



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 April 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! These Greek acclamations mean “Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!”, and in the Christian East – both Catholic and Orthodox – these acclamations replace the usual greetings of hello and goodbye during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, the liturgical season of Easter or Eastertide. During Eastertide, the first eight days have a special identity, and today in the liturgical calendar – eight days after Easter Sunday – has three names: 1) the Octave Day of Easter, 2) the Second Sunday of Easter, and 3) Divine Mercy Sunday.

The number eight has special meaning in the sacred liturgy because it is a symbol of the new creation. The drama of creation unfolded over seven symbolic days, and the eighth day is the sign of God’s pluperfect love revealed in the new creation. This is foreshadowed in the Old Covenant through circumcision taking place eight days after birth and is confirmed by the Resurrection taking place on Sunday, both the first day of the week and the eighth day. Accordingly, in the liturgical calendar the eight days from Easter Sunday until today are kept as one festive celebration of the Resurrection, and today completes the eighth day or Octave of Easter.

Moreover, because the Gospel appointed for today speaks of the divine power to forgive sins which the Lord Jesus gave to his Apostles when he first appeared to them after his Resurrection, the emphasis of the liturgy today is on the great mercy of God. Modern devotion to the Lord Jesus as the embodiment of Divine Mercy is connected to the spirituality of St Faustina, a Polish mystic and religious Sister who was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul the Great, who died on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005, was beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2011, and was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday in 2014. Saint John Paul decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be kept each year as Divine Mercy Sunday, and this beautiful title draws our attention today to the way in which that mercy is ordinarily extended to us after Holy Baptism: by going to Confession in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

In his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* or Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis explained that as a teenager he had a life changing experience of mercy by going to Confession. “After making my confession I felt something had changed. I was not the same. I had heard something like a voice or a call.” This moment of mercy in the life of Jorge Bergoglio helps explain his burning desire to share God’s mercy with others, and now as Pope Francis he describes the Church as a “community [that] has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy” (EG, 24). Let us keep this Octave of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, by resolving to seek the Lord’s mercy for ourselves and be instruments of that mercy for others. Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 23 April 2017

7.30 am John Paul Nielsen
 9.00 am ✕ Harry Benner
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 24 April 2017

7.00 am Fr. Renaud West

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

7.00 am John Paul Nielsen
 12.00 noon ✕ Michael Pacewic

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

7.00 am ✕ James Brinson
 12.00 noon ✕ Marvin Hambleton

Thursday, 27 April 2017

7.00 am ✕ Patti Waters
 12.00 noon ✕ Michael Pacewic

Friday, 28 April 2017

7.00 am Charles Anthony Grabosky

Saturday, 29 April 2017

5.00 pm ✕ Amber Michelle Sagedy

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 23 April 2017

K of C Breakfast: After all morning Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 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)

Monday, 24 April 2017

6.30 pm Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 25 April 2017

1.00 pm Senior Men's Club

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies
 -- History (M) / Apologetics (P)

Thursday, 27 April 2017

2.00-4.00 pm St. Mary's Prayer Group

Friday, 28 April 2017

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, 29 April 2017

VBS Registration

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 April

Needed	33,150
Received	38,236
Surplus	5,086

Poor Box	908
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Easter 2nd Collection	41,924
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St. Mary's Seminarian Support	3,649
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Holy Land	4,035
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,425,450
Received	1,441,565
Surplus	16,115

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.



Facebook

'Like' us on Facebook at St. Mary's Catholic Church Greenville SC.

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

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

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org

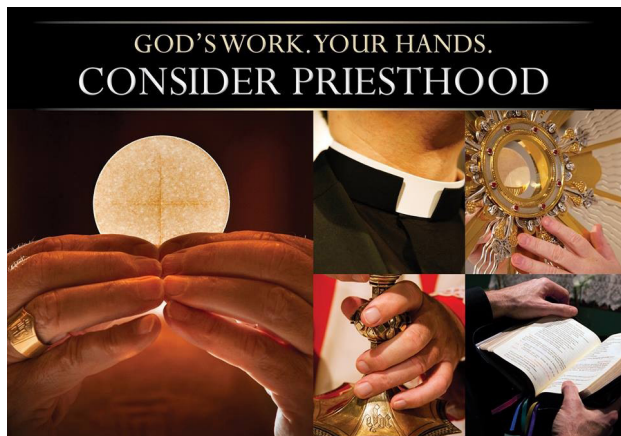


CHARLESTON VOCATIONS

Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC



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



Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Vocation

"DISCOVERING VOCATION does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess. Vocation does not come from a voice 'out there' calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice 'in here' calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God."

