

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

1 August 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fifth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The sacred liturgy, through which the seven Sacraments are celebrated and the Hours of praise are prayed, makes present to us the saving mysteries of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy must therefore be celebrated in such a way that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, the solemnity of divine worship, and the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray are kept together in organic unity."

Protestants who become Catholics often remark that they miss the sense of fellowship they experienced in their former congregations - the feeling of belonging to a group of friends in a spiritual family rather than joining a crowd of random strangers coming together for a common purpose as at an athletic event or concert. This is part of what I mean in the Fifth Principle by "the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray."

One of the ways that sense of fellowship is fostered in Protestant congregations is that people in the pews speak to each other in conversational voices before worship begins. This is often called visiting, and it can help form a group of people into a spiritual family. But Catholics do not speak to each other in the pews before Mass because we are speaking to God: preparing in silent prayer to participate in the sacred liturgy by turning our hearts and minds to the Throne of Grace so that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, and the solemnity of divine worship can unite us body and soul as closely as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But such a Christ-centered way of praying in union with the whole Church around the world should not impede us from finding other ways to foster fellowship in our parishes, and that is why lingering after Mass to converse with each other, joining other Catholics in service to those in need, and participating in parish social and recreational events are so important. Look for ways to cultivate friendships with those you see around you in the pews so that the vertical and horizontal dimensions of parish life reinforce each other rather than compete with each other.

And if you want to understand more deeply why the Church asks us to pray as we do, I recommend two short texts. The first to read is *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council; it is only a few pages long, and the text is available online. Then read *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI), a beautiful meditation on the nature and purpose of liturgical worship by the finest theological mind of our time. The psalmist sings that we are created "to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and the sacred liturgy is meant always to lead us to the Lord Jesus. An essential part of the New Evangelization is the full and faithful celebration of the sacred liturgy, and that is what we strive for in all our prayer. Let us go together to the source and summit of the Church's life and find there a glimpse of the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 August

7.30 am

9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

♣ James J 'Boo' Francis ♣ Ann Strozzo

Pro populo Spanish Mass

Monday 2 August

7.00 am ♣ Lisa Watkins

Tuesday 3 August

7.00 am ♣ Carlos Jose Restrepo

Wednesday 4 August

7.00 am Ana Lucia Cordova & Family

Thursday 5 August

7.00 am ♣ Ann Marie Rowe

Monday 2 August

Sunday 1 August

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery

Tuesday 3 August

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 4 August

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

Thursday 5 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 6 August

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

Friday 6 August

Parish Office Closes at Noon

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

Saturday 7 August

Nestor & Vickie Acosta 5.00 pm

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

Saturday 7 August

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 July

Needed 36,625 36.238 Received Shortage - 387

Poor Box 360

Offertory Year to Date

146,500 Needed Received 152,965 + 6,465Surplus

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 3,679,480 Received

Pledge

Balance 893,345

2,427,175 Still to Go

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall

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, Rose Cain, Joseph M Pazdan, Konta & Laman Patel, and Timothy Potocki.

Congratulations to

Luke Nicholas Zavala who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new member to our parish family: Richard Davis.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni at jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org.

St Anne's Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those

who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Come join us! Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com.

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.

Parish News

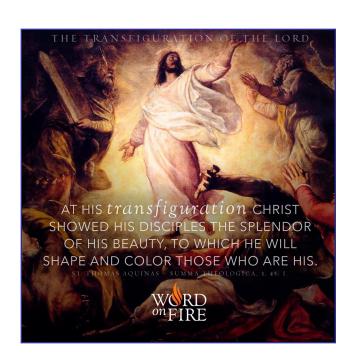
Collection for 31 July/1 August

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

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

Church Office Summer Hours 11 June through 13 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 12 noon



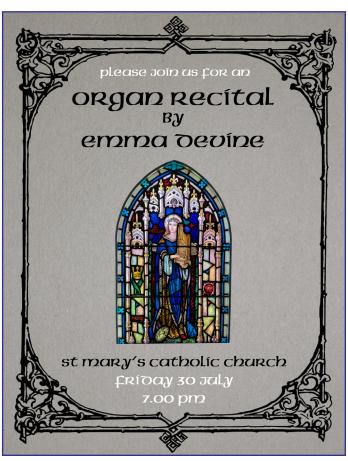
Young Adults Group

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. For more information and to be added to our GroupMe please contact Emily Krauter at emilyckrauter@gmail.com. Visit St Mary's Young Adults' Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Young-Adults-105934061548802 for more details.

Organ Recital



Miss Emma Devine, St Mary's Organ Scholar, will present an organ recital on Friday 30 July at 7.00 PM in the church. This recital will include the works of Bach, Pachelbel, Langlais and Vierne. Miss Devine began her private organ studies at St Mary's while she was in high school. She sang in St Mary's Youth Choir and as a choral scholar in the Adult Choir. Upon completion of her studies at the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, Miss Devine was accepted on a music scholarship to the University of South Carolina where she is studying mathematics, piano and organ.







