



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

3 October 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

A paragraph is printed in our Mass booklet each week which explains who should and should not receive Holy Communion, and among the Catholics who should not receive the Holy Eucharist are those who are married “outside of the Church.” But what does this mean? For many centuries Catholic Christians have been bound by the Church’s law to observe what is called the “canonical form of marriage,” which means that they must exchange their marriage vows in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses. And before being permitted to exchange vows in this way, they must also fulfill the requirements for marriage preparation which are specified by canon law, the local bishop, and the parish pastor. These requirements include, among other things, demonstrating that one is free to marry, that one understands the nature and obligations of marriage, and that one is entering the sacrament of marriage freely and with the proper intention. Finally, if a Catholic intends to marry a non-Catholic, then the Catholic party must also promise to raise any children born of the marriage in the Catholic Church.

A Catholic who for any reason marries in any way other than that described above has married “outside the Church” and is by that fact alone impeded from receiving any sacraments of the Church, including the Holy Eucharist and Penance. The only exception to this rule is made for Catholics who request permission to be dispensed from canonical form in order to marry a non-Catholic in the religious tradition of the future spouse, but this dispensation must be sought by one’s pastor before the marriage and must be given in writing by the bishop. Absent these conditions, any Catholic who is married by a Protestant minister or a judge is not married in the Church, and while the union is a civil marriage acknowledged by the state, it is not the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and therefore a Catholic in such a marriage is in a condition of impaired communion in the Church.

The most common reason Catholics marry outside of the Church is that they or their intended spouse have been married before, have not obtained an annulment from the Church, and are therefore not free to marry. Other reasons include going through a period of not practicing the faith or of thinking that because marriage is personal it is therefore private and so the Church should have nothing to say about it. But marriage is a public state of life and a sacrament of Christ and the Church, and any Catholic who has been married outside the Church may not receive Holy Communion or go to Confession until the situation is resolved by a Tribunal of the Catholic Church and the convalidation of one’s civil marriage. If you are married outside the Church and want to explore the possibility of being restored to the sacraments, please contact Timothy Nielsen, our Pastoral Associate, to make an appointment. And remember that those Catholics who are impeded from the sacraments by being married outside the Church should still come to Mass each Sunday and seek a spiritual communion with the Lord Jesus even as they work towards being able to marry in the Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 3 October

7.30 am ✱ Barbara Sanfilippo
9.00 am ✱ Victoria Johnson
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 4 October

7.00 am Madelyn A Babb

Tuesday 5 October

7.00 am ✱ Frank Tucci

Wednesday 6 October

7.00 am ✱ Lisa Watkins

Thursday 7 October

7.00 am ✱ Emily Rose Gomes

Friday 8 October

7.00 am Alycia Nielsen

Saturday 9 October

5.00 pm ✱ James T & Florence Mooney

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 3 October

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
3 & 4 Year Olds: 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
5.30 pm Youth Group (M)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 4 October

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday 5 October

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class (G)

Wednesday 6 October

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study
9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
No Holy Hour & Confessions
6.30 pm Study on Galatians (M)
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism
6.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm 1st Communion Family Rosary (G)

Thursday 7 October

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 8 October

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds)
7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group)
10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

Saturday 9 October

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

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 September

Needed	36,625
Received	32,190
Shortage	- 4,435

Poor Box	420
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	476,125
Received	477,965
Surplus	+ 1,840

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	3,744,561
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Pledge Balance	880,672
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Still to Go	2,374,767
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Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alicia Owens who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, Timothy Potocki, Mary Jo Falkosky and Sloane Perkins.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's Parish 8th Graders. The topic: describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith in an essay of 500-750 words. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow. Essay Contest Forms are available by contacting John McGrath at 864.292.0475. Essays must be received by 14 October.

