

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

21 December 2014

Dear Friends in Christ,

The popular Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" took shape in France in the 17th century and was translated into English and set to the hauntingly beautiful plainchant melody we know in the 19th century. But the text of the hymn dates from the 9th century and earlier and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office, the Church's daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary's great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St. Luke (1.46-55) and called, from the first word of the text in Latin, the Magnificat. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, this Magnificat antiphon invokes the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. These Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative "O", are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

+O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth. +O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power. +O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay. +O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. +O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. +O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay. +O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman

MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 21 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 22 December

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 23 December

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

MASS COLLECTS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Night

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass at Dawn

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith, which illumines our minds, may also shine through in our deeds. 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.

Mass During the Day

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

2014 Holiday Liturgical Schedule

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December

4.30 pm	Youth Choir Program in the Baum Center
5.00 pm	Mass in the Baum Center for families with children (Youth Choir)
5.00 pm	Sung Mass in the church (Schola)
7.00 pm	Sung Mass in the church (Schola and Brass Ensemble)
9.00 pm 10.00 pm	Adult Choir Program in the church (Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble) Solemn Mass During the Night (Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble)

The 10.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December

11.00 am	Mass in the church
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass in the church

On Friday 26 December, there is no Mass, and the church is closed all day.

On the weekend of 27 December and 28 December, we will have the normal schedule of Confessions and Masses, and we will keep the usual weekday schedule between 29 December and 2 January except for:

The Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 31 December	5.00 pm 7.00 pm	Mass in the church Spanish Mass in the church
Thursday 1 January	11.00 am	Mass in the church

On Wednesday 31 December 2014, there will be no Holy Hour at 5 pm.

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday 24 December and reopen on Monday 29 December. The church office will close at noon on Wednesday 31 December and reopen on Monday 5 January.

Calendar of Events

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Mass Schedule & Intentions	Meetings & Events *	Financial Report	
Sunday, 21 December 2014	Sunday, 21 December 2014	-	
7.30 am✤Samuel P. Howard, Sr.9.00 am✤Lillian Sasso11.00 amPro populo1.00 pmSpanish Mass	No coffee & doughnuts this week No Nursery this week No 3 & 4 Year Olds class this week 9.00 am Scripture Study	Weekend of 13/14 DecemberNeeded32,000Received35,816Surplus3,816	
	10.10 amMorning Prayer (McGrady)5.00 pmVespers (church)6.00 pmHigh School Youth Group (McGrady)	Poor Box 336	
Monday, 22 December 20147.00 amSpecial Intention	Monday, 22 December 2014	Offertory Year to Date Needed 800,000 Received 763,669	
·		Shortage 36,331	
Tuesday, 23 December 2014	Tuesday, 23 December 2014	Electronic Giving: If you want	
7.00 am✤Thomas Gahan12.00 noon♣Sylvester & Matilda Konczal	1.00 pm Senior Men's Club	to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so	
Wednesday, 24 December 2014	Wednesday, 24 December 2014	through the "Manage Your EFT" link on the homepage of our	
5.00 pm 🔺 Mack Pazdan	No Holy Hour & Confessions	website. For more information or if you have any questions	
5.00 pm* Donna Caputo7.00 pmSteven Neal Soto10.00 pmSpecial Intention	4.30 pmYouth Choir Program (Baum)9.00 pmOffice of Readings (church)	please contact Jennifer Doiron at jennifer.doiron@stmarysgvl.org.	
Thursday, 25 December 2014	Thursday, 25 December 2014		
11.00 am✤ Mack Pazdan1.00 pmSpanish Mass			
Friday, 26 December 2014	Friday, 26 December 2014	Facebook	
No Mass	6.15 amMorning Prayer (church)6.30-8.00 amPillars of Christ10.00 amScripture Study Class3.10-4.45 pmYouth Choir Practice	'Like' us on Facebook at St. Mary's Catholic Church Greenville SC.	
Saturday, 27 December 2014	Saturday, 27 December 2014	Orcenvine SC.	
5.00 pm 🛛 🛧 Ana Arroyave	8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road abortion clinic		
	3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)	Visit us on the web at	
	* All events in Sacred Heart Hall	www.stmarysgvl.org	

