



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Charleston, South Carolina 29407
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February 15, 2026

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Pastor: Rev. Arnulfo Jara Galvez
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Bobby Joseph, CMI
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Kurt Herbst, Joseph Keating
Director of OCIA: Sister Colie Stokes, SSMN
Director of Music: Jayson Cote
Director of Youth Ministry: Mary Gerard

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

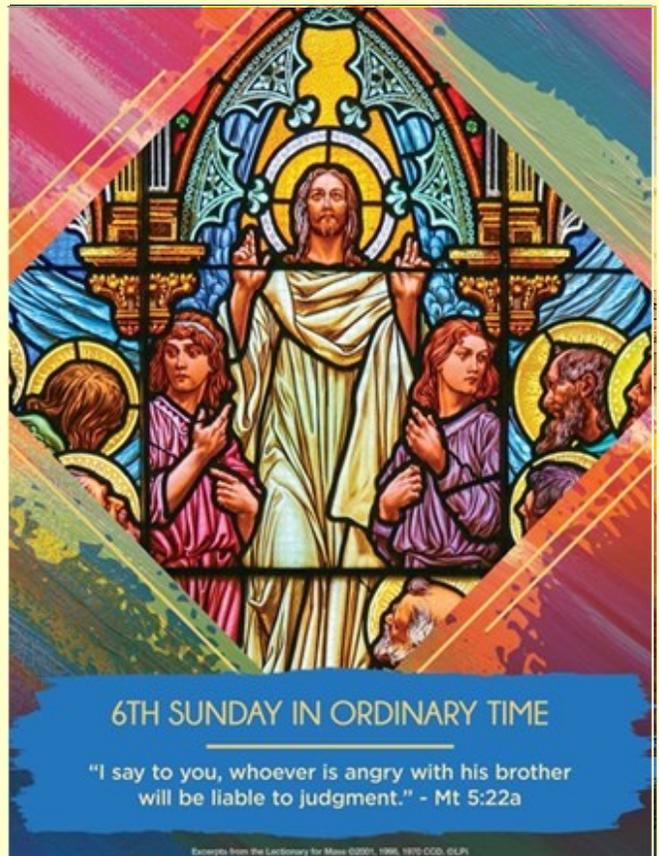
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Adm. Assist. (Spanish): Patricia Mochizuki
Adm. Assist. (Finance): Theresa Sadler
Office Assist. (Contributions): Paulette Krugger

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Corinne King
Assistant Principal: Kathy Romer

MAINTENANCE

Facilities: Mario Lopez



MASSES & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 AM Fransica Flores
 11:00 AM Frank Hamilton (living)
 1:30 PM Intentions from the Hispanic Community
 5:00 PM Spiritual Welfare of Parish Community

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:00 AM Buddy & Dorothy Bendt

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM Simon Flores

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:00 AM Lillian Barna
 12:00 PM Jerrold Fecteau
 6:00 PM Clare Howard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM Robert Antoine Riols

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00 AM Ginger Tezza

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 PM Cara Daniel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 AM Spiritual Welfare of Parish Community
 11:00 AM John Dinolfo
 1:30 PM Intentions from the Hispanic Community
 5:00 PM Ellen Slobozien (living)



THE HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED: Below are the names of persons who are in need of special prayer. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, please call the Parish Office and let us know. *Please let us know when the persons listed are well again, so their names can be removed from the list.* Travis Biernacki, Scott Boinest, Sarah Burn, Pate Chapman, Margaret Clair Conti, Barbara DeWitt, Amelia Finley, Jeffrey Gogol, Sandra Gorman, Sissy Hall, Frank Hamilton, Patricia Hiott, Barbara Jiles, Kitty Kinard, William Luckie, Jane Masciola, Joseph Masucci, Crissey Miller, Nadine Miller, Miriam Moya, Virginia (Ginger) Nadeau, Francis Nolen, Bob Poyer, Karen Raines, Caroline & Perry Reardon, Dorothy Reaves, Margaret Robinson, Jane Tezza, Tim Torongeau, Kathleen Weatherford, Amelia Wilson and Damian Wofford.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday** James (Santiago) 1:1-11
Mark (Marcos) 8:11-13
- Tuesday** James (Santiago) 1:12-18
Mark (Marcos) 8:14-21
- Wednesday** Joel (Joel) 2:12-18
Matthew (Mateo) 6:1-18
- Thursday** Deuteronomy (Deuteronomio) 30:15-20
Luke (Lucas) 9:22-25
- Friday** Isaiah (Isaias) 58:1-9
Matthew (Mateo) 9:14-15
- Saturday** Isaiah (Isaias) 58:9-14
Luke (Lucas) 5:27-32
- Sunday** Genesis (Genesis) 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Matthew (Mateo) 4:1-11



