

*st mary's catholic church  
greenville, south carolina*



*first sunday of advent  
3 DECEMBER 2023*


 INTRODUCTORY RITES
 

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 25.1-3

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

Entrance Hymn

Lo, He Comes



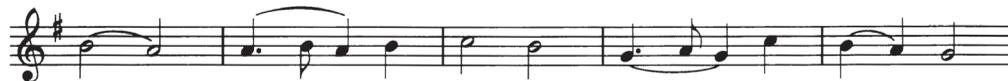
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

# Penitential Act

## Confiteor

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*All strike their breast, saying:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Priest* May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**People Amen.**

*Or the priest may use the alternate form of the Penitential Rite with three  
invocations, after which all sing:*

**Kyrie** (5.00 pm, 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses: Repeat after the cantor)



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.



Chri-ste, e-le-i-son.



Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son.

## Collect



✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

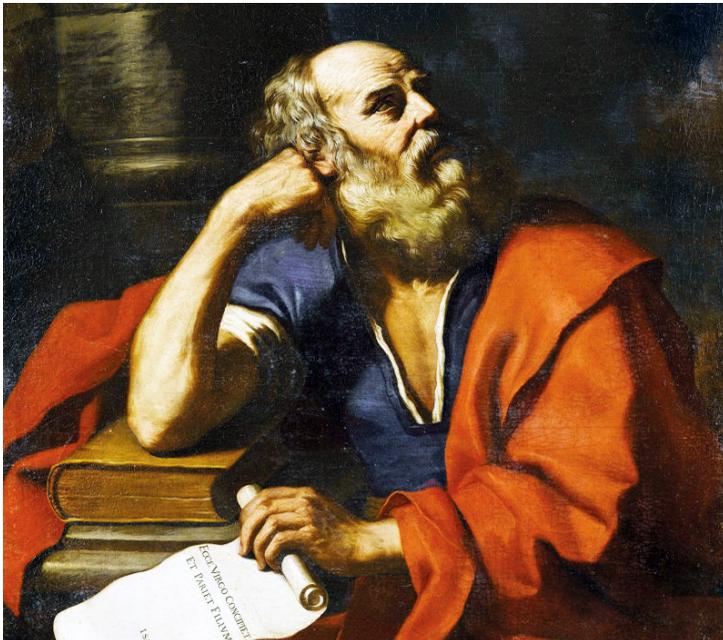
First Reading

Isaiah 63.16b-17, 19b; 64.2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



# Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80.2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Psalm 80

Owen Alstott



**R.** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted,  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.



## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Owen Alstott



Show us, Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation. *Response.*

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel

Mark 13.33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily



## The Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Priest* Do you renounce Satan, and all his works and empty promises?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation  
is given to you in a special way  
just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* Do you believe in the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

*Candidate* I do.

*Priest* This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**



## The Laying on of Hands

*Priest* Dearly beloved, let us pray to God the almighty Father, for these, his adopted sons and daughters, already born again to eternal life in Baptism, that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them to confirm them with his abundant gifts, and through his anointing conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*All pray in silence for a short time, then the priest extends his hands as he prays.*

*Priest* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought these your servants to new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, freeing them from sin: send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete; give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety; fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Anointing with Chrism

*The candidate, with his sponsor, goes to the priest, and the sponsor places his/her hand on the candidate's shoulder. The priest dips his right thumb in the chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed as he says:*

*Priest* **N**, be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Newly-confirmed* Amen.

*Priest* Peace with you.

*Newly-confirmed* And with your spirit.



# Offertory Antiphon

# Psalm 25.1-3

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

# Offertory Hymn

# O Come, Divine Messiah



1. O come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day
2. O come, De-sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et long fore-told,
3. O come, in peace and meek-ness, For low - ly will your cra - dle be:



When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.  
Will break the cap - tive fet - ters, Re-deem the long - lost fold.  
Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We shall your God-head see.



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your



face, And bid us hail the dawn of grace. O



come, Di-vine Mes - si - ah, The world in si - lence waits the day When



hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; Tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877  
Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE. 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël. 16th C.; Harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968, © 1958, Ralph Jusko Publications, Inc.



