

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

18 April 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist. In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions	Meetings & Events *	Financial Report
Sunday 18 April7.30 am✤Mary D Farina9.00 am✤Andre Petit11.00 amPro populo1.00 pmSpanish Mass	Sunday 18 April KofC Parish Breakfast after all morning Masses (P) 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M)	Weekend of 10/11 April Needed 35,900 Received 38,598 Surplus + 2,698
Monday 19 April	5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M) Monday 19 April	Poor Box 777
7.00 am Dcn Joseph Sanfilippo & ✤ Barbara Sanfilippo	6.00 pm Boy Scouts (P)	
Tuesday 20 April	Tuesday 20 April	Offertory Year to Date Needed 1,436,000
7.00 am ★ Herbert Hassell	10.00 amSMCCW Sewing Ministry7.00 pmSpanish Bible Class	Received 1,469,594 Surplus + 33,594
Wednesday 21 April	Wednesday 21 April	Electronic Giving: If you want
7.00 am Manuel A Gomes	 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5.00 - 6.00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions (church) 	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.
Thursday 22 April	Thursday 22 April	For more information or if you have any questions please
7.00 am Mila & Brodie Babb, Jr	4.30 pm First Communion Practice (G)7.00 pm Spanish Adoration	contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.
Friday 23 April	Friday 23 April	
7.00 am → Harry Benner	 5.30 - 6.30 am 6.15 - 6.30 am 6.30 - 8.00 am 10.00 am 8.00 pm Pillars of Christ (late group) Pillars of	<i>Forward in Faith</i> Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023
Saturday 24 April	Saturday 24 April	Donations 3,443,199
5.00 pm Matthew Armaly	 8.00 - 9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic 9.30 am First Communion (church) 3.30 - 4.30 pm Confessions (church) 	Received Pledge Balance 934,917
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Ha	ll * All events in Sacred Heart Hall	Still to Go 2,621,884

P - Pazdan Hall unless a l

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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, 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, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Marilyn Gleaton and Ann Howard.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast for the Parish Family on Sunday 18 April after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses in Pazdan Hall dining room.

For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 and 10.15 - 11.00. Besides serving in the Pazdan Hall dining room, we also have to-go boxes. If you would like a to-go box, you can either go through the serving line or text your order to 864.497.4804 (menu on board outside Church) and we will have it ready for you. If you want information including the menu sent to you, text "breakfast" to the number to receive the information.

Also, for all you men out there, please consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Congratulations to

Isa Raina Blas who was baptized last weekend.

Daniel Craig & Cecilia Stansberry and Carlos Escobar & Amanda Ramirez-Calix who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Ms Liana Nitti.

Mass Intentions

To schedule a Mass intention, contact Sarah Perkins at 864.679.4100 or sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 17/18 April

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

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

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Seven Sisters Apostolate



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

Women of the parish are invited to prayerfully consider devoting one hour of prayer per week on behalf of our priests. If interested, please contact Chiara Braud at scgbraud@gmail.com or 864.263.9508. For more information about the nationwide apostolate, go to https://sevensistersapostolate.org.

Formed.org

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

Do you have adult children that have fallen away from the church? Do you need help in drawing them back?

Join me in a 6-week study on the newly released book Return by Brandon Vogt. Return offers practical steps of how to draw your child back to Christ and His Church.

Click here for a preview: <u>Return trailer</u>

This will be a 6 week study meeting once a week (Wednesday evenings) starting on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 and running through Wednesday, 16 June from 6:30 -7:30 pm in SHH.

There will be a \$20 registration fee which includes study materials and book. I have a limited number of books available on a first come first serve basis. Purchase your own book and pay a \$5 registration fee.

To register or find out more contact:

Linda Jackson Director of Catechesis and Congregational Care <u>linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org</u> 864.679.4110





St Mary's Religious Education 2020-21



First Communion Practice

First Communion Practice will be held on Thursday 22 April 2021 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Children should meet in Gallivan Hall.

First Communion

On Saturday 24 April 2021 the children will make their first Communion at 9.30am. Please pray for our first Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110



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. Thank you for your cooperation. ******

All pews in the church are now open for seating; however, we continue to encourage social distancing and the wearing of a face mask. 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.

Helping New Mothers This May



In observance of the merry Marian, motherly month of May, St Mary's Respect Life ministry will be collecting new baby items for Birthright to give to mothers with crisis pregnancies who have chosen Life for their babies.