WE WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH.

If you would like to register at Blessed Sacrament, registration forms are available at the back of the church, in the parish office, or you may register online at blsac.org.

BAPTISM: Parents who wish to have their child/children baptized should contact the Parish Office. A preparatory class is mandatory for the proper formation of parents and godparents. You must be an active member at Blessed Sacrament Church (3 months minimum) in order to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Those wishing to enter into a sacramental marriage should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the intended date. You must be an active member at Blessed Sacrament Church (3 months minimum) in order to schedule a wedding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Preparations for the reception of these Sacraments are taken care of by the Office of Faith Formation. Please email blsacfaithformation@gmail.com.

VISITING THE SICK: Please inform the Parish Office should a relative/friend who is homebound/hospitalized need a pastoral visit or the Sacrament of Anointing. A priest will attend to the Sacrament.

Our Parish-established criteria is used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools.



SANCTUARY LIGHTS: We are thankful to Mrs. Matuskovic who makes a monthly donation for the sanctuary lamp in loving memory of her husband Gregory and son Joseph.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are to wish a Happy 40th Birthday to Bradley Mendenhall with love from Mom, Dad, Joanna, and Lincoln.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** this weekend is for Maintenance.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS: When setting up online contributions, the only way to make sure your contribution goes to Blessed Sacrament Church (Charleston, SC) is to use our WeShare. We do not accept direct Cash App donations. All online payments must go through WeShare. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM	February 15 Knights of Columbus Breakfast - Parish Hall Faith Formation - Home Lesson Youth Ministry - Parish Hall
MONDAY: 6:15 PM	February 16 President's Day PARISH OFFICE CLOSED SCHOOL CLOSED
6:00 PM	Women's Guild - Parish Hall
TUES: 6:30 PM	February 17 Baptism Prep Class - Parish Hall
WED: 6:30 PM	February 18 Ash Wednesday Masses - 8am, 12pm, 6pm & 8pm (Spanish) Spanish Youth Group - Parish Hall
THURS: 6:30 PM	February 19 Books Change Lives - School Choir Practice - Church Spanish Adult Group - Parish Hall
FRIDAY: 5 PM	February 20 K of C Lenten Dinner - Parish Hall
6 PM	Stations of the Cross (English)
7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
SATURDAY:	February 21

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:30 PM (English)
Sundays 1:00—1:30 PM (Spanish)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12472 (BLESSED SACRAMENT CHARLESTON)



February 15: Pancake Breakfast after 8:30am Mass - Hall
February 20: K of C Lenten Fish Fry starting 5pm - Hall
February 22: Family Rosary before 8:30am Mass - Church
March 1: Coffee & Donut Social after 8:30am Mass - Hall
March 3: Membership Meeting at 7pm - Hall
March 6: Lenten Shrimp & Grits Dinner starting 5pm
March 7: Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup starting at 8am

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and a big Thank You to our Knights for hosting the 2026 Free Throw Championship Event on Saturday, February 7, on the school playground. Friends and family turned out to cheer on the participants and then enjoy pizza and cupcakes afterwards courtesy of Council 12472. The winners are: Charlie Davis, Penny Hayes, Calhoun Kirk, Clare Wofford, Ayla Deen, Alex Deen, Kaitlyn Wilkinson, Jordan Bagg, Charlie Brit and Tommy Harris. Congratulations all!

Lent is almost here! Please put on your calendars our Charity Lenten Dinners for Columbus Hope February 20th, March 6th, and March 20th all starting at 5pm. Venmo and Square payment options available. Thank you!

