

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

9 December 2018

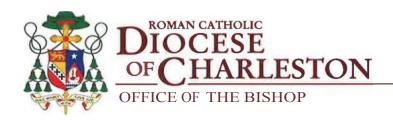
Dear Friends in Christ,

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.

Throughout my service here I have offered the Principles of Evangelical Catholicism as a way of integrating all the parts of our faith into a coherent whole, and 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 mindful 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 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, "There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds." This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals and social service agencies — allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the people of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

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 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 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 13 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 14 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 15 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, 9 December 2018

♣ Frank & Frances Watkins 7.30 am

9 00 am ★ Carl Roman 11.00 am 1.00 pm

Pro populo Spanish Mass

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 9 December 2018

9.00 am 3 & 4 Year Olds (K4 classroom of

Sacred Heart Hall)

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Coffee & doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)

9.00 am Scripture Study 5.00 pm Vespers (church)

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 10 December 2018

7.00 am ♣ Marianne Hume

Tuesday, 11 December 2018

7.00 am Ann Pinto 12.00 noon Special Intention

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7.00 pm Spanish Mass

Wednesday, 12 December 2018

7.00 am Fr Jav Scott Newman

12.00 noon

♣ Gene Bauer

Monday, 10 December 2018

Cub Scouts 6.30 pm 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 11 December 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies

Wednesday, 12 December 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Thursday, 13 December 2018

Confessions (church)

6.30-7.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism 6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 13 December 2018

7.00 am ★ Martha Lesley 12.00 noon In Thanksgiving

Friday, 14 December 2018

♣ Sr Marie Ciezobka, CSSF 7.00 am

Friday, 14 December 2018

Morning Prayer (church) 6.15 am

6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ Scripture Study Class 10.00 am Youth Choir Practice 3.30-5.00 pm

Saturday, 15 December 2018

5.00 pm ♣ Rev James Tully

Saturday, 15 December 2018

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 1/2 December

Needed 34,500 Received 36,472 Surplus 1,972

Poor Box 268

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 793,500 Received 778,215 15,285 Shortage

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.



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'Like' us on Facebook at St Mary's Catholic Church Greenville SC.

Visit us on the web at www.stmarysgvl.org



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

Save the Date

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

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.

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.

Welcome Newcomer

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Mr Robert Martuscello.

Parish News

Collection for 8/9 December

Support of the Parish & Religious Retirement Fund

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

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Monday 24 December for the Christmas holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am on Thursday 27 December.

The office will close at 12.00 noon on Monday 31 December for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am on Wednesday 2 January.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 16 December in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.



Nursery

The nursery will be closed on 23 & 30 December.

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.



Join us in Pazdan Hall after the 9.00 am Mass for doughnuts

9 December



Saint Mary's Catholic Church Holiday Liturgical Schedule

Christmas

Christmas Eve 24 December 2018

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 25 December 2018

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 Wednesday 26 December there is no Mass at 7 am or 12 noon and no Holy Hour. The weekday Mass schedule from 27 to 28 December is as usual.

Solemnity of the Mother of God

Monday 31 December 2018

5.00 pm Sung Mass in the church

Tuesday 1 January 2019

9.00 am Sung Mass in the church 11.00 am Sung Mass in the church 1.00 pm Spanish Mass in the church

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

Final class for 2018 is 16 December. Class resumes 6 January 2019.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30-7.30 pm

Final class for 2018 is 19 December. Classes resumes 9 January 2019.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or 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.

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.

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:



Monday 10 December Blessed Trinity, Greer 7 pm

Wednesday 12 December
Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville
10 am - 4.30 pm

Monday 17 December
St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville
7 pm

Wednesday 19 December St Rafka, Greer 9 am - 6.30 pm

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the e-bulletin, contact Lisa at lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

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.



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

Christmas Oratorio, Parts I and III

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 for more information and to purchase tickets



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GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC . ${\cal A}$ DORATION

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 or 864.508.7123.

Urgent needs:

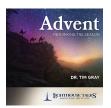
Monday 4 am Tuesday 2 am or 4 am Wednesday 11 pm

Co-adorer needs: Sunday 11 am



Lighthouse Catholic Media

Advent: Rethinking the Season



Advent is a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. That reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this talk, Dr

Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

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.

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@charlestondiocese.org.

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 infomation, please contact Nancy McGrath at H: 292.0475, C: 864.270.3655, or NaProNurse@aol.com.

Byzantine Rite Divine Liturgy

On Sunday, 23 December, at 5.00 pm, all are welcome to prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord with the Byzantine Rite Catholic Liturgy at St Rafka Maronite Church (1215 SC-14, Greer, SC 29650). For more information, please visit dormition.weebly.com, or email frjosephmatlak@gmail.com (or call 980.785.2764).

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



For tickets go to 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 Music by

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

Toyful Sound

North Greenville University

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