

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

of Our Lady of Fatima

A DAY OF PRAYER WITH JESUS AND HIS MOTHER

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the appearances of Our Blessed Mother to the shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, Our Lady's messages are more urgent than ever!



SCHEDULE

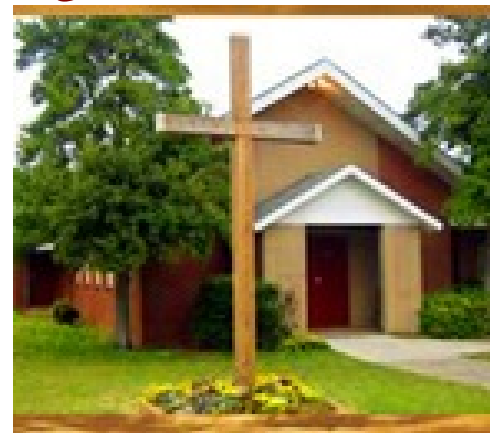
May 10, 2016

- 1:30PM - Procession into Church
- 2:30PM - Veneration of Our Lady
- 2:45PM - Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:15PM - Rosary
- 3:45PM - Litany of the Sacred Heart
- 4:00PM - Veneration of Statue / Confessions
- 5:00PM - Benediction
- 5:30PM - Mass
- 7:00PM - Spanish Rosary
- 7:30PM - Exit Procession with song

St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church

For more information call 843.615.3112 or email egbteaches2017@att.net

St. Gerard Catholic Church



640 Edrie St. NE
Aiken, SC 29801
803 649-3203

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1st, 2016

Mission Statement

Called to be a People for Others

Vision Statement

Anchored by faith hope and love in Jesus Christ, we strive to be active disciples, serving each other and all God's people by welcoming and

Father Emmanuel Andinam: Administrator

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Responsorial:

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel:

John 14:23-29

Today's Missal

Lectionary Readings for the week of May 1, 2016

Monday: *Acts 16:11-15;*

John 15:26--16:4

Tuesday: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8;*

John 14:6-14

Wednesday: *Acts 17:15, 22--18:1;*

John 16:12-15

Thursday: *Acts 1:1-11;*

Luke 24:46-53

Friday: *Acts 18:9-18;*

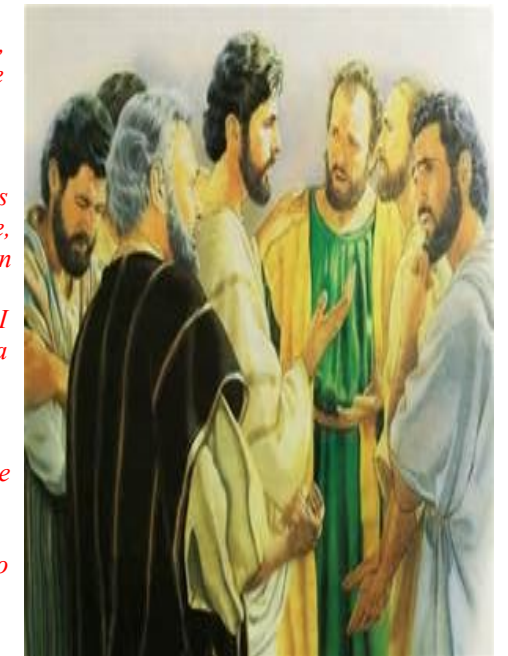
John 16:20-23

Saturday: *Acts 18:23-28;*

John 16:23-28

Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him. Anyone who does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away and shall return. If you loved me you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.

John 14:23-29



Mass Times: Weekdays Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM,

First Friday Benediction after Mass

Weekend Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM

Confessions: after weekday Masses and by Appointment

Office Hours: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday

Bible Study: Fridays 10:00 AM, **CCD:** Sundays 10:30 AM, **RCIA:** Tuesdays 10:00 AM

Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals: By Appointment, Contact the office.

