



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

22 March 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Several items for your attention concerning the safety of children on our campus:

1. As part of our safe environment for the protection of children, it is required by the diocese that everyone on our campus, volunteer and employee alike, who has regular contact with children under the age of 18 must receive a background investigation and training in how to maintain a safe environment for children. This applies without exception to any and every activity on church property, and if you have contact with children in any setting at St Mary's but have not yet received the background check and safe environment training, please be in touch with me immediately to arrange for both. Until these steps are taken, no one is authorized to have contact with children at any event on our campus.
2. Because we do not yet have rest rooms in our church, those who need to use a rest room must cross Miller Square and enter Sacred Heart Hall or go down the outdoor steps on both sides of the church and into the undercroft. It is understandable that parents with several children might be inclined to allow older children to make this trip unaccompanied during Mass, but no child should ever be left unaccompanied on our campus, even for a quick bathroom trip. Older siblings or friends making that rest room run together might work, but the best solution of all is for a parent to accompany the child to the rest room.
3. Information about the protection of children can be found on our parish website and on the diocesan website at www.charlestdiocese.org. All adults in the parish are invited to be mindful of our common responsibility to protect our children, and if you observe anything that causes you concern, you are always welcome to speak to me, to the school principal, or to anyone on our staff about your concerns. Likewise feel free to speak up if you have suggestions for how we can help create a safe and nurturing environment for our children.
4. When school is in session, no one is permitted on our campus during the school day without permission. You are always welcome, of course, to visit the church by parking in the Washington Street parking lot on the west side of the church, but anyone approaching a school building or crossing the athletic field without a visitor's pass will be challenged by a staff member. For the same reason, even parishioners may not use our athletic facilities while school children are on campus, including during Late Stay which ends at 6 pm. Please understand that these measures are all designed to help us create the safest possible environment for the children entrusted to our care.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

Father Newman



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March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

For migrant farmworkers in California's San Joaquin Valley, workdays during the grape harvest begin at 6 a.m. and last until 7 p.m. Some workers have lived in the valley for years, renting nearby trailer housing, while others live in towns nearby. Still others are recent migrants from Mexico and Central America. Catechists and lay ministers serve all these workers by visiting migrant camps near the vineyards where they work. They bring religious instruction and share prayer, theological reflection, and Catholic social justice teaching about the inherent dignity and rights of migrant workers like the people they serve.

Through funds from the collection, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' program for the pastoral care of migrants, refugees, and travelers collaborates with local dioceses to visit and attend to the needs of underserved migrant farm workers and others who live on the margins.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection, and answer the knock of Jesus in disguise.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions ** Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 22 March 2020

7.30 am ✕ Therese DeMarco
9.00 am Valerie Gabrielle Hernandez
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Our Solemn Mass at 11 am each Sunday is streamed live on our parish Facebook page and is available later as a recording on both our Facebook page and the parish YouTube channel.

Monday, 23 March 2020

7.00 am ✕ Beth Smith

Tuesday, 24 March 2020

7.00 am ✕ Betty Wooten

Wednesday, 25 March 2020

7.00 am Cesar Arroyave

Thursday, 26 March 2020

7.00 am ✕ John Wheadon

Friday, 27 March 2020

7.00 am Matthew Armaly

Saturday, 28 March 2020

5.00 pm ✕ Cathy Francis

Sunday, 22 March 2020

Monday, 23 March 2020

Tuesday, 24 March 2020

Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Thursday, 26 March 2020

Friday, 27 March 2020

Saturday, 28 March 2020

Financial Report

Weekend of 14/15 March

Needed	35,200
Received	36,480
Surplus	1,280

Poor Box	611
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,302,400
Received	1,335,926
Surplus	33,526

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" 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.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received	1,650,257
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Pledge Balance	1,360,435
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Still to Go	3,989,308
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** Because of the public health crisis created by the coronavirus, Bishop Guglielmone has announced that through at least Wednesday 1 April, all parish activities in the Diocese of Charleston are canceled. This means that for the time being:

all Masses on Sundays and weekdays are canceled
all Confessions, Vespers, and Holy Hours are canceled
all parish meetings of every kind are canceled

The church will remain open for private prayer Monday-Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, but no more than fifty people at a time can be present in the building and no liturgical celebrations are permitted.

Currently scheduled Mass intentions will be offered at a private Mass.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy McColl, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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.

Fridays of Lent

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.



EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation lets you

- make a one-time or recurring donation
- change your plan
- update your account information
- contribute to parish, diocesan, and second collections
- view your online donation history

EFT donation options include:

Direct Debit Donation that allows you to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation that allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 21/22 March

Support of the Parish &
Catholic Relief Services

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

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 Tancress, Lenore Cole, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Ruth O'Rourke, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, David Gibbons, Jim & Adair Andreasson, Ellen Plowden, Mary Lou Ferguson, Mary Stillmock, Chuck & Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, Mary Berman, James Smith and Anna Deehan.

Job Opening

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a qualified full-time kindergarten teaching assistant starting in August 2020. Prior experience working with young children is preferred, but not required. Candidates need not possess a formal teaching license for this position. Email resume and cover letter to Principal@stmarysgvl.org. Deadline for applications is Friday, 27 March.

2019 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 2019. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement. **Tax statements are only mailed upon request.**

Daily Mass Readings

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

St Mary's is online:

Website <https://smcgv1.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl/>

YouTube [Saint Mary's Catholic Church Greenville, SC](#)

AmazonSmile

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237>

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish through a program called Formed. This website includes a variety of free resources - including books, movies, podcasts - for people of all ages. Register at Formed.org using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

2020 Ordinations for the Diocese of Charleston

Please pray for

Seminarian Rafael Ghattas who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Deacons Will Frei and Michael Cellars who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood.

GREENVILLE DEANERY & OTHER NEWS

Our Lady's Pantry Volunteer Opportunities



Our Lady's Pantry, a ministry of Catholic Charities, is in need of volunteers to serve families living with food insecurity in our community. The following opportunities are currently open for volunteers:

Food Shopping Buddies to assist clients to select their groceries - Wednesdays, 12 - 3 pm

Data Entry Volunteers

If interested, contact Gracie Ortiz, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator for the Upstate, 864.331.2626 and gortiz@charlestandioocese.org.

Icon Painting Workshop 13-18 July

St Rafka in Greer



St Rafka Maronite Catholic Church will host Greek Master Iconographer Theodoros Papadopoulos to conduct a 6-day intensive course on Byzantine Iconography. Participants will be conducted through the ancient egg tempera steps to create an Icon of The Virgin with the Christ Child. The cost is \$685 (includes all materials). Register at theodoreicons.com/sc or contact Aziza Stansberry at 864.506.1924 or Stansberry.azizaX@gmail.com.



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