



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

2 December 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was December, and another Christmas was at our throats. That was the dim view of all things Yule taken by the English humorist P.G. Wodehouse, and it is a sentiment most of us can readily understand. To avoid the frenzy which induces that feeling, we need to grasp what the Grinch perceived with wonder from the summit of Mt. Crumpit: That Christmas “came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.” And the very best way to arrive at this insight is to keep a holy Advent.

The twin peaks of the liturgical year are Easter and Christmas, and both of these celebrations are preceded by a period of preparation. The purple of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ's birth and Resurrection, and this is where the cultural and secular observance of Christmas can get in the way of a good Advent. On the radio and at the mall, Christmas has already been at our throats for some time, but today is just the first Sunday of Advent. And on December 26th when the Church is only beginning to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas, evergreen trees will begin to pile up on the curb and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will disappear until next Halloween. Let's just say STOP!

We now have four weeks in which to ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he *did* come to suffer and die for us. In the present he *does* come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future he *will* come in glory to judge the living and the dead. All three of these “advents” are part of this beautiful season of the liturgy, and if we attend to the Church's rhythm of prayer, penance and preparation, then when Christmas Eve arrives, we will not be exhausted; we will be elated.

So, how to do this? 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day. 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm here in the church. 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day. 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone's name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need. 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy.

It is December, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare with a worthy Advent.

Father Newman



# MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

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

## Sunday 2 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 3 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 4 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 5 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 6 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 7 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 8 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 2, 9, 16 & 23 December at 5 pm.*

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 2 December 2018

7.30 am ✱ Jane Wheeler  
9.00 am In Thanksgiving  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday, 3 December 2018

7.00 am ✱ Louie & Violet Howayeck  
12.00 noon ✱ Funeral - Katie Farmer

### Tuesday, 4 December 2018

7.00 am Ann Pinto  
12.00 noon ✱ Pauline Lowndes

### Wednesday, 5 December 2018

7.00 am Ray & Ingrid Ireland  
12.00 noon ✱ Funeral - Mary Corley-McKeown

### Thursday, 6 December 2018

7.00 am ✱ Bartley David Honeycutt  
12.00 noon ✱ Charles Bryson Dowling

### Friday, 7 December 2018

7.00 am ✱ Lillian Rauch  
**Immaculate Conception**  
7.00 pm Pro populo

### Saturday, 8 December 2018

**Immaculate Conception**  
10.00 am ✱ The Fesler Family  
**Sunday Vigil**  
5.00 pm ✱ Purita Roxas & Family

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday, 2 December 2018

CCW Bake Sale: After all morning Masses (P)  
9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall)  
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
9.00 am Scripture Study  
6.00 pm Women of Grace  
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday, 3 December 2018

7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday, 4 December 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies  
6.30 pm Parish Town Hall Meeting (G)

### Wednesday, 5 December 2018

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

### Thursday, 6 December 2018

### Friday, 7 December 2018

6.15 am Morning Prayer (church)  
6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ  
10.00 am Scripture Study Class  
3.30-5.00 pm Youth Choir Practice

### Saturday, 8 December 2018

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic  
12.00 noon Senior Fellowship Luncheon  
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 24/25 November

Needed	34,500
Received	30,355
Shortage	4,145

Poor Box	313
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	759,000
Received	741,744
Shortage	17,256

**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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St Mary's Catholic Church  
Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at  
[www.stmarysgvl.org](http://www.stmarysgvl.org)

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

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



# Advent Vespers

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

5:00 PM

DECEMBER 2

DECEMBER 9

DECEMBER 16

DECEMBER 23

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

338 West Washington Street, Greenville, South Carolina

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## Save the Date

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**  
**to discuss our master plan for future growth**  
**Tuesday 4 December 2018**  
**6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall**

**Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Guglielmone**  
**to discuss the crisis in the Church**  
**Tuesday 29 January 2019**  
**7.00 pm in Gallivan Hall**

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## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Morlino (Bishop of Madison, WI) and Mary Corley-McKeown, 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.

