

St. Mary - OUR LADY OF HOPE

Diocese of Charleston

MANNING SC



**Fourth Sunday of
Lent
March 19, 2023**

Our Mission: Drawn by faith, we join in fellowship to form our parish family at St. Mary - Our Lady of Hope. We are committed to serve our community in God's name by offering helping hands, talents, and means to those in need around us.

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church. No matter what your current family or marital situation. No matter what your past or present religious affiliation. No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color. No matter what your self image or esteem, You are invited, welcomed, accepted and respected at **St. Mary- Our Lady of Hope.***



Our Lady of hope Catholic Church
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St. Mary Mission
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Parish News

PENANCE SERVICE: We will have a penance service, Tuesday, **March 28**, at **Our Lady of Hope** at **6.00pm** and another penance service on Wednesday, **March 29**, at **St. Ann** in Santee at **5.00 pm** before the stations.

SOUP AND BREAD: On Wednesdays during Lenten Season there will be Soup and Bread after Noon Stations and Mass. Thank to our Women's Club for providing this soup lunch.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have Mass and Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon at Our Lady of Hope.

LENTEN CHARITY: During this Lenten Season, The women's club will be collecting food and supplies for United Ministries of Clarendon County in Manning. There will be 2 boxes in the back of the Church. All non perishable food or items, such as wipes, paper towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, bath soap, laundry detergent.

EASTER LILLIES: We will again be decorating the altar with lillies for Easter. If you would like to donate one in memory of or in honor of someone, please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible to guarantee delivery for Easter. The cost is \$20 each and you will find a form inserted in your bulletin or in a basket on the table in the back of church. You may drop the forms in the collection basket or give to Marie Land or Ellen Rossoni.

RIP: It is with deep sadness that we learned of the death of parishioner, Jeanine McBride. Jeanine died Thursday evening, March 15, at her son's home in Atlanta. Jeanine and her late husband, Jim, were both very active in our church. They were long time and valued parishioners. May she rest in peace.

Help!: More voices are needed in the choir. Your voice can help proclaim the liturgy. Contact any choir member or Mary Aguzzi at maguzzioo1@ftc-i.net or call 803-478-6636. On Sunday you can come to the choir room at 8:30 am.

Diocesan News

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT is a weekend for women and men who have had or participated in an abortion and are seeking peace and a deeper relationship with God. Our next retreats in SC are Greenville, English, April 14-16, 2023, and Charleston, Spanish, April 28-30, 2023. For more information, please call Christy 803 554 6088 or Kathy 803 546 6010 or grace4healing@gmail.com

AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE: We—St. Ann, Santee, began a six week study and discussion about **LENT** on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00AM after the Rosary. It will conclude the Tuesday before Easter. Come join us and don't worry if you can't make all the sessions we can email you the material for the days you might miss. If you have any questions call Denny or Cathy Masson at 803 897 3493

THE WAY: The Archdiocese of Atlanta is hosting 'The Way', a healing retreat for female survivors of abuse. The retreat will take place March 24-26 at the Sautee Mountain Retreat in Clarkesville, Georgia. The application deadline is March 16. Please view the attached flyer below for details and consider sharing it with your parishioners. For more information or for registration please contact: Susan Stubbs; sstubbs@archatl.com; 404 920 7554

Mass Intentions

This Week

Sat	03/18	6 pm	OLOH	†LeRoy & Mark Carter†
Sun	03/19	7 am	St. Mary	
Sun	03/19	9 am	OLOH	†John Wilking†
Tues	03/21	9am	St. Mary	IHO Claudia Carle
Weds	03/22	Noon	OLOH	†Rose Incorvia†
Thus	03/23	9.am	St, Mary	

Next Week

Sat	03/25	6 pm	OLOH	†Ryan Cate †
Sun	03/26	7 am	St. Mary	
Sun	03/26	9 am	OLOH	†Phyllis Quelette†
Tues	03/28	9 am	St. Mary	† Leonora Velante†
Weds	03/29	Noon	OLOH	†Robt. Guilfoyle †
Thus	03/30	9 am	St. Mary	