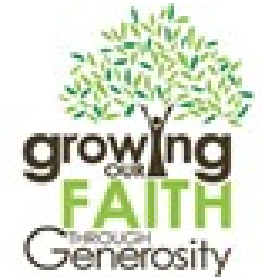
Contact Us: [Phone 803 649-3203](tel:8036493203), [E-Mail stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stgerardscatholi@atlanticbbn.net)

[Facebook @stgerardaiken](https://www.facebook.com/stgerardaiken), **Emergency number for Father 803 637-2027**



Pray for our sick:
 Gary Gilbert
 Marge Glouser
 Leonard Saunders
 Shirley Paige
 William and Jackie Cobbs
 Woody Alexander
 Lena Mickens
 Rosa Johnson
 Brenda and Ike Ligons
 Joe Fulmer

Every year we are witness to creation. New life springs up before us. Our joyful appreciation of nature can move us to preserve and safeguard one of God's fundamental gifts to us. God's gift of the world needs stewards to treasure and protect it.



Pastoral Council:
 Wayman Johnson, Chairman
 Payson Borst
 Jacqueline Brown
 Fredrick Cadek
 Nancy Durden
 Marge Glauser
 Janet Menefee
 Gregory Wright
 Joan Hesik

Volunteer Corner
 I want to thank Cathy Ciani, Carol Miller, Leonard Saunders and Jeanette Coleman for helping me with resolving some inquires.

Bishop Robert Guglielmone has given his approval for the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima to visit parishes throughout the South Carolina from April 30 - May 21, 2016. Please find a location near you to meet with Our Lady of Fatima. More detailed information is attached. We know that the Fatima messages is more urgent today than it was first received in 1917. Gratefully in Christ and Our Lady,
 May 10, 2016
 @ St. Marys Help of Christians
 803 649-4777 parishoffice@stmarys-aiken.org
 See back page for more info.

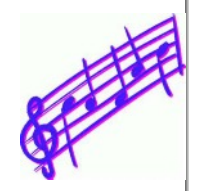
POPE FRANCIS' GENERAL AUDIENCE:
 On the parable of the Good Samaritan
 April 27, 2016, Rome, Zenit.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now turn to the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus had taught the great commandment of love for God and neighbor. In reply to the question: "Who is my neighbor?", he recounts the story of the priest and the levite who pass by a man in need at the side of the road. Their religiosity is ultimately inauthentic, for it does not find expression in service to others. Love, the Lord tells us, is never abstract or distant; it "sees" and it responds. The compassion shown by the Samaritan is an image of the infinite mercy of God, who always sees our needs and draws near to us in love. The command to love God and neighbor, then, is supremely practical; it entails caring for others even to the point of personal sacrifice. By the end of the parable, we see that the "neighbor" is not so much the man in need, but rather the one who responded to that need with compassion. Jesus tells all of us to be neighbors in this sense: "Go and do likewise". He himself is the model of the Good Samaritan; by imitating his love and compassion, we show ourselves truly to be his followers.

Weekend Offering
 April 23-24, 2016
 Collection \$1,524.00
 Needed \$2,612.00
 Under \$1,088.00
 Attendance 119

Mass Intentions
 4:00 PM Mass is said for Marc Antaya From The Gagnons
 7:00 AM Mass For The Soul of Fr. Kizito From The Rileys and Fr. Anthony, 9:00 AM Mass is said for Fr. Don's 72nd Birthday From The Rileys


The Gathering Hymn 75 M
 Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise
 The Offertory Hymn is 80 M
 Jesus Is Risen
 The Communion Hymn is CHOIR 638 BB
 Morning Has Broken
 Our Song of Praise is 74 M
 Alleluia Alleluia (Ode to Joy) or 576 BB



Finance Council:
 Robert Erikson, Chairman
 Leon Gagnon and Anna Marie Key, Auditors
 Lisa Solenberger
 Art Wagner

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is excited to announce the establishment of a Diocesan Missionary Team. The purpose of this groundbreaking program will be to evangelize youth in grades 6 – 12 and help them encounter Christ. Retreats will be offered beginning in September at our parishes and Catholic schools. To learn more or to help with the funding of this dynamic new program, go to <http://sccatholic.org/youth-ministry> see below

ACTS is partnering with the Augusta/Aiken Warrior Project (AWP) to provide available assistance to local Warriors of all service branches, regardless of era of service or wounded status. Please ask any veterans (especially post-9/11 veterans) to contact ACTS at ph#803.642.5919 They served us now let's help ACTS serve them.

