



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

3 December 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Eighth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism states that “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain His Gospel.”

As He returned to His Father’s glory, the Lord Jesus gave these last instructions to His Church: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28.18-20) This command is known as the Great Commission, and all who fulfill this task are missionaries. But we must not think of missionaries only as priests and religious who travel to distant lands to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard of the Lord Jesus. The mission field is everywhere, and everyone baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ is a missionary. Your home, your family, your neighborhood, your school, your work place, your clubs and circles of friends, your political activities, your places of play and recreation: all of these are mission territory, and you are a missionary.

Compared to our Protestant brethren, Catholics have historically been considered very quiet Christians; most of us would rather live our religion than talk about it, and the idea of actually explaining our faith to others and then inviting them to follow the Lord Jesus in the Catholic Church is something that usually provokes either nervous laughter or blind terror. But this odd reticence to talk about the Gospel is not of the Church’s design or making; it is in part an unintended consequence of the division of labor in the Church, with clergy and religious on one side of the divide and the lay faithful on the other. But the Great Commission is given to all who are baptized, not just to priests and religious, and so the privilege and duty of making disciples of all nations falls to every Christian of every age without a single exception. You are a missionary.

In the first seven principles of Evangelical Catholicism, we have seen that our lives must be Christ-centered and that this is possible only when we live in the Church, sustained by her sacraments and nourished by her teaching. Now in this eighth and final principle we see that the life of grace is not given to us for our own sake, but for the sake of those to whom we are sent as witnesses. To be a disciple of Christ demands that we be willing at all times to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and be ready to explain His Gospel. At our Baptism, the Lord Jesus called each of us by name to follow Him in the Way of the Cross. May we heed that call by living as Evangelical Catholics who bear witness to the Savior through radical conversion, deep fidelity, and joyful discipleship.

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 3 December

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
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.

Monday 4 December

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
so that, when he comes and knocks,
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 5 December

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,
that, consoled by the presence of your Son,
whose coming we now await,
we may be tainted no longer
by the corruption of former ways.
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.

Wednesday 6 December

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power,
so that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Hope

Reminds us: Jesus is coming

*“Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises
to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.’”*

Romans 15.12

Thursday 7 December

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength,
that what our sins impede
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
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 8 December

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,
that with you to protect us,
we may find rescue
from the pressing dangers of our sins,
and with you to set us free,
we may be found worthy of salvation.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 9 December

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world
to free the human race from its ancient enslavement,
bestow on those who devoutly await him
the grace of your compassion from on high,
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.
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.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 3, 10 & 17 December at 5 pm.

st. mary's catholic church

Presents

Following Mary and Joseph in Advent Faith - Hope - Charity

Advent Day of Recollection with
Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P.



Join Fr. White,
Director of the
Thomistic Institute
and associate
professor of
systematic theology
at the Dominican
House of Studies in
Washington, DC for the St. Mary's
2017 Advent Day of Recollection.
Fr. White will be presenting three
lectures on the virtues of Faith,
Hope, and Charity as exemplified
by Mary and Joseph.



**Saturday
9 December 2017**

(Registration ends Tuesday 5 December)

Mass at 8.00 am in the Church
Presentation in Gallivan Hall
Program ends at 12.30 pm

Cost \$10

(continental breakfast provided)

TO REGISTER ONLINE

Please Go To

<https://stmarys.coursetorm.com>

For More Information Please Contact

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St. Mary's Catholic Church | Downtown Greenville | www.stmarysgvl.org

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 3 December 2017

7.30 am ✕ Mary Gore
9.00 am ✕ Louie & Violet Howayeck
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 4 December 2017

7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Lioba Del Valle
12.00 noon ✕ Kuczewski Family

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Argemira Palacio
12.00 noon ✕ Paul Michael Roman

Thursday, 7 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Lioba Del Valle
12.00 noon ✕ Santy Family

Mass for Immaculate Conception

7.00 pm Pro Populo

Friday, 8 December 2017

Immaculate Conception

7.00 am ✕ Frank & Frances Watkins
12.00 noon ✕ The Norungolo Family

Saturday, 9 December 2017

5.00 pm ✕ Frances Antrobus

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 3 December 2017

CCW Bake Sale after 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
5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 4 December 2017

6.30 pm Baptism Class
6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 6 December 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 7 December 2017

Friday, 8 December 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, 9 December 2017

Advent Day of Recollection

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 November

Needed	33,800
Received	30,615
Shortage	3,185

Poor Box	366
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	743,600
Received	738,850
Shortage	4,750

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.

