

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas was 40 days ago, and that is why today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. According to Jewish custom, described in Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer. St. Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple — the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant is revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on this day, candles are blessed for use in the sacred liturgy because Christ is Light from Light and true God from true God. For this reason, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas, an alternate title for this celebration which began in Jerusalem in the fourth century, making it one of the most ancient feasts in the Christian liturgy. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of today's great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary.

Finally, in 1997 Blessed Pope John Paul the Great began a yearly Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are, through living in the most radical way the dignity of their Baptism, imitating both the holy witnesses of Israel — Simeon and Anna — and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at St. Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.



The St. Mary's Program of Catholic Studies presents



The Catholicism of the Hobbit

Event Location:
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Downtown Greenville
McGrady Hall
(the church undercroft)

Thursday
6 February
@ 6.30 pm

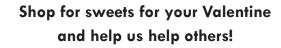
~ W/ITH ~

Joseph Pearce

A native of England, Joseph Pearce is writer in residence and visiting fellow at Thomas More College in New Hampshire. He is editor of the St. Austin Review, an international review of Catholic culture, series editor of the Ignatius Critical Editions, and executive director of Catholic Courses. The internationally acclaimed author of many books, Pearce is a world-recognized biographer of modern Christian literary figures. Pearce has hosted two 13-part television series about Shakespeare on EWTN, and has also written and presented documentaries on EWTN on the Catholicism of The Lord of the Rings.



Valentine's Day Bake Sale



Date: Saturday and Sunday 8 & 9 February 2014

In the Macalka Dining Room of Pazdan Hall

After all Masses!

All proceeds go to a Catholic charity!



Special Treat:

Dinner will also be available after the Saturday Mass!
Chili Dogs, Chips, and a Drink—\$5.00

Contact: President Peggy Moulton 864-386-2309 or peggym4644@aol.com



Sponsored by St Mary's Women's Club



JOIN FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR A FUN EVENING OF CELEBRATING AT ST. MARY'S MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE GALA, FEATURING: A TRIBUTE TO THE PAST!

Saturday, 1 March 2014

6:30 PM—10:30 PM
St. Mary's Church, Gallivan Hall

\$30 PER PERSON ~TICKET INCLUDES:

Seated meal - Gumbo, Green Salad, Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Baked Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and King Cake with Multi-Colored Sherbet

Two alcoholic beverage vouchers - cash bar thereafter: wine \$5.00 per glass, beer \$3.00 per bottle

Entertainment by the "Scotch and Soda with a Twist Band" Parade of past Rexes and Reginas (Kings and Queens) and tons of fun, Fun, FUN!!

Costume Ball Attire

Sponsored by St. Mary's Women's ${\it Club.}\,$ All proceeds to a ${\it Catholic}\,$ charity.

CLIP & RETURN COUPON

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE GALA!

<u>Ticket deadline</u>: Saturday, 22 February 2014

Please Print Clearly!

į	Name:
	E-mail:
ı	Phone:
ı	Number of Tickets @ \$30.00 each:

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Total Amount of Check: \$__

<u>Make check payable to</u> St. Mary's Women's Club <u>Mail coupon and check to</u> SMWC, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

Questions? Contact Shelby Gaschler at 864-246-5616 or

shelby@masterscarstereo.com

RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED BY E-MAIL





February 8, 2014

Saint Maron's Day Hafli on Saturday, February 8, 2014, Hilton Hotel, 45 W. Orchard Park Dr., (I-385 and Haywood) Greenville, SC 29615

Saint Rafka Maronite
Catholic Church

1215 S. Highway 14
Greer, SC 29650

Saintrafkagreenville@gmail.com
www.saintrafka.net

6 PM Cocktails, Cash Bar and Meza 7 PM, Dinner

8 PM, Entertainment and Dancing

\$85.00 per Adult \$20.00 per Child UNDER 12 Tickets include Meza, Dinner, Table Wine, Desert, Entertainment and Dancing

Tickets: Marlene Saad, 864.580.1054, mksaad@bellsouth.net

A fundraising event for renovations and future expansion of the Saint Rafka Church complex.





Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 2 February 2014

7.30 am ♣ Ina P 9.00 am ♣ Ernes 11.00 am Pro p 1.00 pm Span

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★ Ernest Palchanes Pro populo Spanish Mass

Monday, 3 February 2014

7.00 am Parker Moore (4th Birthday)

Tuesday, 4 February 2014

7.00 am ★ Ana Arroyave 12.00 noon Mary Seale

Wednesday, 5 February 2014

7.00 am ★ Margarite Wynsen 12.00 noon Soraya Chackal

Thursday, 6 February 2014

7.00 am ♣

12.00 noon ☀ Elizabeth Perelli

Friday, 7 February 2014

7.00 am ♣ Michele Cogar

Saturday, 8 February 2014

5.00 pm ♣ Emily Rose Gomes

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 2 February 2014

Coffee & donuts: After the 9.00 am Mass Nursery during 9.00 & 11.00 am Masses

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
9.00 am Scripture Study
10.10 am Morning Prayer
(McGrady)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group

(McGrady) 6.00 pm Women of Grace

Monday, 3 February 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting

(McGrady)

6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 4 February 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 5 February 2014

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education 6.30-7.30 pm RCIA (McGrady)

Thursday, 6 February 2014

3.00 pm
4.00 pm
6.30 pm
Program of Catholic Studies (McGrady)

Friday, 7 February 2014

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class
3.10-4.45 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 8 February 2014

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 Jan.

 Needed
 31,500

 Received
 27,168

 Deficit
 4,332

Poor Box 721

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 945,000

 Received
 963,409

 Surplus
 18,409

Electronic Giving: To sign up or to receive more information, please contact Pat Perkins in the church office at 864.679.4109 or pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

St. Mary's Accepts Credit Cards: To make your gift for the Regular Offertory Collection and Fund Drive for the Future using MasterCard, Visa or American Express, please call Pat Perkins at 864.679.4109 for the authorization form.



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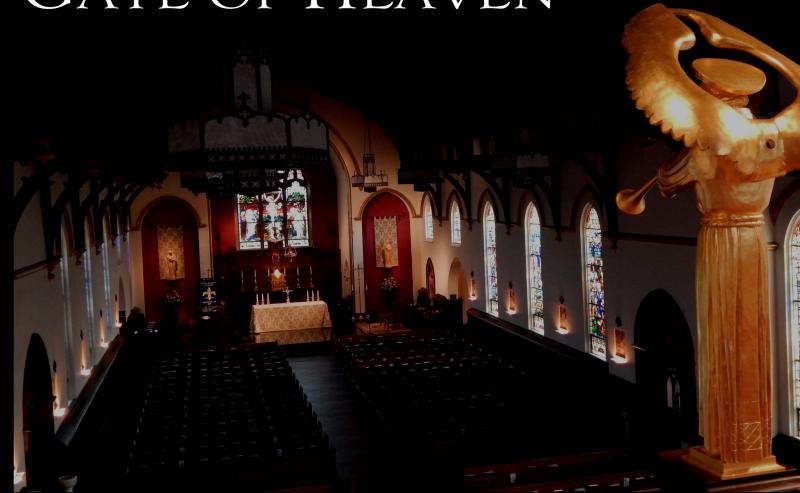
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MUSIC

AT THE

GATE OF HEAVEN



A CONCERT OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC

by the St. Mary's Choir and the Schola Cantorum

Sunday 16 February 2014

4.00 - 5.00 PM

Featuring the compositions of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Choirmaster, Arlen Clarke and Organist, Robert Lee.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 338 West Washington Street Downtown Greenville, SC www.stmarysgvl.org

Parish News

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosa Maria Rivas and Virginia Dugas who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Alan Howard, Alice Howard, Gordon Gibbs, Mike McGrady, Ronald Labbe, Stephen Urban, Cassandra Gomes, Andrew Brett, Paulina Cruz and Patricia Ridgeway and Lorraine Beauchemin.

Pray the Rosary

Rosary of the Unborn (rain or shine) at the abortion facility at 1142 Grove Road from 8 - 9 am every Saturday morning.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Kim Maeshack and Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Cochran.

New Assignment for Father Cassabon

Effective 10 February 2014, Father Michael Cassabon has been assigned as parochial vicar to Star of the Sea Catholic Church in North Myrtle Beach, where he will serve under the pastor, Father D. Anthony Droze, who was pastor of St. Mary's Church when Michael Cassabon was a student in our parish school. Congratulations to the reunited team in North Myrtle Beach!

