

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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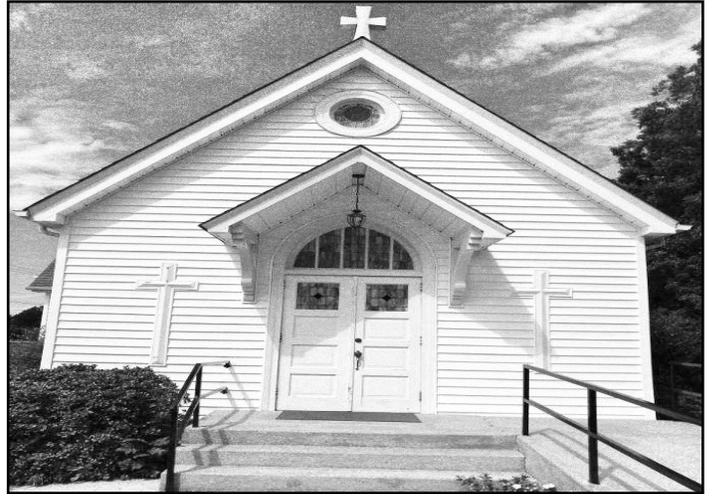
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103 E. South St; Union SC 29379

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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

Rev. James F. Touzeau - Pastor

jtouzeau@charlestandiocese.org

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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

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 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

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 8, 2026 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS Intentions

† = in memory of

Saturday	Mar 7	4 pm	† Daniel Lee Angus
Saturday	Mar 7	6 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 8	10 am	Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 8	12 pm	† Efigenia Estrada Morales
Tuesday	Mar 10	12 md	Parishioners
Wednesday	Mar 10	8 am	Kim Parris
Thursday	Mar 11	7 pm	Parishioners
Friday	Mar 12	8 am	† Daniel Ranns
Saturday	Mar 13	4 pm	Danny Kerrigan
Saturday	Mar 14	6 pm	Parishioners

Today's Readings

Reading 1, Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm, 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel, John 4:5-42 or
John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Daily Readings

Monday Reading 2 Kings 5:1-15ab

Psalm, 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Gospel, Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday Reading 1, Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Psalm, 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday Reading 1, Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9

Psalm, 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Gospel, Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday Reading 1, Jeremiah 7:23-28

Psalm, 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel, Luke 11:14-23

Friday Reading 1, Hosea 14:2-10

Psalm, 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17

Gospel, Mark 12:28-34

Saturday Reading 1, Hosea 6:1-6

Psalm, 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Gospel, Luke 18:9-14

Pray for Our Sick & Shut-in

Rev. James Touzeau, Michael Bassar, Bill Bower, Bev & Roman 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

Prayer list is also available in the website: www.sacredheartgaffney.org



~ Offertory ~

COLLECTION 2/28 \$ 352.00

~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

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**

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WHATAPP CHANNEL

bit.ly/WAdiocesechas

Volunteer Sign Up



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.**

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

March

- 7 Michael/Leo Sr. ———Martínez Family
- 14 Dilly—— Muñoz Family
- 21 Leo Jr./Nestor —— Pimentel Family
- 28 Nestor—— Quevedo 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

- Ladies Guild will meet Sunday, March 8th in Seton House at 2pm. All ladies are invited to attend.
 - Adoration on March 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m
 - 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.

Weekly Guide | March 2026 THEME - How Can We Know God?

MARCH 8: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 | CCC References 37-38

WHY DO WE HAVE REVELATION?

- Even though we can know God's existence and his attributes of perfection naturally, God is always greater than what is accessible to human reason alone
- Furthermore, simply knowing about God is not the same as being in relationship with Him
- In order to communicate the mystery which God is in Himself, which is not accessible to human reason, God has revealed Himself to us
- This Divine Revelation also gives us surety of some things that are naturally accessible to human reason

Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God? In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error. (Compendium #4)

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH | MONTHLY ACTIVITY



March | Small Group

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

charlestondiocese.org/via-fidelis



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Please welcome the priest visiting our parish next weekend. He

comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. **To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach**



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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RESPECT LIFE

Prayer
& Action

PRAYER GUIDE | MARCH 2026

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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