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org

G - Gallivan Hall M- McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room unless a location is listed.

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year December 24th falls on a Sunday, and that means all Catholics have two Mass obligations to fulfill over one weekend.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, like all Sundays of the year, is a holy day of obligation, and Christmas is also a holy day of obligation. Accordingly St Mary's will have both a regular schedule for Fourth Advent followed immediately by a regular schedule for Christmas, and everyone needs to attend Mass for both of these celebrations. There are, however, two options to avoid going to Mass twice on one day.

Option One

Attend Fourth Advent Mass on Saturday at 5 pm and then
Attend Christmas Mass on either Sunday evening or Monday morning

Option Two

Attend Fourth Advent Mass on Sunday morning and then
Attend Christmas Mass on Monday morning

We are moving the 5 pm Mass on Saturday 23 December from the church to the Baum Center to make room for those who might come that afternoon to celebrate Fourth Advent, but Confessions that day will remain in the church.

Whatever solution is better for you and your family, please plan now to attend Mass on both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and on Christmas so that we can all celebrate fully the life of grace to which Christ the Lord has called us in our Baptism.

Finally, let us be grateful that this convergence of Fourth Advent and Christmas Eve is rare and will not happen again until 2023!

Father Newman

4th Sunday of Advent, 23/24 December

Saturday 23 December 5.00 pm Sung Mass in the Baum Center
Confessions in the church from 3.30-4.30 pm.

Sunday 24 December 7.30 am Quiet Mass in the church
9.00 am Sung Mass in the church
11.00 am Solemn Mass in the church
1.00 pm Spanish Mass in the church

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December

4.30 pm 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 Choir Program in the church (*Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble*)
10.00 pm Solemn Mass During the Night (*Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble*)

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

Christmas Day, Monday 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 Tuesday 26 December there is no Mass at 7 am or 12 noon. The weekday Mass schedule from 27 to 29 December is as usual, but there is no Holy Hour on Wednesday 27 December.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 3/4 December

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

Collection for Immaculate Conception

Support of the Parish

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

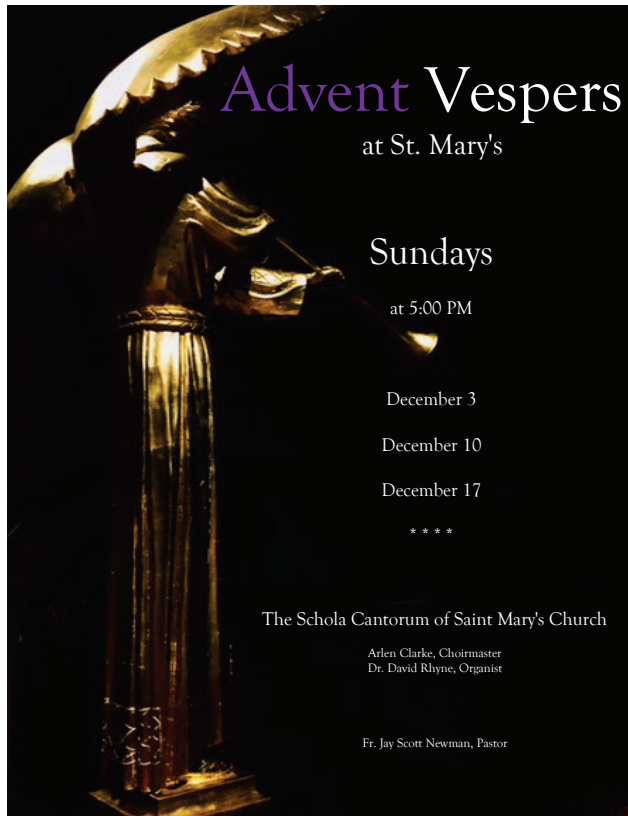
Immaculate Conception - 8 December

Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate three Masses for the Immaculate Conception
- the patronal feast of the Church in the United States:

Thursday 7 December
7.00 pm

Friday 8 December
7.00 am & 12.00 noon



Advent Vespers
at St. Mary's

Sundays
at 5:00 PM

December 3
December 10
December 17

The Schola Cantorum of Saint Mary's Church

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster
Dr. David Rhyne, Organist

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Christmas Flowers

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 10 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Ronald Labbe, Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Judy Byrum, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Jordan A. Upham, John Hever, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Ted Karalekas, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, Mary Hunter Wylie Gibbs, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Florence Mooney, Jimmy Tierney, Louis Brouillard, Claude Trépanier, Sr Colombe Gobeil, Anna Deehan, Carly Burkhardt, Roland Gomes and Alma Furman.