Souper Bowl Sunday

We will be collecting donations to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on Super Bowl weekend, 1 & 2 February. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Mary's Senior Fellowship



Our mission is to provide fellowship to members of St. Mary's Catholic Church who are 65 years or older. Join us Saturday 8 February 2014 @at 12:00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall to celebrate St. Valentine. Bring a dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.

Women of the Parish:

We invite you to attend the Tuesday 11 February monthly meeting of the Women's Club, 10.00 am, first floor of Sacred Heart Hall. The Pearlie Harris Mammography Bus from St. Francis Hospital will be here for a tour and we will also have a speaker from the Mammography Department. Did you know St. Francis Hospital named their Mammography Department and Bus after St. Mary's parishioner and women's club member Pearlie Harris? The logo they chose was "pearls". Look for them on the side of St. Francis Hospital's eastside building the next time you are in the area. Come meet Pearlie and find out why! Brunch is provided. All are welcome! Contact patwebb1010@charter.net for more information.

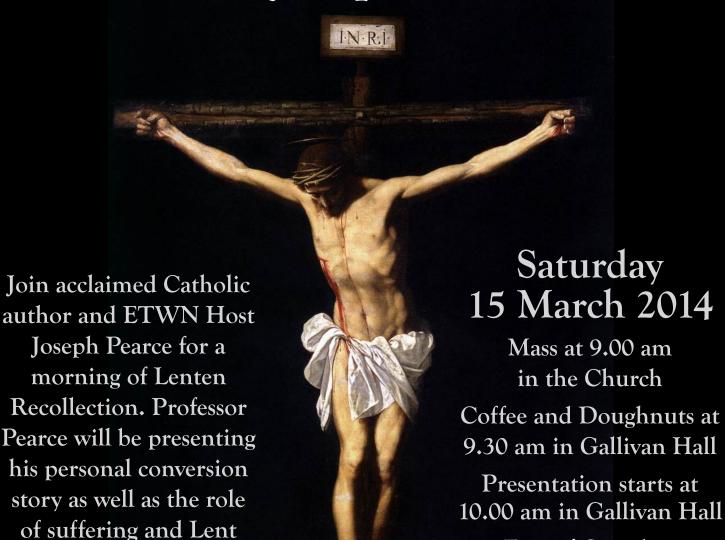
2013 Tax Statements

Please call Vickie Acosta in the church office at 679.4100 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2013. Statements will be issued only upon request.

Please allow us several days to process and mail your statement. Thank you.

st. mary's catholic charch Presents

A Lenten Day of Recollection with Joseph Pearce



Free of Cost, but

Registration Required

St. Mary's Catholic Church Downtown Greenville www.stmarysgvl.org Please Contact T.J. Nielsen:

in our lives.

timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114 to register

Calling all former Rex and Reginas!



Mardi Gras 2014 is coming soon. Are you a former Rex or Regina of one of Greenville's past Mardis Gras? If so, we would like to honor you at St.

Mary's Women's Club Mardi Gras event scheduled for 1 March 2014. Please contact Eileen Lee at 864.232.3196 or email her at lee0808@aol.com.



Catholic Fellowship Dinners

You are invited to join The Catholic Fellowship program that facilitates the development of Christian community within the adult population of parishioners by coordinated regular scheduled dinners in homes of volunteers.

The next dinners are on 8 & 9 February. For more information or if you would like to participate, call Judy Lema, 884.9853.

Lay Carmelite Community

Come and see... Interested in deepening your faith and prayer life? Drawn to the Carmelite saints and spirituality? The Lay Carmelite Community of Greenville invites you to come to their next meeting on Saturday 1 February following the 9 am Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8 Gillin Drive, Simpsonville. For information, contact Carolyn 864.320.7889 or Jan 864.287.5495.

St. Anthony's Catholic Store

The Rev. Jeffrey F. Kirby, STL, Vicar of Vocations, will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Store Monday 3 February, the feast day of St. Blaise, blessing throats, answering questions on vocations, and signing his books. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and see what it means to answer the call. For more information please call 864.288.0335.

Natural Family Planning

The Next Introductory Session of Natural Family Planning will be held at Bon Secours St. Francis Women's Hospital (East Side) on Thursday 13 February at 7.00 pm. This is the model taught by the Pope Paul VI Institute and Creighton University and has been very successful for couples wishing to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Please call Nancy McGrath RN, BS, CFCP at 292.0475 or 675.4333.