# Offertory Anthem

(9.00 am & 11.00 am Masses)

*The Brightness of Thy Rising*

*Maurice Greene*

*The Gentiles shall come to thy light; and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*



## Sanctus (5.00 pm and 9.00 am Masses)

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cé - l - sis Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - l - sis

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

 COMMUNION RITE 

*Priest* At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

***People* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*Priest* Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***People* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

*Priest* Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins,  
but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity  
in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

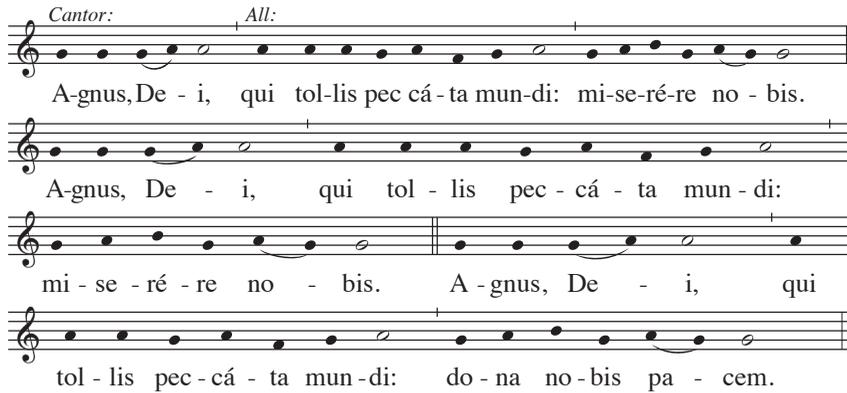
***People* Amen.**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People* And with your spirit.**

## Agnus Dei (5.00 pm and 9.00 am Masses)

*Cantor:* *All:*



A-gnus, De - i, qui tol-lis pec cá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.  
A-gnus, De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di:  
mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A - gnus, De - i, qui  
tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx



*Priest* Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**

*The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*



***AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION***

LORD JESUS, I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.  
HOW I LONG TO RECEIVE YOU WITH MY BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS AT THE TABLE YOU HAVE PREPARED.  
BUT SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU IN  
THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD,  
I ASK YOU TO FEED ME WITH THE MANNA OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT  
AND NOURISH ME WITH YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.

I UNITE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO YOU;  
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVE.

AMEN.

## Communion Motets

*Conditor alme siderum*

*Chant*

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light. O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty. When this old world drew on t'ward night, you came; but not in splendor bright. Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow. All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord. Come in your holy might, we pray redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below, from all assaults of our dread foe. To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally.*

*Lord, Let Us Turn to You*  
*Psalm 80*

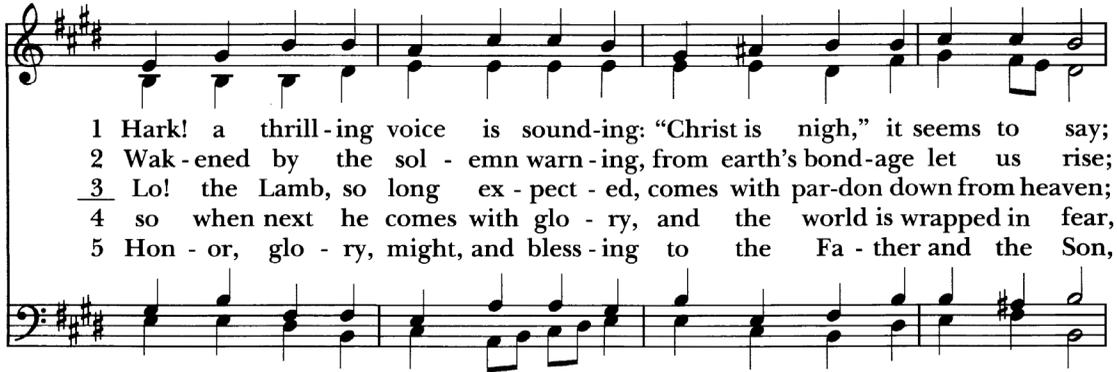
*Arlen Clarke*

*Lord, let us turn to you, Let us see your face, and we shall be saved, O Shepherd of Israel hearken. From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power and come to save us. Once again, O Lord of Hosts; look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted; the Son of Man whom you yourself made strong. May your help be with the man of your right hand - with the son whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you. Give us life, and we will call upon your name, and we will be saved.*

