



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

## *from the pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Monday of this week is the feast of Saint Ambrose of Milan, one of the most remarkable bishops of the early Church. Aurelius Ambrosius was born around the year 340 in the city of Trier, now in Germany but then in the Roman Province of Gaul. Ambrose's father was the praetorian prefect of Gaul, and in that office he governed a vast portion of the empire. The boy followed his father into the Roman imperial service and received the best education available in Rome, becoming the consular prefect of Liguria and Emilia in northern Italy at the age of 32. Ambrose's official residence as prefect was in Milan, now the largest city in Italy and even then a great metropolis of the ancient world.

According to tradition, the Gospel was first preached in Milan by Saint Barnabas, traveling companion and coworker of Saint Paul, and a bishop was resident in Milan from the early third century. By the time Ambrose arrived in Milan in 372, the diocese was deeply divided by the Arian heresy which, though condemned by the Council of Nicaea in 325, was still a powerful force in many parts of the empire. The Bishop of Milan died in 374, and Ambrose went to the basilica where the election of the new bishop was to take place in order to insure that there would be no riots or violence because of the Arians. In the midst of the deliberations, someone in the crowd shouted "Ambrose, bishop," and the people began to chant his name. Ambrose, who was a Christian believer but had never been baptized, fled the assembly and went into hiding, but after a few days, Ambrose was convinced by friends that he had to accept the acclamation of the people and agree to become their bishop. Over the course of one week Ambrose was baptized and ordained to the priesthood, and on 7 December 374, Prefect Ambrose was consecrated to the episcopate and became Bishop Ambrose of Milan, an office he held until his death in 397.

During his 23 year ministry, Bishop Ambrose proved himself to be one of the finest minds and best administrators the Church has ever had. He decisively dealt with the Arian heretics, restored order to his diocese, worked closely with the pope to secure the faith and discipline of the Church, and still found time to be a poet, musician, liturgist and theologian who shaped the Catholic Church in Milan in distinctive ways that endure even now. In 385 a talented but confused young teacher named Aurelius Augustinus moved to Milan and began to attend Mass celebrated by Ambrose because of the bishop's reputation as teacher of the Gospel. Over several months, Ambrose explained the Christian faith to the skeptical teacher, and at the Easter Vigil of 387, Bishop Ambrose baptized, chrismated (or confirmed), and administered first Holy Communion to the man known to us as Saint Augustine of Hippo. Along with Saints Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great, Ambrose is counted one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church, on his feast we give thanks for the life, ministry and intercession of Saint Ambrose of Milan.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 6 December 2020

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| 7.30 am  | ✠ Campbell Martin  |
| 9.00 am  | ✠ Emily Rose Gomes |
| 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, 7 December 2020

|         |                             |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| 7.00 am | Br. Ambrose O.S.B of Norcia |
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### Tuesday, 8 December 2020

|            |                     |
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| 7.00 am    | Kerri & Chris Borys |
| 12.00 noon | ✠ Daniel W. Welch   |
| 7.00 pm    | Pro populo          |

### Wednesday, 9 December 2020

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 7.00 am | ✠ Frank & Frances Watkins |
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### Thursday, 10 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | ✠ Deacon John Karandisevsky |
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### Friday, 11 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | ✠ Phil Wilmeth |
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### Saturday, 12 December 2020

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| 5.00 pm | ✠ Denise Welte |
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## Meetings & Events \*\*

### Sunday, 6 December 2020

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Bazaar and Bake Sale: after all English Masses (P)

|         |                         |
|---------|-------------------------|
| 5.00 pm | Solemn Vespers (church) |
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### Monday, 7 December 2020

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| 1.00 pm | St. Anne's Stitchery |
| 6.00 pm | Boy Scouts (P)       |

### Tuesday, 8 December 2020

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| 7.00-9.00 pm | Knights of Columbus (M) |
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### Wednesday, 9 December 2020

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| 5.00-6.00 pm | Holy Hour & Confessions (church) |
| 6.30-7.30 pm | Introduction to Catholicism      |

### Thursday, 10 December 2020

### Friday, 11 December 2020

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| 10.00 am     | Scripture Study Class |
| 3.30-5.00 pm | Youth Choir Practice  |

### Saturday, 12 December 2020

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| 3.30-4.30 pm | Confessions (church) |
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## Financial Report

### Weekend of 28/29 November

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| Needed   | 35,900 |
| Received | 38,802 |
| Surplus  | 2902   |

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| Poor Box | 245 |
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### Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed   | 789,800 |
| Received | 776,929 |
| Shortage | -12,871 |

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org).

