

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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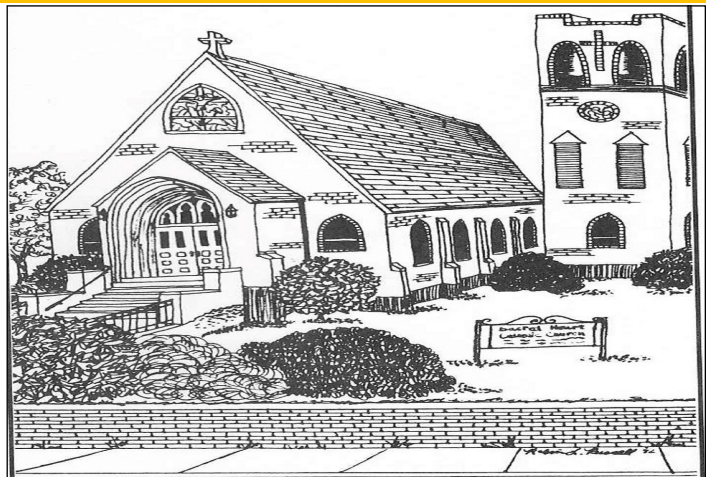
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Sacred Heart Parish Gaffney SC



## 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](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.**

**PARISH OFFICE STAFF**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY: CLOSED**

**TUESDAY: CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY: CLOSED**

**THURSDAY: CLOSED**

**FRIDAY: CLOSED**

**OFFICE WILL RESUME SERVICES ON APRIL 14**

For emergencies e-mail [jtouzeau@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:jtouzeau@charlestandiocese.org)

## Holy Week & Easter Mass Times

- March 31 – **Chrism Mass** –Cathedral of St. John the Baptist–Charleston–11am
- April 2 – **Holy Thursday** – Sacred Heart Parish Life Center–7pm Bilingual
- April 3 – **Good Friday** – Exaltation of the Cross-Sacred Heart Church–3pm English
- Abril 3 – **Viernes Santo** –Veneración de la Cruz–7pm Spanish
- April 4 – **Easter Vigil** – Sacred Heart Parish Life Center – 8:30pm Bilingual
- April 5 – **Easter**  
8am St. Augustine - Union  
10am English Mass Sacred Heart Church (streaming to Parish Life Center)  
12pm Spanish Mass Sacred Heart Parish Life Center

Happy Easter

*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 29, 2026 ~ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

# MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Mar 28	4 pm	Parishioners
Saturday	Mar 28	6 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 29	10 am	† Bob Batchler
Sunday	Mar 29	12 pm	† J. Carmen Martínez
Tuesday	Mar 31	11 am	Chrism Mass—Charleston
Thursday	Apr 2	7 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Apr 3	3 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Apr 3	7 pm	Parishioners
Saturday	Apr 4	8:30 pm	Parishioners

## Today's Readings - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading 1, Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm, 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Reading 2, Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel, Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

## Daily Readings of Holy Week

**Monday** Reading 1, Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm, 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

Gospel, John 12:1-11

**Tuesday** Reading 1, Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm, 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17

Gospel, John 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday** Reading 1, Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm, 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Gospel, Matthew 26:14-25

## Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Reading 1, Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Psalm, 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

Reading 2, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Gospel, John 13:1-15

## Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Reading 1, Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm, 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Reading 2, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel, John 18:1—19:42

## Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Reading 1, Genesis 1:1—2:2 or Genesis 1:1, 26-31a

Psalm, 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22

Reading 2, Genesis 22:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalm, 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Reading 3, Exodus 14:15—15:1

Psalm, Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Reading 4, Isaiah 54:5-14

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

Reading 5, Isaiah 55:1-11

Psalm, Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Reading 6, Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Psalm, 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading 7, Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Psalm, 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Epistle, Romans 6:3-11

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

Gospel, Matthew 28:1-10

## 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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:rrodriguez@charlestondiocese.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 03/22 \$ 5,503.00

Online 03/22 \$ 1,166.77

~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](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

Donations of Easter Eggs Filled with Candy are Accepted Until Good Friday. There Will Be a Basket on The Entrance of The Church and of The Life Center.



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



# 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 – 7 pm
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 | MARCH 2026

### INTERCEDE

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



### 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.

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](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility).

### 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](https://respectlife.org/catholic-primer-ivf).

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Get monthly prayer guides at:  
[respectlife.org/prayer-and-action](https://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.

## Wednesday of Holy Week Adoration

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Confessions

6:05 pm to 7:55 pm



## 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 29: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Mt 21:1-11 | Is 50:4-7 | Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54 | CCC References 571-573

#### THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

- The term "Paschal Mystery" is used to refer to the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ
- Through the Paschal Mystery, the saving work of the Incarnation is brought to fulfillment
- The term "Paschal" refers to Christ as the fulfillment of the Passover (see Exodus 12)
- Christ, our Passover Lamb, offers himself in sacrifice for our salvation

**What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus?** The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ. (Compendium #112)

### UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



March | Small Group

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

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