



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” took shape in France in the 17th century, and in the 19th century it was translated into English and set to the beautiful melody we still sing. But the text of the hymn dates from at least the 9th century and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church’s daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary’s great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St Luke (1.46-55) and called the Magnificat from the first word of the text in Latin. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, these Magnificat antiphons invoke the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. The Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative “O”, are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

+ O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth.

+ O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.

+ O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.

+ O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

+ O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

+ O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.

+ O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



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Holiday Liturgical Schedule

Christmas

Christmas Eve 24 DECEMBER 2020

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 (Streamed on Facebook)*

7.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church (Schola and Brass Ensemble)*

9.30 pm *Choir Program in the church (Streamed on Facebook)*

10.00 pm *Solemn Mass During the Night (Streamed on Facebook)*

The 10.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.

Christmas Day 25 DECEMBER 2020

11.00 am *Mass in the church*

1.00 pm *Spanish Mass in the church*

On Wednesday 30 December there is no Holy Hour.

Solemnity of the Mother of God

Thursday 31 DECEMBER 2020

5.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church*

Friday 1 JANUARY 2021

9.00 am *Sung Mass in the church*

11.00 am *Sung Mass in the church (Streamed on Facebook)*

1.00 pm *Spanish Mass in the church*

Gallivan Hall will be open for seating during all Masses in the church.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 20 December 2020

- 7.30 am ✘ Arthur Heidrich
9.00 am ✘ Porter Joseph Miros & Family
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, 21 December 2020

- 7.00 am ✘ Laura Lee Jonakin

Tuesday, 22 December 2020

- 7.00 am ✘ Robert Louis Anders

Wednesday, 23 December 2020

- 7.00 am ✘ Maria Ponton-Friedman

Thursday, 24 December 2020

- 5.00 pm ✘ Teresa Bays (Baum Center)
5.00 pm ✘ Mary Ferguson (Church)
7.00 pm ✘ Maria Grazia Migliore
10.00 pm Pro populo

Friday, 25 December 2020

- 7.00 am ✘ Emily Rose Gomes
11.00 am Pro populo

Saturday, 26 December 2020

- 5.00 pm ✘ Martha Ruth Williams

Meetings & Events **

Sunday, 20 December 2020

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
Christmas Ornament Sale and Pickup: after all English Masses

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: Canceled

5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church)

Monday, 21 December 2020

Tuesday, 22 December 2020

Wednesday, 23 December 2020

Parish office closed
5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

Thursday, 24 December 2020

Parish office closed

Friday, 25 December 2020

Parish office closed

Saturday, 26 December 2020

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 12/13 December

Needed	35,900
Received	36,105
Surplus	115

Poor Box 213

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	861,600
Received	850,617
Shortage	-10,983

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

Donations Received 2,698,904

Pledge Balance 1,131,590

Still to Go 3,169,506



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE **Fourth** WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 20 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.

Monday 21 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.

Tuesday 22 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death,
willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son,
grant, we pray,
that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor
may merit his company as their Redeemer.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 23 December

Almighty ever-living God,
as we see how the Nativity of your Son
according to the flesh draws near,
we pray that to us, your unworthy servants,
mercy may flow from your Word,
who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary
and establish among us his dwelling,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 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.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 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, Marilyn Postell, 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.

Poor Clare's Food Drive

The Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare thank the students of St. Mary's Catholic Church for their generation donation from the food drive that student council sponsored this fall.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Elizabeth Murphy, Mr. Luis A. Linares & Mrs. Liliana M. Upegui, Mr. & Mrs. John Suter, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew R. Hoeschen.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 December

Christmas Gift for the Glory of God
Support of the Parish

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

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus breakfast scheduled for December 20 has been canceled. They will resume their monthly breakfasts on January 17, 2021.

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

The St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women will be selling ornaments in Sacred Heart Hall after all English speaking Masses.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish office will close for the Christmas holiday starting on Tuesday 22 December, at 4.00 pm, and will reopen at 9.00 am on Monday 28 December.

The office will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 31 December for the New Year's holiday and will reopen at 9.00 am Monday 4 January.

2020 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 2020. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

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.

Daily Mass Readings

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

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

 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.

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.

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](https://www.youtube.com/SaintMarysCatholicChurchGreenvilleSC)

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.

An Evening in the Upstate with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

Television Christmas Special on FOX Carolina Channel 21,
December 25, 2020 at 10:30pm

Join us in the Upstate on Christmas Evening for fun and entertainment for the entire family hosted by Sister Pamela Smith, SSCM. Spiritual reflections will be given by Father Jay Scott Newman and Father Michael Okere. Highlights include the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir, a traditional Christmas story told by Franciscan Friar Patrick Tuttle and a special tribute to Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone for his 75th birthday. For those not in the station's viewing area, watch on our Diocese of Charleston YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/diocesechas>

For more information contact the Office of Ethnic Ministries:
864-331-2627.



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



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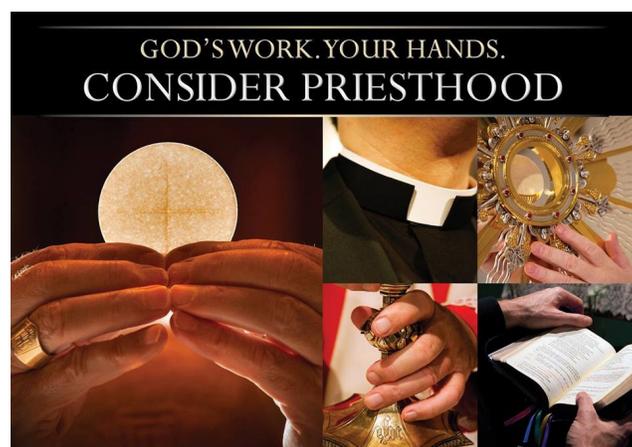
PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



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.