



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

24 January 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have updates on two areas of parish life:

1. In the Catholic Church, the word vicar means a priest who represents another person. The pope is called the Vicar of Christ for the universal Church, and in each diocese the local bishop is a Vicar of Christ for his people. Diocesan bishops are assisted in fulfilling their responsibilities by several different kinds of vicars. There are vicars general, vicars judicial, vicars forane, and vicars for special areas of pastoral life such as Hispanic ministry, the recruiting of seminarians, and priest personnel.

In parishes of sufficient size, the pastor may be assisted by priests who are called parochial vicars, and they are responsible for those areas of parish life assigned by the pastor. For many decades we have had one or more parochial vicars at St Mary's, and in the last few years Fr Orlando Cheverría Jiménez has been my parochial vicar for the celebration of the sacraments in Spanish at St Mary's and the pastoral care of our mission congregation at San Sebastian.

Effective 1 February 2021, Fr Jonathan Duncan will become my second parochial vicar, but his title will be the only thing that changes. In the five years since he and his family arrived in Greenville, Fr Duncan has been chaplain at St Joseph's School, and in the last couple of years additional responsibilities were added as Director of Spiritual Care at Bon Secours St Francis and Catholic chaplain at Furman University. During that same time, Fr Duncan has also assisted here with Mass on Sunday, Confessions on Wednesday, and as a replacement for me whenever needed, and he will continue to do those things, now with a title that more accurately describes his service to our parish. I am deeply grateful for the faithful priestly ministry of Fr Duncan.

2. In the Fall of 2018, we began a Capital Campaign called Forward in Faith which was designed to raise \$7 million by the end of 2023, and the money is to be spent on three purposes: First, our parish part of the diocesan bi-centennial capital campaign. Second, the construction of a new gym which will double as a parish social hall and overflow seating for Mass. Third, the construction of an annex to the church to provide accessible rest rooms and confessionals and a choir practice room connected to the organ loft, along with badly needed updates in the church to the pews, kneelers, HVAC equipment, wood wainscoting, and the organ.

We have now received \$3 million in gifts and another \$1 million in pledges, leaving us with an additional \$3 million in capital gifts to raise over the next three years. Given the history of giving in our parish, this goal is easily within our reach, and in the coming months I will be in touch to ask for your help. Thank you for your generosity and your commitment to St Mary's Church.

Father Newman



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ACT OF CONSECRATION – ENTRUSTMENT
OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
TO ST. JOSEPH, THE UNIVERSAL PATRON OF THE CHURCH

St. Joseph, Virginal Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ and Virginal Spouse of the Immaculate Mother of God, and Chosen Head of the Holy Family, the Church acknowledges you as its Universal Patron.

You are the spiritual and material provider and protector of all its institutions and individual members on our pilgrimage of faith on earth, awaiting fulfillment in heaven.

In view of these truths, as Shepherd of the Diocese of Charleston, I consecrate and entrust the Diocese of Charleston with all its members and institutions to your paternal care, development and safety.

Guide us according to the Holy Spirit to achieve the purposes that God the Father establishes through the Church founded by our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspire our minds and hearts to assure our continuous fidelity. Assist us to be the worshipers and witnesses that God the Father desires and deserves.

We thank you for your patronage and ask you to accept this Act of filial devotion.

By decision of the

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

January 14, 2021

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 24 January 2021

7.30 am Elizabeth Walker
 9.00 am * Joseph & Christine Sufczynski
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 25 January 2021

7.00 am * Virginia Cote

Tuesday, 26 January 2021

7.00 am Dollie Walton

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

7.00 am * Margoth Boothe

Thursday, 28 January 2021

7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo

Friday, 29 January 2021

7.00 am Major Brodie T. Babb

Saturday, 30 January 2021

5.00 pm Mary Berman

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 24 January 2021

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M)
 2.30 pm Lay Dominicans
 5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 25 January 2021

5.30 pm Boy Scouts (P)

Tuesday, 26 January 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

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

Thursday, 28 January 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday, 29 January 2021

5.30 - 6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.15 am Morning Prayers (church)
 6.30 - 8.00 am Pillars of Christ
 10.00 am Scripture Study
 8.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday, 30 January 2021

8.00 - 9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
 9.00 am Lay Dominicans
 3.30 - 4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 16/17 January

Needed	35,900
Received	36,269
Surplus	369

Poor Box	550
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,041,100
Received	1,058,362
Surplus	+17,262

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	2,979,630
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Pledge Balance	1,013,812
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Still to Go	3,006,557
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Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Hever, Veronica Johnson, Jeanne Lechleiter (mother of Barbara McGrath) and Janette Jackson (mother of Greg Jackson) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families 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.

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, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, John Paul Serpa, Sofia Alvarez and Marilyn Gleaton.

Book Club

We will be starting a monthly book club for women ages 25-40. Please join us for fellowship and community as we grow deeper in our faith. This is a great way to meet new people, discuss issues particular to women, and have fun! Please contact Emily Krauter at emilykrauter@gmail.com for details and to join.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Ryan Phillips, Mr & Mrs Charles Bryan, Mr & Mrs Thomas Rudski, Miss Gabrielle Lance, Mrs Imelda Wolf, Mr Joseph Gallagher, Ms Katherine Reynolds, Mr Paul O'Steen and Mr Michael Van Gieson.

Congratulations to

Shea Ignatius O'Malley who was baptized last weekend.

Luis Roberto Rivera Jr and Margaret Ann LaMantia who were married last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 23/24 January

Support of the Parish

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

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 eBulletin, contact Jenni at jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org.

Please Help Support Our School!

We will be hosting our annual St Mary's Gala on Saturday 20 March right here on campus. This event, along with the St Mary's Classic, is one of the most important fundraisers for our school.

We invite you to participate by becoming a gala sponsor or donating auction items. This is an exceptional way for you to play an important role in our event and support our school.

For sponsorships and donations to the auction please contact Pat Perkins at pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4109. Thank you for supporting our school!

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by phone at 864.679.4122 or by email at dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.

Daily Mass Readings

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

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

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<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 Sarah Perkins at 864.679.4100 or sarah.perkins@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/>

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.

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.

Clothing Closet

Catholic Charities is so very grateful to the people of St Mary's for their exceptional support of our new Clothing Closet. We have been overwhelmed with the donations we've received. Thanks to you, our new outreach to those in need is exceeding expectations. May our Lord Jesus richly bless you all for your outstanding generosity at this time of need.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual and in person NFP Introductory Sessions are available this February. Register by email.

Virtual Sessions are Thursday 11 February at 7 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com and NaProNurse@aol.com and Thursday 25 February at 6.30 pm - janelleapro@gmail.com

In Person Session is Wednesday 17 February at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

Faith & Family Night

Join the Greenville Swamp Rabbits for Faith and Family Night on Friday 29 January at 7 pm. To purchase tickets for your group visit <https://www.swamprabbits.com/faith>. Please contact Scott Hull at shull@swamprabbits.com or 864.250.4953 if you have any questions.

St Rafka Evening Masses

St Rafka Maronite Catholic Church now has two weekday Masses on Thursdays and Fridays at 5.30 pm. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated in English. All are welcome!

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:

Monday 12 pm
Tuesday 10 am
Saturday 2 pm

Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreats

St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville)

27-28 February, 24-25 April,

21-22 August and 13-14 November

St Michael (Myrtle Beach)

9-10 October

Register at

<https://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com>

st. mary's catholic school
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Priority Testing Dates
January 23
February 20

Call to schedule your school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades
K3-8

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✦ National Blue Ribbon School

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