

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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7 December 2014

Dear Friends in Christ,

Though not observed this year because it falls on a Sunday, December 7th is the feast of Saint Ambrose of Milan, one of the most remarkable bishops of the early Church. Aurelius Ambrosius was born around the year 340 in the city of Trier, now in Germany but then in the Roman Province of Gaul. Ambrose's father was the praetorian prefect of Gaul and in that office governed a vast portion of the empire; the boy followed his father into the Roman imperial service and received the best education available in Rome, becoming the consular prefect of Liguria and Emilia in northern Italy at the age of 32. Ambrose's official residence as prefect was in Milan, now the largest city in Italy and even then a great metropolis of the ancient world.

According to tradition, the Gospel was first preached in Milan by Saint Barnabas, companion and coworker of Saint Paul, and a bishop was resident in Milan from the early third century. By the time Ambrose arrived in Milan in 372, the diocese was deeply divided by the Arian heresy which, though condemned by the Council of Nicaea in 325, was still a powerful force in many parts of the empire. The Bishop of Milan died in 374, and Ambrose went to the basilica where the election of the new bishop was to take place in order to insure that there would be no riots or violence because of the Arians. In the midst of the deliberations, someone in the crowd shouted "Ambrose, bishop," and the people began to chant his name. Ambrose, who was a Christian believer but had never been baptized, fled the assembly and went into hiding, but after a few days, Ambrose was convinced by friends that he had no choice in this matter. Over the course of a week he was baptized and ordained to the priesthood, and on 7 December 374, Prefect Ambrose was consecrated to the episcopate and became Bishop Ambrose of Milan, an office he held until his death in 397.

During his 23 year ministry, Bishop Ambrose proved himself to be one of the finest minds and best administrators in the Church. He decisively dealt with the Arian heretics, restored order to his diocese, worked closely with the pope to secure the faith and discipline of the Church, and still found time to be a poet, musician, liturgist and theologian who shaped the Catholic Church in Milan in distinctive ways that endure even now. In 385 a talented but confused young teacher named Aurelius Augustinus moved to Milan and began to attend Mass celebrated by Ambrose because of the bishop's reputation as teacher of the Gospel. Over several months, Ambrose explained the Christian faith to the skeptical teacher, and at the Easter Vigil of 387, Bishop Ambrose baptized, chrismated (confirmed) and administered Holy Communion to the man known to us as Saint Augustine of Hippo. Along with Saints Augustine, Jerome and Gregory the Great, Ambrose is counted one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church, and on his feast we give thanks for the life, ministry and intercession of Saint Ambrose of Milan.

Father Newman

MASS COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 7 December

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 8 December

May our prayer of petition rise before you, we pray, O Lord, that, with purity unblemished, we, your servants, may come, as we desire, to celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 9 December

O God, who have shown forth your salvation to all the ends of the earth, grant, we pray, that we may look forward in joy to the glorious Nativity of Christ.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 10 December

Almighty God, who command us to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, grant in your kindness, we pray, that no infirmity may weary us as we long for the comforting presence of our heavenly physician.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday 11 December

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the paths of your Only Begotten Son, that through his coming, we may be found worthy to serve you with minds made pure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 12 December

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God, may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps, to meet him when he comes.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spir

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 13 December

May the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts, we pray, almighty God, that all shadows of the night may be scattered and we may be shown to be children of light by the advent of your Only Begotten Son.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



December 2014

Dear Parishioners,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the *Retirement Fund for Religious*, collection. This annual appeal benefits some 35,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

Pope Francis tells us, "Every consecrated person is a gift for the People of God on its journey." Many of us, myself included, can recall special women or men religious who played meaningful roles in our lives. This may have been the sister who taught us in second grade, supporting our educational development. Or perhaps it was the religious brother who led us on retreat and nourished our spiritual growth. Their support of our journeys often required great sacrifices. Most senior religious worked for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. As a result, hundreds of religious communities now struggle to provide adequate care for aging members.

The **Retirement Fund for Religious** offers us an opportunity to support elder religious in this phase of their journeys. While many continue in some form of ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Your gift provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for the faithful service of senior religious, please join me in supporting the **Retirement Fund for Religious** and in praising God for the gifts that consecrated life offers our Church.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

Bishop of Charleston

Collection Date - December 7th

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 7 December 2014

7.30 am Bill & Vivian Jaskwhich (50th Wedding Anniv.)

