



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

22 November 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

The new Year of Grace will begin next week with the First Sunday of Advent, and on each of the four Sundays of Advent we will gather at 5 pm to sing the psalms and canticles of Vespers or Evening Prayer. Please join us at 5 pm on each of the Sundays of Advent, and bring a friend to prepare with peaceful prayer for the coming celebration of Christ's birth.

But on this last Sunday of the liturgical year we close the old Year of Grace with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year on this feast, the Church throughout the world acclaims Jesus Christ as King, and describing the Lord Jesus as our true King is, of course, an analogy to a form of earthly authority with which we Americans are not well acquainted. But the true nature of the dominion of the Lord Jesus is revealed through the types and figures of Christ in the Sacred Scriptures rather than in the tortured history of earthly monarchies, and this is true most especially of King David, the simple shepherd who was anointed to lead the children of Israel. On this Solemnity of Christ the King, we should recall that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects his flock and seeks out the lost sheep. But we must also remember that the Son of Man will exclude from his everlasting kingdom those who neglect the "least of his brethren."

St. Matthew records in Chapter 25, verses 31-46, that the Lord Jesus commands us to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to clothe the naked if we are to be numbered among his flock at the End of Days. These sober words of the Word made flesh should inspire us to find practical ways to shape our lives according to the Gospel and so put flesh on the bones of our profession of faith. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Mt 7.21). And in this liberating truth we learn the connection between the priesthood of Christ and the kingship of Christ: to serve is to rule. Let us then resolve to serve one another and all of our brothers and sisters in love, that we may be gathered at the Day of the Lord into the eternal Kingdom of Christ. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this Solemnity draws together all of these strands:

"Almighty and eternal God ... you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." Amen. Alleluia!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



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November 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During his visit to Brazil, Pope Francis said, “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need” (World Youth Day, Address, July 25, 2013). With these words, Pope Francis continues to bring our attention back to the poor and our responsibility toward them. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) responds directly to this call by addressing the root causes of poverty in the United States.

Founded in 2004, the group Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA) works to change the future for men and women returning to society after incarceration. Since its inception, EPOCA has steadily grown in membership, influence, and vision. Today, it forms a diverse team of 226 members working with thousands of allies every day to win legislative victories that improve the lives of families around the country.

EPOCA created the campaign “Jobs Not Jails,” which proposes a jobs program for low-income, high-crime neighborhoods, offering residents hope and saving two billion tax dollars that would be spent on new prisons. EPOCA also works to enact policies that offer people a chance to rebuild their homes, finish their education, and gain marketable job skills. CCHD supports EPOCA because it fights for the dignity of every person and implements structural changes that make our communities stronger for the future.

This collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs, like the grant that supports EPOCA. Funding from the collection offers new hope every year to those living in poverty throughout the United States. And remember, 25 percent of the collection’s proceeds stay here in our (arch) diocese to fight poverty in our community and defend the dignity of our neighbors. Help us defend human dignity and show Christ’s charity to those in need.

For more information about the collection for CCHD and the groups it funds, please visit www.povertyusa.org.

God bless you,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo

Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston

Saint Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

ADVENT VESPERS

Sung by the Schola Cantorum

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster
Dr. David Rhyne, Organist

SUNDAYS at 5:00 P.M.

29 November
6 December
13 December
20 December

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 22 November 2015

7.30 am ✱ Mr. & Mrs. Emil Polce
9.00 am Ruth O'Rourke
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 23 November 2015

7.00 am ✱ Frances Antrobus

Tuesday, 24 November 2015

7.00 am Sister Mary Sheila
12.00 noon ✱ Harriet Healey McAfee

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

7.00 am ✱ Jorge Andres Gomez
12.00 noon ✱ Mack Pazdan

Thursday, 26 November 2015

Thanksgiving
No Mass

Friday, 27 November 2015

7.00 am ✱ Ed Smith

Saturday, 28 November 2015

5.00 pm ✱ Nelli Dowling

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 22 November 2015

Nursery during 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)
6.00 pm Women of Grace

Monday, 23 November 2015

6.30 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 24 November 2015

No Program of Catholic Studies

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

Parish office closed
No Holy Hour & Confessions
No Religious Education
No Program of Catholic Studies
No Introduction to Catholicism

Thursday, 26 November 2015

Parish office closed
No Program of Catholic Studies

Friday, 27 November 2015

Parish office closed
6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ
10.00 am Scripture Study Class
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 28 November 2015

8.00-9.00 am Rosary at Grove Road
abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 14/15 November

Needed	32,500
Received	35,247
Surplus	2,747

Poor Box 489

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	650,000
Received	641,827
Shortage	8,173

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.



