



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 May 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Jewish feast of Passover commemorates the deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and from that day of liberation, Moses led the people to the holy mountain where he had seen the living God in the bush which burned without being consumed. There on Mount Horeb Moses received the Ten Commandments from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and although Scripture does not specify the time between Passover and the giving of the Law, an ancient tradition holds that it was fifty days. Then in Leviticus 23.15-16, the LORD commands the children of Israel to offer a sacrifice of spring wheat exactly seven full weeks from the second day of Passover, meaning the fiftieth day from the feast of Passover. So, the Feast of First Fruits, also called the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew), was kept 50 days after Passover and was a time of great thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and prosperity and for the Law which safeguarded those blessings. This festival was also called Pentecost from the Greek words meaning the fiftieth day.

Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles opens with a mention of the arrival of the day of Pentecost, and this refers, of course, to the Jewish festival celebrated 50 days after Passover. Because of the feast, Jerusalem was filled with Jews visiting from all over the Mediterranean world, and it was to this multitude that St Peter preached the Gospel, leading to the conversion of 3,000 people to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The power of Peter's preaching came not from him but from God the Holy Spirit who was poured out upon the Church on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus making Pentecost a festival for both Jews and Christians. To this day, observant Jews celebrate Shavuot in gratitude for the gift of Torah, and Christians celebrate Pentecost in thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the new life of grace which comes by saving faith in Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace. In this concurrence we see fulfilled the teaching of St Paul (Colossians 2.16-17) that the feasts of the Old Covenant are shadows of the good things which come to us in Jesus Christ, to whom all the types and figures of Israel point.

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in Jerusalem led to the miracle of one voice being heard in many languages, an event which is both a symbolic reversal of the scattering of the human race as a result of the pride which built the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9) and a pledge of the Church's mission to gather all nations into the unity of those who worship the one, only, living and true God by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, repenting of sin, being baptized, and living as a new creation in Christ's body, the Church. The events of Pentecost fulfilled the promise of the Lord Jesus to his Apostles: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1.8), and so Pentecost also began the tireless effort of the Church to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations. Two millennia later, our contribution to that work of grace is to live as Evangelical Catholics who share the Gospel with others and lead them to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 23 May

7.30 am ✧ Mathilda Heidrich  
 9.00 am ✧ Joanne Ward Brunson  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 24 May

7.00 am ✧ Teresa Bays

### Tuesday 25 May

7.00 am ✧ James J. "Boo" Francis

### Wednesday 26 May

7.00 am ✧ John Wheadon

### Thursday 27 May

7.00 am Grabosky Children  
& Godchildren

### Friday 28 May

7.00 am ✧ Gregory M. Hallas

### Saturday 29 May

5.00 pm Matthew Gaetano & Family

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 23 May

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

### Monday 24 May

### Tuesday 25 May

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group  
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

### Wednesday 26 May

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study  
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour and  
 Confessions (church)  
 6.30 pm "Return" Study

### Thursday 27 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 28 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 29 May

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 15/16 May

Needed	35,900
Received	38,174
Surplus	+ 2,274

Poor Box	627
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,615,500
Received	1,652,478
Surplus	+ 36,978

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org).

## *Forward in Faith* **Capital Campaign** **\$7 Million to Raise** **2019 to 2023**

Donations Received	3,500,779
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Pledge Balance	915,037
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Still to Go	2,584,184
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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, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, and Bill & Rose Cain.

## Congratulations to

Brielle Morel and Louis Cortes who were baptized last weekend.

## Church and Parish 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.

## Young Adults Group

St Mary's has a new young adults group for parishioners. Our aim is to bring together young professionals and build community through social gatherings, events and community service. Please contact Emily Krauter at [emilyckrauter@gmail.com](mailto:emilyckrauter@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to our GroupMe. Visit St Mary's Young Adults' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Young-Adults-105934061548802>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org).

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 22/23 May

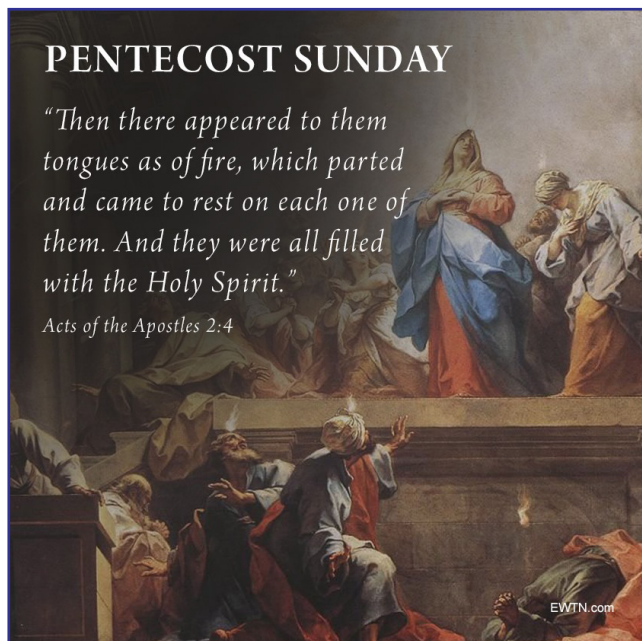
Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Support of the Parish

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

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"Then there appeared to them  
tongues as of fire, which parted  
and came to rest on each one of  
them. And they were all filled  
with the Holy Spirit."*

*Acts of the Apostles 2:4*



## 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.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Elvira Torres, Julia Morris, Steven and Jessica Schindler, Gregory and Kristine Catrano, Harvey Denison and Lisa Cartwright, Robert and Kay Margevich, Michael Freeman, Robert and Patricia Browning, Susan DeMere, and Jeffrey Reinhart.