A "Registered and Active" family/individual is one who:

1. Has been formally registered and is participating in the life of the Parish for at least 3 consecutive months.
2. Participates in Worship through **weekly attendance** at Weekend Masses.
3. Places **envelopes weekly** in the offertory, even if empty.

An extended time with no activity will place a person or family on inactive status.

- ~ If you give online, please turn in your empty envelopes weekly at Mass and check "I give online."
- ~ If you contribute periodically through the collection, please remember to put in envelopes weekly, even if empty.
- ~ Contributions in cash can only be considered when presented in the parish envelope.
- ~ Multiple envelopes put in at a weekend Mass will be considered participation for that one Mass.
- ~ Envelopes Dropped off or Mailed will not be considered participation at Mass.
- ~ Blank Green envelopes are available in the church if needed.

Families must be Active Members for a child to be eligible to receive any Sacrament.

Families must be Active Members to receive reduced tuition rates at Blessed Sacrament School and Bishop England High School.

Active status must be maintained for families in the Schools and Sacramental Program.

ONCE A CHILD FROM A PARISH FAMILY GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL, WE ASK THAT HE/SHE REGISTERS INDIVIDUALLY AS AN ADULT MEMBER OF THE PARISH, AND WE ENCOURAGE HIM/HER TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY ENGAGED STEWARDS OF THE PARISH.

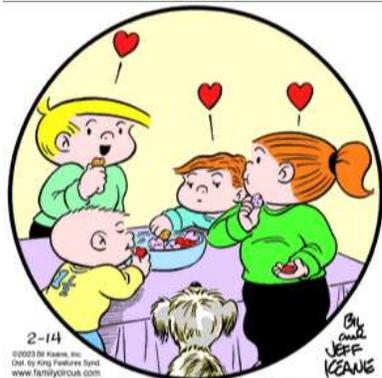


SILVER THREADS CORNER
(for our senior members)

INSPIRING QUOTES FROM CATHOLIC SAINTS:

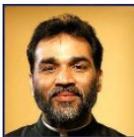
“Lean on your Beloved because the soul who abandons themselves in the hands of Jesus in all they do, is carried in his arms .” (St. Clare of Assisi)

“There are no difficulties except for those who worry too much about tomorrow.” (St. Rose Philippine Duchesne)



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“If it wasn't for Valentine's Day, we wouldn't have any candy holidays between Christmas and Easter.”



Join us February 23 through 25 for **BLESSED SACRAMENT'S LENTEN RETREAT** with Father Roy Pallatty, CMI.

The retreat will take place in the church starting at 6:30pm on February 23 & 24 and starting at 5:30pm on February 25. All are welcome!

SIGN-UP FOR RETREAT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS:

For those individuals who would rather attend the retreat during daylight hours rather than in the evening, please stop by one of the tables near the doors to the church and add your name to the sign-up sheet. You are also welcome to call the parish office to sign-up. If we don't have at least 20 people signed up for the daytime retreat time, we will not be able to have the daytime retreat.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP: Please fill out the following survey if you are interested in participating in a women's small group: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSconfMu4zI7-hzMH95mvvOpFAix5t41CQ6938hDexo9mTadPw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>. Women of all ages are welcome, however content will be directed towards women in their 20s and 30s. If you are unable to access the survey, please contact Kylie Dunne-Platero at Kylie.dunne3@gmail.com.



PERPETUAL

ADORATION: Our chapel is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. If you can commit to giving one hour per week in our chapel, please call Patti at 843-901-9467 or Bob at 843-571-5941. If you would like to visit the chapel after hours, please call the parish office.(843-556-0801) **Sunday:** 8am-9am, 9am-10am, 1pm-2pm, 3pm-4pm, 4pm-5pm, 11pm-midnight; **Monday:** midnight-1am, 1am-2am; **Tuesday:** 2am-3am; **Wednesday:** midnight-1am, 1am-2am, 2am-3am, 3am-4am, 1pm-2pm, 11pm-midnight; **Thursday:** 1pm-2pm; **Friday:** 2am-3am, 3am-4am, 4pm-5pm; **Saturday:** 1am-2am, 2am-3am, 9am-10am, 11am-noon, 12pm-1pm, 3pm-4pm, 7pm-8pm. Come, spend an hour with Jesus!

