



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 May 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter — forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and in Word and Sacrament, the Savior remains with us to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 16 May

7.30 am Timothy Nielsen
 9.00 am ✱ Carl & Paul Roman
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 17 May

7.00 am Kerry Poteet-Walker

Tuesday 18 May

7.00 am Claire Elise Roberts & Family

Wednesday 19 May

7.00 am ✱ Elizabeth Francis

Thursday 20 May

7.00 am Theresa Gevaert

Friday 21 May

7.00 am ✱ Theresa Vassolo

Saturday 22 May

5.00 pm Natalie Kompik

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 16 May

KofC Parish Breakfast
 after all morning Masses (P)
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 17 May

6.00 pm Boy Scouts (P)

Tuesday 18 May

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 19 May

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour and
 Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm "Return" Study

Thursday 20 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 21 May

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.15-6.30 am Morning Prayer - Lauds (church)
 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ (late group)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday 22 May

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 May

Needed	35,900
Received	33,589
Shortage	- 2,311

Poor Box	213
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,579,600
Received	1,614,304
Surplus	+ 34,704

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	3,492,070
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Pledge

Balance	917,827
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Still to Go	2,590,103
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

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 16 May 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.

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.

Ending Livestream to Gallivan Hall

Beginning the first weekend of June, weekend Masses will no longer be livestreamed to Gallivan Hall, and everyone attending Mass will sit in the church.

The cry rooms and confessionals are now open.

The 11.00 am Sunday Mass will continue to be livestreamed to our parish Facebook page.

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, Ann Howard, and Carl Cooke.

Congratulations to

Margaret Elizabeth Keaton who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Mr Marshall Joseph Collins, Mr Jonathan Joseph Koster Martin.

PARISH NEWS

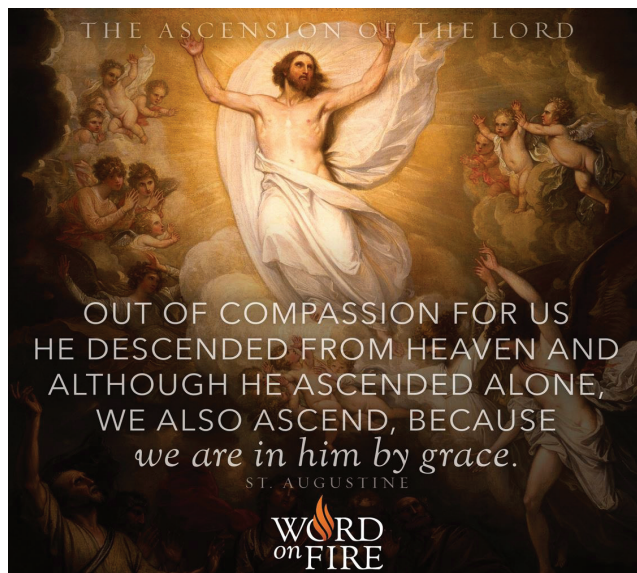
Collection for 15/16 May

Catholic Communications
Support of the Parish

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

Church and Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday 31 May, the church and office will be closed all day and Mass will not be celebrated.



St Mary's is Online

Website <https://smcgvl.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeudSTcChjWrkYD7pWgIl7Q/videos>



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.

Most needed items:

Diapers - sizes 3, 4 & 5

Infant board books

Maternity clothes

Maternity belly bands

Gauze blankets

Teethers, rattles, & toys

Diaper bags



Email: stmarys4lifegvl@gmail.com



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stmarys4lifegvl/>



Pentecost, by Jean Restout II, 1732.

Novena for Pentecost

After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1.14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This is the origin of the word "novena," traditionally a prayer done over nine days. This year the novena begins on Friday, 14 May and runs through Saturday, 22 May. Prayers for each day of the novena can be found online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

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. Matthew 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>.

Mass Intentions

All Masses have been filled for the remainder of 2021. The earliest available Mass intention is in February 2022. To schedule a Mass intention, email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

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.