## 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](mailto:stmarys4lifegvl@gmail.com)

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

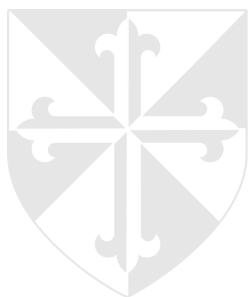
## St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

**amazon smile** Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237>

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

## Come and See - Lay Dominicans



Almost since its beginning, the laity has been in ministry and fully incorporated into the Dominican Order. They are lay man and women from every walk of life, living out their Baptismal promise through the ministry founded by St Dominic.

If you would like to learn more about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, please contact Linda Head, OP at [ixhead@gmail.com](mailto:ixhead@gmail.com).

## Seven Sisters Apostolate

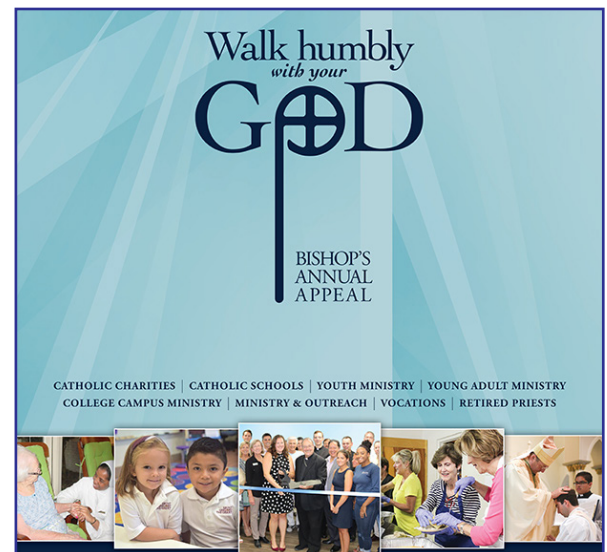


The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a "holy wasting" (cf. Matthew 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

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](mailto:scgbraud@gmail.com) or 864.263.9508. For more information about the nationwide apostolate, go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.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](mailto:thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org).



## St Mary's is Online

**Website** <https://smcgvl.org>

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

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



Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family

## Do You Need Help in Talking to Your Child About Chastity?

Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help in talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics? Would you like to spend time with other families who share your values and want the best for their children? Would you like to do all this in an environment that is relaxed, fun and respects the dignity of everyone present?

If you answered YES to any of these questions and you're the parent of a 7th, 8th or 9th grader, we encourage you to register for the **Real Love & Real Life** parent-teen chastity education retreat, to be held at Our Lady of The Rosary Catholic Church on 30 & 31 July. Friday 30 July will be from 7.00 - 9.15 pm, and Saturday 31 July will be from 9.00 am - 2.00 pm. Lunch will be provided to participants on Saturday.

This fun and truly unique three-session retreat is for you to attend with your child. You'll see and hear skits, videos, participate in group breakout sessions and interactive games. It will bring you together with other parish families to learn about love, life, chastity and God's gift of sexuality. You and your teen will have the chance to enhance your communication skills, discuss true worth, guidelines for future dating and lots more. Here, one parent shares what they liked most about the retreat. "It opened a door for me that wasn't open before between my daughter and me. I definitely feel more comfortable and confident discussing chastity with her."

The **Real Love & Real Life** retreat is presented by Family Honor Inc., an organization that has provided and promoted a family-centered Catholic approach to chastity education since 1988. The deadline for registering is 16 July. Space is limited so register soon online at <https://familyhonor.org>. There is a registration fee of \$45 per family (\$15 extra if someone is bringing two teens) for the retreat, which can be paid upon checking in at the first session. Scholarships may also be available. For more information, contact Linda Jackson at [linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4110.



# 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://charlestdiocese.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://CatholicRadioinSC.com).

## Formed.org

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



## 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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:abittner@charlestondiocese.org) or 864.331.2629.

### Upstate Job Opening

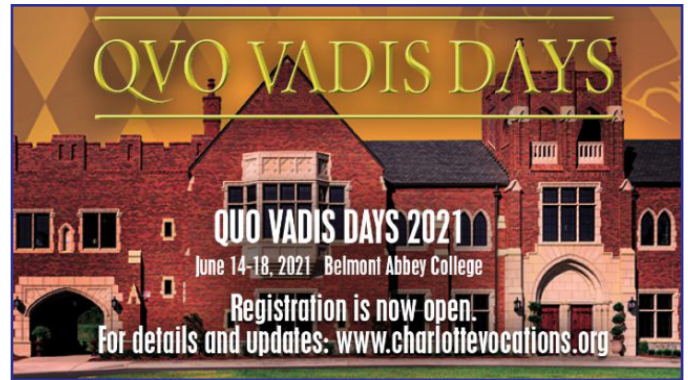
We are seeking a dynamic and engaging **Site Administrator** to serve as the local, public representative of Catholic Charities in the Upstate. The Site Administrator will be responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of the office including Our Lady's Pantry (food pantry), the Save a Smile 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@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:apply@charlestondiocese.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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