EUCCHARISTIC

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE WELCOME TABLE:

Are you interested in gaining knowledge about the parish and developing relationships with parishioners? Volunteers are needed once a month to cover the welcome table for 15 minutes before and after the Sunday morning Masses. Training is provided. If interested, call Bob Poyer for more information (843-571-5941).

GREEN BLANK OFFERTORY ENVELOPE USE FOR MASS ATTENDANCE:

If you want to be sure your Mass attendance is noted with the Parish Office, you must write your full name and address or your full name and envelope number on the green envelope (even if empty). This includes children's envelopes.



Save the Date!

VBS Retreat 2026

Saturday June 20th

9AM-3PM

Registration to follow in coming weeks!

Volunteer interest or questions?

Please Contact Andrea Raines

Andrea87RN@gmail.com

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

As we are entering into Lent this Wednesday, we shall have some reflections on the passion and death of Jesus Christ for the next seven weeks. They are the core of Lenten meditations. This year, we shall look at the different groups of people we encounter throughout the great Passover mysteries. We start with the crowd we see from Palm Sunday to Good Friday.

THE CROWD

We encounter 'a crowd' in different readings throughout the Holy Week. We see the crowd during Palm Sunday. We see them again during Jesus's trials. We see more of them when Jesus carries His cross to Golgotha. We see the crowd watching Jesus suffer and die humiliated on the cross.

The crowd had drastically different opinions about Jesus. On Palm Sunday, the crowd saw the Messiah (redeemer) in Jesus. But on Thursday night, He was considered a threat to Jewish existence. On Friday, they merrily mocked him and pleaded to the unwilling Pilate to crucify him.

As we begin Lent this week, let us ask ourselves the inconvenient question: "Am I part of a mindless crowd?" If you prefer to be part of a crowd and be safe, you have reasons to worry. Jesus has not invited you to be part of a crowd. The crowd does not think; it acts as it is manipulated to do. When it appears to win, everyone in the crowd cheers, but in failure, the onus is conveniently passed on to someone else. Often, the rulers prefer a thoughtless crowd that dances to their tunes, just like the crowd that cried to crucify Jesus. Do you belong to a mindless crowd? We have every reason to suspect that a sizable group of individuals was part of both crowds: they cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' and 'Crucify him' the same week.

The twenty-first-century young saint, Blessed Carlos Acutis, said, "All are born originals, but many die photocopies." You are not created just to be part of the crowd. God did not send His beloved Son to make you a number in the crowd. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and slept in a cattle shed, not to make you a part of a crowd. He fled to Egypt with His parents and lived in exile, not to make you part of a crowd. He lived the life of a poor carpenter boy and toiled day and night, not to make you a number in the crowd. He received the baptism, the witnessing of the Holy Spirit, and the approval of His Heavenly Father, not to make you another person in the crowd. He gathered disciples, preached the good news, healed the sick, and went about doing good – not to make you part of a mindless crowd.

During His last supper, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Eucharist – not to reduce us to mere numbers in a crowd. He let himself be betrayed, denied, and judged by unjust courts – not to make us cowardly members of insensitive crowds. He suffered the whipping, the crown of thorns, the humiliations, and the heavy cross on His shoulder – not to gather a cowardly crowd. He carried the heavy cross, received more whippings, was nailed to the cross, was hanged on the cross naked, humiliated, and counted among criminals, not to make us an unsympathetic crowd. He died the death of a criminal and received a quick burial, not to make us a fast-forgetting crowd.

He resurrected, took to heaven, anointed His disciples with the Holy Spirit, and sent them across the globe so that we stand firm and strong at His side, just like His mother and a couple of friends who stood by the cross. We are not called to be spectators hooting with the trend. He did all that because he wanted us to be part of His mystical body, the Church.

Jesus is not looking for spectators who shout from the gallery or a crowd that follows the latest trend; he is rather looking for disciples who would trade everything for Jesus. Are you one?

