



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

## *from the pastor*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most easily misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation,” and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

This helps us understand the profound link between the feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi, expands with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at the wedding feast in Cana.

The stained glass window above the main entrance of our church on Washington Street depicts four of these mysteries in sacred images: the birth of Christ, His Presentation in the Temple, His teaching of the elders in the Temple, and the wedding feast at Cana. This window is hard to see from the main floor of the church, but it bears witness to the beauty of all the manifestations of Christ to the human race.

Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on January 6th. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Father Newman



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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December 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our social, economic, political, and religious lives in ways no one ever imagined. Yet we are not without hope during this time, as people have been working hard for better treatments and now several effective vaccines are available.

The two current vaccines available in the U.S., made by Pfizer and Moderna, have not been derived from the morally tainted fetal stem cell lines. Unfortunately, a fetal stem cell line was utilized for some of the testing of these vaccines. However, after careful examination and consultation with Catholic theologians, scientists, and bioethicists, the Church teaches that it is morally permissible for people to take these vaccines, if others without any connection to these stem cell lines are unavailable. Put most simply, it is not sinful to receive these vaccines.

Catholics also have a duty to make pharmaceutical companies and political leaders know their complete disagreement with developing any vaccine derived in an unethical manner. I call upon each of us to pray and work for the continued development and distribution of safe and effective vaccines that are untainted by involvement or association with abortion.

Lastly, I want to convey the importance of individual discernment as we determine our own healthcare decisions. Certain subsets of our society may be required to vaccinate for the health and safety of those in their care or simply by the nature of their stage of life or health conditions. However, those individuals who are outside the immediate at-risk groups and caregivers, must make a prudential judgment weighting all the factors, such as individual circumstances, responsibilities to the common good and the particular vaccines available. Let us all continue to pray for an end of the pandemic and working for an end to abortion.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone  
*Bishop of Charleston*

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 3 January 2021

7.30 am	✠ Manuel & Emily Rose Gomes
9.00 am	✠ The Norungolo 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, 4 January 2021

7.00 am	✠ Willie Martin
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### Tuesday, 5 January 2021

7.00 am	✠ Frank Pazik
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### Wednesday, 6 January 2021

7.00 am	✠ Nelly Restrepo
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### Thursday, 7 January 2021

7.00 am	Viona Family
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### Friday, 8 January 2021

7.00 am	Coleman Family
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### Saturday, 9 January 2021

5.00 pm	✠ Nazareth & Leonizo Gomes
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## Meetings & Events \*\*

### Sunday, 3 January 2021

### Monday, 4 January 2021

1.00 pm	St. Anne's Stitchery
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### Tuesday, 5 January 2021

9.30 am - 1.00 pm	St. Mary's Catholic Church Women's Club
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### Wednesday, 6 January 2021

9.30 - 11.00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00 - 6.00 pm	Holy Hour and Confessions (church)
6.30 - 7.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism

### Thursday, 7 January 2021

### Friday, 8 January 2021

10.00 am	Scripture Study Class
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### Saturday, 9 January 2021

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

### Weekend of 26/27 December

Needed	35,900
Received	30,310
Christmas	32,929
Surplus	27,339

Poor Box	428
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	933,400
Received	950,542
Surplus	+17,142

**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	2,613,486
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Christmas Donations	260,984
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Pledge Balance	1,075,605
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Still to Go	3,049,925
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## 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.

## Project Host Donation

Project Host thanks the parish of St. Mary's Catholic Church for their generation donation towards continuing Project Host's mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed.

## 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.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Julie M. Dulman, Ms. Lauren E. Willoughby, Mr. Jonathan D. Blanton, and Mr. & Mrs. Jason W. Gibeau and family.

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## PARISH NEWS

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### Collection for 2/3 January

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign  
Support of the Parish

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

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish 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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa.watkins@stmarysgvl.org).

### Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen Pavlovic father of Barbara Redding, James "Boo" Francis, and Chuck Gaschler who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their 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.

## 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).



## 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 airmel@aol.com.

## 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@charlestandioocese.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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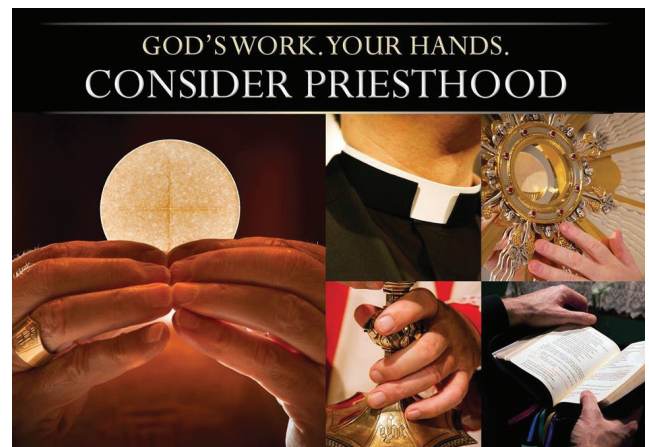
## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### 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:

Monday 12 pm & 10 pm  
Wednesday 11 pm  
Saturday 2 pm



### 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.