



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

7 February 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 17 February, and each one of us is called by the Lord Jesus to a deeper conversion as we prepare to celebrate the Passover of the Lord at Easter. During the coming 40 Days, let us strive to live in fidelity to the promises of our Baptism which we will renew at the Easter Vigil and at all the Masses of Easter Sunday. "Are you unaware," Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, "that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6.3-4).

To live the new life of Baptism requires that we first die to sin and self and learn to live for Christ, and the disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the lifelong work of living by grace through faith in the Son of God through the means of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here are some of the practical ways we can do that during the 40 Days:

- ✠ come celebrate Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Lent and bring a friend.
- ✠ give alms by placing a donation in the Poor Box at each door of the church, the gifts to which go to feed the hungry at Project Host on Academy Street.
- ✠ go to Confession on a Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 pm or a Saturday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. Go early this Lent, and do not wait until Holy Week when the lines will be long.
- ✠ attend Mass on the weekdays of Lent, at 7 am Monday through Friday.
- ✠ push back from every meal before you've had enough. Through your body's hunger for food be mindful of your soul's hunger for the Lord, a hunger that is satisfied only when we give ourselves without reservation in the obedience of faith to the Gospel. And on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent abstain from meat and fast as your health and age allow.
- ✠ invite a lapsed Catholic to return to the practice of the Faith by joining you at Mass or Vespers one Sunday in Lent. A gentle invitation is often the only thing needed to bring a soul back to the Lord Jesus.
- ✠ pray the Liturgy of the Hours in whole or in part by using the app called iBreviary or the monthly publication called Magnificat.
- ✠ come walk the Way of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 6 pm.

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. So repent, and believe in the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 7 February 2021

7.30 am ✕ Brittany McLennon
Palpal-Latoc
9.00 am ✕ Norma Palms
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 8 February 2021

7.00 am ✕ Jackson Demere

Tuesday, 9 February 2021

7.00 am ✕ June Vranian Guroian

Wednesday, 10 February 2021

7.00 am Health of the
Gomez-Restrepo Family

Thursday, 11 February 2021

7.00 am ✕ Daryl Creswell

Friday, 12 February 2021

7.00 am ✕ Peter Fallat

Saturday, 13 February 2021

5.00 pm ✕ Manuel A. Gomes & Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 7 February 2021

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday, 8 February 2021

6.00 pm Boy Scouts (P)

Tuesday, 9 February 2021

9.30 am Council of Catholic Women Meeting
7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class
7.00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (M)

Wednesday, 10 February 2021

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00 - 6.00 pm Holy Hour and
Confessions (church)
6.30 pm The Family Program for
Religious Education Meeting (G)
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday, 11 February 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday, 12 February 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 Friday Morning Bible Study
8.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday, 13 February 2021

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

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 30/31 January

Needed 35,900
Received 36,040
Surplus +140

Poor Box 584

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,112,900
Received 1,129,213
Surplus +16,313

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 3,041,161

Pledge Balance 964,147

Still to Go 2,994,691

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rose Mary Koski, Furman Cooper (father of Sherry Perkins), John Joseph Courchaine (brother of Stephen Courchaine) and Harry P Alexander (father of Frances A Foley) 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, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez and Marilyn Gleaton.

Souper Bowl Sunday



We will be collecting monetary donations to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on Super Bowl weekend, 6 & 7 February.

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 emilyckrauter@gmail.com for details and to join.

Congratulations to

William Michael James Miros who was baptized last weekend.

Devin Anderson and Julia Goeckel who were married last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 6/7 February

Central & Eastern Europe
Support of the Parish

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

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 15 February for the Presidents' Day holiday.

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 on our 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.

This year is a unique time for the Gala. The usual amount of sponsors has declined due to economic hardships this past year because of the pandemic and we are looking for anyone who would like to contribute something special to our fundraiser. If you are an artisan or collector or know of someone who would like to donate a custom item to the auction, please let us know!

For sponsorships and donations to the auction please contact Pat Perkins at pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4109. Thank you for your support.

2020 Tax Statements

Contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your 2020 contribution statement. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

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.

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.



St Mary's Religious Education 2020-21



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes continue to meet on second Wednesday of each month 6.30- 7.30pm. Next class is this week; **Wednesday 10 February.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

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Daily Mass Readings

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

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org.

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.whelen@stmarysgvl.org.

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 School Job Opening

We are accepting applications for a highly-qualified **middle school Science teacher** for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 120 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 305 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching Science to middle school students, and possess a valid teaching certification. Compensation is dependent upon years of experience. Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@stmarysgvl.org by Friday 26 February 2021.

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TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Date
February 20

Call to schedule your
school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades
K3-8



SACS Accredited
National Blue
Ribbon School



101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 smsgvl.org

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

(Jesus) said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day ... John 1.39

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours:

Monday 12 pm
Wednesday 10 pm
Thursday 3 am

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 - janellenapro@gmail.com

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

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!

Catholic Charities

Our Lady's Food Pantry

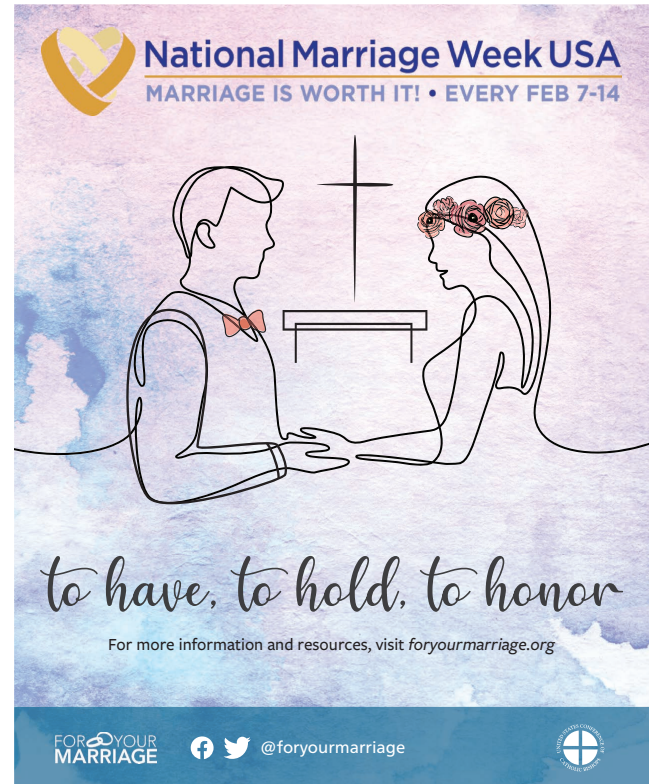


The pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville 29609 behind San Sebastian mission church) is currently looking for a couple of volunteer drivers to drive the pantry truck to the food bank, help load the items into the truck, and help unload the items at the pantry. The time commitment will be from 9.30-11.30 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@charlestdiocese.org or 864.331.2626.

February 17 - March 28 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville>
<https://www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville>

Kickoff Rally - Tuesday 16 February at 6.30 pm at Piedmont Women's Center (1143 Grove Rd). Park at Grove Road Baptist Church. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964, Ingrid at 864.329.0044 or Valerie at 864.297.8838 with questions.



National Marriage Week

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/foryourmarriage>

Sunday 14 February is World Marriage Day. Find resources at the website and visit the Facebook page for two live-streamed events this week.

Wednesday 10 February at 2.00 pm - Pray a rosary for married couples and families led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone.

Friday 12 February at 2.00 pm - Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love with Fr Daniel Hanley and Mr Dominic Lombardi looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

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