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org

G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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



The Program of Catholic Studies
presents

Dei Verbum Vatican II on Divine Revelation

presented by
Fr. Jay Scott Newman



THURSDAY
3 DECEMBER 2015

6.30-8.00 pm
In McGrady Hall
(the undercroft)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact T.J. Nielsen, Director of Christian Formation, at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.
Podcasts available at <http://stmarysgvl.org/catechesis/program-catholic-studies-recordings/>

Changes to Holy Hour & Confessions

Wednesday 21 October 2015 will be the last time Father Chalmers hears Confessions at St. Mary's. After that, only Father Newman will regularly hear Confessions on Saturday afternoon and during the Holy Hour on Wednesdays. Father Cruz hears Confessions on Sunday morning in Spanish in Sacred Heart Hall, beginning at 11.30 am.

And on the following Wednesdays,
the Holy Hour and Confessions are canceled:

25 November 2015
16 December 2015
30 December 2015

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Steve Brown (brother of Bob Brown) and Madeline Vesterby, 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.

Communion Minister Training

On Monday 23 November at 6.30 pm, Deacon John Heuser will conduct a training session for those willing to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Mary's. To be eligible for this service, one must be a confirmed Catholic in full communion with the Church, a registered parishioner of St. Mary's, and have been regularly attending Mass here for at least six months. Our Communion Ministers take Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass, and so this ministry involves visiting people at home, in the hospital, or in nursing homes or other facilities for assisted living. The training session will begin at 6.30 pm in the church and will last about one hour. For more information, please contact Deacon Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Bulletin Submissions

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

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 21/22 November

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Office Closure

The parish office will be closed 25-27 November for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Celine Brouillard, Michael Pinto, Jim Sponsler, Joseph Srp, Neal Campbell, IV, Rose and Anne Eassy, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason and Judy McColl.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. David DeCarlo, Mr. Clifton Brown, Ms. Ashley Johnston, Ms. Jennifer Kinch and Mr. & Mrs. Adam Tepe.

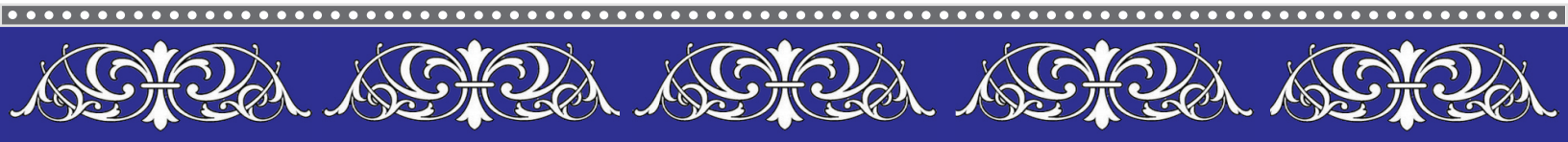
Christmas Flowers



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 name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than **Sunday 13 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.





ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S CLUB

2015 Christmas Ornament

Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015-2016 as the Holy Year of Mercy, beginning 8 December 2015. We are proud to offer the 'Our Lady of Mercy' stained-glass window located in the vestibule on the parking lot side of the church as this year's ornament.

A small supply of the 2014 ornament, 'Pray and Labor', is also available for purchase.



3.5" x 2.5"

Christmas Bake Sale

After all English Masses
5 and 6 December 2015
in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room

Remember to
pick-up ornaments
at the bake sale!



2015 Ornament - 'Our Lady of Mercy'

- Cakes
- Candies
- Cookies
- Jams
- Pies
- Christmas Cards
- Note Cards
- More!

Sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club

Your purchases enable us to support our church and various Catholic charities.
Thank you for your continued support!