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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, Charles Moran and Susan Sullivan.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret Ann Moon, Bishop Emeritus Stephen Hector Doueihi (Maronite) and Cathie Duncan-Kidrick 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 their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Day of Confession at St. Rafka

Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church will host a Day of Confession on Tuesday 23 December at the Church, 1215 S. Highway 14, Greer, SC. A priest will be in the Church from 9 am till 7 pm for confession. Confessors will be Father Bart and Father Christopher Henderson. All are welcome and invited! For more information, contact 864.469.9119 or saintrafkagreenville@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for **Sunday 21 December** in Macalka Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Menu Items:

A variety of Danish and Fresh Hot Southern Biscuits Crisp Bacon and Mild Savory Sausage Homemade Omelets Vegetable, Bacon, Sausage, and Gluten Free Quiche Scrambled Eggs, Eggs Benedict, Pancakes, and Grits

Top it off with Hot fresh-made Pepper Southern Gravy

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 December

Support of the Parish

Wednesday Holy Hour & Confessions

Please Note These Changes

We will not hear Confessions on

Wednesday 24 December 2014 Wednesday 31 December 2014

Diocese of Charleston Christmas Television Special

Please tune in to Fox 21 on Christmas Day, 25 December at 4.30 pm for "An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston." This is our 3rd year for this Christmas special. The special will feature church and children's choirs, a traditional Christmas story, interviews with Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Dwight Longenecker, Bishop Robert Guglielmone's Christmas message and much more!

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fisher, Mrs. Tracy Garcia, Mr. Otis Salliey, Mr. Michael Konigsberg.

Update Your Parish Record

Have you moved recently? Have you changed your phone number and/or disconnected your land line? If either of these is the case for you, please visit the Update Your Parish Record page under Our Parish on the St. Mary's website or call the parish office at 864.271.8422.

Bulletin Submissions

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





Free Catholic Bible Study App Ignatius - Lighthouse Edition



Description:

The entire Catholic Bible (RSV-2CE) available for FREE – now packed with additional content from Lighthouse, Ignatius Press, and other Catholic Apostolates that unlock the beauty and richness of Scripture.

Features:

Annotated Gospel of John – FREE selections from the Ignatius Press Study Bible. Over 10 hours of FREE Audio Commentary from Dr. Scott Hahn and St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. Dramatized Audio version of the Gospel of John – FREE selections from the Truth and Life Dramatized Audio New Testament. Full Lighthouse talk by Dr. Scott Hahn – The Lamb's Supper.

Add-Ons Available for Purchase:

Ignatius Study Bible – Available at a discount on the App! Truth & Life Dramatized Audio New Testament – Endorsed by a Vatican Imprimatur! Over 140 Inspiring Lighthouse Talks – Download right to your device at a 20% discount!

Free Military Download of the Month Club

Lighthouse is proud to offer a free 9-month subscription of faith-filled presentations from the world's best Catholic speakers for all veterans, military personnel, and their families!

A free lifetime subscription will be given to parents, spouses, and children of those who have given their lives for the cause of freedom.

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Featured Talks



The True Meaning of Christmas

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen's books, tapes, homilies, retreats, and television series have inspired countless souls all over the world. This digitally-mastered presentation combines classic recordings of his

timeless reflections on the meaning of the Incarnation of Jesus, mixed with Gregorian Chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite! Available in <u>English</u>.

The Mystery of Christmas

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets



to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children. Available in <u>English</u>.

www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.org

Catholic Days at the Capital

Join Catholics from across South Carolina as they gather in Columbia for Catholic Days at the Capitol on 28 January 2015 from 8 am to noon. This annual event will provide an opportunity to put into action our faith's call to political responsibility and gives the faithful a voice in shaping our state laws.

Location: South Carolina State House Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Pre-Registration is required: Visit sccatholicconference.org.

March for Life

The March for Life in Washington DC will be Thursday 22 January 2015. This is a gathering of people from all over our country who march, pray and educate for the Sanctity of Human Life. There are buses leaving from several locations to attend. If you would like to join us, please contact the Office of Family Life at 803.547.5063 or FamilyLife@catholic-doc.org.

St. Joseph's Catholic School

Admissions Testing High School Applicants

Priority admissions testing for fall 2015 enrollment is either Saturday 10 January 2015 or Saturday 7 February 2015. A completed application must be on file in the school office prior to testing. For more information, visit www.sjcatholicschool.org/admissions.

