



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 December 2018

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 16 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 17 December

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature, who willed that your Word should take flesh in an ever-virgin womb, look with favor on our prayers, that your Only Begotten Son, having taken to himself our humanity, may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 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.

Wednesday 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.

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 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.

Friday 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.

Saturday 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.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 16 & 23 December at 5 pm.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 16 December 2018

7.30 am ✕ Alvina Aubuchon
9.00 am ✕ Bob Hemphill
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 17 December 2018

7.00 am ✕ Paul Michael Roman

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

7.00 am ✕ Luis Carlos Restrepo
12.00 noon ✕ Carol Pelicano

Wednesday, 19 December 2018

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman
12.00 noon ✕ Monte Frohm

Thursday, 20 December 2018

7.00 am Fr Dwight & Mrs
Longenecker & family
12.00 noon ✕ Cheryl Trimarcho

Friday, 21 December 2018

7.00 am Eliana Restrepo

Saturday, 22 December 2018

5.00 pm ✕ George & Louise Francis

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 16 December 2018

K of C Breakfast: 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
5.00 pm Vespers (church)
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 17 December 2018

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Wednesday, 19 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, 20 December 2018

Friday, 21 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, 22 December 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 December

Needed	34,500
Received	27,781
Shortage	6,719

Poor Box	356
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Retirement Fund for Religious	3,407
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	828,000
Received	805,996
Shortage	22,004

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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St Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville SC.

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

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

Visit us on the web at
www.stmarysgvl.org



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*

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

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

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.

Homeless Needs Drive: Until 29/30 December

Greenville County has the highest homeless population in the state of South Carolina, accounting for over 20% of the state's homeless. Last year, 1,039 students in Greenville County Schools had no place to call home and the numbers are expected to increase this year. Like Mary and Joseph who found themselves living with livestock, the majority of those who are homeless never imagined that they would find themselves in this situation. This year, St Mary's is partnering with United Housing Connections, which works to help make homelessness brief and rare. As part of this partnering, we will be conducting a drive for In-Kind needs for the homeless. Donations collected from this drive will be organized by United Housing Connections into care packages for those in need.

Drop boxes for your donations will be located in the main floor hallway of Sacred Heart Hall through 30 December. Any questions you have may be directed to Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Items requested from our community are:

Backpacks (drawstring/school size)	Hand Warmers
Blankets (New or gently used)	Notebooks & Pens
Warm hats (Ski caps/Beanies)	
Gallon size Zip Lock Bags	

**** Please no jackets** – there has been an overwhelming supply of jackets donated this year. ******

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 15/16 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.*

Liturgical Schedule Changes

The 12 noon Mass on weekdays
will not be celebrated during January.

There will be no Holy Hour & Confessions
on Wednesday 2 January.

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close at 12 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 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.

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.**

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the Gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

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 17 December
St Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville
7 pm

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:
Ms Sidney Sibner, Mr Joseph Byrd, Mr Messan Alate & Mrs Jessica Rosato.

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.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta in the parish office at 864.271.8422 or vickie.acosta@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.

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

*Be of
good
cheer!*
John 16:33

Holly Gatling's

25 years of faithful service

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

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

GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

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 or 864.508.7123.

Urgent needs:
Monday 4 am
Tuesday 2 am or 4 am
Friday 12 am

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, storytelling and a Christmas message from Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo, Bishop of Charleston. Fr Jay Scott Newman and Fr Michael Okere will also join us and share the good news. Our cooking segment, "Sister Act 2 in the Kitchen", with Sr Pamela Smith and Sr Roberta Fulton will provide you with two delicious and easy one pot recipes. Fr Patrick Tuttle OFM, will share our traditional Christmas Story, "If I Were a Goose". The St Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir will perform a special Christmas song. And Karl Rogozenski, Regional Coordinator for Upstate Catholic Charities, will walk us through a segment of "Catholics in Action". Please join us as we celebrate the day our Savior was born.



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

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).



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A Catholic Conference for Women of the Diocese of Charleston

Belonging

February 23, 2019
St. Joseph's Catholic School
Greenville, SC

- ~Mass with Bishop Guglielmo
- ~Living Rosary
- ~Fun Workshops
- ~Catered Lunch
- ~Entertainment
- ~Confession and Adoration
- ~Vendors

Keynote Speaker

Sonja Corbitt is a dynamic Catholic speaker, author of *Ignite* and *Unleashed*, and producer of several high-impact, uplifting multimedia Bible studies. A former Southern Baptist, Corbitt converted to Catholicism and is in formation as a Third Order Carmelite.

9th Annual Men's Conference

FIGHT LIKE A MAN

Saturday March 16, 2019 † St. Patrick Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC



Doug Barry

*Founder of Battle Ready
Catholic apostolate*



Richard Sutter

*Former Army Ranger,
Ironman Triathlete, Priest*



David Miller

*Homilist,
Pastor of St. Dorothy's*

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

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www.CatholicMenoftheCarolinas.org

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