St Mary's Religious Education



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson

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Religious Education Registration Grades 1-8 (Deadline is 27 August)

It's time to register for 2021-22 Religious Education classes. Classes will meet on Wednesday's 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Classes begin 8 September 2021. Only one form per family is needed. Electronic registration is available here: Religious Education Registration

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds (Deadline is August 27)

It's time to register for Sunday morning Preschool. This is for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2017 - 1 June 2018. Class will meet on Sundays during the 9.00am Mass and is only for families attending the 9.00am Mass. Space is limited. Electronic Registration is available here: Sunday Morning Preschool Registration

Home School or St Joseph's Students who plan to receive Sacraments at St. Mary's (Deadline is August 27)

Registration forms for Homeschoolers (Grades 1-8) and St Joe's families with students that are ready for Confirmation are now available. It is important that you register your children with the Religious Education Office. Electronic Registration is available here:

Homeschool & St. Joe's Registration

Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism



What is Catholicism?

Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible?

Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church?

Our course called *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church.

The classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm from Labor Day through Easter, and all are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact T.J. Nielsen timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4114.

Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir. Sundays at 1100.



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.

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

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.whalen@stmarysgvl.org.



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 <u>Inactive</u> 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.

Formed.org

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

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



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com

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/.



Virtual Bible Study

Join Dr Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, as he leads us through some of his favorite Psalms on Thursday 5 August at 12.00 pm on Zoom. Grab your ESV-Catholic Edition Bible and get ready to dig into the Psalms like never before. Dr Gray will share practical ways to use the Book of Psalms for daily meditation. This Bible study is a free sneak peek of our monthly Mission Circle Webinar Series. Can't attend the webinar live? No worries, register anyway and we'll send you the webinar link later in the week to watch Dr Gray's study on demand. Register at https://augustineinstitute-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN k1uuW76oQymN1GJPkQwyVw

Natural Family Planning Class

Register for August introductory sessions by email.

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 12 August at 7.00 pm lexiesawonik@gmail.com
Thursday 19 August at 6.30 pm janellenapro@gmail.com

In-Person Session

Wednesday 18 August at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia). Email naprogal@gmail.com or register online at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

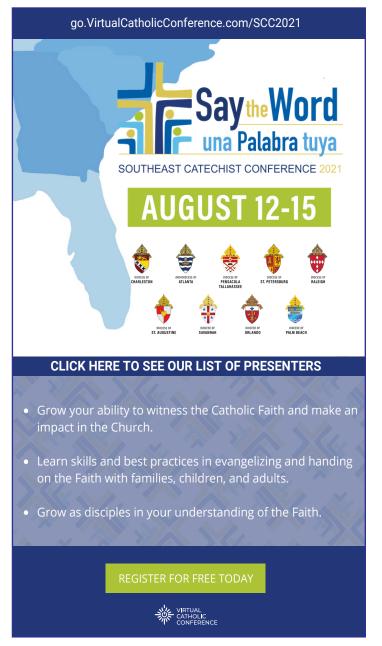
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Prince of Peace

"O God, you are great and glorious; we marvel at your power." ~ Liturgy of the Hours, Week 1, Wednesday Lauds

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 consider one of the following hours of need:</u>

Sunday 12 pm & 7 pm Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 5 pm Friday 5 pm



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

Social Ministries at St Mary's

Project Host Volunteers Needed



After over a year of handing out meals in paper bags, Project Host is once again opening its doors to serve meals to those in need in our community. In order to do this they are in need of volunteers. There are currently 12 volunteer positions that they've opened up each day to

meet this requirement. If you're available to offer your assistance in the kitchen, the dining room, or the garden be it every day, one day a week, or even one day a month - your support would be greatly appreciated. For more information email Project Host at info@projecthost.org or simply signup online at https://www.projecthost.org/get-involved#volunteer. If you have any questions about St Mary's partnership with Project Host you may contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Salvation Army Volunteers Needed



Have you ever seen people directly involved in disaster relief efforts and felt the call to be a part of it? Now's your chance. The Charleston area is expected to have a heavy hurricane season this year, so the Greenville division of the Salvation Army has been asked build a quick response local canteen team

to deploy prior to a hurricane making landfall. This is an opportunity to be directly involved in disaster relief when called upon. If you may be interested in ministering to hurricane victims in the Charleston area and are able to deploy for 14 days, please contact the Salvation Army Volunteer Coordinator, Becky Clement, at Becky. Clement@uss.salvationarmy.org or you may call her at 864.235.4803 ext 66119. If you have any questions about St Mary's partnership with the Salvation Army, please contact Deacon John at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

Young Adult Leadership Training

Join us for a weekend away at Coastal Retreat Center on Isle of Palms from 6-8 August. Cost is \$40. Meet other young adults and develop your skills to be the Christian leader that God created you to be! With sessions about personal prayer, sharing testimonies, leading small group discussions, pastoral ministry, diversity and inclusion, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear from national speakers and learn more about outreach and ministry. Visit https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/126/leadership-training-2021 to register. Contact Cara Lawley, Associate Director of Young Adult Ministry, at clawley@charlestondiocese.org or 843.670.2586.



Marian Eucharistic Conference

The 9th Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held on Friday 22 October and Saturday 23 October at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville. Featured Speakers include Fr Donald Calloway; Fr Glenn Sedona, CFR, Exorcist; Matthew Leonard; Sr Briege McKenna; Fr Jeffrey Kirby. Register by 12 October by mail. General admission is \$85, youth is \$50, and it includes a light dinner on Friday and a buffet lunch on Saturday. We offer gluten free meals. Registration after 12 October is \$95. For more information visit https://meconferencesc.net or call 864.354.7160.

St Mary's is Online

Website https://smcgvl.org

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

Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeudSTcChjWrkYD7pWgII7Q/videos







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