## 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 **Wednesday 12 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 Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Alfred Smith, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Dcn. John & Irene Karandisevsky, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Carly Burkhardt, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, Ann Pinto, John Hever, Juliet Roy and Chris Papademitriou.

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## PARISH NEWS

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### Collection for 1/2 December

Support of the Parish & St Mary's Building Fund

### Collection for 7/8 December

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 two Masses for the Immaculate Conception - the patronal feast of the Church in the United States:

**Friday 7 December**  
7.00 pm

**Saturday 8 December**  
10.00 am

## Christmas Bake Sale

**After all English Masses**  
**December 1st and 2nd, 2018**  
**in the Dining Room of Pazdan Hall**



**Pick up your 2018 Ornament:**  
**"The Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ"**



**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!





## FOOD DRIVE 8 & 9 DECEMBER

Our Lady's Pantry, the food pantry of Catholic Charities, is now serving families in need of assistance. They, in turn, are in need of our assistance to fill their shelves with non-perishable goods.

A truck will be located in the main parking lot of St Mary's before and after each Mass the weekend of 8 & 9 December to collect your donations.

Items need by the pantry are:

1. Canned Vegetables- regular and low-sodium
2. Canned Fruit- regular and low sugar
3. Canned Jelly
4. Bottled Spaghetti Sauce
5. Boost and / or Ensure
6. Canola and/or Olive Oil
7. Peanut Butter
8. Canned soup- regular and low-sodium
9. Coffee
10. Cereal
11. Mustard
12. Ketchup
13. Canned Tuna or Chicken
14. Rice
15. Beans

**Thank you very much for helping those in our community who are in need.**

## Daily Mass Readings

For the daily Mass readings,  
visit <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the  
K-4 classroom of Sacred Heart Hall

### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30–7.30 pm

## Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta  
at 864.271.8422 or [vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org).

## 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 6.15–8.00 am for prayer in the  
church and then in Sacred Heart Hall for study. For  
more information, contact Deacon John Heuser at  
864.679.4113 or [john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org).

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our  
parish family: Mr & Mrs Stephen Tuttle and Mr &  
Mrs Leon Motts.

## Knights of Columbus

### “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest

The contest is for Boys and Girls ages 5-14 (as of  
1 November 2018). Age Divisions are 5-7, 8-10,  
11-14. Posters must be 11” x 17” and include a  
slogan, visual image and completed entry form.  
The deadline is 12 December. For more information,  
please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

## St Mary's Senior Fellowship Saturday 8 December at 12 noon



Come join us in Sacred Heart  
Hall for our Christmas covered  
dish luncheon with cookie swap.  
Bring a friend and a dish to share.  
If interested in participating in  
the cookie swap, contact Alice

at 864.430.7276 or Dee at 864.297.8428 for more details.

## St Mary's Men's Hiking Group

Our inaugural hike will be at Dupont State Forest on Saturday  
8 December. All participants must be registered. To learn more  
about joining us on this exciting new adventure, please contact  
Deacon John Heuser at [john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org) for further  
information.

## Advent Confessions

A new church year begins every Advent and it's a great  
opportunity to begin anew, start fresh with our walk with  
Christ. Plan on starting your new church year by going to  
confession!

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



### Wednesday 5 December

St Mary of the Angels, Anderson  
7 pm

### Monday 10 December

Blessed Trinity, Greer  
7 pm

### Monday 17 December

St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville  
7 pm

## 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).



S.C. BACH, SOUTH CAROLINA'S BACH SOCIETY PRESENTS

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## *Christmas Oratorio, Parts I and III*

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THE NORTH CAROLINA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA  
MARTHA PERRY, CONCERTMASTER

THE SOUTH CAROLINA BACH CHOIR  
DAVID RHYNE, CONDUCTOR

### {GREENVILLE}

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 7:00 PM  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
847 CLEVELAND ST.  
GREENVILLE, SC 29601

### {SPARTANBURG}

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 7:00 PM  
ROSALIND SALLENGER RICHARDSON CENTER FOR THE ARTS, WOFFORD COLLEGE  
130 MEMORIAL DR.  
SPARTANBURG, SC 29303

PRE-CONCERT TALKS WILL BE OFFERED 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH CONCERT

Visit [www.scbach.org](http://www.scbach.org) for more information and to purchase tickets



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# GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

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## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### St Mary Magdalene

A key card is required to enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up as an adorer or regular visitor, or just visit for the day, please come to the St Mary Magdalene parish office Monday - Friday, between 9.00 am and 3.30 pm.