Congratulations to

Caitlin Marie McLear & Parker Lloyd Dennison who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

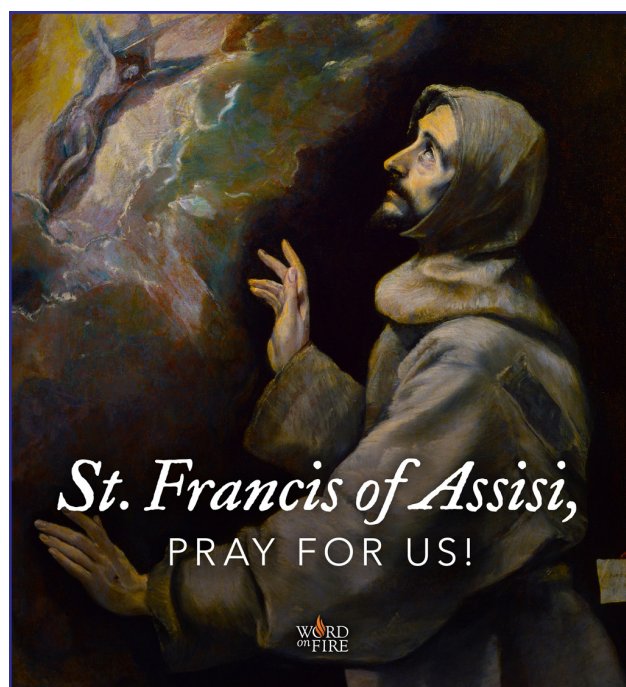
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Henry & Lynda Pearl, Thomas & Sharon Smoot.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 2/3 October

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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



Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will resume on Sunday 3 October at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall and will meet on the first and third Sunday thereafter. We will continue studying *The Bible Timeline* by Jeff Cavins. For details, please contact Dorothy Whalen at 864.363.4483 or littledotw@aol.com.

Mass Intentions

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

THIS WEEKEND!



Friday 6 - 10 pm

Saturday 11 am - 2 pm

OCTOBER 1-2, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Downtown Greenville

St. Mary's has been partnering with **Project Host** for over 20 years to fight food insecurity in the greater Greenville area. This year we continue that long tradition by hosting their annual BBQ Cook-off & Festival on our church grounds. This annual festival helps raise funds for Project Host to continue their programs of feeding the hungry, training and educating the un- and underemployed in their CC Pearce Culinary School and bakery, and bringing food to low-income neighborhoods with their *HostMobile* food truck. All are invited to take part in this fun way to share the graces we have been blessed with. Please click on the links below for more information about attending or participating in this worthwhile event.



Become a Sponsor



Attend the Event



Register to Cook



Volunteer

JOIN SAINT MARY'S CHOIR



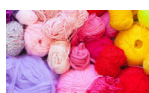
A Feast Day will be appointed in your honor.

Contact the Choirmaster at arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org for details.

Altar Server Training

A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for Tuesday 12 October at 6.30 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

St Anne's Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Come join us! Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com.

Retrouvaille Marriage Program

Retrouvaille is a program for couples struggling in their marriage. One never knows when or where they will realize that their marriage is in trouble - not just discontent or disillusionment - but real trouble. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples communicate and heal their marriages. It can help you, too. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning the weekend of 22 October, visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org> or contact retrouvailenc@msn.com or 434.793.0242. Scholarships are available for couples that are in need, so financial hardship should not be an excuse not to attend.

St Mary's Church Job Opening

Saint Mary's Church is hiring a **gym supervisor** to work from November through February during basketball games for the Church League and our Middle School Ducks.

Church League games and practices would include Monday and Thursday evenings, several Saturdays for the whole day, and Sunday mornings. The schedule for games and practices is still to be determined. Middle School Ducks games would normally start at 4 pm and run until about 7 pm, usually twice each week during school days. The home game schedule is still to be determined.

The gym supervisor's responsibilities include but are not limited to maintaining a safe environment at all times for players, coaches and fans; operating the clock and keeping score if the need arises; keeping the floor free of debris; spot cleaning both bathrooms; and cleaning the gym after the last game by removing the trash; sweeping the bleachers, the gym floors, and the hallway.

All applicants must be at least 21 years of age and successfully complete a background screening and Safe Haven training.