Christmas Bake Sale

After all English Masses
December 2nd and 3rd, 2017
in the Dining Room of Pazdan Hall



Pick up your 2017 Ornament, 'The Epiphany!'

Sponsored by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

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



Mass Intentions

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

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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



S.C. Bach Society Concert

Magnificat in E-flat (BWV 243a),
Brandenburg Concerto #4, Suite #3 in D (Overture)

Thursday 14 December at St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pre-concert talk begins at 7.30 pm
Concert begins at 8.00 pm

Tickets can be purchased via [Event Brite](#)
\$20 regular admission / \$10 seniors 60+ / \$5 students

Advent Confessions

In addition to the regularly scheduled hours, there will be three additional opportunities for Confession during Advent:



Wednesday 13 December
Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville
10 am to 5 pm

Monday 18 December
St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville
7 pm

Wednesday 20 December
St Rafka, Greer
9 am to 7.30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets at 9.00 am in the
K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.



Knights of Columbus

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112

Custom Cut Stone

The Council is offering custom stones for use as cutting boards, cheese trays, or Memorials. These beautiful 12x12x1 inch custom stones produced by Rozelle Stone are available in two colors and can include engraved short verses from Holy Scripture, family names, and even logos or a family crest. Custom orders for Christmas accepted through 10 December. See <https://kofc-christmas.github.io/> or contact Charlie Bathon at charlesbathon@gmail.com or call 574.261.2293. Come see a sample at the December Knights of Columbus Breakfast.

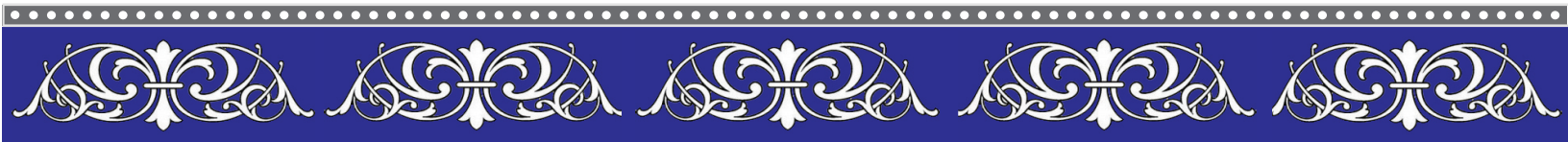
Culture of Life

Proudly Pro-Life Rally - Columbia, SC

A bus will be provided for all students and members of St. Mary's who would like to attend the Pro-Life Rally in Columbia on Saturday 6 January 2018. To reserve a seat and for information on travel details, contact Lori Rothermich, Coordinator for St. Mary's Culture of Life, at 864.313.0245. **Reservation deadline is Wednesday 20 December.**

March for Life - Washington, DC

If you plan on attending the March for Life in Washington, DC on 19 January and would like to take the bus, one will be provided through St. Mary Magdalene. Please contact Valerie Baronkin at 864.275.5505 or valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com.



PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 5-6, 2018

“THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE”

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SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FOR LIFE



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, 5 January 2018

Featured Speaker

Ryan Bomberger

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With Special Guests

Dr. Robert Jackson, author of *The Family Doctor Speaks: The Truth about Life*
Emily Barnhill, President, North Greenville Students for Life, NRL Academy Graduate
Austin Cherry, NGO Representative to the United Nations for National Right to Life

To Reserve Your Tickets go to <https://proudlyprolife.eventbrite.com> or call SCCL at 803.252.5433

Venue Location

Seawell's
1125 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, SC 29201
\$40 per ticket

Doors Open at 5.30 pm, beginning with a silent auction
Dinner Served at 6.45 pm

Overnight Accommodations Available At:

Inn at USC Wyndham Garden
Call: (803) 779-7779 to make reservations

Request Special Rate
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Available through 15 December 2017

Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, 6 January 2018

- 11.00 am Line Up for the March
USC Russell House, Greene Street
- 11.30 am March steps off led by Knights of Columbus
- 12.00 pm Rally begins State House, Gervais Street side

EFT Donation

We would like to remind everyone that St. Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options include:

Direct Debit Donation that allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation that allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

EFT donation lets you establish an automatic donation plan, change your plan, make a one-time donation and view your online donation history. To get started, visit the 'Manage Your EFT' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Bulletin Submissions

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

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 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.

