



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

4 December 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wednesday 7 December 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 a powerful preacher 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

# 2016 Holiday Liturgical Schedule

## Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December

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

*No Confessions will be heard on 24 December.  
The 10.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.*

## Christmas Day, Sunday 25 December

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

*On Monday 26 December there is no Mass at 7 am. The weekday Mass schedule from 27 to 30 December is as usual, but there is no Holy Hour on Wednesday 28 December.*

## The Solemnity of the Mother of God

The Mass schedule for 31 December and 1 January is as usual.  
Confessions are scheduled for Saturday 31 December.

*The church office will close at noon on Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 27 December.  
The church office will close at noon on Friday 30 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January.*

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 4 December 2016

7.30 am ✕ John Sobeck  
9.00 am Vincent Valentine  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday, 5 December 2016

7.00 am Monks of Norcia, OSB

### Tuesday, 6 December 2016

7.00 am ✕ Norman Fariss  
12.00 noon ✕ Joanne Kuczewski

### Wednesday, 7 December 2016

7.00 am Michael & Maria Santy  
12.00 noon ✕ Judy Franzen

### Thursday, 8 December 2016

#### Immaculate Conception

7.00 am ✕ Frank & Frances Watkins  
12.00 noon ✕ Joseph Deitz  
7.00 pm Pro populo

### Friday, 9 December 2016

7.00 am ✕ Frances Antrobus

### Saturday, 10 December 2016

5.00 pm ✕ Frank & Frances Watkins

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday, 4 December 2016

**Women's Club Bake Sale:** After Masses (P)  
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
9.00 am Scripture Study  
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)  
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)  
6.00 pm Women of Grace

### Monday, 5 December 2016

6.30 pm Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday, 6 December 2016

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies  
1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

### Wednesday, 7 December 2016

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &  
Confessions (church)  
6.30 pm Religious Education  
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies (M)  
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism

### Thursday, 8 December 2016

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

### Friday, 9 December 2016

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

### Saturday, 10 December 2016

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 26/27 November

Needed	33,150
Received	31,345
Shortage	1,805

Poor Box	253
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	729,300
Received	719,806
Shortage	9,494

**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 Anderson at [jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org).



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

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

## MASS COLLECTS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

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

### Sunday 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 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 9 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 Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Saturday 10 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.

## Immaculate Conception - 8 December

*Holy Day of Obligation*

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

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marvin Hambleton who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

### 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, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Thomas Thomason, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Bob Stewart, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Sr. Louiselle Gagnon, Sr. Simone Baril, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole and Leonard Kuczewski.

### Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study will not meet on Sunday 18 December. Study will resume on Sunday 15 January after the Christmas season.



### St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Join us on Saturday 10 December at 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. New friends and guests are always welcome!

### Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen at [dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4122.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 3/4 December

Support of the Parish & St. Mary's Building Fund

*St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.*

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

### Christmas Flowers

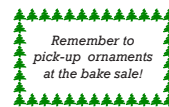


St. Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church and gym for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope 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 11 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list.

## Christmas Bake Sale

After all English Masses  
December 3rd and 4th, 2016  
in the Dining Room of Pazdan Hall



- Remember to pick-up ornaments at the bake sale!
- 2016 Ornament - 'The Angel'
- 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!



# Advent Vespers

at

## Saint Mary's Church

Sundays at 5 PM

27 November

4 December

11 December

18 December

Thirty minutes of prayerful silence and chant in the rich beauty of the St. Mary's nave.

Come. And bring a friend.



# Women of Upstate Greenville Catholic Parishes

## YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

**"Catholic Women United in Spirituality,  
Service and Leadership"**



**A Leadership Workshop Sponsored by The South Carolina Council of Catholic Women**

**WHERE:** Gallivan Hall, St. Mary's Church Campus,  
111 Hampton Avenue, Greenville 29601

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 7, 2017

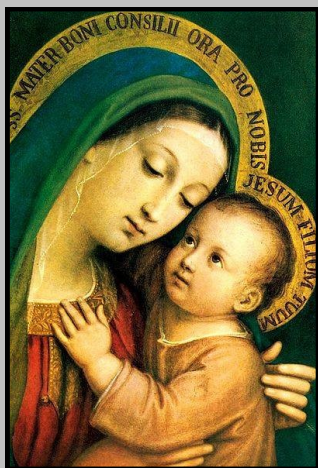
**TIME:** 9:30 A.M.—Registration and Coffee  
10:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.—Workshop

**Lunch provided by the women of the Greenville Deanery  
No Cost**

### **Workshop Topics:**

- Embracing Our Past As We Ensure Our Future (The Council of Catholic Women)
- Developing Good Leadership Practices and Skills
- Building a Better Foundation for Membership Growth
  - Organizing and Developing New Affiliates
- Finding a "New" Way — What Can We Do Better?

The workshop will be facilitated by Joan Mack and Barbara Birds, Past Presidents of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women, and is sponsored by the Greenville Deanery.



### **Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel**

God of heavenly wisdom, you gave us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. O Mother of Good Counsel, patroness of the National Council of Catholic Women, intercede for us, that we may be wise, courageous and loving leaders of the Church. Help us, dear mother, to know the mind of Jesus, your son. May the Holy Spirit fill us with reverence for God's creation and compassion for all God's children. May our labors of love on earth enhance the reign of God and may God's gift of faith and living hope prepare us for the fullness of the world to come. Amen.

**PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017**

**Contact Greenville Deanery President, Susanne Wolfe at 864-313-5866  
or [susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.wolfe12@gmail.com)**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

9.00 am in the K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Wednesday 6.30–7.30 pm

### Confirmation Practice

St. Mary's Confirmation students and their sponsors will have a dinner and practice for Confirmation this Monday, 5 December, at 6.00 pm. Please meet in Pazdan Hall.

### Confirmation

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone will confirm the candidates at St. Mary's on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00 pm. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

### 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 the birth of your child. The next class is scheduled for Monday 30 January 2017 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](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4114.

### 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.



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 meets on Friday mornings from 6.00–8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study. Find out more at [PillarsofChrist.org](http://PillarsofChrist.org).



### USHERS NEEDED

St. Mary's needs a few good men to serve as ushers at each of our Sunday Masses.

If you are willing to serve in this important ministry please email or call T.J. Nielsen to apply.

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### Bulletin Submissions

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



# st. mary's catholic school

2016-2017  
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## St. Mary's Ducks Basketball

(Home games in bold)

		Girls	Boys
8 December	Langston Charter	4.00 pm	5.15 pm
12 December	Legacy Charter	5.00 pm	6.00 pm
15 December	Christ Church	4.00 pm	5.15 pm

## St. Mary's 101

### *Why do the Sisters wear the clothes they wear?*

From the foundation of the Order, the simple tunic and long white scapular, have served as a sign of simplicity, poverty, and most importantly, of consecration to Christ. . . Our religious habit is an outward manifestation of an interior, spiritual reality: that of being a Bride of Christ. Clothed in a long white habit and black veil, we become by our very presence, witnesses to the captivating love of Christ. . . .

While the habit identifies us as belonging to Christ and links us to the broader Dominican family, it unites us in a particular way to St. Cecilia Congregation. The reception of the habit marks a sister's formal entrance into the community. On the day of our reception to the holy habit of St. Dominic, each sister kneels before the Prioress General in the midst of the entire community and voices her desire: "...the mercy of God and yours and to be received to the holy habit of St. Dominic." Mother addresses the new novice by her religious name for the first time and then places the habit, piece by piece, into her open hands. Giving the pieces of the habit, Mother offers a simple reminder of the symbolism associated with each. "Receive this tunic, emblem of innocence... Receive this scapular, Mary's maternal pledge of protection... Receive this veil, a sign of humility... Receive this rosary, emblem of prayer by which your soul is united to God..." Now clothed in the habit, we are marked as Christ's brides and as members the Dominican family.

From that day forward we clothe ourselves in our Dominican habit as we pray to be clothed in Christ. In the solitude of our cells, we pray with one heart the traditional prayers associated with each piece of the habit. We pray first the words of the bride: "Clothe me, O Lord, in the nuptial robe of charity..." We pray also for the virtues of purity and obedience, the grace to carry the cross, and for the protection of our Blessed Mother and St. Dominic. And thus as we go through the day, the habit calls us back to the spirit of prayer and to the life of virtue, grace, and charity for which we prayed that morning.

The above text is excerpted from the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia's website:  
[www.nashvilledominican.org/our-vowed-life/st-dominic/the-habit/](http://www.nashvilledominican.org/our-vowed-life/st-dominic/the-habit/)



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## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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

*"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."* ~ St. Augustine. Come REST with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or call 864.508.7123. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our EMPTY HOURS (\*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Monday 12 pm\* & 11 pm

Wednesday 2 am\* & 2 pm

Thursday 1 pm\*

### St. Joseph's Catholic School

The Fine Arts Department presents their annual Christmas concerts on three evenings in December:

Monday 5 December - Chorus Ensembles

Tuesday 6 December - Band Ensembles

Wednesday 7 December - Strings Ensembles

All concerts will begin at 7.00 pm. Admission is free; however, patrons are asked to bring one non-perishable item to help stock St. Anthony's food pantry.

### Natural Family Planning

A free, introductory session of the Creighton Model Fertility Care System, a modern, effective method of NFP, will be held on Thursday 15 December at 7.00 pm at St. Francis Hospital - Eastside in Greenville in Classroom 301. To register, please contact Nancy McGrath, RN, CFCP at [NaProNurse@aol.com](mailto:NaProNurse@aol.com) or 864.292.0475.

## Compline at POP

Compline (also known as Night Prayer) is the final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. Prince of Peace will have Compline on all Sundays during Advent at 7.30 pm in the church.



## Advent Confessions

On Thursday 15 December, there will be several priests hearing Confessions at St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville at 7 pm.

On Wednesday 21 December, Father Bart will hear Confessions at St Rafka, Greer from 9 am to 6 pm.



**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.**

### Upcoming Events

**6 December - Debrief: Unpacking Theology on Tap:** 7-9pm at Connolly's Irish Pub (24 E Court St, Greenville 29601).

**12 December - Annual Anticipation of Christmas Party:** 7-10pm at Connolly's Irish Pub.

**18 December - Carols & Gift Giving:** 1-2pm at Pendleton Manor (414 Summit Dr, Greenville 29609). Contact Maureen with questions at 864.345.5526.

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