Elder Care Workshop

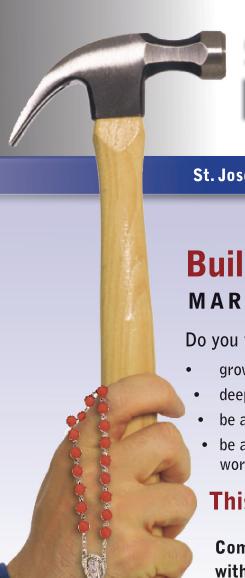
Prepare now for end of life care. Since we don't know when we or our loved ones will need protection, plan now to ensure that the right legal documents are in place. Find out what is needed at an Elder Care Workshop to be offered by SC Citizens for Life on Sunday 23 February from 2.00-4.00 pm in the media center at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, 3710 Augusta Road, Greenville. Light refreshments will be served. Call Victoria Norris at 864.967.2713 or email gynorris@charter.net for more information.

Men's Discernment Retreat

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Charleston is hosting a discernment retreat for men (Ages 18-49) on 14-16 February at White Oak Conference Center.

If you're interested in learning more about Christian discipleship, discernment, and the priesthood, please consider this retreat. For information and to sign up online, visit www.CharlestonVocations.com, or contact the Office of Vocations at 1.800.660.4102.





South Carolina Catholic MEN'S CONFERENCE

St. Joseph Catholic Church | 3600 Devine Street | Columbia, SC 29205

Building Men of Faith MARCH 1, 2014

Do you want to:

- grow in your Catholic faith?
- deepen your relationship with Christ?
- be a better father, son, husband, and man?
- be a spiritual leader in your family, church, workplace, and community?

This conference is for you!

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith!

Along with the energetic and engaging presentations, Bishop Robert Guglielmone will concelebrate Mass with a distinguished group of priests and deacons from across the state of South Carolina. Throughout the day the sacrament of reconciliation will be offered. You will leave this event with a deeper faith, possessing the tools to continue to "Build your Faith" in Christ Jesus. These tools will make you a better father, husband, son and man of Christ.



SPEAKERS



Joseph Lombardi NFL QB Coach-New Orleans Saints



Most Reverend
Robert E.
Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston



Steve Wood
Director of Family Life
Center International



Fr. Dwight
Longenecker
Pastor, Our Lady of the
Rosary Catholic Church



Fr. Jeffrey Kirby Vicar of Vocations for the Diocese of Charleston

COST

\$40 Pre - Registration; \$50 at the door \$10 Discount for Knights of Columbus Members \$5 Discount for early registration (Prior to February 1, 2014)

REGISTRATION

On-line at: www.sccatholicmensconf.org or mail check to:

Edward M. Griffin 742 Cherry Hills Place Rock Hill, SC 29730-8219

Religious Education News

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-8 meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

Family Honor 25th Anniversary Banquet Saturday 15 February 7.00 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church

For 25 years, Family Honor has been bringing parents and their children together to help them communicate more easily about some of the most important topics in life: chastity, family, love, and God's gift of sexuality. To celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are holding a banquet.

You'll enjoy personal testimonies, exciting plans for the future, delicious food, a few surprises, plus special guest, Catholic singer and comedian Nick Alexander. There is no registration fee but this is a fundraiser, so donations will be requested during the banquet to support Family Honor's important work. Family-friendly event; parents may bring any child age 13 and older.

To register, go to FamilyHonor.org/2014Banquet. Questions? Call Family Honor at 803.929.0858.

Family Honor Program "Changes & Challenges"

St. Mary's will host Changes & Challenges for Parents and their 6th grade preteens. Changes & Challenges will focus on the truth and goodness of human sexuality and the virtue of chastity. This two-week program on 26 March 2014 (parents only) and 2 April 2014 (parents and preteens) from 6.30-8.45 pm. For more information, contact the RE Office at 679.4110 or joann.miller@stmarysgvl.org. Register online with Family Honor. Deadline to register is 12 February 2014.

Vacation Bible School 2014

Cool Kingdom Party: Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus will be the week of 16-20 June from 9 am to noon.

FIRST DAY Overview: **Theme:**Mary said "yes" to God! **Saint:** St. Dominic Savio. **Virtue:** Obedience.

Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available on the parish website at stmarysgvl.org under the Family & Youth tab or in Sacred Heart Hall or the Church office.