Fr. Bobby Joseph, CMI
Parochial Vicar
Blessed Sacrament Church

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We began Catholic Schools Week with Class Color Day, where each grade proudly wore their assigned color. Together, our school created a vibrant rainbow — a perfect symbol of God's covenant and hope after the flood.

On Twin Day – Animals Go Two by Two, students dressed up as matching pairs or groups, bringing Noah's Ark to life throughout the halls. The creativity and excitement were incredible!

Midweek, we were blessed to welcome our grandparents for Grandparents Day Mass and Reception. Celebrating our faith together and honoring the generations who help shape our students' lives was a truly special highlight of the week.

Animal Day brought even more Ark-inspired fun as students dressed as their favorite animals and learned about God's creation in joyful ways.

We closed the week strong with Bishop Spirit Day, our Senior Night celebration, and an engaging STEM duck racing Challenge, where students worked together to design and build bridges — connecting perfectly with our theme of faith, teamwork, and building strong foundations for the future.

Thank you to our teachers, staff, families, and students for making Catholic Schools Week such a meaningful and joyful celebration. We are so grateful for our Blessed Sacrament community and the faith-filled environment we share each day.





DONATIONS FOR
Boogie
ON THE BLACKTOP

We're seeking donations to support our silent auction for our Annual Boogie Gala. We welcome items such as:

- Retail Items
- Gift cards from restaurants, stores, spas, tours, etc.
- Vacation homes or travel opportunities
- Event tickets
- Unique Experiences: Chef dinner, Mahjong/game night, Sportsmen outings, Alcohol tastings/classes, Fitness sessions, Art/cooking/flower-arranging classes & more

EMAIL BELEN.VITELLO@GMAIL.COM
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED



BOOGIE ON THE BLACKTOP

All proceeds benefit the Parish Life Center Capital Campaign.



Sponsorship Packages

SouthState Bank Presenting Sponsor: ~~\$10,000~~ **SOLD OUT**

Disco Fever Sponsor: \$8,000

- 8 admissions tickets, includes food and drink
- Reserved table for you and your guests with exclusive beverage service for your tables
- Social Media, community email, church bulletin acknowledgment
- Logo signage at event and on "Thank you" banner facing Savannah Hwy.

Funkadelic Sponsor: \$5,000

- 8 admissions tickets, includes food and drink
- Reserved table for you and your guests with exclusive beverage service for your table
- Social Media, community email, church bulletin acknowledgment
- Table sign at event

Funky Town Sponsor: \$2,500

- 8 admissions tickets, includes food and drink
- Reserved Seating at the event for you and your guests
- Social Media, community email, church bulletin acknowledgment
- Logo signage at event and on Thank you banner facing Savannah Hwy

The Soul Train Sponsor: \$1,500

- 8 admissions tickets, includes and food and drink
- Reserved table for you and your guests
- Social Media acknowledgement
- Table sign at the event

Dynamic Duo: \$500

- 2 admission tickets, includes food and drink
- Reserved seating at the event
- Social Media Acknowledgement

Sponsor now



Contact Belén Vitello at belen.vitello@gmail.com for any inquires.



Blessed Sacramento GOLF TOURNAMENT

2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
APRIL 13, 2026
1:00PM SHADOWMOSS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Golf Team \$600

4 golfers, drink tickets, mulligans, 5 raffle tickets and dinner

Sponsorship Opportunities

All sponsorship opportunities include: Logo on promo materials for event plus social media

Platinum Sponsor \$8000

Gold Sponsor \$5000

Silver Sponsor \$4000

all include the following

Option to include promo materials in golfer gift bag
Logo on beverage carts OR Logo at the bar area
1 golf team (4 players)

Bar Sponsor \$3000

includes the following

Option to include promo materials in golfer gift bag
Logo on beverage carts OR Logo at the bar area
1 golf teams (4 players)

Golf Cart Sponsor \$2000

Hole - In - One Sponsor \$2000

both include the following

Logo signage on golf carts OR designated hole-in-one hole
Option to include promotional materials in golfer gift bag