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

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Donations Received | 2,511,763 |
|--------------------|-----------|

|                |           |
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| Pledge Balance | 1,186,810 |
|----------------|-----------|

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| Still to Go | 3,301,427 |
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G - Gullivan Hall    M - McGrady Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall Dining Room

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



# MASS COLLECTS FOR THE **Second Week** OF ADVENT

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

## **Sunday 6 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 7 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 8 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 9 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: Love*

*Reminds us: Joseph and Mary's Journey*

*“Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises  
to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.’”*

*Romans 15.12*

## **Thursday 10 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 11 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,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## **Saturday 12 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.

*Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 6, 13 & 20 December at 5 pm.*

## 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, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Rafael Marquez, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Chuck & Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, and John Paul Serpa..

## 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.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Cookbook

Calling all cooks! Your St Mary's Council of Catholic Women is creating a cookbook featuring YOUR favorite family recipes. The cookbook will be custom made and professionally published by Morris Press Cookbooks and will be sure to be a treasured keepsake for us all.

Please submit 3-5 of your favorite recipes very soon so you and your family can be represented in our cookbook. Please submit your recipes to Nancy McGrath at [NaProNurse@aol.com](mailto:NaProNurse@aol.com) or mail a hard copy of your recipe to Nancy at 603 Rosebud Lane, Greer, SC, 29650. These must be received before 31 December. More information to come regarding recipe writing tips, how to order a cookbook(s), and the price of the cookbook.

## St Anne's Ministry

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in SHH. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Come join us. Contact: Judy Lema 864.884.9853 or [airamel@aol.com](mailto:airamel@aol.com).



## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Stanion, Mr. Jean Bodjona & Mrs. Alicia Konga, and Mr. & Mrs. Victor Blasucci.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 5/6 December

Church in Africa  
Support of the Parish

### Collection of Immaculate Conception

Support of the Parish

*St Mary's is sustained by  
the generosity of our parishioners.*

### Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday 8 December, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 7 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.

### Christmas Flower Memorials

St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. 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 16 December** for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marilyn Redding 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.

### 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](mailto:lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org).

# Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

**Sponsored by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women**

Due to the current Covid19 pandemic the 2020 SMCCW Christmas Bake Sale scheduled for this weekend, December 5th & 6th, at Pazdan Hall has been postponed and a new date will be announced for Spring 2021.



Christmas ornament pre-orders can be picked up after Saturday evening and Sunday masses at the Church side vestibule of Sacred Heart Hall

## SMCCW 2020 ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Ornaments \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 (cash/check) or \$21.00 (credit card) each =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paid by: ☐ check ☐ cash ☐ credit card\*

\*E-mail [smccwgv1@gmail.com](mailto:smccwgv1@gmail.com) for electronic invoice or Karoline O'Rourke at 864.630.3462

**MAIL CHECKS ONLY! (DO NOT MAIL CASH)**

**Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women**

**Mail to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602**



## Daily Mass Readings

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

## St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

**amazon**smile Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

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

Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

## Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Vickie Acosta at 864.271.8422 or [vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:vickie.acosta@stmarysgvl.org).

## Church Donation Information

### 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 options:

**Direct Debit Donation** - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

**Credit & Debit Card Donation** - 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.

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### Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church  
111 Hampton Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29601

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

## St Mary's is online:

**Website** <https://smcgv1.org>

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

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

## Weekend Masses & Streaming Mass in Gallivan Hall

Gallivan Hall is open during every weekend Mass to provide plenty of room for everyone. Mass is clearly visible and audible in Gallivan Hall thanks to our cinema screen and sound system, and the rest rooms to the left of the stage will be open.

