



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

6 May 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Between the second lesson and the Gospel appointed for today (both written by the Apostle John), the word love appears seventeen times in sixteen sentences, so the message could not be clearer: the Gospel of Jesus Christ is about love. The centrality of love in Christian faith and life often comes as a surprise to those who do not share our faith because they regard the Church as merely an old scold intent on keeping people shrouded in the darkness and misery of superstition and priestcraft so that the Church can control their lives and behavior with an outdated moral code that should have been left behind with the bubonic plague and the Spanish Inquisition. But given the centrality of love in the Gospel, I think we need an explanation of the failure of so many people to see love in the Church, even allowing for the blinders of bigotry and the human inclination to hold in contempt those whose worldview we do not share. So what might that explanation be? I think one part of it might be the limitations of the English word love and the ways in which those limitations impoverish our imagination.

Think of the many ways in which we use the same word. I love pizza. I love New York City. I love the Lord of the Rings. I love bourbon. I love my mother. I love my wife. I love God. Languages other than English often have several words to carry the weight that we force upon one word, and this is especially odd given the comparatively vast size of the useful vocabulary of English which was cobbled together from Greek and Latin through Germanic and Romance languages alike. But for several reasons love has become a word that serves many disparate purposes, and the very multiplicity of its uses diminishes its effectiveness.

One way to sort through the fog of this field of meanings is to read a magnificent slim volume by C.S. Lewis called "The Four Loves." Lewis explores affection, friendship, erotic love, and the love of God as they were understood in classical antiquity and in the Holy Scriptures and helps clarify these different meanings of love for a modern English speaker. If our culture today is marked by loneliness, that surely is a sign of our diminished capacity for friendship. And if marriage has been strained to the breaking point by infidelity and impermanence, that certainly is an indication of unrealistic expectations for what erotic love and sexual friendship can mean in our lives. And these deficits are, in turn, the result of our confused and diminished understanding of love in general. And if the lesser loves are misunderstood, then how can the higher loves possibly be attained, especially the love of God?

In addition to Lewis's "The Four Loves," I also recommend another slim volume called "Spiritual Friendship" by St Aelred of Rievaulx, who was a Cistercian abbot in the north of England in the 12th century. This little treatise by a master of the interior life is a splendid guide to living as a disciple in life-giving friendship with other disciples. Both of these little books can help us fulfill the command of Christ: love one another as I love you.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 6 May 2018

7.30 am ✕ Linda Rider
9.00 am ✕ Walter Bogus
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 7 May 2018

7.00 am ✕ Becky Dannenfelser

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

7.00 am ✕ Ben & Jean Kittle
12.00 noon ✕ Gilbert Gravel

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

7.00 am Terry Cook
12.00 noon ✕ Debbie Tilton

Thursday, 10 May 2018

7.00 am ✕ Maria Cortes-Martinez &
Micaela Cruz-Flores
12.00 noon ✕ Carl Roman

Friday, 11 May 2018

7.00 am ✕ Robert K. Lewis

Saturday, 12 May 2018

5.00 pm ✕ Argemira Palacio

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 6 May 2018

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am Scripture Study
6.00 pm Women of Grace
6.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 7 May 2018

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

8.30 am Program of Catholic Studies (M)

Wednesday, 9 May 2018

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Program of Catholic Studies

Thursday, 10 May 2018

Friday, 11 May 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, 12 May 2018

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 28/29 April

Needed	33,800
Received	32,639
Shortage	1,161

Poor Box	779
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,487,200
Received	1,502,911
Surplus	15,711

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.

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, 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, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Carly Burkhardt, Alma Furman, Anne Alexander, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie and Kenneth & Nancy Tessier.

St Mary's Senior Fellowship



Please join us Saturday 12 May at 12.00 noon in Sacred Heart Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Contact

Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or alicer ofs@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Job Opening at St Mary's School for the 2018-2019 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a qualified **part-time Pre-K-8th grade Spanish teacher**. Preferred applicants will have a current South Carolina license or its equivalent and prior teaching experience. Email resume and cover letter to Principal@stmarysgvl.org. Deadline for applications is 1 August 2018.

St Mary's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 5/6 May

Support of the Parish

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

Memorial Day

The church & church office will be closed on Monday 28 May for Memorial Day.

The 7.00 am Mass will not be celebrated.

Vacation Bible School

Set Sail with the Holy Trinity featuring St. Patrick: 11-15 June from 9.00 am - 12.00 noon (Friday 11.30 am). Registration forms for families and teen & adult volunteers are available online at stmarysgvl.org (Catechesis tab). **Deadline for registration is 11 May.** Contact Kim Adams at craigandkim@aol.com or 407.756.2255 for more information.

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.



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

6 May

Bulletin Submissions

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

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. The next class is scheduled for Monday 25 June at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Pre-registration in the church office is required. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org.

Funeral Notices

If you would like to receive notification when funerals are scheduled at St Mary's, please contact the parish office at churchoffice@stmarysgvl.org.



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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The KofC Monthly Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday 20 May in the Pazdan Hall Dining Room after all the morning Masses. All are welcome to share breakfast with the parish family.



