



St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

17 December 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

The popular Advent Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” took shape in France in the 17th century and was translated into English and set to the hauntingly beautiful plainchant melody we know in the 19th century. But the text of the hymn dates from the 9th century and earlier and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, or Divine Office, the Church’s daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary’s great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St. Luke (1.46-55) and called, from the first word of the text in Latin, the Magnificat. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, this Magnificat antiphon invokes the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. These Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative “O”, are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

✠ O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth. ✠ O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power. ✠ O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay. ✠ O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. ✠ O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. ✠ O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay. ✠ O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 17 December

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 18 December

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who are weighed down from of old by slavery beneath the yoke of sin, may be set free by the newness of the long-awaited Nativity 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 19 December

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world, grant, we pray, that we may venerate with integrity of faith the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation and always celebrate it with due reverence. 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 20 December

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. 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.

Advent Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Joy

Reminds us: Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

"And the angel said to [the shepherds], 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" - Luke 2.10-11

Thursday 21 December

Hear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life. 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 22 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 23 December

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 17 December at 5 pm.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 17 December 2017

7.30 am ✕ Geraldine Bailey
 9.00 am ✕ Dominic & Maria Bruno
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 18 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Luis Carlos Restrepo

Tuesday, 19 December 2017

7.00 am Fr. Jay Scott Newman
 12.00 noon ✕ Kelly Deitz

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Ralph F. & Patricia West
 12.00 noon ✕ Veroneau Family

Thursday, 21 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ Betty Dees &
 Jim BanBuskirk
 12.00 noon ✕ Soraya Chackal

Friday, 22 December 2017

7.00 am ✕ The Lallinger Families

Saturday, 23 December 2017

In the Baum Center

5.00 pm Frank & Marcia Silvestro

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 17 December 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)
 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace
 6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 18 December 2017

7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 19 December 2017

No Program of Catholic Studies

Wednesday, 20 December 2017

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)
No Faith Formation for children or adults

Thursday, 21 December 2017

Parish office closes at noon

Friday, 22 December 2017

Parish office closed

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

Saturday, 23 December 2017

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 9/10 December

Needed	33,800
Received	34,210
Surplus	410

Poor Box	398
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Retirement Fund for Religious	6,649
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	811,200
Received	807,519
Shortage	3,681

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

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
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.

Advent Confessions

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



Monday 18 December
St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville
7 pm

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bob McClung (uncle of Megan Soulsby) 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 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.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 16/17 December

Support of the Parish & Bishop's Appeal

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

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.



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 21 December for the Christmas holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am on Tuesday 27 December.

The office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 29 December for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am on Tuesday 2 January.

Liturgical Schedule Change

There will be no Wednesday Holy Hour or Confessions on 27 December, 3 January, or 10 January.

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



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.

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.

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.

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

No class this week. Classes resume 3 January 2018.

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.

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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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

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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



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2017-2018
The Year of Charity



Alumni Congratulations

Congratulations to Carly Lyvers, St. Mary's Class of 2014, for signing with James Madison Women's Golf team.

We are proud of you and all you do!

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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.

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"Tour with Chief Miller"

The Sufczynski boys enjoyed an afternoon with the City of Greenville



Police Chief, Ken Miller. They were picked up from school by Chief Miller in his police car with sirens and balloons, taken to his office to learn about his job, and toured the station. What an awesome afternoon!

The "Tour with Chief Miller" will be offered again at our auction for the St. Mary's School Gala on 9 February 2018. You won't want to miss the best Mardi Gras party of the year and the chance to bid on this amazing experience!

Gala tickets are available at <https://e.gesture.com/events/6C9/>

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@princeofpeacecattaylors.org or call 864.508.7123.

Urgent Need:

Sunday 8 am

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

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 information contact Gary Hediger at ghediger@hedigerconsulting.com or 864.787.5961.





Christmas Afternoon Television Special in the Upstate Featuring the Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Join us on Christmas Day at 4.00 pm on Fox Carolina Television Channel 21 for "An Afternoon in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston". There will be singing, dancing, storytelling and a Christmas message from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston. Fr. Jay Scott Newman and Fr. Dwight Longenecker will also join us and share the good news. You can't celebrate Christmas without good food and we've got that covered too. Sister Pamela Smith and Sister Roberta Fulton will join us at The Cook's Station in downtown Greenville for a cooking segment called "Sister Act 2 in the Kitchen". Fr. Patrick Tuttle OFM, will share our traditional Christmas Story, "If I Were A Goose". And the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir will sing and dance. Please join us as we celebrate the day our Savior was born.

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

Join us for these great Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, confession and lunch.

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