9.00 am

Emily Rose Gomes

11.00 am
Pro populo

Spanish Mass

Sunday, 7 December 2014

No coffee & doughnuts this week Women's Club Bake Sale: After all morning Masses in Macalka Dining Room

Nursery during 9.00 Mass

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)

9.00 am Scripture Study

10.10 am Morning Prayer (McGrady)

5.00 pm Vespers (church)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group

(McGrady)

Monday, 8 December 2014

Immaculate Conception

7.00 am Special Intention
12.00 noon ★ Frank & Frances Watkins
7.00 pm Pro populo

Monday, 8 December 2014

6.30 pm Boy Scout Meeting (McGrady)
6.30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 9 December 2014

7.00 am ♣ Frances Antrobus 12.00 noon ♣ Robert Renehan

Tuesday, 9 December 2014

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club 7.00 pm Knights of Columbus (McGrady)

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

7.00 am ★ Raymond Beauchemin 12.00 noon Jimmy Xhema

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education

6.30-7.30 pm RCIA

Thursday, 11 December 2014

7.00 am ★ William Bonn 12.00 noon Gabriel Boyd

Thursday, 11 December 2014

2.30 pm Cenacles/Rosary 3.30 pm Prayer Meeting

Friday, 12 December 2014

7.00 am Emily Marie Evans

Friday, 12 December 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, 13 December 2014

5.00 pm → Deceased Members / Rogalski Family

Saturday, 13 December 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 29/30 November

Needed	32,000
Received	29,769
Shortage	2,231

Poor Box 539

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	736,000
Received	696,425
Shortage	39,575

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Jennifer Doiron at jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.



Facebook

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Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



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, Ronald Labbe, Andrew Brett, Cassandra Gomes, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum and Charles Moran.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances deSaussure Furman Hewitt (sister-in-law of Alma Furman) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Caro and Mr. Mickey Herring.

Catholic Fellowship Dinners

Our next get together will be 6 December. Meet and greet new and old friends of our parishes. Come join us! For information call Judy at 864.884.9853.

Christmas Flowers

St. Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church and gym for the Christmas liturgies.

Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope).

Please print your names and the names of those whom you wish to honor. The names need to be submitted to the church office no later than **Friday 12 December**.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parish News

Collections for 6/7 December

1st: Support of the Parish

2nd: Retirement Fund for Religious

Immaculate Conception - 8 December

Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate three Masses on 8 December for the Immaculate Conception - the patronal feast of the Church in the United States - at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm.

Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions

Please Note These Changes

We will not hear Confessions on

Wednesday 24 December 2014 Wednesday 31 December 2014

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Join us on Saturday 13 December at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall to celebrate this Christmas season. All seniors 55 years and older are welcome! Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. For more information contact Patricia Wellham at 864.294.9270.



Women's Club Bake Sale

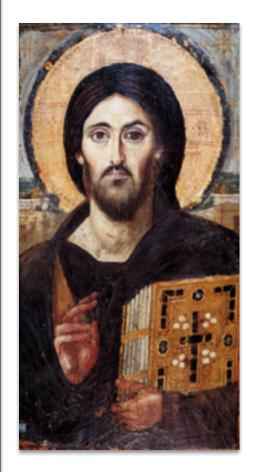
After all English Masses on 6-7 December in the Macalka Dining Room of Pazdan Hall.

St. Mary's Wedding Committee

The Wedding Committee is a team of volunteer women who help coordinate the weddings that take place at St. Mary's during the year. They are asking for new volunteers to join their team. You would be asked to help at the Friday evening rehearsal and Saturday wedding for a few hours several times a year. If interested please contact Cathy Markway at cmarkway@bellsouth.net.



Spring 2015 Course Offerings



Tuesday 8.30 am — The Blessed Trinity: and Our Christian Vocation (Instructors: T.J. Nielsen and Tony Owens)

Wednesday 6.30 pm — The Blessed Trinity: and Our Christian Vocation (Instructors: Tom Whalen and Nestor Acosta)

Thursday 6.30 pm — Our Moral Life in Christ (Instructors: Joe Beauchemin, Joe Sanfilippo, T.J. Nielsen)

MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER

See our full booklet and registration form on the parish website, www.stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/programofcatholicstudies

Call or email T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org

REGISTRATION ENDS 14 DECEMBER Classes begin week of 4 Jan 2015

THE BLESSED TRINITY: AND OUR CHRISTIAN VOCATION

This course analyzes the Divine Life of God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as revealed in Sacred Scripture. It studies the Christian vocation and how God invites us to be in communion with him, so that we can share in the divine life that he has prepared for us from all eternity.