Free Adult Computer Class Saturday 31 January

A Free Adult Computer Class, sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic School National Honor Society students, will be held on campus Saturday 31 January 2015 from 10.00 am to 12 Noon. The seminar, which is limited to twenty participants, will help teach adults and senior citizens the basic use of the Internet and computer programs. Call SJCS staff member Melissa Broering, at 234.9009, ext. 120, to register. A student will return the call in mid-January to confirm your spot.

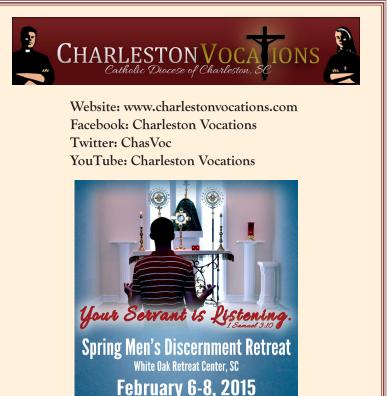
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No class. Classes resume 11 January 2015.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

No classes. Classes resume 7 January 2015.



${\mathcal P}$ erpetual ${\mathcal E}$ ucharistic ${\mathcal A}$ doration

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



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

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2014-2015 The Year of Charity



St. Mary's Annual Fund

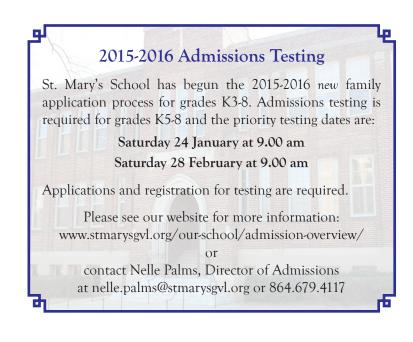
Give the Gift of a St. Mary's Education!

We are excited to announce that 100% of the Annual Fund donations received by the school will now be directed toward Tuition Assistance.

Please read Sister Mary Sheila's letter to learn more details about our Tuition Assistance programs and how the generous donations of those in our community can provide a Catholic Education to families in need as well as sustain current school families in the case of job loss or illness. To contribute, make checks payable to "St. Mary's School" with "Annual Fund" in the memo line.

To read Sister's letter, visit the "Donations" page on the school website, and select the "Annual Fund Appeal" pdf on that page.





Christmas Pageant

For the 2014 Christmas performance, St. Mary's proudly presented a traditional Christmas Pageant written by one of the Dominican Sisters over 50 years ago. The pageant began with the story of creation and the fall of Adam and Eve, explaining the need for a Savior and outlining salvation history complete with carols and hymns in the course of an hour. Our 5th graders led the pageant with character parts, narration, and speaking roles; all other grades performed in song.

This priceless performance was prayerful and prepared the hearts of all to receive the Christ Child this Christmas.

St. Mary's Ducks Basketball (Home games in bold)

		Girls	Boys
2-3 January	Christmas Tournament	TBA	TBA
	@ Easley Rec		
6 January	Spartanburg Day	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
8 January	St. Joe's	4.00 pm	5.15 pm

Both of our teams are currently undefeated. Go Ducks!!

- Virtue - Excellence

Tradition





Catholic Young Adults of Greenville

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.

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:

30 DecemberNomeetingBreakforAdvent13 JanuaryChapter 827 JanuaryChapter 910 FebruaryChapter 1017 FebruaryPrayerinPerpetualAdoration Chapel in preparation for Lent,
followed by Fat Tuesday Celebration

Women's Book Study

Tuesdays beginning 20 January

Father Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) published Love and Responsibility in 1960, the fruit of his pastoral work, particularly among young people. His analysis of the true meaning of human love is lifetransforming and practical, shedding light on real issues between men and women.

Edward Sri unpacks the contents of this great work, making it accessible to every reader. The author emphasizes the downto-earth nature of Love and Responsibility, helping readers appropriate practical information.

Discussion led by Lorena R and Christina C. Questions? Call Christina -443.986.5945 or Lorena - 843.833.3820.

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:

- bring your donation to any LVG event
- give your donation to any member of our Leadership Team



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

Please plan to bring your Bible; many folks use the Ignatius Study Bible. Readings/homework will be assigned. Stay tuned to lygreenville.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 Greenville, SC 29615

RSVP on the Facebook event.

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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