

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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10 December 2017

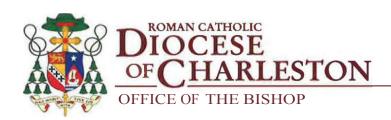
Dear Friends in Christ,

To worship God, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve those in need. The Church's entire mission can be summarized in these three categories of action, and it is a perennial challenge for Christians to keep all three of these parts in harmony and creative interaction.

Some Catholics can become so preoccupied with the details of the sacred liturgy that the service of the poor and the preaching of the Gospel are obscured from sight, and this usually yields a self-referential experience of religion that is fussy about vestments and rituals but fails to attend to the needs of others and the call to conversion that must be at the heart of our faith. Other Catholics can be so focused on responding to the needs of the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, and the immigrant that they forget the priority of calling everyone to saving faith in Jesus Christ and then leading them to worship the living God in spirit and truth. Still others can become so committed to insisting on the truth of our faith and the urgent need of others to accept that truth that they grow careless about attending to the real human needs of others and to the need of the human spirit for beauty in divine worship. But the Church must always keep the good, the true, and the beautiful together in our minds and hearts in order to prevent us from reducing the whole of our religion to one of its parts and then stumbling into the trap of becoming an aesthete, a puritan, or a fanatic rather than simply being a Catholic Christian.

For the past two months my bulletin columns have explored the Principles of Evangelical Catholicism which I propose as a way of integrating all the parts of our faith into a coherent whole. I offer this account of Catholicism in our time, the time of the New Evangelization, to assist us all in living as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus in the Church he founded - always careful to be equally attentive to the threefold character of the Church's mission: to worship God, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve those in need. Of course, it is beyond the ability of any one person, any one priest, any one parish, any one bishop, or any one pope to fulfill equally all of the Church's obligations in worship, preaching, and service, and that is why we must all be aware of our own gifts and grateful for the gifts of others. One parish may do praiseworthy work among the poor, while another shines in educating and forming children or adults or both, even as a third excels at offering divine worship of uncommon beauty. And what is true of parishes is true also of individual believers, each of whom is called to a unique form of service and equipped to answer that call by the personal gifts received from God.

When each and all of us are conscious of these distinctions and working to the uttermost limits of our gifts for the glory of God and the fulfillment of the Great Commission, then through the efforts of all disciples, the Church is able to accomplish her urgent duties of worshiping God, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving those in need. And that is Evangelical Catholicism.



November 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will conduct the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits more than 32,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Our senior religious are a treasure. Their dedication and hard work laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and numerous social service organizations. Many continue in volunteer ministry today. Their ongoing prayer and witness enrich our faith in countless ways. I am grateful for the service of religious, past and present. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet such day-to-day needs as medications and nursing assistance. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers financial support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you only to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured they are praying for you!

In the Lord's Peace.

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

Bishop of Charleston



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE Second WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 10 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 11 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 12 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 13 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.

Advent Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Faith

Reminds us: Joseph & Mary's journey to Bethlehem

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary his betrothed, who was with child."

Luke 2.4-5

Thursday 14 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 15 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

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 16 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.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 10 December 2017

7.30 am

9.00 am

11.00 am

1.00 pm

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Spanish Mass

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 10 December 2017

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)

Coffee & doughnuts: After the 9.00 am Mass (P)

9.00 am Scripture Study

5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church) 6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 11 December 2017

7.00 am ♣ Emily Rose Gomes

Our Lady of Guadalupe 7.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 11 December 2017

6.30 pm Cub Scouts 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

7.00 am In thanksgiving of Restrepo Family

12.00 noon ▼ Joe & Donzelle Deitz

Tuesday, 12 December 2017

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)
7.00 pm Knights of Columbus (M)

Wednesday, 13 December 2017

7.00 am ★ The Lallinger Family 12.00 noon Annie Smith

Wednesday, 13 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

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 December

 Needed
 33,800

 Received
 34,459

 Surplus
 659

Poor Box 274

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 777,400

 Received
 773,309

 Shortage
 4,091

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.

Thursday, 14 December 2017

7.00 am ♣ Caryl Matusiewicz 12.00 noon Lucia Nielsen

Thursday, 14 December 2017

7.00 pm SC Bach Society Concert

(church)

Friday, 15 December 2017

7.00 am ♣ Alvina Aubuchon

Friday, 15 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, 16 December 2017

5.00 pm ★ Robert A. Dowling, Sr.

Saturday, 16 December 2017

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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



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Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



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

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December

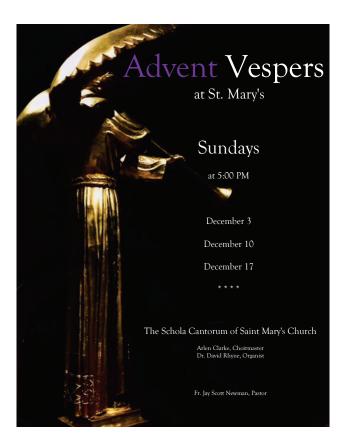
4.30 pm 5.00 pm	Choir Program in the Baum Center Mass in the Baum Center for families with children (Youth Choir)
5.00 pm	Sung Mass in the church (Schola)
7.00 pm 9.00 pm	Sung Mass in the church (Schola and Brass Ensemble) Choir Program in the church (Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble)
10.00 pm	Solemn Mass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



Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Rhorer and Fr Aubrey McNeil, OFM (Parochial Vicar of St Mary of the Angels in Anderson, SC) 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.

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, Alma Furman and Anne Alexander.

Parish News

Collections for 9/10 December

1st: Support of the Parish 2nd: Retirement Fund for Religious

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

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.

St. Mary's Senior Fellowship

Please join us Saturday 9 December at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. For more information, contact Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or alicer.ofs@gmail.com.





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



Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 17 December in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr Ryan Alderson, Ms Paula Conti and Ms Shannon McNelis

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.

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 5-6, 2018 "THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE"

Brought To You By

SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FOR LIFE



Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, 5 January 2018

Featured Speaker

Rvan Bomberger

Conceived in Rape, Adopted in Love

Emmy® Award-winning creative professional, citizen journalist, factivist and co-founder of The Radiance Foundation

With Special Guests

Dr. Robert Jackson, author of The Family Doctor Speaks: The Truth about Life
mily Barnhill, President, North Greenville Students for Life, NRL Academy Graduat
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

s 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 for South Carolina Citizens for Life

Available through 15 December 2017

Stand Up for Life March and Rally

Saturday, 6 January 2018

11.00 am Line Up for the March

11.30 am March steps off led by Knights of Columbus 12.00 pm Rally begins State House, Gervais Street side

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

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.

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.

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.





Priority Admissions Testing 27 January or 24 February

St. Mary's School is now accepting new family applications for the 2018-19 school year. If you have a child who plans to apply for admission in August 2018 please do not delay registration for testing. Priority admissions testing is Saturday 27 January or Saturday 24 February for grades K5-8. For new families and students, notification of acceptance will be around 15 March. A completed application must be on file prior to testing. Please contact Nelle Palms at nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4117 with questions.

Religious Education

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

17 December is the final class for 2017. Class resumes 7 January 2018.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30-7.30 pm.

13 December is the final class for 2017. Classes resume 3 January 2018.

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.

Visit the 'Manage Your EFT' link on the homepage of our parish website.

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 10December. 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.

Free Throw Championship

The Council will hold its Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/17) at St. Mary's Gym on Saturday, 13 January 2018 at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Soulsby and John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.



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.



Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul

Prince of Peace Catholic Church will host the University of Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 7.30 pm for the benefit of St. Vincent de Paul Society at the following parishes: Prince of Peace, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Elizabeth Seton and Jesus our Risen Savior. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket and will feature music of Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Gershwin, Copland and Notre Dame songs. For tickets and info contact Gary Hediger at 864.787.5961 or by email at ghediger@hedigerconsulting.com.

Advent and Christmas Music

Advent at Ephesus



This unique CD is recorded by the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles: a young, monastic order of Sisters located in rural Missouri, dedicated to prayer for priests. *Advent at Ephesus* includes an amazing variety

of traditional Latin and English hymns, polyphony, Gregorian Chant, medieval harmonies and an original piece to prayerfully lead you through the sacred season in preparation for Christmas. Available at Amazon and iTunes.

Caroling at Ephesus



This stirring, inspirational collection features well-known and lesser-known carols from across the globe, lovely lullabies and lively welcomes to the Infant Christ. Available at Amazon and iTunes.

Christ Was Born to Save

The friars of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. celebrate Christmas. The music of this album, recorded in the resonant acoustic of Washington's Franciscan Monastery of the



Holy Land, proclaims the reason that God took on our humanity by being born as a child in Bethlehem: to save us from sin and death and to fit us for heaven. Available at Amazon and iTunes.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring: Christmas with The Dominican Sisters of Mary



Recorded in the ethereal acoustic at their Motherhouse in Ann Arbor, this gorgeous offering includes some of the Sisters' favorite carols, and also original compositions which until now have been heard only in their chapel. Available at <u>Amazon</u> and <u>iTunes</u>.



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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



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