OUR MORAL LIFE IN CHRIST

This course presents a study of the moral life in Christ — based on his teachings in the Gospels, the Ten Commandments, and the beatitudes — which enable Christians, with God's grace, to imitate the life of Christ in their lives, to make correct moral decisions, and spread the Kingdom of God on earth in their journey toward eternal salvation.

Faith Formation News

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall.

Family Honor Real Love & Real Life

St. Mary's will host Real Love & Real Life for Parents & their 7th, 8th, & 9th Graders. Topics include: communication skills, chastity, dating and marriage, true self worth, fertility appreciation, friendships and lots more. Most importantly, this program gives you focused time with your child to talk about some of the most important topics in life. This 3-week program on 11, 18 & 25 March 2015 from 6.30-8.45 pm. Pre-registration is required. Registration deadline is 27 February 2015. Register online with Family Honor at

familyhonor.org/programs/find-a-family-honor-program-near-you/

Natural Family Planning

A free, introductory session of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, a modern, effective method of NFP, will be held on Thursday 11 December at 7.00 pm at St. Francis Hospital – Eastside in Greenville. To register to attend, please contact Nancy McGrath, RN, CFCP at 864.292.0475 or NaProNurse@aol.com.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Prince of Peace in Taylors will be having a Holy Hour for Vocation on Friday 5 December at 7 pm to pray for vocation to the priesthood and for the sanctification of the clergy.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St. Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

Prince of Peace

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 4 am
Wednesday 2 am & 11 pm
Thursday 1 am
Friday 4 am & 12 pm
Saturday 3 am

Bulletin Submissions

To submit items for the e-bulletin, contact Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org. The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date.

St. Mary's Prayer Chain Ministry

St. Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 864.271.8422, ext 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Pillars of Christ

Pillars of Christ is a men's ministry led by a group of St. Mary's men who are on fire with the love of Christ and His Church. The group meet on Friday mornings from 6.15–8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

St. Joseph's Christmas Concerts - 9 & 10 December

The Fine Arts Department will sponsor two Middle School Christmas Concerts off campus while the school chapel is under construction: 1) On Tuesday 9 December the Band, Strings, and Dance Ensembles will perform at the J.L. Mann High School auditorium at 7.00 pm. 2) On Wednesday, 10 December the Middle School Choral Ensemble will perform at the Mauldin Cultural Center at 7.00 pm. Admission for both concerts is free of charge.

Advent Penance Services

Monday 15 December

St. Mary Magdalene: 7-8 pm

Immaculate Conception: 7 pm (Hendersonville)

Friday 19 December

St. Joseph: 7-8 pm (Anderson)



PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND January 9-10, 2015

South Carolina Citizens for Life

Will host the

Proudly Pro-Life Weekend

January 9-10, 2015, Columbia SC

Come show your support for the inalienable right to life



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, January 9, 2015

Featured Speaker Melissa Ohden

Melissa was aborted at seven months and lived to tell about it.

For Ticket Information contact South Carolina Citizens for Life at sccl@sclife.org or (803) 252-5433

Seawell's 1125 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29201 \$30 per ticket

Doors Open at 6:00pm, beginning with a silent auction; Dinner Served at 7:00pm

Overnight accommodations available at Inn at USC Wyndham Garden Call: (803) 779-7779

Request Special Rate listed under South Carolina Citizens for Life

Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, January 10, 2015

11:00 a.m. Line Up for the March, USC Russell House, Greene Street 11:30 a.m. March steps off led by Knights of Columbus 12:00 p.m. Rally begins, State House plaza, Gervais Street side

Music provided by Joyful Sound North Greenville University



st. mary's catholic school

2014-2015 The Year of Charity



St. Mary's Classic & Gala

Friday 29 May 2015

If you haven't marked your calendar yet, please do so for our St. Mary's Gala! It is a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and enjoy an evening out as parents. Our Silent and Live Auction will have interesting and exciting items for everyone. Our Live Auction, in particular, features vacation packages and our popular class art projects. Your ticket to the event includes fabulous hors d'oeuvres, an open bar and dancing. Tickets sales will begin in 2015.

We will be making more volunteer announcements soon! It is not too late to join in on the fun of planning our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please contact Lisa Lyvers at lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org to learn more.

www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school



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2015-2016 Admissions Testing

St. Mary's School has begun the 2015-2016 *new* family application process for grades K3-8. Admissions testing is required for grades K5-8 and the priority testing dates are:

Saturday 24 January at 9.00 am Saturday 28 February at 9.00 am

Applications and registration for testing are required.