We are now looking for adult volunteers; if you are interested please contact Kayla Weston at kaylalee97@hotmail.com or 864.320.0100.

High School Youth Group

7-9 March: Diocesan Youth Conference - Cost of the weekend retreat is \$145. Forms and checks made out to St. Mary's are due Sunday 9 February. St. Mary's church is providing a chartered bus for safe reliable transportation.

Perpetual Adoration

Prince of Peace Parish in Taylors, SC wishes to extend a warm invitation to all area parishioners to become members of our perpetual adoration Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas. Please contact Tom O'Donnell (POP parishioner and Guild coordinator) at 864.610.0588 if you would like to take one of these hours.

Hours in need of an adorer

Monday 2pm Tuesday 1 am Saturday 2 am & 3 am rotations Saturday 7 am Sunday 8 am & 7pm





praying the Liturgy of the hours

MORNING PRAYER

EACH SUNDAY 10.15 AM McGrady Hall

VESPERS

SUNDAYS OF LENT 5 PM

9 March 2014

16 MARCH 2014

23 MARCH 2014

30 March 2014

6 APRIL 2014

13 APRIL 2014

ALSO PRAY THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Online at www.divineoffice.org With iOS and Android at iBreviary

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

www.stmarysgvl.org/theschool



Main Office Number: 864.271.3870 Fax: 864.271.0159

Nelle Palms, Director of Admissions nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org 864.679.4117

Pat Lanning, Safe Environment Coordinator patricia.lanning@stmarysgvl.org

St. Mary's School Testing

The second testing date will be held Wednesday 12 February at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Wednesday 5 February.

The third testing date will be held Wednesday 19 March at St. Mary's School. The deadline to register is Wednesday 12 March.

Please contact Nelle Palms for more information at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4117.

Pilgrimage to EWTN and Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Greer, SC Friday 25 April – Sunday 27 April 2014

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Greer announces the plan for a pilgrimage to EWTN and the Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Alabama. This pilgrimage will focus on asking for His Mercy, being merciful to others, and completely trusting in Jesus.

Visit the Most Rev. Robert J. Baker at EWTN Spiritual director: Fr. Philip Gillespie

Dates of trip: Friday 25 April to Sunday 27 April 2014.

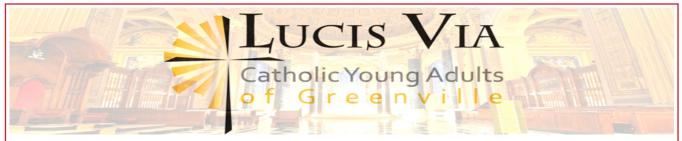
Price of trip: \$270 (double occupancy), \$320 (single occupancy)

Includes: transportation, lodging at St. Bernard Abbey Retreat Center, Ave Maria Grotto and 9 meals

REGISTER BY 11 APRIL 2014

For more information, please call at 864.879.4225 or visit www.blessedtrinitysc.com





All young adults (18-39) are welcomed & encouraged to join our ministry whose mission is to help young adults answer the universal call to holiness.

Learn about our upcoming events:

Check www.lvgreenville.com Email lvgreenville@gmail.com Call 864.266.8843

Thursdays: Adoration at 7.00 pm at Prince of Peace

Mondays: Join us in the St Francis Eastside Hospital 125 Commonwealth Drive Greenville, SC 29615. We meet in Room 201 except on the 2nd Monday of the month when we'll meet in the Chapel. Class starts at 7:00 pm.

Winter 2014 Lucis Via Bible Study

The Book of Acts

Date	Subject	Chapters & Verses
February 3	Saul	9:1-31
February 10 (Chapel)	Peter's Miracles & Vision	9:32 - 10:49
February 17	Bringing Faith To the Gentiles & The Council of Jerusalem	11:1-18 & 15:1-35
February 24	Gentile Conversions & Further Persecutions	11:19 - 12:24
March 3 (Ash Wednesday is on the 5th)	Lectio with Ash Wednesday readings	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
March 10 (Chapel)	Paul's 1st Missionary Journey	12:25, 13 & 14
March 17	Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey	15:35 - 18:22
March 24	Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey	18:23 - 21:15
March 31	Paul's Arrest & Imprisonment	21:16 - 26:32
April 7 (Palm Sunday is next week)	Paul's Journey to Rome & His Ministry in Rome	27 & 28

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