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PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR OUR 2020-2021 SEMINARIANS



*"Jesus gave us
two great gifts:
the gift of himself
in the Eucharist
and the gift of
the priesthood to
continue his living
presence in the
Eucharist.*

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

1.  Deacon Rafael Ghattas	2.  Chris Loester	3.  Pedro Silva	4.  Sebastian Barbosa-Garcia	5.  Paul LaCombe	6. <i>First Fridays The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	7. <i>First Saturdays The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
8.  Alex Foley	9.  Peter O'Steen	10.  Erik Roman	11.  Nicholas Shiver	12.  Daniel Perry	13.  Trenton Redmond	14.  Paul Sizemore
15.  Michael Tracy	16.  Justin Damask	17.  Mario Aguilar	18.  Reyes Palomares	19.  Enerson Hernandez	20.  Jared Jackson	21.  Colin Doering
22.  Michael Kane	23.  Mauricio Moreno	24.  Blake Schuman	25.  Fr. Gray	26.  Bishop Guglielmo	27. For all Charleston seminarians	28. For all Charleston priests
29. For all men considering the priesthood	30. For the families of our priests and seminarians	31. In thanksgiving for the service of our deceased clergy	National Vocation Awareness Week • November 1-7, 2020 World Day of Prayer for Vocations • April 25, 2021 Priesthood Sunday • September 26, 2022			



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education 2021-22 - Grades 1-8

Volunteer Opportunities Available We are looking for Catechists and helpers for our Religious Education Program for grades 1-8 for the upcoming year of 2021-2022. We plan on going back to weekly in person instruction for the new year with monthly parent instruction.

To register click the link here:

<https://form.jotform.com/210974563283158>

To learn more about being a Catechist click here:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/catechesis-and-christian-initiation/catechist-formation/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

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Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often

you come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- ◆ Parishioner tuition in the school
- ◆ Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- ◆ Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as Inactive and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org

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.

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
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Thank you for your generosity and support.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Readings

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



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming information, visit CatholicRadioinSC.com.

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more at Formed.org. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreats

St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville):

21-22 August, 13-14 November

St Michael (Myrtle Beach): 9-10 October

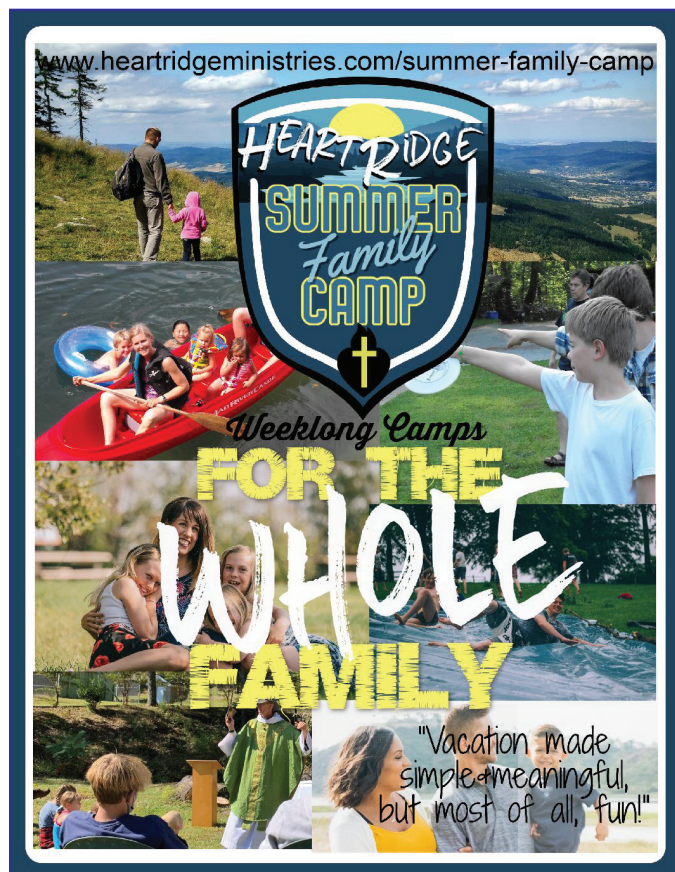
Register at <https://southcarolina.engagedencounter.com>