— Fr. Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O. (1915-1968)

Diaconal Ordination

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordination for the Diocese of Charleston:



Mr. Rhett Williams
to the
Transitional Diaconate
Friday 26 May
6.00 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
3512 Devine St, Columbia, SC 29205

+ The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

Seminarians of 2016-2017
Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC

Men After My Own Heart

They will carry out my every wish.
-Acts 13:22

 Deacon Andrew Frym 4th Year Theology Jesus Our Faith Savior Spartanburg	 Francisco Olarte-Vargas 3rd Year Theology Our Lady of the Holy-Columbia	 Jimmy Toussieu 2nd Year Theology Holy Cross-Pickens	 Michael Cellars 1st Year Theology St. Mary of the Annunciation-Charleston	 Rhett Williams 3rd Year Theology Cathedral of St. John the Baptist-Charleston
 Will Frei 1st Year Theology St. Mary Help of Christians-Adrian	 Bruce Barnett 1st Year Theology St. Theresa Bk. JEBK-Newton-Summitville	 Kyle Leunes 1st Year Theology St. Mary Magdalene-Spartanburg	 Matthew Curley 2nd Year College St. Catherine of Siena-Lancaster	 Matthew Bauer 2nd Year College Prince of Peace-Taylors
 Erik Roman 1st Year College St. Anne-Rock Hill	 Stanislav Watson 1st Year College St. Benedict - Mount Pleasant	 Nicholas Shover 2nd Year College Christ Our King-Mount Pleasant	 Patrick Judd 3rd Year College St. Mary Help of Christians-Adrian	 Alexander Foley 1st Year College St. Mary-Greenville
 Justin Demark 1st Year College St. Thomas More-USC				

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Thank You

"A heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary's who supported Birthright of Greenville through the 2016 Baby Bottle Campaign with a contribution of over \$8,000.



With this donation, Birthright is able to provide the basic needs for 40 women coming for a first visit which includes a pregnancy test, prenatal development literature and models, maternity clothes, and baby items. It is often in this first visit that a woman finds hope and support to give her the strength to give her baby life. Birthright of Greenville is deeply grateful for the continuous support of St. Mary's."

Mass Intentions

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org.

Catholic Fellowship - Saturday 22 April

Catholic Fellowship is a program at St. Mary's Catholic Church that provides opportunities for parishioners to gather and get to know each other while enjoying dinner or hors d'oeuvres. The program is open chiefly to members of the parish; however, anyone in the greater Greenville Catholic community can participate. Dinners are typically held in homes of parishioners or other types of facilities. Participants are asked to bring a dish to share and a beverage of choice. If you have already signed up, look for an invitation by email soon. If you wish to join, send a message to CatholicFellowship@juno.com or call Veronica Yockey at 864.246.5777.

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.



Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4122.

PARISH NEWS

Collections for 22/23 April

- 1st: Support of the Parish
- 2nd: Catholic Home Missions

*St. Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.
Thank you for your generosity and support.*

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The K. of C. Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 23 April in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

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, 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, Celsea Patry, Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs, Alma Furman and Lee Heap.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms Catherine Long and Mr & Mrs Eric Creighton.

Congratulations to

Thomas Isidore Grabosky and Lauren Elizabeth Saccogna who were baptized last weekend.



Join us in Pazdan Hall after the
9.00 am Mass for doughnuts

30 April & 7 May



From Death to Life



Cantata: Aus der Tiefen, BWV 131
Harpsichord Concerto in d minor, BWV 1052
Cantata: Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen, BWV 12

Bryce McClendon, *alto*
Boyd Galloway, *tenor*
Adrian Smith, *bass-baritone*
Daniel Pyle, *harpsichord*
David Rhyne, *conductor*

Saturday, April 29, 7:30 PM

Boulevard Baptist Church, Anderson
700 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621

Sunday, April 30, 4:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville
2310 Augusta St, Greenville, SC 29605

Pre-Concert Talk by Dr. Gary Malvern 30 minutes prior to each concert



Tickets: \$15/\$10/\$5



For Tickets or Information: SCBach.org | scbach.info@gmail.com | facebook.com/scbach

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

Vacation Bible School Don't Miss Out, Get Registered!

The Vatican Express with Saint Jerome 12-16 June from 9.00 am - 12 noon (Friday 11.30 am). Registration for volunteers and students will take place before and after all Masses on 29 & 30 April and 6 & 7 May in Sacred Heart Hall. Registration forms for families, teen volunteers and adult volunteers are now available online at stmarysgvl.org under Catechesis or the Church Office. **Deadline for registration is 12 May.** For additional information please contact Elizabeth McLeer at gemcleer@gmail.com or 864.245.0753.

