



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 December 2018

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 because we are still tucked warmly in our beds at that hour, but the lessons appointed for that Mass are filled with tender grace and so I encourage you to take time to read quietly and prayerfully the Gospel for the Mass at Dawn (Luke 2.15-20) and the second lesson, taken from Saint Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3.4-7).

Along with Timothy, Titus was a disciple of and assistant to the Apostle 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 Saint 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. Saints 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, and 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



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 23 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.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 23 December 2018

7.30 am ✘ Arthur O'Leary
9.00 am ✘ Patti Waters
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 24 December 2018

No 7.00 am Mass

Christmas - Baum Center

5.00 pm Johnson Family

Christmas - Church

5.00 pm ✘ Paul Michael Roman
7.00 pm ✘ Frances Ann Kuebler
10.00 pm Pro populo

Tuesday, 25 December 2018

Christmas - Church

9.00 am ✘ Arthur O'Leary
11.00 am ✘ Edward Mohanna
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Wednesday, 26 December 2018

No Mass

Thursday, 27 December 2018

7.00 am ✘ Kathryn Bland Burkhardt
12.00 noon ✘ Frances Ann Kuebler

Friday, 28 December 2018

7.00 am ✘ Fusae Segal

Saturday, 29 December 2018

5.00 pm Barbara McGrath

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 23 December 2018

5.00 pm Vespers (church)

Monday, 24 December 2018

Parish office closes at 12.00 noon

4.30 pm Youth Choir Program (Baum)
9.00 pm Office of Readings (church)

Tuesday, 25 December 2018

Parish office closed

Wednesday, 26 December 2018

Parish office closed

No Holy Hour & Confessions

No Faith Formation for children or adults

Thursday, 27 December 2018

Friday, 28 December 2018

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

Saturday, 29 December 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 December

Needed	34,500
Received	36,910
Surplus	2,410

Poor Box	401
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	862,500
Received	842,906
Shortage	19,594

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
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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carlos Lopez (father of Beatriz Ferro & father-in-law of Dcn Diego Ferro), 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.

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.

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, Chris Papademitriou and Jeannine Harvey.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Matthew Lechowicz, Mrs Joanne Pascoe, Ms Michele Crockett and Jessica Rosato & family.

Congratulations to

John Hamilton Kelley and Gabriela Herrera Conde who were married last week.

Nursery

The nursery will be closed on 23 & 30 December.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 December

Support of the Parish

Collection for 24/35 December

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.*

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.

2018 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2018. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

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Forward in Faith



CHURCH ANNEX

The annex will stand between Washington Street and our existing horseshoe driveway and will be fashioned to complement the beauty of the church.

The main entrance to the annex will face the parking lot and will be accessible to the handicapped.

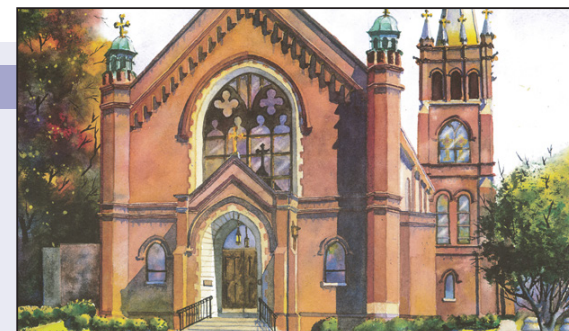
The first floor will include accessible restrooms and confessionals and a nursery that will also serve as a bride's room. And the second floor will serve as a practice room for our musicians.

The annex will connect to the church on both floors by a walkway that will allow easy passage.



CHURCH & ORGAN REPAIRS

We will install new pews and kneelers, new units for heating and cooling, and new wainscoting in the nave. We will also patch and paint the plaster and provide much needed enhancements to the organ.



GALLIVAN HALL PLAZA

The existing slope will be replaced by a level plaza that serves as an extension of the Hall, and the sidewalk will be covered to allow everyone to stay out of the elements.



CHURCH OFFICE EXPANSION

The existing garden at the back of the building will be transformed into the new home of our print shop and an additional storage area for equipment.



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 resumes 6 January 2019.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes resumes 9 January 2019.

Mass Intentions

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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. **

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 271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

Bulletin Submissions

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

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

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.

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 fjosephmatlak@gmail.com (or call 980.785.2764).

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning (NFP) encompasses moral, natural, healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning that teach married couples how to identify and understand their signs of fertility which they can then use to plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy in accordance with God’s design and will. You are also invited to attend the free NFP session on Thursday 10 January 2019 at 7.00 pm 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on 1-3 February 2019 in Columbia, SC and 8-10 November 2019 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

www.BelongingCatholicConference4women.com

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.

Get more information and registration at:

www.CatholicMenoftheCarolinas.org

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