

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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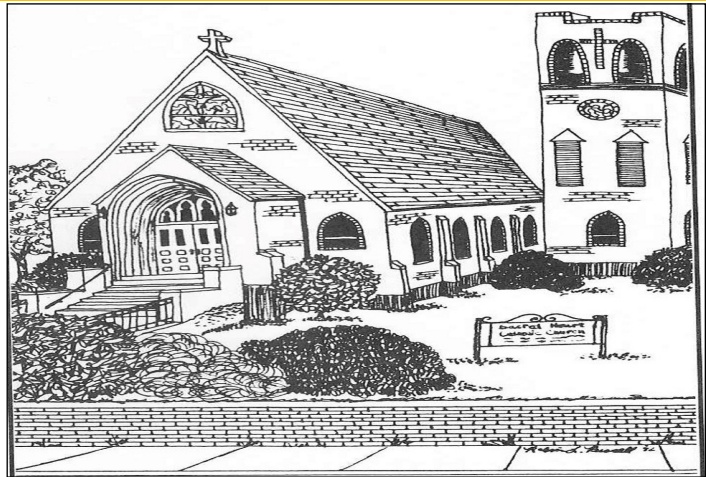
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Sacred Heart Parish Gaffney SC



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

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Tamara Martinez - Youth Minister

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: CLOSED

THURSDAY: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

FRIDAY: CLOSED

For emergencies e-mail jtouzeau@charlestandiocese.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 2:00 pm Funeral 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
Fridays during lent 5:30pm / 6:30pm
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.

MARCH 15, 2026 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Mar 14	4 pm	Danny Kerrigan
Saturday	Mar 14	6 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 15	10 am	Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 15	12 pm	† J. Carmen Martínez
Monday	Mar 16	2 pm	† Esther Melaragno
Tuesday	Mar 17	12 md	Parishioners
Wednesday	Mar 18	8 am	† Daniel Ranns
Thursday	Mar 19	7 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Mar 20	8 am	† Daniel Ranns
Saturday	Mar 21	4 pm	† Nord Davis
Saturday	Mar 21	6 pm	Parishioners

Today's Readings

Reading 1, 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm, 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Reading 2, Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel, John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Daily Readings

Monday Reading 1, Isaiah 65:17-21

Psalm, 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b

Gospel, John 4:43-54

Tuesday Reading 1, Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

Psalm, 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Gospel, John 5:1-16

Wednesday Reading 1, Isaiah 49:8-15

Psalm, 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Gospel, John 5:17-30

Thursday Reading 1, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalm, 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

Reading 2, Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

Friday Reading 1, Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

Psalm, 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23

Gospel, John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Reading 1, Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm, 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12

Gospel, John 7:40-53

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, Esther Melaragno, 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@charlestandioocese.org



Mass Intentions 2026

Mass Book for intentions is open for 2026. Please call or visit the office to schedule your special intention. Up to 4 intentions per mass if they are by the same person/family.

Suggested Stipend \$10

~ Offertory ~



Collection 03/08 \$ 6,112.00

Online 03/08 \$ 1,389.77

Bldg & Maint \$ 590.00

~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.

Envelopes for 2026 are available in the Office



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 and 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 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.

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 | MARCH 2026



URGENT:

Sponsors needed

If you would like to sponsor flowers for the altar, sanctuary candles, Hosts & Wine please call the office at 864-489-9453.

INTERCEDE



May couples struggling with infertility respect God's design for the creation of new life.

St. John Paul II affirmed to couples who bear the Cross of infertility, "you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." It is important that couples who experience infertility know that their love is still fruitful and their married life remains filled with meaning. We pray that couples struggling with infertility would know Christ's closeness in a special way and embrace God's design as they seek to grow their families.

For more information, please visit respectlife.org/navigating-infertility.

PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

The ability to cooperate with God's creative power to conceive and raise a child is one of the most profound gifts that a married couple can receive. Yet sadly, about 1 in 6 people face infertility at some point. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they experience difficulty having another. When couples are unable to bear children, very often there is an understandable feeling of great loss. It is essential to note that the Church has true compassion for couples suffering from infertility and wants to be of real help to them. Many causes of infertility can be addressed through medical assistance that is fully in accord with Catholic teaching.

The desire to have a child is beautiful and good. At the same time, we are called to cooperate with God's design for married love and the creation of new life. Some practices, such as *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) and surrogacy, are not morally legitimate ways to address infertility. In addition to failing to respect the dignity of the couple's marital relationship and of the child, such procedures often result in the loss of human life.

ACT (choose one)

- Offer a decade of the Rosary for all couples struggling with infertility.
- Choose one day this week to abstain from sweets or your favorite snack as a reminder to draw close to Christ in times of suffering and trust in His plan for our lives.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the moral problems posed by IVF with answers to common questions in "A Catholic Primer on In Vitro Fertilization": respectlife.org/catholic-primer-ivf.

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This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing Cross Catholic Outreach. This

official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach



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



March | Small Group

Join or start a small faith group (using the monthly study guide provided by the diocese.)

charlestandiocese.org/via-fidelis



UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

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

MARCH 2026

SCRIPTURE

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

REFLECT:

1. This passage appears in the 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's Gospel, in which Jesus imparts many key elements of his teaching. How is this passage one of those key elements of Jesus' message?
2. Why do you think Jesus uses the image of salt to describe discipleship?
3. Similarly, why do you think Jesus uses the image of light to describe discipleship?

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

Over the course of the last few centuries, Western countries have demoted the Christian faith to a mere cultural symbol. The faith has been stripped of its richness and beauty. The Lord Jesus and his Gospel are dismissed or outrightly mocked. The Church is viewed as an antique of a bygone era that is no longer relevant or helpful to society. Such signs show us the loss of faith in our day.

In our age, which is predominated by secularism and moral relativism, even believers can get caught up in the moral laxity, financial greed, political messianism and nihilistic cultural realities around them. While expressed in different ways at different times, darkness and error are found in every age and our own age is no exception. We are in an active struggle to show the goodness of the Lord Jesus, the credibility of the Gospel and the essential role of the Church as salt and light for our world today.

REFLECT:

1. In this selection, the Bishop describes a widespread loss of faith in our culture. In what ways have you seen this to be true? Conversely, what points of hope have you seen?
2. What effect do the 'moral laxity, financial greed, political messianism and nihilistic cultural realities' that the Bishop describes have on society and the individuals within society? How do we respond?
3. The Bishop echoes Jesus' call to be 'salt and light' in the world of today. What does this mean in our context?



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Weekly Guide | March 2026

THEME - How Can We Know God?

MARCH 15: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 | CCC References 50-53, 68-69

WHAT IS REVELATION?

- By words and deeds throughout "salvation history," God reveals Himself and His loving plan for us
- This plan is that all people might share in the divine life by "adoption" through Christ
- Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God, is the fullness of Revelation

What does God reveal to man? God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God. (Compendium #6)