St. Mary's High School Ministry Open House Picnic

On Saturday 29 April our parish High School Ministry will Host an Open House Picnic. All Graduating 8th graders and High School students are invited.

The evening will begin at 6.30 pm and conclude at 9.30 pm and take place on our parish Athletic Field. The evening schedule includes sports, games, competitions with prizes, a yummy grilled Hamburger Meal and will conclude with some live music and a talk on our responsibility to grow in our faith.

All are also invited to come join our regular Sunday Night Meeting from 6-8 pm. Each week our youth group has 30 to 40 of our High School teens in attendance. Sadly this is only 10% of our parish High School Population. Fun events, like our picnic, is our attempt at the New Evangelization. Come for a fun evening and find out what our parish youth ministry is all about.

Greenville Deanery Council of Catholic Women

The next quarterly meeting of the Greenville Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at 2.00 pm on Sunday 7 May at the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 309 Gower Street, Greenville, SC 29611. Lunch will be provided by the ladies of the St. Anthony Women's Council. Service projects will be discussed for the new year along with an overview of the recent SCCCW Convention and final plans for the pilgrimage to the EWTN Studios, Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and Ave Maria Grotto from 28-30 April. We invite you to join us and learn more about our service to the church and community.



Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a new program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources, including books, movies, podcasts, etc. for people of all ages. Go to: www.Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM** to get access to the resources. If you have questions, please contact Timothy Nielsen at timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.



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.

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 22 May at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. Contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.



29th Annual St. Mary's Classic

Friday 2 June 2017

Golf Tournament, The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

Sign Up For the Classic

Sponsorship Packages

Four Playing Spots in Classic  Player Gifts  Mulligan or Red Tee Package
Breakfast/Lunch at Golf Course  Celebration BBQ Dinner Cookout
Saint, Blue Ribbon, Gold, and Silver sponsors feature Callaway Equipment

Saint Sponsor - \$12,000

Blue Ribbon Sponsor - \$10,000

Gold Sponsor - \$8,000

Silver Sponsor - \$5,000

New for 2017!

Duck Sponsor - \$1,200

For complete details please use the following link for more information about individual sponsorship packages:

[Classic Information and Registration](#)

Event Details

Thursday, June 1

5:00-7:00pm

Reception & Equipment Pick Up (Saint, Blue Ribbon, Gold, and Silver Sponsors), *Embassy Suites*

Friday, June 2

7:30am / 1:00pm Tee Times

St. Mary's Classic, *The Preserve at Verdae*

6:00pm

St. Mary's BBQ Celebration, *The Preserve at Verdae Pavilion*



Any Questions? Contact Lisa Lyvers, Director of St. Mary's Classic and Gala lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org

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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, 9.00 am - 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 or call 864.508.7123. Choose an hour of your convenience or consider one of our URGENT NEEDS (*) or one needing a prayer partner:

Sunday 9 am	Thursday 1 pm* & 8 pm
Tuesday 8 am & 6 pm	Friday 4 pm & 6 pm*
Wednesday 2 am*	Saturday 8 pm* & 10 pm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy to each other by going to a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are 7-9 July in Greenville, SC and 13-15 October in Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information: visit SCMarriageMatters.org or contact 803.810.9602 or applications@scmarriagematters.org.

Divine Mercy Sunday - 23 April

Our Lady of the Rosary will have a Divine Mercy celebration in the upper church.



2.00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
3.00 pm	Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.15 pm	Talk by Fr Philip Gillespie
3.45 pm	Procession and Dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine
5.00 pm	Sunday Mass

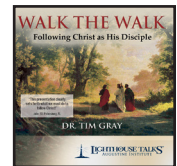


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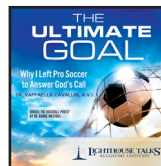
Walk the Walk: Following Christ as His Disciple

From the Scriptures and from his own experience, biblical scholar Dr. Timothy Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God's plan, ordering our lives to bear witness to the Lord in our families, workplaces, communities, and to the world.



The Ultimate Goal: Why I Left Pro Soccer to Answer God's Call

Sister Raffaella Cavallin, a consecrated layperson with the Apostles of the Interior Life, shares her inspiring spiritual journey. At the height of her professional soccer career, while attending a parish mission, she discovered that the ultimate goal in life is to become a saint. Her story illustrates how holiness and happiness go hand in hand, and that through prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual direction, we can live a Christ centered life and become the person God wants us to be.



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