	Lay Ministers	
	Saturday May 7	Sunday May 8
Lector:	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Diana Begic	7:00 AM Mass Denise Gelinis
E E Ministers:	Mary Rose	Roger Gelinis
	Saturday May 14	Sunday May 15
Lector:	4:00 PM Vigil Mass Tami Schaeffer	7:00 AM Mass Mary Key L'Esperance
E E Ministers:	Jerry Schaeffer	Gerard L'Esperance
	Refreshments May 1 Sheila Wagner/Patricia Hayes	Refreshments May 8 Shirley Paige/Anna Marie Key
		Refreshments May 15 Richardean Paige/Marilu Alarcon



The Legion of Mary
 1:30 PM Fridays

 Ask Cathy Ciani about membership
 With the arrival of the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima what better time to join the Legion of Mary.

Please pray for father's Prison ministry.
 Be a good steward, make sure the church is secured prior to leaving after Mass.
 Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Tuesdays at the 8:15 Mass
 Fr. Don is 72 this weekend. On Sunday to be exact. Call or write him please. He would love to hear from you. Father Don's address is Carter May Home/St. Joseph Residence, Room 201, 1660 Ingram Rd., Charleston, SC 29407 Cell # 843 599-1620.

No Mass or RCIA on Tuesday May 3
 Father will not be available
 The last CCD class is May 1st. Classes will resume in the fall.
 This is Feed The Valley Weekend. Thank You
 The Finance and parish council meetings are set for Tuesday 10 May. Times 4:30 Finance Council 6:30 PM Parish Council
 Please keep The Gagnons in your prayers.

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT
 To proclaim the "Good News" and draw young people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which will radically challenge and encourage them to embrace the life and mission of the Catholic Church.
DIOCESAN MISSIONARY TEAM VISION
 The vision for the Diocesan Missionary Team (DMT) is to reach young people "on the ground" in their parishes and Catholic schools. The DMT will evangelize young people where they are in their faith life. They will do this by offering young people an opportunity to not only hear about the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ but to learn and understand the grace of the truth that will set them free. It is the vision of the DMT that once young people have experienced the transformational grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, they will hunger and thirst to go deeper in their own Catholic faith life.
WHY DO WE NEED A DIOCESAN MISSIONARY TEAM?
 1. Youth leave the church because they have not encountered Christ and his unending love 2. 80% of Catholics are no longer Catholic by the time they are 23 3. Only 30% of Americans who were raised catholic are still practicing 4. 10% of all adults in America are ex-Catholics

Show your thanks for all your blessings by giving back. ACTS is in desperate need of volunteers to serve in our Resale Store and Client Room assisting clients with their clothing vouchers. Shifts are available Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Commit to as few or as many hours and/or days as fit your schedule. It's not only rewarding but fun, as well! Just e-mail usatvolunteer@actsofaiken.org, or call 803.649.3800 for more information.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one is in Aiken Regional Hospital (ARMC) please let St Gerards know. Remember - ARMC does not inform us of Catholic patients, even if you register as a Catholic; it is up to the patient or family to do so. You can: ask the ARMC Chaplain to call the Catholic church, ask your nurse to inform the Catholic church (name & room number), call-St.Gerard at 649 3203 and leave a message or email St Gerard at: stgerardscatholi@Atlanticbnn.net.

Please pick up a registration form from the rear of the church, complete it and return it to the church and place in the box in the rear of the church or bring it to the office. We still have nowhere near all parishioners filling out the forms.

In Harms' Way: Please remember in your prayers our Nation and loved ones of our parishioners currently serving in harms' way: James Ligon, Robert McHugh and James Rossini. Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.