Ball Sponsor \$2000

Logo on the golf ball

Option to include promotional materials in golfer gift bag

Longest Drive Sponsor \$1000

Logo signage on designated longest drive hole

Option to include promotional materials in golfer gift bag

Closest to the Pin Sponsor \$750

Logo signage on designated green

Putting Green Sponsor \$500

Driving Range Sponsor \$500

both include the following

Logo signage on designated putting green OR the driving range

Hole Sponsor \$100

Logo signage at the tee box

Additional sponsorships available - email kerr.frank@gmail.com

All proceeds will go to support the Father McCarthy Endowment for Tutition Assistance.

register: www.cbss.org/golf-tournament/

A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, April 18, 2026
9:30AM - 4PM

\$10 Registration fee includes
lunch & materials

Lowcountry Outreach Center
80 Lady's Island Drive
Beaufort, SC 29907



This Catholic retreat is led by Deacon Henry de Mena, M.A., a grief counselor with over 20 years experience, offering a safe place to seek peace and comfort.

REGISTER ONLINE USING THE QR CODE

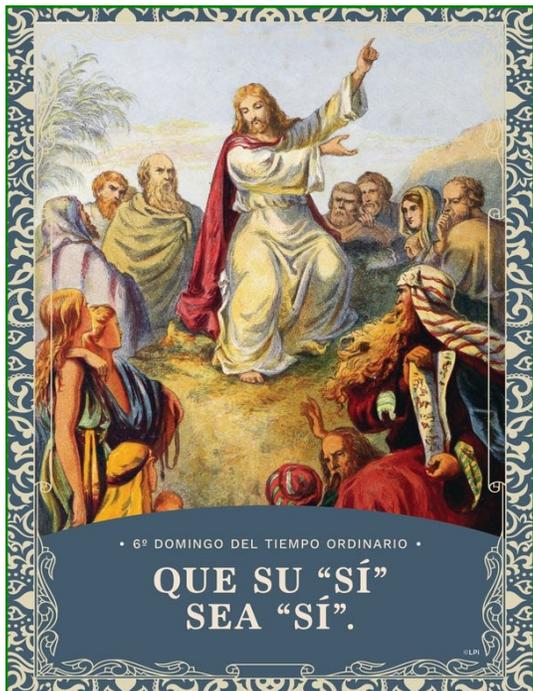
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Charlene Williams 843.522.6512

parishlife@stpetersbeaufort.org

stpetersbeaufort.org/grievingparents





OFICINA PARROQUIAL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Lunes, miércoles y jueves

9 a. m. - 12 p.m. y de 1 a 2 p. m.

Contacto: Patricia Mochizuki

(843) 556-0801 ext. 2

Correo Electrónico:

mmochizuki@charlestondiocese.org

Horario de Misas dominicales: (Vigilia) Sábados : 5 p. m.

Domingos: Español: 1:30 p. m.

Inglés: sept.- mayo: 8:30am (9 a. m. en verano), 11 a. m. y 5 p.m.

Misa Diaria: Lunes a viernes 8 a.m. (inglés)

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento: de lunes 5 a.m. a viernes 11:59p.m. (excepto Jueves y Viernes Santo)

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Inglés: sábados, 3:30 - 4:30 p. m.

Español: domingos, 1:00- 1:15 p. m. *Excepto el último domingo de mes.*

Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos

Llamar a la oficina parroquial

Conmemoraciones de la semana

Domingo 15: 6.º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes 16: Día de los Presidentes (EE. UU.)

Martes 17: Los Siete Santos Fundadores de la Orden de Los Servitas

Miércoles 18

Jueves 19

Viernes 20

Sábado 21: San Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Domingo 22: 1.º Domingo de Cuaresma

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Santo Rosario. Acompáñenos todos los primeros sábados del mes en la iglesia, a las 7 p.m., para rezar el Santo Rosario.

Misa para Quinceañera. Interesados deben llamar a la oficina parroquial por lo menos 5 meses antes de la fecha estimada para iniciar los arreglos. La quinceañera debe haber recibido la Confirmación.

