



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

20 August 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “Receiving the Sacraments without receiving the Gospel leads to superstition rather than living faith, and the Church must therefore take great care to ensure that those who receive the Sacraments also receive the Gospel in its integrity and entirety. Consequently, before Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Marriage are administered, there must be in those who request these Sacraments clear evidence of knowledge of the Gospel and a serious intention to live the Christian life.”

During the first three hundred years of Christianity, asking to receive a Sacrament of the New Covenant was never done lightly because during most of that time to be a Christian was to be a criminal. When practicing the Christian faith was a crime punishable by horrible penalties, no one asked to receive a Sacrament who was not prepared to live and die as a Christian. But in the middle of the fourth century, those circumstances changed dramatically, and Christianity went from being an outlaw sect to a tolerated minority to the official religion of the Empire in a few short decades. After that, being a European was almost the same thing as being a Christian, and for a thousand years and more the Church could almost assume that anyone who asked for a Sacrament believed in the Gospel and intended to live the Christian life. But that time has long since passed.

Today we live in an age of the “baptized pagan,” meaning someone who was brought to the font as an infant but then never evangelized, never catechized, never taught the truths of the Gospel, never formed for Christian living. These poor souls now number in the tens of millions in our nation alone, and they constitute the larger part of baptized Catholics in most nations of the world. And because of the lack of Christian formation among baptized pagans, the Church must once again look to the sacramental disciplines of the first Christian centuries to shape our answer to those who ask for a Sacrament (like the Baptism of a child or Marriage) without giving any evidence of a serious intention to practice the Catholic faith by (at a bare minimum) going to Mass each Sunday.

The Sacraments are not a reward for being good Catholics; they are, rather, the means of grace that change us and give us strength to become holy. But to administer the Sacraments to those who give no evidence of faith and who do not seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus is a sacrilegious fraud, and this must stop. Following the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism has immediate and profound consequences for the pastoral practice of a parish, and it is here perhaps more than anywhere else that cultural, cafeteria, and casual Catholicism collide with Evangelical Catholicism. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and the Sacraments are for those who believe the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 20 August

7.30 am ✖ Tom Pendergast
 9.00 am ✖ Kurt Diessner
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 21 August

7.00 am ✖ Frank Sabine

Tuesday 22 August

7.00 am ✖ James & Florence Mooney

Wednesday 23 August

7.00 am ✖ Paddy Murphy

Thursday 24 August

7.00 am Gabrielle Braud

Friday 25 August

7.00 am ✖ Ruth Rummell

Saturday 26 August

5.00 pm ✖ Lillian Pease

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 20 August

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)

Monday 21 August

Tuesday 22 August

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 23 August

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 24 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 25 August

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 26 August

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd
 abortion clinic
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 6.00 pm SMCCW Meet & Greet (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 12/13 August

Needed	38,900
Received	38,806
Shortage	- 94

Poor Box	984
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	272,300
Received	273,700
Surplus	1,400

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received	5,766,861
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Pledge Balance	447,490
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Still to Go	785,649
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
 unless a location is listed

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Marie-Therese Isidore, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Shelby Gaschler, Andrew Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Richard Stephens.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 20 August**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

If you have never participated in a Bible Study, now is the time to do it. The Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes Sunday 10 September at 9.00 am in the Msgr Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall. We will cover the Gospel of Matthew. What better way to begin unlocking the mysteries of the Bible than to start at the beginning of the New Testament and meet the Lord Jesus by hearing his own words. Contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com with questions.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 22 & 29 August from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 19/20 August

Disaster Relief
Support of the Parish

St Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.



Congratulations to

Evan Kern & Ivana Ferro and Andrew Catlin & Renee Lorys who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Justin & Cuyler Monroe, Brooke Beal, Tyler & Katie Pfister, Jayro Torres & Irma Soraida Castro, Andrew Carek, Peyton Rice, Jorge Gutierrez & Virginia Ramirez Duenas, Rick & Tricia Tutunjian.



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
presents

MATRIMONY Holy & Other



7th Annual Fall Conference
Saturday 30 September 2023
8.30 am to 12 Noon
St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

What do I say when my son is getting married outside the Church?
I was invited to a co-worker's same-sex wedding, should I go?