Please send an email to
pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org by 7 October.

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

9th Marian Eucharistic Conference /Hilton Hotel, Greenville Friday, Oct. 22 - Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021

Fr. Glenn Sedona, CFR	Sr. Briega McKenna, OSC	Fr. Jeffrey Kirby	Matthew Leonard	Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

For more information, please call (864)354-7160 or go to www.meconferencesc.net

Register by 12 October by mail. General admission is \$85, youth is \$50. Registration after 12 October is \$95. Visit <https://meconferencesc.net> or call 864.354.7160.

Our Lady's Pantry Volunteer Opportunities



*For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink...
Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to
one of these my least brethren, you did it to
me. ~Matthew 25. 35,39*

Volunteers Needed

Active and On-Call Pantry Volunteers: Catholic Charities is seeking dedicated volunteers to help in Our Lady's Pantry, a ministry that serves those in need by providing them with an emergency food supply. Volunteer assistance is needed in regards to greeting/check-in, personal shoppers, stocking, data entry, and food-bank shoppers. There is also a demand for volunteers with Spanish/English language skills. Our temporary operating schedule is **Monday - Tuesday from 8:30 - 3:30 and Friday from 8:30 - 2:30**. We plan to serve clients at least 2 days each week. Below is a summarized list of available roles.

Volunteer Roles:

Greeters welcome clients at the door and walk them through the check-in process. Greeters should be especially welcoming and representative of our Christian values.

Personal shoppers accompany and assist clients as they shop in the food pantry.

Stockers are responsible for our food inventory. This includes unloading the truck when it brings new food in from the food bank, and also maintaining the storage area.

Data-entry volunteers enter client/volunteer data into an online database. Being comfortable and proficient with using a computer is required for this role.

Food bank shoppers keep track of what items the pantry needs, and shops for those items at the foodbank.

Spanish/English interpreters help communicate with non-English speaking clients. Spanish language skills are also welcome in all volunteer roles.

If you are interested in volunteering then please email Jake Walker at jake.walker@charlestandiocese.org or call 864.720.2396. Our Lady's Pantry is located at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville, SC.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study has begun meeting on Sundays at 9.00 am in the Msgr Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall. We are doing an in-depth review of the Gospel of John. If you have any question please contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday nursery is now open for families of children ages 6 months to 3rd birthday during the 9.00 am Mass. The nursery is located in the 3 year old classroom in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Amy David at amy.david@stmarysgvl.org with questions.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@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.**



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

6 October - First Holy Communion Family Rosary Night

Families of all 2nd graders and all students preparing for First Holy Communion will meet in Gallivan Hall on 6 October at 6.30 pm pray the rosary.

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation Classes

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.

6 Week Class on Galatians

St. Paul's letter to the Galatians is St. Paul's most passionate defense of the Gospel. Come see why see why St. Paul considered a little compromise to Jewish and Christian religious practice much more dangerous than Roman swords. In six classes we will look in detail at one of St. Paul's most impassioned epistles.

This class meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm in McGrady Hall (the Undercroft of the Church), beginning on 15 September and lasting until 20 October.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Joe Beauchemin

josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com

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.

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.



Prayer for Seminarians

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood.

Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them.

Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls.

*St. Charles Borromeo,
pray for our seminarians.*

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>



SATURDAY NIGHT LIFE

Dignity of the Human Person
Being Pro-Life Today

OCTOBER 16, 2021 || 6PM-9:30PM

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
Parish Activities Center (PAC)
1209 Brushy Creek Road || Taylors, SC 29687

\$12 at the door or join us via LIVESTREAM
<https://upstateteenlifesc.wixsite.com/upstatesnl>

INFO: upstatesceneifest@gmail.com

CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED
*Hand sanitizer at front tables
*Socially distanced chairs 6 ft. apart
*Masks required

