



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 July 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week in my column I explained that the principles of Evangelical Catholicism shape everything I do in my ministry, and beginning today we will review those eight principles. The First Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “The Lord Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from a personal friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus.”

The first claim made here is absolute and uncompromising: Jesus of Nazareth is the only savior of the entire human race and his identity as the Messiah is finally and fully revealed in his suffering, death, and Resurrection. In an age that prizes individual choice above all else, this claim is often rejected as offensive, but in every age Christ is a stumbling block: “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (1 Cor 1:22-24) The Lord Jesus is either the Son of God, or he is not. He was either conceived without a human father, or he was not. He is either the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, or he is not. And on the answers to these questions turns the entire Christian religion, because Jesus of Nazareth (in C.S. Lewis’s famous formulation) is one of only three things: a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord.

Next, if Jesus is Lord (meaning the eternal Word by whom and for whom all things were made) then the next part of the first principle follows: our lives are unintelligible until we know the Lord Jesus and live as his students and his friends. To Catholics of a certain age, this claim will sound strange because at times in our recent history there was insufficient emphasis in catechesis on the necessity of a personal friendship with the Lord Jesus, and for this reason the very language sounds Protestant and decidedly un-Catholic. But the best of Catholic tradition, taught by the Church and lived by the saints, always puts a true human relationship with the Lord Jesus in first place, as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger explained in his homily to the College of Cardinals on the day before he was elected Benedict XVI: “Our redemption is brought about in this communion of wills: being friends of Jesus, to become friends of God. The more we love Jesus, the more we know him, the more our true freedom develops and our joy in being redeemed flourishes. Thank you, Jesus, for your friendship!”

That is why it is not enough to know who Jesus is; rather, we must know Jesus. And we come to know Jesus in the Holy Scriptures, in the Sacraments of the Church, in prayer both alone and with other Christians, in service to the least of his brethren, and - above all - in the “breaking of the bread,” the Most Holy Eucharist. Becoming Evangelical Catholics means that we must seek to know Christ in all of these ways on a regular basis and open our hearts and minds to him as he reveals himself for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 4 July

7.30 am ✱ Barbara A Sanfilippo
 9.00 am Gaschler Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 5 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Tuesday 6 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Wednesday 7 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Thursday 8 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Friday 9 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Saturday 10 July

5.00 pm Fr Jay Scott Newman

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 July

Independence Day

Monday 5 July

Parish Office Closed
Church Closed for Maintenance

Tuesday 6 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 7 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
 No Holy Hour & Confessions
 (Resumes 4 August)

Thursday 8 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
 No Spanish Adoration
 6.00 pm Soccer Clinic (Francis Field)

Friday 9 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
Parish Office Closes at Noon
 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-8.00 am Pillars of Christ (late group)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

Saturday 10 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 26/27 June

Needed	35,900
Received	36,553
Surplus	+ 653

Poor Box	389
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,830,900
Received	1,874,480
Surplus	+ 43,580

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	3,633,025
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Pledge Balance	903,707
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Still to Go	2,463,268
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July. It will resume 4 August.

The church will be closed Monday 5 July - Friday 9 July and Monday 12 July - Friday 16 July. No 7.00 am Masses will be celebrated and the church will remain locked all day.

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, Bill & Rose Cain and Joseph M Pazdan.

Congratulations to

Riley Thomas Thornton who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Bill & Maggie Simons, David & April Barrow, Abigail Banks, Davis Chapman, Alexandra Gonzalez, and Caroline Moore.

Walk humbly
with your
GOD

BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS | YOUTH MINISTRY | YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY | MINISTRY & OUTREACH | VOCATIONS | RETIRED PRIESTS

The poster features a light blue background with a large, stylized 'GOD' in the center. Below the text, there is a row of small photographs showing various church activities and people.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 3/4 July

Bishop's Annual Appeal
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 5 July for the Independence Day holiday.

Church Office Summer Hours

11 June through 13 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm

Friday 9 am - 12 noon

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.

Project Host Donation

Project Host thanks the parish of St Mary's Catholic Church for their generation donation towards continuing Project Host's mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday 10 July at 12.00 noon



Come join us in Sacred Heart Hall for the second of only three luncheons this year. This will be a sandwich and salad lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. For more information, please call Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 or Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726.



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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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POP-UP CLINIC

THURSDAY JULY 8 6:00-7:30 PM AGES 6-14

**LOCATION: ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
111 HAMPTON AVE, GREENVILLE SC 29601**

The kids will be ages 6-14 years old and will be split up based on their age and skill levels

Register here: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/GreenvilleTriumph1/PopUpClinicRegistrationForm>





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 or 864.679.4110.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education 2021-22 Sunday Morning Preschool

Volunteer Opportunities Available We are looking for Catechists and helpers for our Sunday morning Preschool Program for K3 and K4 for the upcoming year of 2021-2022. Confirmation students looking for Church Service hours, here is a great opportunity.

To register click the link here:

<https://form.jotform.com/211574554001143>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

St Mary's School Job Opening for the 2021 - 2022 School Year

St Mary's School is accepting applications for a **full-time K4 teaching assistant**. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to principal@stmarysgvl.org by Friday 16 July.

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

School Office Summer Hours until 6 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe and most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile



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!

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 emilykrauter@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> for more details.

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>.

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.



ELECTION OF A BISHOP *prayer*

**O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock
with unfailing care,
grant in your
boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you
by his holiness and
show us watchful care.**

**Through our
Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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
Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<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**.



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.*

Greenville
July 16-18, 2021

For information or to register

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South Carolina Catholic Nurses



The Diocese of Charleston has established the South Carolina National Association of Catholic Nurses. We have been meeting over Zoom for the last several months and are now looking to expand our membership across the Diocese. Our next meeting is Monday 26 July at 7:30 pm. We are inviting all Catholic Nurses of our Diocese to join us as we move forward in our planning for group prayer opportunities, educational talks, community outreach and volunteer activities. We look forward to you joining us!

 Nancy McGrath - NM McGrath@charlestandioocese.org

 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scnacn>



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Celebration

Special guest Fr Michael Carson will discuss the USCCB's path for healing and closure in relation to the indigenous residential schools issue and the upcoming Catholic Native American Pastoral Plan. Other presenters include Deacon Larry Deschaine, Sr Trina McCormick, Sr Anita Braganza and Chief Mary Louise Worthy, Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation. Register on Zoom here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SWy023bSQJGErv3cfqvhhA

Natural Family Planning Classes

Register for July Introductory Sessions by email.

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 8 July at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com

Thursday 15 July at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Session is Wednesday 7 July at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - Register at <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning> or email naprogal@gmail.com

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." ~ St Clare of Assisi

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 12 pm & 7 pm

Monday 12 am & 12 pm

Wednesday 12 pm

Thursday 5 pm

Friday 5 pm

Saturday 2 pm

Heal Our Lands Holy Hours

A Holy Hour for healing of our nation is at Our Lady of the Rosary (3710 Augusta Rd, Greenville) every Thursday at 7 pm through 7 October, the 450th anniversary of Lepanto. This Holy Hour initiative was started in Wisconsin by Fr Heilman and his Grace Force to pray for God's mercy and intervention in our current times. For more information on the Holy Hours, visit <https://usgraceforce.com/want-to-change-history-join-heavens-army-every-thursday-may-13-to-october-7/>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends

Don't take a vacation from your marriage! Come learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Fill your marriage with joy! Sign up today to attend one of the 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.

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>

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