30th Annual St Mary's Classic

31 May & 1 June 2018
Golf Tournament, The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

[Sign Up For the Classic](#)

Sponsorship Packages

Four Playing Spots in Classic + Player Gifts + Mulligan or Red Tee Package
30th Anniversary Reception/Equipment Pick Up
Breakfast & 30th Anniversary Lunch at Golf Course
Featuring Titleist Equipment

Saint Sponsor - \$12,000
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30th Anniversary Sponsor - \$3,000

For complete details please use the following link for more information:
[Classic Information and Registration](#)

Event Details

Thursday, May 31
5:00-7:00pm
30th Anniversary Reception & Equipment Pick Up,
Embassy Suites

Friday, June 1
8:00am
St Mary's Classic, The Preserve at Verdae

- Range balls available
- Breakfast
- 30th Anniversary Lunch



Any Questions? Contact Lisa Lyvers,
Director of St Mary's Classic and Gala
lisa.lyvers@stmarysgvl.org or 662-466-1333



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GREENVILLE DEANERY

Vietnamese Marian Day Celebration Sunday 13 May

Location: Our Lady of LaVang Catholic Church (2020 Gibbs Shoals Road, Greer, SC 29650)

Time: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Procession, Celebration of the Eucharist, Luncheon and Social. Celebrant & Homilist: Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston. Concelebrant: Rev. David Phan, OFM

For more information contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries at 864.331.2627

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC 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 or 864.508.7123.

All hours are available. Urgent needs are:

Sunday 9 am

Monday 12 pm

Wednesday 11 am & 2 pm

Friday 2 pm

Saturday 12 am

2018 Ordinations

It is with great pleasure that I announce the following ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston:



**Mr Jimmy Touzeau
and
Mr Francisco Oñate-Vargas
to the
Transitional Diaconate**



Friday 18 May
6.00 pm
St Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, SC



**Deacon Rhett Williams
to the
Sacred Priesthood**

Friday 8 June
6.00 pm
Cathedral of St John the Baptist
Charleston, SC

+ The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone

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DAYS



Where are you going?

QUO VADIS DAYS 2018

June 11-15, 2018 * Belmont Abbey College

Retreat is open to young men 15 thru 19 years old

A camp for Catholic men to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith, and help discern God's call in their lives.

REGISTER BY JUNE 4 www.charlottevocations.org

2018 Family Honor Pilgrimage

If you have a special devotion to the Blessed Mother or need spiritual renewal, join Family Honor's Pilgrimage to France, 5-13 November. Our pilgrimage will take you to the Blessed Mother's Shrine at Lourdes, plus visits to Lyons, Ars, Lisieux, and Paris to see holy sites significant in the life of Saints Bernadette, Therese of Lisieux, John Vianney, Catherine Laboure, and Vincent de Paul. Spiritual Director is Family Honor's Chaplain, Father Philip Gillespie, pastor of St Joseph Catholic Church - Anderson. Pilgrimage details are available at FamilyHonor.org (30th Anniversary tab / 2018 Pilgrimage) or contact the Family Honor office at 803.929.0858. Deposit due by 30 June.



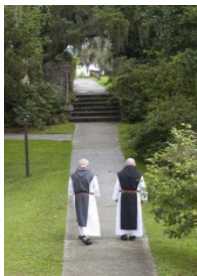
Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information,
visit CatholicRadioinSC.com.

Would You Like to Be a Monk for a Month or For a Year?

Mepkin Abbey, in Moncks Corner, has announced the opening of their new Mepkin Affiliate Program. There are three options available: the new **Monastic Institute Program** - a month-long seminar for men and women during July 2018; the **Monastic Guest Program** - a month-long residency for men; and the **Monastic Residency Program** - a year-long residency for men. Applications are now being accepted for all of these programs. Applications and more detailed information at MepkinAbbey.org. All programs are free of cost.



Young Adult Ministry

World Youth Day 2019



The Diocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry is taking young adults to World Youth Day Panama in January 2019. The trip is 9 days, with a cost of \$3,649 paid in pieces, and organized

through Dube Catholic Travel Agency. Direct questions to Lexie Segrest, Associate Director of Young Adult Ministry, at 843.261.0445 or lsegrest@charlestondiocese.org.

DIOCESE & OTHER NEWS

Diocese of Charlotte Vocations Camp

Contact Sr Mary Raphael at
MRaphael@charlottediocese.org
for questions about *Duc in Altum*.

Duc in Altum: 25-29 June 2018

Open to young women ages 15-19.

One day, after speaking to the crowds from Simon's boat, our Lord invited the Apostle to "put out into the deep" for a catch: "Duc In altum" (Luke 5.4). The Diocese of Charlotte hosts *Duc in Altum*, an opportunity for young women to deepen their faith, develop new friendships and explore the meaning and purpose of their lives.

Cost is \$150, which includes lodging at Belmont Abbey College, all meals and supplies.

More information is available online at
CharlotteDiocese.org/vocations/duc-in-altum/

2018 Eucharistic Congress - Atlanta 1-2 June

Archbishop Gregory, Bishop Shlesinger, and Bishop-Elect Konzen invite you to join them at this year's Eucharistic Congress at the Georgia International Convention



Center. **Features:** Middle School track, speakers & opportunities for spiritual enrichment, including Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. For more information, visit congress.archatl.com.

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