These are the types of questions that face us every day. Come hear the priests of St Mary's address your common questions and concerns regarding the Sacrament of Marriage. They will unpack the theological basis for the Church's teaching, but also address the very specific issues of ordinary life that challenge those seeking to live as disciples of Christ in the world today.



Fr Jay Scott Newman
Pastor of St Mary's



Fr Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's

\$25 per person
register online at
www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming
information, visit
<https://catholicradioinnc.com>



Please contact Jessica Thrall at
jthrall@charlestdiocese.org
if you're interested in
volunteering, donating
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any of our programs.



Visit our website here!

*Be who God
meant you to be,
and you will set the
world on fire.*

-St Catherine of Siena



SAVE THE DATE!

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women will host a Meet & Greet
after all Masses in Pazdan Hall the weekend of 26-27 August.

All women of the parish are cordially invited to join St Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Our 90 members strive to be the women God calls us to be. We serve our parish and the greater community through our volunteer work and our prayers. We grow in our spirituality and form lasting friendships. All new paid members (\$15) will receive a free previous year St Mary's Christmas ornament.

For more information contact
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Lori Grant at blessedmom864@gmail.com.



Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

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*“The law of the
LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.”*

Ps 19:8



WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2013, the South Carolina Catholic Conference is committed to representing Church teaching and the Catholic faithful around the state. We serve as the public policy voice of the bishop and advocate for laws that advance the common good for the citizens of the Palmetto State.

Our advocacy areas:

- life & bioethics
- family
- education
- poor & vulnerable
- immigration

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COMING UP IN 2024

- Adoption reform
- Paid family leave
- Repeal Blaine Amendment
- Protection for children & gender surgery ban
- School choice
- Workforce development
- Predatory lending



St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
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or 864.679.4110

REGISTRATION OPENS 1 August 2023

Registration for the 2023-24 year is now open. ALL children of the parish (Grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St Joe's Middle School Students.

[Link to Grades 1-8 Registration Form](#)
[Link to Homeschool and St Joe's Registration Form](#)
[Link to Sunday Morning Preschool Registration Form](#)

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes begin 6 September 2023

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30 - 7.30 pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes begin 10 September 2023

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30 pm
6 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more information or to register please email
timothy.nielsen@smcgvl.org

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you

come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. The next scheduled class is Monday 11 September. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org for class registration.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgv1.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church
111 Hampton Avenue
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Diocese of Charleston

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Register at <https://formed.org> using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them “Peace be with you.” Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends will

be 10-12 November and 26-28 January 2024 at Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Early signup is recommended. This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day, rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married, and join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Please visit <https://scmarriage matters.org> for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

“Dominus Est - It is the Lord!”

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 8 am
Tuesday 9 am
Thursday 2 am*

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Father Longenecker and Catholic Bible teacher Steve Ray for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15-24 May 2024. For more information contact dcraft@charlestondiocese.org or call the parish office at Our Lady of the Rosary at 864.422.1648.

Theology on Tap



All Greenville/Upstate Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol) are invited to our Fall Theology on Tap series at Fireforge Crafted Beer. Join us at 7.00 pm as we discuss faith, share some fellowship, and order a drink or food if you like! This fall we'll have a 4-part

series *Communion* about the 4 parts of consecration and the Eucharistic feast - Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given. It's heavily inspired by Eucharistic revival and devotion, specifically from the Catechism, and the purpose is to reorient our everyday worship and conform to His heart in this way. “Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking” (CCC, 1327). Invite a coworker, bring a friend, or just show up and meet some new people. This is a great way to learn more about our faith in a relaxing environment.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Marian Eucharistic Conference

Featured Speakers

 Rev. Don Calloway, MIC	 Very Rev. Thomas Petri, OP	
 Rev. John Bartunek, LC	 Jim Wahlberg	 John Martignoni

Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: \$75
Registration required by OCT. 2 by mail. Registration after Oct. 2: \$135.
Buffet dinner on Friday and buffet lunch on Saturday are included. Friday dinner choice: chicken or fish.

For more information:
MeConferenceSC.net
or call 864-354-7160.

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