Please see our website for more information: www.stmarysgvl.org/our-school/admission-overview/

St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

		Girls	Boys
8 December	Bob Jones	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
10 December	Christ Church	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
15 December	Oakbrook	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
16 December	Langston @ Rocky Creek	4.00 pm	5.15 pm

Virtue of the Month

Purity: keeping your soul free of sin

Saints of the Month

K3-2nd Grade: St. Dominic Savio Grades 3-5: St. Agnes Grades 6-8: St. Maria Goretti "I can't do big things, but I want everything to be for the glory of God."

- Dominic Savio

Upcoming Events

12 December - K4 & Grade 5 Buddies "Baby Shower for Baby Jesus"

18 December - 1.30 pm Christmas Pageant







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.

Worship

8 December - Mass for the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's in downtown. Those interested in going to dinner afterwards are invited to come to Carolina Ale House (113 S. Main Street). Please contact Claudia W. at 864.449.8249 with any questions.

18 December - Women's Rosary Group at 7.30 pm. Join other LVG women in praying the rosary! Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and enjoy wine provided by the hostess. Meg McG will be our hostess this month; you can contact her directly at 864.363.8753 to obtain her address if you're attending.

STUDY

Men's Book Study

Men of Greenville, join your brothers at The Community Tap in a book study of *Be A Man!*: *Becoming the Man God Created You to Be* by Fr. Larry Richards to rediscover the importance of the spiritual life. Meet at 6.30 pm with discussion from 6.45-8 pm. Contact Dan at 412.651.5333 with questions.

Remaining schedule:

9 December Chapter 7

30 December No meeting -Break for Advent

13 January Chapter 8 27 January Chapter 9 10 February Chapter 10

17 February Prayer in Perpetual Adoration Chapel in preparation for

Lent, followed by Fat Tuesday Celebration

LVG Bible Study

The Bible study will resume with St. Mark's Gospel in January. See attached flyer for more details.

FELLOWSHIP

5 December - Anticipation of Christmas Party at Fitzpatrick's Irish Pub (1565 Laurens Rd, Greenville, SC 29607) at 7.30 pm. Come kick off the Advent season and have a bit of fun with your LVG buddies!

~ Here's what you need to know... ~

Upstairs room! We have it to ourselves. Music! Photo booth! Food! (Appetizers will be provided to get everybody started - please plan to throw in a few bucks to keep the food coming - or you can just order dinner off the menu as usual.)

RSVP on the Facebook event.

SERVICE



In an effort to serve those in our community that have unmet technological needs, LVG is announcing an effort to collect your unused technology items. We will be refurbishing items, as needed, and donating them to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for use with those who demonstrate the need for a computer, printer, etc. As most of you are aware, we

live in a world with increasing technological needs for education, training, job seeking, and more. This is a need that is out of the reach for many financially.

How to get items to LVG:

- drop off at Elgin Williamson Enterprises @ 942 South Main Street Greenville, SC 29601 (located across from the Greenville Drive). Ask for Claudia W. Open 9-5, Monday-Friday.
- bring your donation to any LVG event
- give your donation to any member of our Leadership Team

Follow us: Facebook.com/LVgreenville Email us: LVgreenville@gmail.com

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Lucis Via Winter Bible Study

The Gospel of Mark

St. Mary's Catholic Church Upstairs conference room of Sacred Heart Hall Mondays from 7.00 - 8.30 pm

January to March as follows: 5, 12, 19 & 26 January 2, 9, 16 & 23 February 2, 9, 16, 23 March

Please plan to bring your Bible; many folks use the Ignatius Study Bible. Readings/homework will be assigned.

Stay tuned to lugreenville.com for more details as the time draws closer.

Giovanni Calise

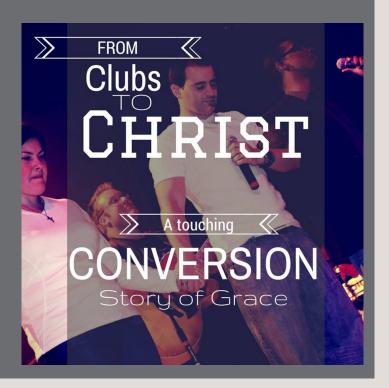
"From Clubs to Christ"

Friday 23 January 2015
7.30 pm
at
Local Cue
30 Orchard Park Drive, Suite 7

RSVP on the Facebook event.

Greenville, SC 29615

National speaker Giovanni C. will share his testimony about why he left the nightclub industry and a \$100,000 job to follow Christ.



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