2015 ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of 2015 Ornaments Ordered: _____ @ \$16.00 each = \$ _____

Number of 2014 Ornaments Ordered: _____ @ \$16.00 each = \$ _____

Paid by check cash (if mailing, checks only) Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club
Mail to: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602
For questions, contact Loretta Mulle at lmulle@att.net or 864-376-6235

We invite you to join the members of the St. Mary's Catholic Women's Club in their mission to serve the church and community. Contact Patty Naylor, Membership Chair, at patnay@live.com or 864.414.8919 for more information.

Ornaments may be picked up at the Women's Club's Annual Christmas Bake Sale.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall.

No class 29 November

Religious Education Grades 1-8

No classes Wednesday 25 November

Confirmation Practice

St. Mary's Confirmation students and their sponsors will have a dinner and practice for Confirmation on Monday 30 November at 6.00 pm. Please meet in Pazdan Hall.

Confirmation

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmono will confirm the candidates at St. Mary's on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 pm. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

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.

Pray the Rosary for the Unborn

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

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Alcohol Awareness and Abuse & Drug Awareness and Abuse

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus Alcohol Awareness and Abuse and Drug Awareness and Abuse Poster Contest. The contest is for Boys and Girls 8-11 and 12-14. The youth select to make a poster for either Alcohol Awareness and Abuse or Drug Awareness and Abuse. Posters should be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. The deadline is 4 December. For more information and entry form, please contact Mr. John McGrath at 864.292.0475 by 30 November.

Baptism Class

Prior to having a child baptized at St. Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to birth of child.

The next class is scheduled for Monday 25 January 2016 at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the Church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.



Website: www.charlestonvocations.com

Facebook: Charleston Vocations

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office.

**I Have Called
You By Name.**

Isaiah 43:1



MAGNIFICAT®

Advent Companion



A perfect way to live Advent to the full this year. This pocket-sized Companion follows a practical, page-a-day format featuring original meditations on the Gospel reading of each day.

Each issue of the Advent Companion contains these one-of-a-kind extras that you won't find anywhere else:

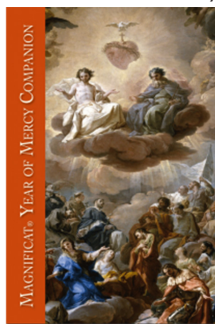
- a variety of beautiful blessings and essays
- an Advent Penance Service
- specially-commissioned poetry
- a unique feature: the Advent Stations

Available in [print](#), [Kindle](#), [Nook](#), and [iTunes](#).

Year of Mercy Companion

Each day of the week, a different way to experience and live the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy:

- Poetry that helps you contemplate the miracle of mercy (Sundays)
- Meditations from saints and spiritual masters who share their profound insights into this divine gift (Mondays)
- Profiles of saints whose lives exemplify extraordinary witness to mercy (Tuesdays)
- Teachings of the Catholic Church that explain and highlight this virtue (Wednesdays)
- Stories and testimonies of people who have chosen the path of mercy, including non-canonized faithful, literary figures, and victims of tragedy (Thursdays)
- Reflections on essential Scripture passages that reveal God's merciful nature (Fridays)
- Devotions and prayers that draw us closer to God's merciful heart (Saturdays)



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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

The Lord invites each of us to a weekly prayer hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123 to schedule an hour. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Monday 4am*, 3 pm & 11 pm

Thursday 1 pm

Friday 4 am* & 7 pm

Saturday 3 am & 3 pm

2016 March for Life in Washington, DC

Please stand for LIFE by joining the annual trip to Washington, DC for the 2016 March for Life. Travel Dates 21-23 January. Trip includes 2 nights at Marriott, Mass at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Basilica, Youth Rally and March for Life. Hotel and Bus cost \$150 per person/ 4 people per room or \$215 per person/ 2 people per room. **\$75 deposit due 9 December.** Contact Valerie for details 864.297.8838 or valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com.

Close the Mill Prayer Campaign

Please continue to pray and fast for the intention of closing the Greenville Abortion Mill on or before 12 December, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; including the conversion of the abortionists and staff.