Meditación del Evangelio - VI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la Palabra de Dios de hoy, Jesús nos invita a observar una ley más perfecta. Nos llama a aprender a cumplirla, dando ejemplos concretos de cómo debemos comportarnos. El Salmo de hoy nos recalca lo siguiente: “Felices los de conducta intachable, los que caminan en la ley del Señor. Felices los que guardan sus mandatos y lo buscan de todo corazón” (Salmo 118:1-3). La dicha de ser feliz consiste en saber comportarse correctamente en cada circunstancia de la vida. ¿Cómo lograrlo? ¿A qué debemos aferrarnos para ser verdaderamente felices? Ya escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas el domingo antepasado, y con ellas hemos comenzado a practicar cómo vivir en esa felicidad que proviene de Dios. Guardar los mandatos del Señor, es decir, los Mandamientos, es la base de la moral cristiana, y el camino seguro hacia la Sabiduría de Dios. Esto significa estar conectados con Él siempre, por medio de la oración y los sacramentos.

San León Magno, en su sermón número 92 (1, 2, 3), decía: “La virtud cristiana puede superar la de los escribas y fariseos, no por la supresión de la ley, sino por entenderla en un sentido más profundo. Por eso el Señor, al enseñar a sus discípulos la manera de ayunar, les dice: ‘Cuando ayunen, no anden cabizbajos como los hipócritas, que desfiguran su rostro para hacer ver a la gente que ayunan. Les aseguro que ya han recibido su paga.’ ¿Qué paga, sino la alabanza de los hombres?” Señor, enséñanos a estar abiertos de todo corazón a tu Espíritu, ya que solo Él podrá empujarnos a practicar el amor, la justicia y la paz.

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Miércoles de Ceniza; 18 de febrero (Misa en español a las 8:00 p.m.)

Con el Miércoles de Ceniza, los fieles comenzamos a vivir en un clima penitente para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y convertirnos de corazón. Esas son las dos palabras clave de este tiempo: arrepentimiento y conversión.

Acostumbrados a vivir en la rutina, es muy fácil tratar al inicio de la cuaresma (y al resto de este tiempo) cómo un día más del año. Sin embargo, es necesario considerar algunas cuestiones antes de hacer caso omiso de la fecha.

El hecho de recibir cenizas tiene como objetivo recordarle al fiel su origen. “Recuerda que eres polvo y en polvo te convertirás”. Con un sentido simbólico de muerte, caducidad, humildad y penitencia, la ceniza ayuda a que mires en tu interior y descubras esas cosas que necesitan de la misericordia de Dios. **Ayuda a reconocer que somos débiles, que vamos a tener un final y que necesitamos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús** para poder llegar a vivir junto a Él en el Reino de los Cielos.

Para vivir este tiempo de la mejor manera posible, **la Iglesia propone tres actividades claves, destinadas a fomentar un crecimiento espiritual y cierta mortificación exterior**: *que demuestran una intención de reconciliarse con Dios, uno mismo y los demás.*

La oración: contrario a lo que muchos sostienen, **la oración no fortalece nuestra relación con Dios. La oración ES nuestra relación con Dios.** El constante diálogo con nuestro Padre, la meditación a conciencia de su palabra, es la relación personal que todo cristiano debe aspirar. Es decir: la oración no va a hacer que, como por arte de magia, tu relación con Dios mejore. La oración ES tu relación con Dios y, por tanto, debes preocuparte por hacerla cada vez mejor. Se podría considerar para algunos una mortificación por lo que exige: tiempo. **Hay que renunciar a ese tiempo que le dedicaríamos a la serie, el deporte o simplemente dormir, para poder hablar con Dios.**

El ayuno: apunta a que el fiel adquiera dominio sobre sus instintos y libere su corazón (CIC 2043). Como dijo Jesús: “No solo de pan vive el hombre sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios”. Aprender a dejar de lado eso que queremos comer o tomar, para darle lugar a Dios en nuestra vida.