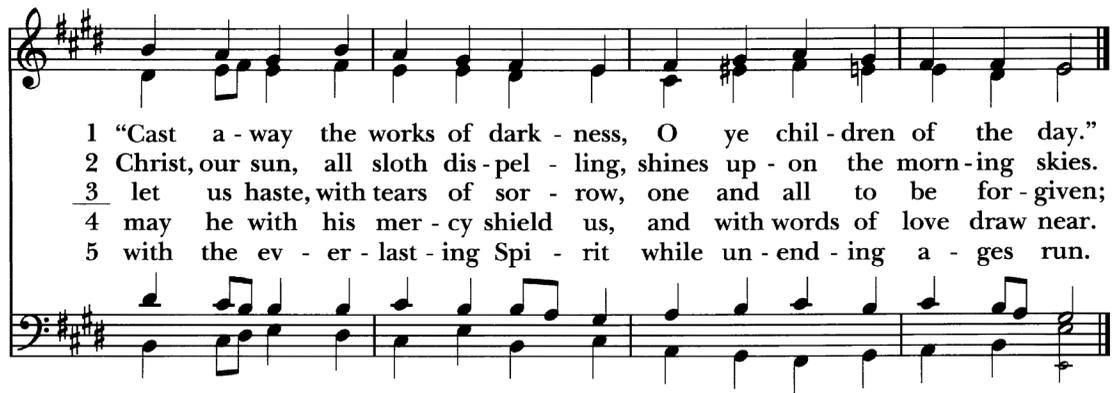


# Communion Hymn

# Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.

Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)



✠ CONCLUDING RITES ✠

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with your spirit.**

*Priest* May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People** **Amen.**

*Deacon* Go in peace.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

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**During Mass at St Mary’s, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but until recently has been rare in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, [smcgvl.org](http://smcgvl.org), and look for the link entitled *Facing East to Pray*.**

PLEASE JOIN US  
TODAY AT 5.00 PM  
FOR  
SOLEMN VESPERS  
OF THE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Page one:* Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, Greenville, SC.

*Page four:* Bartolomeo Gennari. *Isaiah*. (17th century).

*Page six:* Hans Memling. *The Last Judgement (detail)*. (1460).

*Page seven:* Gian Lorenzo Bernini. Detail of window above Chair of Saint Peter, Saint Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City. (1665).

*Page ten:* James Tissot. *Journey of the Magi*. (19th century).

*Page thirteen:* Duccio. *The Nativity with the Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel*. (1308).

*Page fifteen:* Fra Angelico. Detail of altarpiece, Convent San Domenico, Italy. (c. 1420).

## from the office of readings for the first sunday of advent

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring a crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*.

The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgment he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent*.

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. Malachi the prophet speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple*: that is one coming.

Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing*.

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Savior was appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ*. Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end*.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will therefore come from heaven. He will come at the end of the world, in glory, at the last day. For there will be an end to this world, and the created world will be made new.

- From a catechetical instruction by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop  
(b. 376; d. 444)

## *from the pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

God be praised for the New Year of Grace which begins today with the First Sunday of Advent. The combination of Advent and Christmastide is my favorite season of the year, and I try to savor every moment of this time because it passes so swiftly - as do our lives! Immerse yourself in prayer during these precious weeks of anticipation and celebration of the Birth of the Messiah, and if possible join us for Mass at 7 am from Monday through Friday and for Vespers at 5 pm on Sunday. Every evening at supper light an Advent wreath in your homes, and say the prayer for that day of the week which we include in our eBulletin each week. Be watchful!

December is traditionally a very important month for charitable giving, and so I want to give you an update on our financial situation:

1. Offertory giving is right on track to meet our budget for this fiscal year, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity.
2. We are slightly behind our goal for the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina on which our bishop depends to fulfill his responsibilities for the common good, and so I ask you to be generous with your gift to the Catholic Appeal. And no matter how much you give, it is essential that all of us participate in the Appeal to share with each other the work of the Great Commission, so please do make a gift - especially if you have not done so before. You can give your Appeal donation to Saint Mary's, and we'll send it to Charleston for you. Or you can go directly to [charlestdiocese.org/donate](http://charlestdiocese.org/donate) and make your gift there. If you do that, please be sure to show Saint Mary's as your parish.
3. The end of this month is the end of our five year capital campaign called Forward in Faith. We set out to raise \$7 million, and we are nearly there. If you have not yet made a gift to this campaign, I ask you to do so now, and if you are still working on a pledge already made, we would be most grateful for the completion of that pledge at your first convenience. Of the seven million dollars, one million went to the diocese as our portion of the Bi-Centennial Campaign. The remaining six million dollars all stayed here at Saint Mary's for the construction of the Clinkscales Family Center and ongoing improvements to all our facilities. With nine buildings on nine acres here in downtown, plus the residences for the clergy and the Dominican Sisters, we are always repairing or replacing something, and that is possible only because of your ongoing generosity to our building fund and periodic capital campaigns.

Scripture tells us that ten percent of everything we have should be used for the glory of God and the benefit of others, and I suggest that 5% of your tithe be given to the parish in your offertory donations, 1% be given to the diocese in the Catholic Appeal, and the remaining 4% be given to charities of your choice including our capital campaigns and building fund.

Father Newman