



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

To worship God, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve those in need. The Church's entire mission can be summarized in these three categories of action, and it is a perennial challenge for Christians to keep all three of these parts in harmony and creative interaction.

Some Catholics can become so preoccupied with the details of the sacred liturgy that the service of the poor and the preaching of the Gospel are obscured from sight, and this usually yields a self-referential experience of religion that is fussy about vestments and rituals but fails to attend to the needs of others and the call to conversion that must be at the heart of our faith. Other Catholics can be so focused on responding to the needs of the poor, the sick, the imprisoned, and the immigrant that they forget the priority of calling everyone to saving faith in Jesus Christ and then leading them to worship the living God in spirit and truth. Still others can become so committed to insisting on the truth of our faith and the urgent need of others to accept that truth that they grow careless about attending to the real human needs of others and to the need of the human spirit for beauty in divine worship. But the Church must always keep the good, the true, and the beautiful together in our minds and hearts in order to prevent us from reducing the whole of our religion to one of its parts and then stumbling into the trap of becoming an aesthete, a puritan, or a fanatic rather than simply being a Catholic Christian.

Throughout my service here I have offered the Principles of Evangelical Catholicism as a way of integrating all the parts of our faith into a coherent whole, and I offer this account of Catholic Christianity in our time, the time of the New Evangelization, to assist us all in living as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus in the Church he founded - always careful to be equally attentive to the threefold character of the Church's mission: to worship God, to proclaim the Gospel, and to serve those in need. Of course, it is beyond the ability of any one person, any one priest, any one parish, any one bishop, or any one pope to fulfill equally all of the Church's obligations in worship, preaching, and service, and that is why we must all be mindful of our own gifts and grateful for the gifts of others. One parish may do praiseworthy work among the poor, while another shines in educating and forming children or adults or both, even as a third excels at offering divine worship of uncommon beauty. And what is true of parishes is true also of individual believers, each of whom is called to a unique form of service and equipped to answer that call by the personal gifts received from God.

When each and all of us are conscious of these distinctions and working to the uttermost limits of our gifts for the glory of God and the fulfillment of the Great Commission, then through the efforts of all disciples, the Church is able to accomplish her urgent duties of worshiping God, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving those in need. And that is Evangelical Catholicism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 13 December 2020

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| 7.30 am | ✠ Aganlo Gomes |
| 9.00 am | In Thanksgiving |
| 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, 14 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | The Norungolo Family |
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Tuesday, 15 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | ✠ Rev. James J. Tully |
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Wednesday, 16 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | Ana Maria Restrepo |
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Thursday, 17 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | ✠ Alvina Aubuchon |
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Friday, 18 December 2020

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| 7.00 am | ✠ Luis Carlos Restrepo |
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Saturday, 19 December 2020

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| 5.00 pm | Fr. Jay Scott Newman |
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Meetings & Events **

Sunday, 13 December 2020

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| 5.00 pm | Solemn Vespers (church) |
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Monday, 14 December 2020

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| 6.00 pm | Boy Scouts (P) |
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Tuesday, 15 December 2020

Wednesday, 16 December 2020

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

Thursday, 17 December 2020

Friday, 18 December 2020

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

Saturday, 19 December 2020

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

Weekend of 5/6 December

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| Needed | 35,900 |
| Received | 37,673 |
| Surplus | 1,773 |

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| Poor Box | 814 |
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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 825,700 |
| Received | 814,602 |
| Shortage | -11,098 |

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@stmmarysgvl.org.

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

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| Donations Received | 2,664,186 |
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| Pledge Balance | 1,134,105 |
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| Still to Go | 3,201,709 |
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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 **Third Week** OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 13 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 14 December

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts, visit us with the grace of your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 15 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.

Wednesday 16 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.

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 17 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.

Friday 18 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.

Saturday 19 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.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 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..

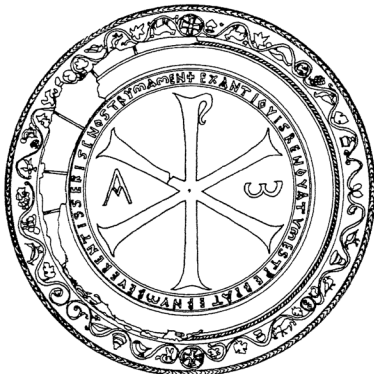
Prayer Chain Ministry

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 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.



PARISH NEWS

Collection for 12/13 December

Religious Retirement Fund
Support of the Parish

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

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 souls of Mary Lou Ferguson and Teresa Bays who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to hear 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.

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 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

Organ Recital at Our Lady of the Rosary

On Sunday 13 December, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church organist and choirmaster, Alan Montgomery, will give an organ recital playing works of Bach, Bruhns, Karg-Elert, and Elgar.

The church is located at 3170 August Rd., Greenville, SC, and the recital is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.



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WCKI 1300 AM

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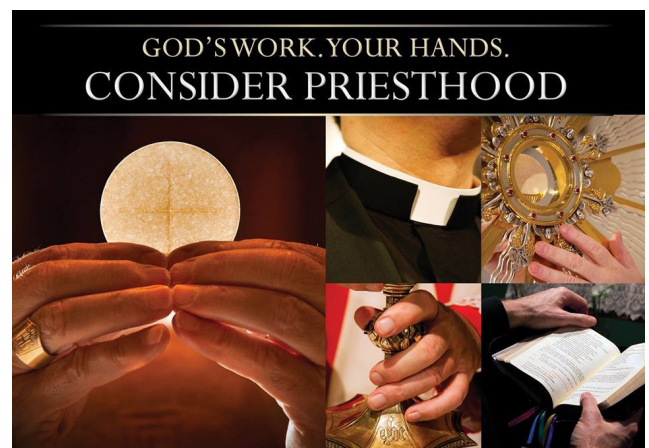
PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours:

Wednesday 6 am
Thursday 6 pm
Friday 10 am



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.