La limosna. Renunciar a un bien propio para darlo a un hermano que lo necesita. Hoy en día, la gente vive muy apegada a lo que tiene. Saber dejar de lado todo eso para poner al prójimo por encima de las cosas materiales, devuelve el orden natural de las cosas a nuestro interior. Ese diseño que Dios pensó de poner a todas las cosas al servicio de los hombres, los cuales son todos iguales ante Dios y peregrinan para llegar a Él. Una vez que ese orden se restaura, se hace más fácil reconciliarse con uno mismo (ya que se aceptó la verdad de que no se es más ni menos que nadie) y con Dios (objetivo de toda alma que verdaderamente persigue la santidad).

Datos sobre el Miércoles de Ceniza:

- ≧ No es precepto. No hay obligación de participar en la Santa Misa ese día, aunque es realmente recomendable.
- ≧ Es día de ayuno y abstinencia. El primero aplica desde los 18 hasta los 75 años como obligatorio. La abstinencia (de carne o cualquier cosa que nos parezca apetecible y que nos saque del clima de penitencia) es aplicable desde los 14 años en adelante.
- ≧ Al imponer las cenizas, el celebrante puede decir dos frases:
 - * Recuerda que eres polvo y en polvo te convertirás.
 - * Conviértete y cree en el evangelio.
- ≧ Las cenizas están hechas con las palmas del Domingo de Ramos del año anterior, mezclado con agua bendita e incienso.



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Celebración de Sacramentos

Bautismo. Los padres que deseen bautizar a sus hijos deben comunicarse con la oficina parroquial por lo menos 3 meses antes de la fecha estimada para informarse del proceso. Una sesión preparatoria es obligatoria para los padres y padrinos. A partir de 5 años, los niños deben prepararse en el programa de Formación en la Fe y los adultos a través del programa de Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Interesados contactar la oficina parroquial.

Matrimonio. Aquellos con deseos de unirse en el Sacramento del Matrimonio deben llamar o venir a la oficina parroquial al menos seis meses antes de la fecha estimada de la ceremonia para comenzar los arreglos. Si ha estado casado anteriormente, le sugerimos iniciar más de un año antes si no ha obtenido una declaración de nulidad.

Visita a los Enfermos. Por favor, informe a la oficina parroquial si un familiar o amigo, que se encuentra hospitalizado o confinado en su casa, necesita una visita pastoral o el Sacramento de la Unción. Un sacerdote lo visitará para el sacramento y, en caso de ser necesario, dispondrá que se le lleve la Santa Comunión a su ser querido.

Sagrada Primera Comunión y Confirmación. La preparación para la recepción de estos sacramentos se lleva a cabo por el ministerio de la Formación en la Fe. La clase para adultos se ofrece a través del programa Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Interesados contactar la oficina parroquial.

*Los sacramentos deben celebrarse en la parroquia donde se está inscrito. Aquellos que desean ser padrinos o desean recibir un sacramento deben **solicitar una declaración que testifica el estado de Miembro Activo**. No podemos emitir tal declaración si usted no es un miembro inscrito y activo de Blessed Sacrament. (Ver "Definición de Miembro Activo").*

DEFINICIÓN DE MIEMBRO ACTIVO

Una familia o un individuo son considerados "miembros inscritos y activos" cuando:

1. Han estado inscritos formalmente en la parroquia por, al menos, tres meses.
2. Participan en el culto mediante la asistencia semanal a las Misas dominicales.
3. Colocan los sobres semanalmente en la cesta de la colecta en la Misa, aunque estén vacíos.

Un tiempo prolongado sin actividad y sin notificación, colocará a la familia en un estado inactivo.

- Si usted da su ofrenda en línea, por favor, en la Misa, entregue su sobre vacío. Asegúrese de haber marcado la casilla «I give online», previamente.
- Si usted contribuye ocasionalmente por medio de la colecta de la Misa, por favor, recuerde entregar su sobre semanalmente, aunque sea vacío, y marque la casilla «I attended Mass» que indica que asistió a Misa.
- Las contribuciones en efectivo se registran únicamente si se entregan en un sobre debidamente identificado.
- Si coloca varios sobres en una Misa, estos se consideran como participación en esa única Misa, independientemente de las fechas que indiquen los sobres.
- Los sobres enviados a la oficina no se consideran como participación en la Misa.
- En la iglesia hay sobres de borde verde disponibles para su uso, en caso de ser necesario. Estos tienen un borde verde.

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