WEEKLY OFFERING

03/12/23

YTD

Offering: \$2,407.00 \$81,204.00

Budget: \$2,600.00 \$98,800.00

Difference: -\$193.00 -\$17,596.00

Bldg. Expansion Fund Collection - \$402.00

PARISH CONTACTS

Pastoral Council:	Marie Land	803-435-2314
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PRAY FOR SERVICE PEOPLE:

Aldridge, Corbin/Maj. Elms, Carter/Capt. Beckett, Keith/
Pvt. Elms, Cassidy Ley-Han/2nd Lt. Camut, Samuel K./
Capt. Elms, Savannah/Capt. Carter, Cameron/Cadet
Manning, Justyn/Sgt. DelRio, Peter/L/Cpl McCormick,
Hasannah/1 st Lt. Dunn, Jr. Alfred/CMDR McNeill,
Curtis/2ndLt. Dunn, James/SES Merton, Trevor/OPR
Elms, Caleb/1stLt. Parrish, Victor/Sgt. Rectenwald, An-
thony/Capt.

Diocesan Offices:

Child Protection Services: 843-853-2130 (ext) 209
Diocese Victim Asst. Minister 800-921-8122
Bishop Jacques E. Fabre-Joune CS 843-261-0420

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEKEND MARCH 18-19

Day/Date	Time	Place	Lector	Cantor	Eucharistic Minister
Sat. 03/18/23	6.00 pm	OLOH	Mary Ann Lindner		Ellen Rossoni
Sun. 03/19/23	7.00 am	St. Mary	Margaret Fennessey		
Sun. 03/19/23	9.00 am	OLOH	John Hines	Frank Leone	Mary Lou Schoeck

NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 25-26

Sat. 03/25/23	6.00pm	OLOH	Mary Druding		Ellen Rossoni
Sun. 03/26/23	7.00am	St. Mary	Margaret Fennessey		
Sun. 03/26/23	9.00 am	OLOH	Anna Mack	Ron Madrid	Barbara Fuller

OUR PRAYER LIST

Mary Alice Hoyt; Kathy Bonet; Joe & Lena Cardella; Margaret Markel; Norma Jeffcoat; Hilda Ethridge; Jennie Lynn Duffie; Sonny Solich; Barbara Ellis; Sally & Larry Jean; Cliff & Colleen Snyder; Carl & Jon Fredriksson; Maria Daves; Cynthia Dozier; Dobby Gallagher; Bill Lenz; Guy Cafiero; Walter Kendall; Deacon Walsh; Bill Buyck; Jeanine McBride; Patrick Cherry; Eleanor Hunter; Toni Caporicci; Lynn Barth; Martin & Sandy Brozik; Mary Lou Carter; Sally Woods; Ann Cutter; Paula & John Hauprich; Gayle McKenney; William Locklair; Lew Grabowski; Gary Schaffer; Martin Madrid; Erin O'Donnell; John Hines; Pedro Del Rio; Victor Rios; Susan Connerly; Esperanza Silguero; Christy Richardson; Sandra F Richardson; Susan Marvin; Caesar Kyger; Katie Ley; Carolyn Brewer; Janet Johnson; Mike Quilfoyle; Sean Gallagher; Lynda Nguyen; Aria Rose Haile; Maria Arock-iam; Michael and Sherri Brooks; Brandy Del Rio

SUNDAY REFLECTION

"... the Lord looks into the heart."

A tiny baby is completely dependent upon its parents for giving it life and sustaining that life. Yet we do not expect that baby to give thanks for what he or she receives. In general, the younger a person is, the more his needs are met by others, and the less grateful he tends to be. But as a child grows more independent and self-sufficient, we expect him to grow in gratitude.

Yet as odd as it might seem, the average adult is often tempted to return to the state of that little child who believes that he or she is completely self-sufficient and needs to give thanks to no one. This happens when one focuses on material things and loses sight of the spiritual life.

If we grow not only older but also wiser, we begin to recognize how little in our lives comes solely through our own efforts. In fact, the greatest maturity in life comes when we see that every talent and ability we possess is a gift from God that we no more deserve than the gifts a child receives at Christmas.