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. We have two upcoming weekends: 14-16 May in Charleston and 30 July - 1 August in Greenville. For information or to register, call Christy at 803.554.6088 or Kathy at 803.546.6010 or email grace4healing@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Register for May Introductory Sessions by email. Virtual Session is Thursday 18 May at 6.30 pm - email janelleapro@gmail.com. In Person Session is Wednesday 19 May at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - email naproga@gmail.com.



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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 of need:

Sunday 2 pm
Monday 12 am
Wednesday 12 pm
Thursday 6 am
Saturday 2 pm



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. In just one short weekend you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends from 16-18 July in Beaufort, SC and 28-30 January 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

Catholic Charities

Our Lady's Food Pantry



Our Lady's Food Pantry is looking for volunteers! The pantry aims to uphold the dignity and wellness of our poor and homeless neighbors and is currently operating like a drive-through. Volunteers are needed to fill food bags for pantry clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm. If you are interested, please contact April Bittner at abittner@charlestandioocese.org or 864.331.2629.

Upstate Job Opening

We are seeking a dynamic and engaging **Site Administrator** to serve as the local, public representative of Catholic Charities in the Upstate. The Site Administrator will be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of the office including Our Lady's Pantry (food pantry), the Save a Smile program (denture program), the Clothing Closet and the Mobile Clean of Heart (showers for homeless), and other potential programs. That includes operational implementation of programming, facilities management, staff supervision, recruitment/management of volunteers, volunteer engagement, budget support, fundraising, and community relations. Additionally, the Site Administrator will be responsible for collaborating and communicating with donors and local parishes to create new stewardship events, implementing the strategic vision of the agency and operational priorities to find new ways to serve the poor and marginalized.

This role requires:

- Bachelor's degree in business, liberal arts, social work, or another related social service field
- Applicant to have significant experience in social services, human service delivery, program oversight, and community relation
- The ability to supervise staff and volunteers but also help them to be a part of the mission of the center
- Basic knowledge of budgeting and accounting
- Excellent technical computer skills in Microsoft Office with advanced competency in Microsoft Excel
- Valid driver's license
- Bilingual English-Spanish a plus

The Site Administrator must accept and promote Catholic Social Teaching and understand the spirituality of serving the poor to facilitate an encounter with Christ for all who come: the poor, staff, volunteers, donors, or community members. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to apply@charlestandioocese.org.

Vocations Camps in North Carolina



Quo Vadis Days is a five-day vocations discernment camp for young men at Belmont Abbey College. The camp includes talks by local priests, seminarians, and others on the vocations to the priesthood, marriage, and fatherhood.

Ultimately, the goal of our Quo Vadis Days is to challenge young men to ask the fundamental question "quo vadis" or "where are you going?", while equipping them with the tools and opportunity to discern God's will for their life.



At the Annunciation, was she not presented with an invitation for the rest of her life that she could either refuse or accept? Saying yes would have incredible consequences, would literally turn the world upside down and inside out. Her youthful heart was ready for the adventure, and in authentic femininity, her active receptivity was the catapult toward the greatest Romance and the most amazing adventure. She spent more time than any other with our Lord. What did she see and how did she move and respond to the God-man in a perfect and womanly response? These are the questions we want to ponder on our retreat. By forming our young women in authentic femininity after the role model of Mary Immaculate, we desire to assist them and open their hearts to responding to good and holy vocations within the Church as wives/mothers, Consecrated Religious, and Consecrated lay faithful. Additionally, we wish to help them cultivate and maintain a firmly rooted spiritual life of prayer and receptivity to the grace of God.

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