On 12 December at 7.00 pm, please come mark the day with the singing of Christmas carols and prayer at the Greenville Women's Clinic, 1142 Grove Road, Greenville. God can do everything with our prayers. Call Ingrid 864.329.0044 or Jo Ann 864.248.0264 for more information.



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st. mary's catholic school

2015-2016
The Year of Faith



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Family Prayer Corner

Intercession

When a family member or a friend is facing a difficult situation, remember to include him or her in your petitions when you pray as a family, and ask your child to pray for him or her throughout the day. Pray for the individual by name with a specific request, but always be open to the will of the Father.

"Since Abraham, intercession-asking on behalf of another-has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy" (Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 2635). Through prayers of intercession, we not only fling ourselves into God's arms asking for help, we bring those for whom we pray with us.

It is important that we remember that prayer is efficacious-it really changes us and the world-but it can be challenging to reconcile the fact that sometimes our prayers are not answered in the way we desire. We must have childlike confidence in the Father that He will provide the good for which we ask, but we must also submit ourselves to the Father's will just as Jesus did in Gethsemane: "not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26.39).

"I write these things to you so that you may know that you have eternal life, you who believe in the name of the Son of God. And we have this confidence in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask, we know that what we have asked him for is ours" (1 John 5.13-15).



St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

Girls at 4.00 pm / Boys at 5.15 pm

20 November	Greenville Home School
24 November	Shannon Forest
2 December	Prince of Peace

School Spotlight

2nd Grade Field Trip to the Children's Museum

Recently, the 2nd graders walked to The Children's Museum of the Upstate for a field trip. They participated in two classes, Tails on the Trail and Good Vibrations.

In the fist class, they met Stephanie Morgan, a local author and Laura Lynn Luce, a local illustrator. They listened to a reading of their book, *Hey Blue*, and saw the original watercolor paintings for the book. They compared and contrasted the original paintings to the pictures in the book. After listening to the story, they were divided into 2 groups. In each group they had a session with the author to learn the importance of describing words and a session with the illustrator learning how to draw. Everyone was able to draw his or her version of Blue laying in bed!

After the Writing Class, they participated in a Science Class with hands on experiments to investigate sound. Lastly, they had free time to explore the museum.





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.

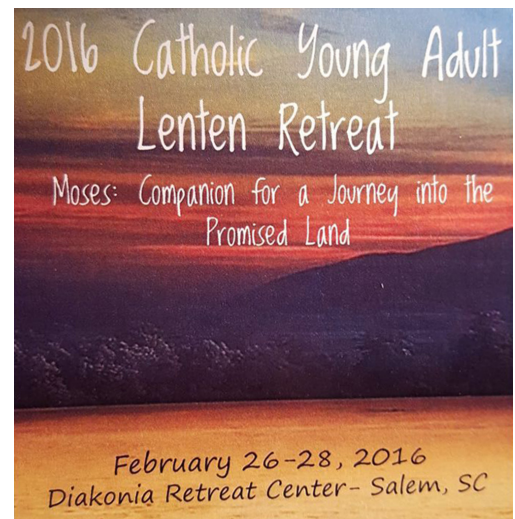
FELLOWSHIP

11 December - Annual Advent Party: 7.30 pm at Acropolis Resturant (3620 Pelham Rd, Ste 8, Greenville, SC 29615).

5 reasons to not miss our Advent Party 2015:

- 1) We have a band! Randomonium (Heidi Chapman, Sean Chapman, and gang) has very generously agreed to play our event!
- 2) Our venue, Acropolis Restaurant on Pelham, has delicious Mediterranean and Italian food, a fantastic assortment of wine, cocktails, and beer.
- 3) Karaoke!
- 4) Dancing!
- 5) Photobooth!

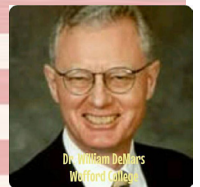
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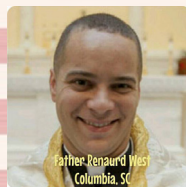
7.00 pm at Sticky Fingers
3 Market Point Dr, Greenville, SC 29607

THEOLOGY ON TAP

30 Nov Dr. William DeMars
Wofford College



23 Nov Fr. Renaud West
St. Peter's Church
Columbia, SC



7 Dec Jim Burns
County Council
District 21



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