### Prince of Peace

*Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46.10)* Contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org) or 864.508.7123.

#### Urgent needs:

Monday 4 am                      Tuesday 4 am  
Wednesday 11 pm

#### Co-adorer needs:

Sunday 11 am

### St Rafka Pasta Dinner

St Rafka's monthly pasta dinner will be Thursday 6 December from 5.30-7.30 pm. Adults are \$10 and children \$5. The menu is rigatoni with ragu sauce, eggplant parmesan, tossed salad and tiramisu.

### Association of Catholic Nurses

Calling all South Carolina current, retired, and student Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses! There will be an information meeting held on 13 December at 10 am and 6 pm at Cardinal Newman high School in Columbia. Please join us as we begin to take the beginning steps to launch the new SC Chapter of the National Association of Catholic Nurses. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Michelle Law at [mlaw@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:mlaw@charlestdiocese.org).

## Advent Mission

### St Mary Magdalene - Simpsonville

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville invites all to an Advent Mission that will be held Monday 3 December starting at 6.30 pm. Father Rhett Williams will give a short talk followed by Holy Hour.

### St John Vianney Relic Pilgrimage

The Shrine of Ars, France, has entrusted to the Knights of Columbus the major relic of St Jean Vianney's incorrupt heart for a national tour in the U.S., from November 2018 through early June 2019. The tour will stop at Holy Spirit Church in Atlanta, GA on 7/8 December.

### Natural Family Planning

An Introductory Session to Natural Family Planning with the Creighton Model FertilityCare System is scheduled for 7 pm on Thursday 13 December at St Francis Hospital – Eastside in Greenville in Classroom 301. For further information, please contact Nancy McGrath at H: 292.0475, C: 864.270.3655, or [NaProNurse@aol.com](mailto:NaProNurse@aol.com).



## Christmas with the Chorale: Handel's MESSIAH

Tuesday, December 18 • 7:30 PM

McAlister Auditorium, Furman University

One of the world's best-known and beloved works, Handel's *Messiah*, thrills audiences every time it is performed, especially the exhilarating "Hallelujah Chorus." The Chorale will be joined by the Chorale Orchestra and soloists, creating a special evening that should be on the "must attend" list for music lovers everywhere.

FOR TICKETS

**864-467-3000**

[greenvillechorale.com](http://greenvillechorale.com)



# South Carolina Citizens For Life *Proudly Pro-Life Weekend* January 11-12, 2019



## Proudly Pro-Life Dinner

Friday, January 11, 2019

*featured speaker*

**Carol Tobias**

President, National Right to Life Committee

NRLC Board of Directors since 1987, NRLC political director 1991-2005  
testified on Capital Hill, appeared on ABC, NBC, CNN, C-SPAN, Fox News Channel  
quoted in New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and other national publications

Celebrating



# *Holly Gatling's*

25 years of faithful service

For tickets go to [www.sclife.org/events](http://www.sclife.org/events) or call SCCL at 803.252.5433

### Venue Location

Seawell's

1125 Rosewood Drive

Columbia, SC 29201

\$40 per ticket

Doors Open & Silent Auction at 5:30pm

Dinner Served at 6:45pm

### Overnight Accommodations

Inn at USC Wyndham Garden

803.779.7779 for reservations

Request Special Rate

for South Carolina Citizens for Life

Available through December 15, 2018

# *Stand Up for Life March and Rally*

Saturday, January 12, 2019

11:00 a.m. Line Up for the March

USC Russell House, Greene Street

11:30 a.m. March steps off led by Knights of Columbus

12:00 p.m. Rally begins State House, Gervais Street side

Music by

*Joyful Sound*

North Greenville University

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