Young Adult Fall Retreat

Please join the young adult Catholic fall retreat for a weekend of prayer, rest, and fellowship from 22-24 October at Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, SC. The retreat cost is \$80 for a shared room or \$145 for a private room. Registration closes on 15 October. Visit <https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/134/young-adult-fall-retreat-2021> for more information or contact Cara Lawley at clawley@charlestdiocese.org or 843.670.2586.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Vigil

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Vigil and Wave of Light will be Friday 15 October at 6.30 pm at Good Shepherd Memorial Park (4164 Boiling Springs Rd, Boiling Springs, SC 29316). Speakers and light refreshments will be followed by a candle lighting at 7.00 pm. This event is hosted by Good Shepherd Memorial Park and co-sponsored by Miscarriage Moms for Life. A limited number of their books, *When Unborn Babies Speak* and *Other Side of Grief*, will be available for purchase at the event. Contact 864.578.6157 with questions.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"Great is the LORD and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding." Ps 145.3

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 (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 12 pm* & 4 pm
Tuesday 12 am*, 10 am* & 1 pm*
Thursday 5 pm*
Friday 8 am* & 5 pm
Saturday 10 am & 7 pm*

**** Chapel reopens on 4 October at 8.00 am.**



*Always in
My Heart*

*A retreat for those who
have suffered miscarriage*

October 22-24, 2021

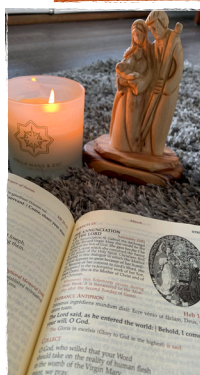
*Please join us in finding
healing & peace for
unresolved, complicated grief!*

Heart Ridge Retreat Center
130 Heart Ridge Drive
Sunset, SC 29685

Email grace4healing@gmail.com
or familylife@charlestdiocese.org

Call Kathy **803.547.5063**

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VERITAS

Theology on Draught: Fireforge, Greenville 7-9pm

In a world of subjective relativism it can be hard to know truth. In this 4-part series we will be diving deep into truth from a tangible and philosophical perspective.

DATES: OCT 21, OCT 28, NOV 4, NOV 11

Job Opening

St Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson has an open position for a Youth Group and Young Adult and Family Director. SJCC is looking to hire an energetic, faithful Catholic to lead our ministry. Please contact Jan Heithaus at 864.225.5341 for more information or send your resume to jan.heithaus@sjccs.net.

Immersive Study Retreat

Heart Ridge, the new Catholic retreat center in the Upstate, invites you to an Immersive Study Retreat led by Benedictine nun Sr Gertrude Gillette on the great spiritual classic *Interior Castle* by Saint Teresa of Avila, doctor of the church. The weekend is an opportunity to relax, pray, read, and go deeper into your own spiritual journey accompanied by a gifted teacher and fellow retreat participants. The retreat is Friday 19 November through Sunday 21 November and the price includes comfortable lodging, five meals, book and materials. Come and breathe the mountain air! Visit <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/interiorcastle.html> to register and for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

September 22 - October 31

40 Days for Life

Prayer interrupts satan's plans. Be the one to place your prayers for the most vulnerable among us to stop satan's evil deeds.

Please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> and <https://www.facebook.com/40daysgreenville> for more information or to sign up to help. Contact Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044, Valerie Baronkin at 864.297.8838, or Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 with questions. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Life Chain - TODAY!!! Sunday 3 October from 2.30-3.30 pm at Woodruff Road between Kohl's and Target. Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Please arrive 15 minutes early and signs are provided. Contact Ingrid at 864.329.0044.

Heal Our Lands Rosary Rally: Thursday 7 October at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Upper Church (3710 Augusta Rd, Greenville). Please join us for a rosary rally commemorating the 450th anniversary of Our Lady's miraculous victory at Lepanto and closing out our five month prayer vigil for the healing of our nation. We offer this rosary and hour of adoration in reparation for the sins of our nation and our world and to ask God's mercy in these uncertain times. May God have mercy on us and, if it be His will, grant us another 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/>.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during the 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Email your weekly count to familylife@charlestdiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online, virtual training is available. Contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

Daily Mass Readings

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

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