The prophet Samuel in the First Reading reminds us of this, that "God does not see as man sees, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." The Church chose this First Reading because "sight" is the theme that runs through all of the Sacred Liturgy today. More to the point, the theme is blindness: the lack of sight that derives from losing sight of God in one's life.

In last Sunday's Gospel Reading, Jesus drew an outcast into conversation. The world of Jesus' time and place looked upon this sinful Samaritan woman as someone to be avoided. But Jesus saw in this outcast a heart which, though hardened, wanted to offer love to God. Jesus drew that love out of her heart.

During these middle weeks of Lent, the Gospel Reading comes from Saint John's Gospel account. We ought to notice that in John, intermediaries (or "middlemen") play an important role in hearing the Gospel, and consequently in people placing their faith in Jesus.

In John, it is not always Jesus Himself who inspires others to place their faith in Him. Certain persons throughout John—such as the Samaritan woman from last week's Gospel Reading, the blind man in today's, and Mary the sister of Lazarus in next week's—who bring people closer to Jesus.

In today's Gospel Reading from John, the man born blind is one of us. When Jesus approaches him, Jesus does not ask if he wants to be cured, and the blind man does not request that Jesus cure him. This dynamic is rare within the four Gospel accounts, so we ought to attend to it. Jesus simply walks right up to the blind man, and heals him with a completely unmerited and unrequested gift.

The gift itself, though, is not the chief point of the Gospel Reading. John's point is seen when we look at the response of people to this miracle. Some are drawn to Jesus and begin to place their faith in Him because of the miracle He worked for the blind man.

However, others are Pharisees. The Pharisees, like the Samaritan woman, have hearts darkened and hardened by sin. But the Pharisees, unlike the Samaritan woman, refuse to open their hearts to the gifts God wants to place within their souls. The Pharisees are blind.

When God works a miracle in their midst, the response of the Pharisees is to condemn the miracle-worker. Through the course of this Gospel Reading, we see the man born blind become more courageous, though: even he begins to confront the blindness of the Pharisees.

Hopefully each of us is a messenger as the man born blind was: that is, an intermediary between God and other persons. God wants to bestow His graces in our lives every day. First we have to recognize how dependent we are upon God, and in how many ways we are blessed by Him.

Yet we must also be willing to tell others about God's graciousness. Sometimes, speaking of our faith in God's goodness will bring others to recognize God working in their own lives. Others, however, will only push God further from them, and may very well shun us, also. In fact, this cost of discipleship may leave us alone at times with no one other than our Lord.

HAPPY SUNDAY

INFORMATIONS

Requests for **Mass Intentions** and Sanctuary Lamps may be made by placing Mass Intention Envelopes found in back of Church, into the collection baskets or by calling **Ellen Rossoni** at (803) 433-0066

For **Alter Flower** information call **Marie Land**, (803) 435-2314

CCD: Classes are held Sundays after 9am Mass For more information call- Sonya DelRio at 803-255-0268

Baptism: Call Rectory at least one month prior to date. Parents must be registered and active members for at least 3 months prior to Baptism.

Matrimony: If you are a Catholic and wish to be married, schedule with the Rectory 6 months prior to proposed date.

Reconciliation: Sat 5:30-5:50am OLOH Manning. Every Saturday 3:30-3:50pm St. Ann Santee or by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick: In Case of Emergency, Sickness or Death, please call Rectory 803-485-2677.

BULLETIN: If you have anything to go in the bulletin please Email @ srolland@charlestandiocese.org by Wednesday noon.

Know this week

<u>19 Sunday</u>	<u>20 Monday</u>	<u>21 Tuesday</u>	<u>22 Wednesday</u>	<u>23 Thursday</u>	<u>24 Friday</u>	<u>25 Saturday</u>
Third Sunday of Lent	Solemnity of Saint Joseph.	Tuesday of the Fourth week of Lent	Wednesday of the Fourth week of Lent	Thursday of the Fourth week of Lent	Friday of the Fourth week of Lent	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord