



# St. Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

24 December 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

On every Sunday and most other Solemnities of the Year, the texts for Mass are the same for both the vigil and the day of the celebration. For the celebration of Christmas, however, the Church provides four different Masses, each with its own Scripture readings and proper prayers, and this is testimony to the richness of this great feast. The four Masses for Christmas are the Vigil, Mass during the Night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass during the Day, and you can read all of the different texts for these four Masses in the missalette. Most of us, of course, never hear the readings proclaimed for the Mass at Dawn; we are still tucked warmly in our beds at that hour. This is an unfortunate loss, however, because the readings appointed for that Mass are filled with tender grace. I hope you will all take time to read quietly and prayerfully the Gospel for the Mass at Dawn (Luke 2.15-20) and the second lesson, taken from St. Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3.4-7).

St. Titus, like St. Timothy, was a disciple of and assistant to St. Paul, and he was a Gentile Christian who traveled with Paul from Antioch to the Council of Apostles at Jerusalem and then accompanied Paul on his third missionary journey. Titus also served as the bearer of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, and in Corinth he took up a collection for the Christians in Jerusalem. At length, Titus became the founding Bishop of Crete and was charged by St. Paul to organize the Church on that island by appointing other bishops and priests. Much of Paul's letter to Titus is a description of the qualities Titus should look for in candidates for the episcopate and presbyterate. Sts. Timothy and Titus are venerated together in the sacred liturgy on January 26th.

During the Mass at Dawn, these words from Paul's letter to Titus are proclaimed, and they give voice to the heart of the Gospel: "Beloved, when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Through our Baptism, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are justified and saved by the Lord Jesus as a free and unmerited gift. As we celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior, we give thanks for the merciful love of God which is our justification and righteousness. The Collect, or Opening Prayer, of the Mass at Dawn expresses this great mystery in these words:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith which illumines our mind may also shine through in our deeds. 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. Amen.

Father Newman

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.*

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 24 December 2017

### 4th Sunday of Advent

7.30 am ✧ Lillian Sasso  
9.00 am Becket Nielsen  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Christmas - Baum Center

5.00 pm ✧ Michael McGrady

### Christmas - Church

5.00 pm ✧ Mr & Mrs J. Campbell &  
Willie Martin  
7.00 pm Cesar A. Arroyave & Family  
10.00 pm Pro populo

Monday, 25 December 2017

9.00 am ✧ The Norungolo Family  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday, 26 December 2017

No Mass

Wednesday, 27 December 2017

7.00 am ✧ Dominic & Maria Bruno  
12.00 noon Beth Hambleton

Thursday, 28 December 2017

7.00 am ✧ Betty Lee Ashley  
12.00 noon ✧ Dietz Family

Friday, 29 December 2017

7.00 am ✧ Geraldine Wheadon

Saturday, 30 December 2017

5.00 pm ✧ George A. Francis

## Meetings & Events \*

Sunday, 24 December 2017

4.30 pm Youth Choir Program (Baum)  
9.00 pm Adult Choir Program (church)

Monday, 25 December 2017

Parish office closed

Tuesday, 26 December 2017

Parish office & church closed  
No Program of Catholic Studies

Wednesday, 27 December 2017

No Holy Hour and Confessions  
No Faith Formation for children or adults

Thursday, 28 December 2017

Friday, 29 December 2017

Parish office closes at noon  
6.00 am Morning Prayer (church)  
6.15-8.00 am Pillars of Christ  
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, 30 December 2017

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 16/17 December

Needed	33,800
Received	38,078
Surplus	4,278

Poor Box	427
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	845,000
Received	845,597
Surplus	597

**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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[www.stmarysgvl.org](http://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.





# MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

## Sunday 24 December

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,  
your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son  
was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross  
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Advent Week 4

*Candle Name: Angel's Candle*

*Candle Symbolizes: Peace*

*Reminds us: The message of the angels*

*“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will’ - Luke 2.10-11*

# MASS COLLECTS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



## Vigil Mass

O God, who gladden us year by year  
as we wait in hope for our redemption,  
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome  
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,  
we may also merit to face him confidently  
when he comes again as our Judge.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Mass at Dawn

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word,  
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,  
may also shine through in our deeds.  
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.

## Mass During the Night

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendor of the true light,  
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his  
light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## Mass During the Day

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature  
and still more wonderfully restored it,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*Glória in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntátis.*

## Thank You

Fr. Newman, Fr. Duncan, Fr. Cruz, Fr. Leon and the office staff thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

## Liturgical Schedule Change

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

## Christmas Afternoon Television Special in the Upstate With 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. Guglielmone, 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org).

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 23/24 December - 4th Advent

Support of the Parish

### Collection for 24/25 December - Christmas

Support of the Parish & St. Mary's Capital Campaign

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

### 2017 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at [jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2017. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

**Tax statements are only mailed upon request.**

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish office will reopen after the Christmas holiday 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.

### 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.



## 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.

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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.



## The Annunciation

The Annunciation was painted in 1889 by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) and is now in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Tanner was born in Pittsburgh, and his father was a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1891 Tanner traveled to France to study art and lived there for most of the rest of his life to avoid racial discrimination; he was the first African American artist to win international acclaim for his work. In this painting, the angel Gabriel is depicted not according to the conventions of art - in human form with wings - but rather as a pillar of light, and Mary sits attentively in contemplation of the message: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there be no end." (Luke 1:31-33)

## Knights of Columbus

### Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112

#### 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.

## Culture of Life

### 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](mailto:valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com).

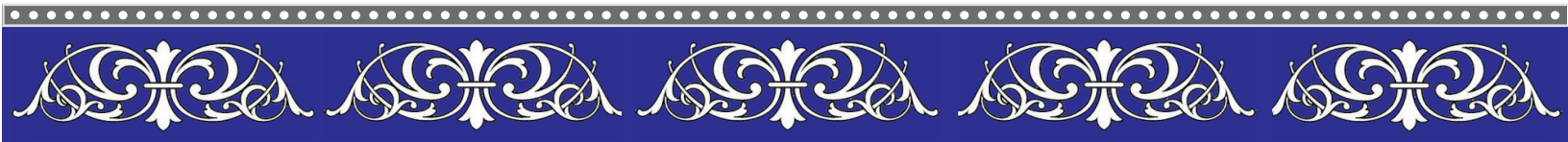
## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class resumes 7 January 2018.

### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes resume 3 January 2018.





# st. mary's catholic school

2017-2018  
The Year of Charity



## St. Mary's Catholic School

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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](mailto:nelle.palms@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4117 with questions.

**st. mary's catholic school**

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Priority Testing Dates at 9 am:  
27 January 2018  
24 February 2018

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

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## Advent & Christmas Projects

### French - 8th Grade

Mrs. Fiden's 8th grade French students created an Advent calendar with French idioms.



### Baby Shower for Jesus - K4 & K5

Ms. Morris' & Mrs. Layton's classes threw a "Baby Shower for Baby Jesus" last Friday. Students brought in baby presents which were donated to Birthright, a crisis pregnancy center right here in Greenville.

### Band, Orchestra, & Show Choir Spreading Christmas Cheer

Band, Orchestra, and Show Choir spread some Christmas cheer around town this week. First they visited The Washington Center, a school for students with severe intellectual disabilities. Then, they stopped by Haywood Mall to perform for holiday shoppers, and the last stop of the day was at Shepherd's Gate a local woman's shelter.

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## Save the Date Family Honor

St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Rosary will be hosting a truly unique chastity program for parents and teens in 7th and 8th grade. The program is designed to bring parents and their teens together to discuss life's most important issues, with a special emphasis on chastity and God's gift of sexuality. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the program, *"This program did such a wonderful job tying in all the things we want our children to know about sex and relationships. Learning about all this with God and the Cardinal Virtues at the center of it all - just as it should be!"*

The program is presented by Family Honor, Inc., and is called Real Love & Real Life. It will be held on Wednesdays 21 & 28 February and 7 March 2018 6.30 pm - 8.45 pm on St. Joseph's Campus in the St. John Paul II Center at 100 St. Joseph's Drive Greenville, SC 29607. Deadline for registering is 12 February 2018. Space is limited so register online soon at FamilyHonor.org. There is a registration fee of \$45.00 for the program, which can be paid upon checking in at the first session. Scholarships may also be available.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or call 864.508.7123.

Urgent Need:

Sunday 8 am

Monday 11 am &amp; 11 pm

Tuesday 5 am &amp; 7 pm

Saturday 12 am, 3 am &amp; 9 pm

## PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND

January 5-6, 2018

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### Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, 5 January 2018

Featured Speaker

### Ryan Bomberger

*Conceived in Rape, Adopted in Love*

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

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

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## 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  
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## 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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