesús Navarro † Merced Navarro † Carmen Camacho † Concepción Camacho
Saturday	Apr 11	6 pm	Parishioners

Today's Readings

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading 1, Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm, 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Reading 2, Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel, John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Daily Readings

Monday Reading 1, Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm, 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Gospel, Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday Reading 1, Acts 2:36-41

Psalm, 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22

Gospel, John 20:11-18

Wednesday Reading 1, Acts 3:1-10

Psalm, 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel, Luke 24:13-35

Thursday Reading 1, Acts 3:11-26

Psalm, 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel, Luke 24:35-48

Friday Reading 1, Acts 4:1-12

Psalm, 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

Gospel, John 21:1-14

Saturday Reading 1, Acts 4:13-21

Psalm, 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Gospel Mark 16:9-15

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. James Touzeau, Dot Batchler, Carli Elliot, Scott Hines, Hank & Connie Battleson, Donna & Tony DeCarlo, Mary Ann Magee, Florence Hinchliffe, Barbara Duricek, Terri Cole, David & Karen Lydon, Jeff Lydon, Ellen Maness, Nathan Nansh, William Barnes, Robert Bullock, Elaine Eslami, Randy Taylor, Bruno & Jenna Kowalczyk, Roy & Crystal Gaw, Mateo Romero, Davis Family, Lona Brier, Yolanda Castillo, Mara Richardson, Jude Emery and all parishioners in need of prayers.

To request a name be "added to" or "taken off" the list, please contact the office by e-mail:

rrodriguez@charlestandiocese.org



Attention High School Senior:

The Sacred Heart Scholarship Committee has established a scholarship to provide financial assistance to a Sacred Heart Catholic Church Senior who plans to further their education. Applicants must be an active member of Sacred Heart & attends the Youth Group. If you are interested, applications are available on our Website or in the parish office.

Deadline for application is April 17, 2026.

~ Offertory ~



Collection 03/29 \$ 5,292.00

Online 03/29 \$ 1,086.77

~THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY~

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

WEEKLY BUDGET FOR SACRED HEART

\$6,500.00

Please do not roll or fold the bills.



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

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**

Use of Facilities (Hall/Basement)

- Always schedule meeting or event with the office (Fill Building Usage Form)
 - **RETURN EVERYTHING TO ITS PLACE & CLEAN**
 - Trash goes in the **GREEN** trash cans
 - Only recycling in the **BLUE** trash can
 - **RE, OCIA & Youth Group have priority over any other ministry**
- NO PRIVATE EVENTS ALLOWED**

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 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



Sacred Heart Church Parish Life



YEAR OF CATECHESIS UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

205 Sams St.
Gaffney, SC



	Lunes/Monday	Jueves/Thursday	Viernes/Friday
	Español - 7pm	English - 7pm	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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- COUNTERS**—responsible of counting the offerings every week. Commits to count the offerings from the weekend on Tuesday mornings for one month every quarter.
- FINANCE COUNCIL**—The Parish Finance Council assists the pastor, who is accountable to the Diocesan Bishop and parish for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the parish. An active, well formed Parish Finance Council is a key element in promoting the financial health of a parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his temporal responsibilities.
- CHURCH & LIFE CENTER CLEANING**—are in charge of cleaning the church and the Life center. Commits to at least one week a year. It is highly recommended for a family to sign up for a week. **Contact Adriana Mosqueda to sign up or the office.**

Please contact the office at 864-489-9453/864-489-9150 or by e-mail for more information or to sign up.

Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

Saint Francis de Sales

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:

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.
- 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.

Excerpts from Kowalska, Maria Faustina. *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2000. Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.



Get monthly prayer guides at:
respectlife.org/prayer-and-action

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Eucharistic Adoration

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

In the most basic terms, adoration is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

Why do we have adoration?

1) To acknowledge Christ's true presence in the Blessed Sacrament 2) To lead us to a fuller participation in the Holy Mass 3) To praise, worship, and offer thanksgiving to God.

How long do I need to stay?

You can go to adoration for a few minutes, a half hour, or several hours. There are no rules about this. Many people make it a practice to keep a "holy hour".

What do I do in adoration?

Pray and listen! You can meditate silently by gazing at Jesus. You can speak to Him in your heart. You might also read Scripture or a spiritual book. Many people recite the rosary silently. It is a time of silence – God is always speaking to you and this is a time to listen.

Volunteers Needed For First Friday Adoration List



What am I volunteering for?

You will be called or texted once every month or two to see if you would be able to do adoration at a specific time.

Why?

This is to make sure that someone is with the Eucharist throughout the time it is on the altar.

If you think you would be able to help us out, just text Cecelia at 864-525-6074. She will add you to our adoration list.

Adoration times: Wednesday 8:30am to 9:30am
Wednesday 6:00pm to 8:00pm
1st Friday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm

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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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 I 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 5: Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35
CCC References 651-655, 658

RESURRECTION

- In the resurrection, Christ's divinity is confirmed and his works and teachings are affirmed
- But also, because Jesus dies and rises in his humanity, we too are offered resurrected life
- Jesus' resurrection is distinct from a mere continuation of his earthly life
- Jesus' transformed resurrected body points to the promise of the bodily resurrection of the dead at the end of time

What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection?

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It fulfills all the divine promises made for us. Furthermore the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time he will raise up our bodies. (Compendium #131)