### **\*\* Help us keep Gallivan Hall ready for the next Mass:**

While you are welcome to move chairs to allow your family to sit closer together, please return them to their original location after Mass. Also, please take home or throw away your Mass booklet. Thank you for your cooperation. **\*\***

Please note that every other pew remains closed to allow for social distancing, and we continue to encourage strongly the wearing of a face mask and careful attention to hand washing and purifying to help reduce the spread of the virus. Our cry rooms remain closed because proper distancing is not possible in those spaces, and for now Confessions are being heard in the cry rooms on Saturday from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. The Wednesday afternoon Holy Hour has returned from 5.00 - 6.00 pm.

Finally, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in force, which means that no one is required to attend Mass, even though all must find a way to keep the Lord's Day holy, and the best way to do that is by joining in the sacred liturgy live-streamed on Sunday morning at 11 am. If you are at risk of the severe symptoms possible from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, then please stay home and join us in prayer remotely.

## 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. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or [timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org).

## Christmas Caroling

Please plan to attend the Christmas Carol Event to “Bring Light to the Darkest Place in our County” on Thursday, 10 December at 6.30 pm at 1142 Grove Road Greenville. Candles will be provided. Please call your friends to come and join us. Please call Valerie 864.297.8838 or Ingrid 864.329.0044 for more information.

## Catholic Charities

### Our Lady’s Food Pantry

The pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville 29609 behind San Sebastian mission church) is currently looking for a couple of volunteer drivers to drive the pantry truck to the food bank, help load the items into the truck, and help unload the items at the pantry. The time commitment will be from 9.30-11.30 am on Mondays, and you can volunteer once a week or once a month. If interested, schedule a tour and training (2 hours) with Gracie Ortiz, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator for the Upstate, at [gortiz@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:gortiz@charlestondiocese.org) or 864.331.2626.



### Catholic Charities Clothing Closet

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate has opened a new clothing closet to complement our other services! Open the 1st and 4th Saturdays of the month during Mobile Clean of Heart (10 am-1 pm), our clothing closet provides clothes to those in need. The closet is entirely donation based. Therefore, to continue to provide clothes, your generosity is much appreciated. The most pressing needs are:

- Pants, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans (M/L/XL+ preferred)
- Coats and jackets
- Comfortable shoes (like tennis shoes; no heels please)
- New or gently used socks
- NEW underwear (M-L+ sizes preferred)
- Hats and gloves

Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd during pantry hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-3 pm), or sent to us using the below Amazon wish list link. Please designate that you are a St Mary’s parishioner and choose the Catholic Charities – Piedmont address at checkout. In addition, please include your name or ‘Anonymous’. Thank you!

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8C467DC7G38?ref\\_=wl\\_share](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8C467DC7G38?ref_=wl_share)



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WCKI 1300 AM

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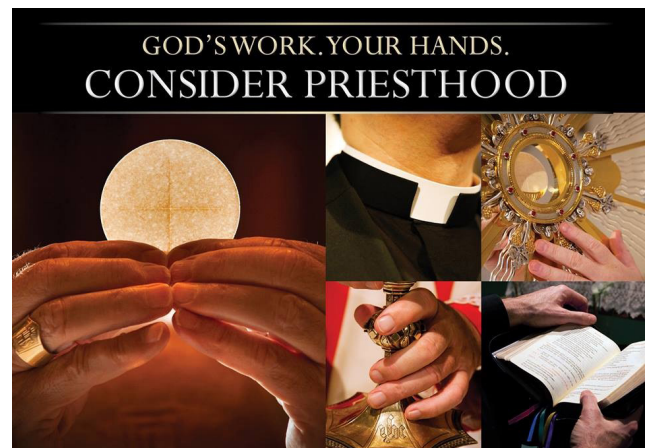
## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11.28*

To share an hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org). All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours:

Wednesday 6 am  
Thursday 6 pm  
Friday 10 am



GOD’S WORK.YOUR HANDS.

CONSIDER PRIESTHOOD

### Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood.

Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

St Charles Borromeo, pray for our seminarians.