



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

14 February 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent begins this Wednesday with the distribution of ashes, but because of the pandemic we must modify our usual customs for Ash Wednesday.

First, please remember that Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, and no one is required to come to Mass. To keep attendance within the limits of our restricted seating, no one will be permitted to attend Mass unless they have made a reservation online by responding to an email that I will send to the entire parish. We did this at Christmas, and it worked well. So look for an email in midmorning on Monday 15 February, and follow the link to make a reservation for you and your family.

Second, ashes will not be placed on your foreheads in the sign of the Cross this year. Instead, we will follow the ancient custom, still practiced in Rome, of sprinkling just a few grains of ash on the crown of your head. This means that you must incline your head forward or even bend over a bit if you are tall to allow the minister to reach up above the top of your head to sprinkle the ashes. The ashes are symbolic so there will not be a clump of ashes on your head, and they may not even be visible. But the conversion of the heart of which the ashes are a sign will begin in any case.

Third, we will not speak the customary acclamation for each person as the ashes are sprinkled. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" will be said aloud only one time by the priest at the beginning of the distribution of ashes, and thereafter no words will be spoken while the ashes are being sprinkled. This means that some sign is required to let you know when the action is complete, and so the minister will say "Amen" when the ashes have been sprinkled and that is the sign for you to continue moving back to your pew.

Fourth, just as at Holy Communion, please form a single file line to come forward for ashes rather than coming in two files side by side. This will facilitate proper distancing as we have been practicing for the past nine months.

We will have Mass in the church at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm. School is in session on Ash Wednesday, and for this reason we can use Gallivan Hall for extra seating only at 7 pm. We will also have a Spanish Mass in the gym at 7 pm, and there will be plenty of seats if you need extra room to spread out. The Mass at 7 pm will also be streamed to our parish Facebook page.

The Church asks us to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday if age and health allow, and throughout the 40 Days we should cooperate with God's grace in the search for an ever deeper conversion to the truth who sets us free, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2021

Ashes will be distributed at all liturgies.

7.00 am	Low Mass (church)
12.00 noon	Sung Mass (church)
7.00 pm	Sung Mass (church) <i>*this Mass will be streamed on our Facebook page</i>
7.00 pm	Spanish Mass (Baum Center)

Ashes may be received by everyone without exception.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent, beginning 19 February

6.00 pm in the church

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent, beginning 21 February

5.00 pm in the church

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2021

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel.

This year, **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, falls on 17 February. The present laws of the Church regarding fast and abstinence during the Season of Lent are as follows:

1. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast**. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.
2. **Ash Wednesday** and **all Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meat should not be eaten at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten Season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, 14 February 2021

7.30 am ✧ Brittany Ann Palpallatoc
 9.00 am ✧ Carl & Paul Roman
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday, 15 February 2021

7.00 am ✧ Barbara Scoggins

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

7.00 am ✧ Joseph & Christine Sufczynski

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

Ash Wednesday

7.00 am SM Johnna Ciezobka, CSSF
 12.00 pm Richard and Elaine Stephens
 7.00 pm Pro populo
 7.00 pm Spanish Mass (Baum Center)

Thursday, 18 February 2021

7.00 am ✧ SM Edwardine Machnica

Friday, 19 February 2021

7.00 am ✧ Mary Elizabeth Gore

Saturday, 20 February 2021

5.00 pm ✧ William Helms

Meetings & Events *

Sunday, 14 February 2021

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

Monday, 15 February 2021

Presidents' Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class
 7.00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting (M)

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

8.00 am Mom's Bible Study
 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00 - 6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions
 (church)

Thursday, 18 February 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday, 19 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
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)
 8.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday, 20 February 2021

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 6/7 February

Needed	35,900
Received	32,957
Shortage	- 2,943

Poor Box	174
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,148,800
Received	1,162,170
Surplus	+ 13,370

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	3,060,499
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Pledge Balance	951,652
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Still to Go	2,987,848
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Thompson who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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.

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.

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.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr & Mrs Bernard Erhard Jr, Mrs Diana Miller, Mr & Mrs Francis Mills, Ms Kathleen Black, Ms Erin Humphreys, and Ms Caitlin Morey.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 13/14 February

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

2021 Scholarship Award

Established in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors, the members of the SMCCW are proud to continue this award, now in its 23rd year!

This award is available for both high school graduating female parishioners planning to attend an institution of higher education and female parishioners who are currently enrolled in a continuing education program.

Go to our parish website, click on 'Who We Are', 'Parish Organizations' and scroll to 'Council of Catholic Women' to download the 2021 application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules.

Applications MUST be postmarked on or before 12 April 2021 to be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

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 for grades 1- 8 meet on 2nd Wednesday of each month 6.30pm – 7.30pm. The next class is Wednesday 10 March 2021.

Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents

On Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 2.15pm in **Pazdan Hall** or at 6.45pm in **Gallivan Hall** for parents with students in the 7th grade preparing for Confirmation for Fall 2021. One parent must attend.

First Communion Retreat

First Communion Retreat Sunday 28 February 2020 from 10.15am -12.45pm in the Pazdan Hall. Students must be pre-registered. It's not too late.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

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.whalen@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.whalen@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

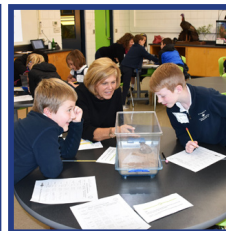
We are accepting applications for a highly-qualified **middle school Science teacher** for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

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.

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Date
February 20

Call to schedule your
school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades
K3-8



 SACS Accredited
 National Blue
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101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smsgvl.org



Saint Mary's Church

Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Lenten Vespers

Sundays in Lent at 5 pm

February 21

February 28

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

Palm Sunday

Sung by the Schola Cantorum

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster
Dr David Rhyne, Organist

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

*“And behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”
Matthew 28:20*

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:

Wednesday 7 am & 10 pm
Thursday 3 am

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual and in person NFP Introductory Sessions are available. Register by email. An In Person Session is Wednesday 17 February at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com and a Virtual Session is Thursday 25 February at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”

Does your marriage give glory to God? Join the virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend experience from 15 April to 6 May (in weekly sessions) through VIRTUAL 3RE, SC. Visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602. Early sign up is recommended.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 17 - March 28

<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. Guest speakers include Manuela Jimenez (a woman having a successful Abortion Pill Reversal), Brenda Feece of Crossroads Pregnancy Center, and Dr Parker Rogers - Abortion Pill Reversal Protocol. Music by the For Life Praise Band with Mark and Robin Wills. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964, Ingrid at 864.329.0044 or Valerie at 864.297.8838 with questions.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED.

[FORMED.ORG/LENT](https://formed.org/LENT)



Sunday 14 February is World Marriage Day

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

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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