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 4 December at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

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 meets on Friday mornings from 6.00–8.00 am for prayer in the church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study.

St. Mary's Safe Environment

St. Mary's is committed to ensuring that all programs are conducted in a safe environment. Prior to serving as a volunteer with children at the parish, all individuals must:

- Watch Safe Haven training video and submit a Completion Certificate (*required for both new & returning volunteers*)
- Complete Background Screening Forms
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Code of Conduct
- Read & Sign the Diocesan Abuse Policy
- Complete the credit and/or driver screens (if applicable)

If you have any questions, contact our Safe Environment Coordinator Lisa Watkins at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org.

Safe Environment Concern

For those rare occasions during Mass that your child may need to use the restroom, parents are asked to accompany their child to the restroom to ensure the safety and well-being of the child. Our parish and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the safety of all children. Restrooms are located in Sacred Heart Hall and can be accessed by anyone from the street. You would not allow your child to enter a restroom at a mall or a sports venue alone. As much as we would like to believe that no one would come on church property to harm a child, the church is open to the public. Also should your child become ill, you will be at hand to tend to his/her immediate needs.

First Thursday Pasta Supper

The First Thursday Pasta Supper for the benefit of Saint Rafka Maronite Church will be held at the Church social hall on Thursday 7 December from 5.30-7.00 pm. The menu for December will be chicken parmigiana, spaghetti marinari, salad, for dessert, tiramisu. Cost is \$8.00.



Advent Mission

**Mary Magdalene: When Eucharistic Adoration First Began
4 & 5 December from 7-8 pm at St. Mary Magdalene**

Come experience our patroness saint, Mary Magdalene, in a special way, as Father Declan Gibson from the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist explains why she is called the Apostle to the Apostles; based on Fr. Sean Davidson's book *Mary Magdalene, Prophetess of Eucharistic Love*. Her inspiring life will lead you to a better understanding of Christ's true presence in the Blessed Sacrament and why Adoration is a blessing that bears much fruit in our personal relationship with our Lord Jesus.

Family Honor

Family Honor is offering our **online** mini-course, *The Truth and Meaning of Sexuality, Love and Family*, and we invite you to sign up for this online course, which begins 8 January. Call or email the Family Honor office today for more information: 803.929.0858 or famhonor@aol.com. Registration deadline is 15 December. Some scholarships available.

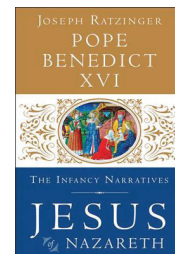
Magnificat Advent Companion



This pocket-sized Companion follows a practical, page-a-day format and features original meditations on each day's Gospel. Each year's Advent Companion is different from the last. Available in print or as a eBook for Kindle, Nook and iTunes.

Advent Reading

The momentous third and final volume in the Pope's international bestselling *Jesus of Nazareth* series details the stories of Jesus' infancy and boyhood, and how they are relevant today in the modern world. Available at Amazon.com.



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

Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart! "My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Proverbs 8.31) Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or call 864.508.7123.





Urgent Need:


Monday 11 am & 11 pm
Saturday 12 am, 3 am & 9 pm

Additional adorers needed for:

Sunday 8 am & 4 pm
Monday 1 pm & 2 pm
Tuesday 11 am, 12 pm & 6 pm
Wednesday 12 pm
Friday 4 pm
Saturday 4 pm

8th Annual Men's Conference
Transformed by Christ
Saturday, February 24, 2018 at St. Therese Catholic Church, Mooresville, NC

 Abbot Placid Solari Abbot of Belmont Abbey and Homilist	 Fr. Dwight Longenecker Former Anglican Minister and Catholic Priest	 Fr. Tom McCarthy Augustinian Friar & Priest	 Keynote Speaker: Patrick Madrid Radio Host & Author
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Join us for these great Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, confession and lunch.
Get more information and registration at:
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