Collection baskets will be located on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall during the entire month of May. This is one small way to offer gratitude to the Lord Jesus for giving us His Mother, and to our own birth mother for giving us life.

Contact stmarys4lifegvl@gmail.com or visit https://www.facebook.com/stmarys4lifegvl/



Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this Spring, find mass times at a parish near you at https://masstimes.org or https://www.catholicdirectory.com



ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



300 delicious recipes

from our members-

many nationalities!

Available for pick-up at the May 1st & 2nd Spring Bake Sale in the dining room of Pazdan Hall.

Keep For Your Record		
Date:		
Number of Cookbooks x \$20.00 (cash/check) or \$21.00 (credit card) each = \$		
Paid by: check # cash credit card*		
*Email smccwgvl@gmail.com for electronic invoice or call Karoline O'Rourke at 864.630.3462		
For Cookbook questions, contact Elaine Stephens (esteph217@bellsouth.net or 864.906.0828) or Cathy Spitzmiller (thespitzmillers@gmail.com or 864.380.8091)		
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MAIL CHECKS ONLY! (DO NOT MAIL CASH)		
Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women		
Mail to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602 (Please write COOKBOOK on your envelope!)		

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.

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. Thank you.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

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 for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a highlyqualified **middle school Science teacher**. 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@stmarysgvl.org.

St Mary's Catholic School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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.

Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

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

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

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Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is $\underline{12}$ days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni at jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org.



All are invited to join us for the virtual Marian Celebration of Our Lady of LaVang. The Rosary will be followed by the celebration of the Eucharist *(in English)* at 12 noon. The celebrant for the Mass is **Facher David Phan, OW**. Your virtual host for the event is **Michael Tran**, assistant director of the Office of Ethnic Ministries. The live event will take place at the Our Lady of Lavang Church in Greer.



marriage encounter

To apply online go to: scmarriagematters.org/applyWeekend.php For more information call 803-810-9602

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Prince of Peace

"It is the Lord!" John 21:7 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 <u>please</u> consider one of the following hours of need:

Monday 12 am & 1 pm Tuesday 4 pm & 11 pm Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 6 am Saturday 2 pm

Sidewalk Advocates for Life



Would you like to learn how to help women in unplanned, crisis pregnancies choose life at the abortion center? Sidewalk Advocates for Life offers a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding sidewalk advocacy method that seeks to reach that woman's

heart and fill her needs so she can confidently choose life! Our next training will take place 1 May. For more details and to register, please visit Sidewalk Advocates for Life, Charleston - May 2021 Training (aplos.com) or contact the local Program Director at 843.580.6516 or SAFLCharleston@gmail.com. Find more information at www.sidewalkadvocates.org.

POP UP CATHOLIC STORE

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS HOSTING A POP UP SALE OF NEARLY 2,000 CATHOLIC ITEMS!

Beautiful Rosaries, Crucifixes, Jewelry, First Communion & Confirmation Gifts, Children's Items, Spanish Section Statues, Sacred Art/Pictures, Medals, Stationary, DVDs & CDs, Veils by Lily, & BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS! Plus: display cabinets, bookshelves, jewelry cases & racks (available for pickup on the last day of sale)



Saturday, 10 April from 3p-7p Sunday, 11 April from 8.30a-2p Thursday, 15 April from 1p-4p Friday, 16 April from 1p-4p Saturday, 17 April from 3p-7p Sunday, 18 April from 8.30a-2p



Proceeds from the sale will go toward the purchase of this nativity (largest piece 65") made by Linden Wood (handcarved, handpainted, shipped from Germany).

Credit Cards & Checks Accepted Only. All sales final. Discounts 50% or more!

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON

SEE THE FILM PARISH SCREENING EVENT.

You'll be inspired and want to join the PRAY TOGETHER NOW Campaign and pledge to pray daily with your family and those you love most! See how family prayer can draw you and your family closer to God.



Family Theater Productions

Family Theater Productions creates family and faith-based media that inspires, entertains and educates.

"The family that prays together stays together." – Venerable Patrick Peyton

Saturday, April 24, 2021, 7:00pm Can stream until April 26, 2021 at 7:00am.. To register https://watch.showandtell.film/watch/ charleston-pray-2021-04-24 Sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life

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