



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

2 January 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most easily misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation,” and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

This helps us understand the profound link between the feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi, expands with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at the wedding feast in Cana.

The stained glass window above the main entrance of our church on Washington Street depicts four of these mysteries in sacred images: the birth of Christ, His Presentation in the Temple, His teaching of the elders in the Temple, and the wedding feast at Cana. This window is hard to see from the main floor of the church, but it bears witness to the beauty of all the manifestations of Christ to the human race.

Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on January 6th. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 2 January

7.30 am ✕ John Blessing  
 9.00 am ✕ AnnaGrace O'Connor  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 3 January

7.00 am ✕ Rush Limbaugh

### Tuesday 4 January

7.00 am ✕ Bernard Argeski

### Wednesday 5 January

7.00 am Tony Perkins

### Thursday 6 January

7.00 am ✕ Stephen Lewis Wilson

### Friday 7 January

7.00 am ✕ Lisa Watkins

### Saturday 8 January

5.00 pm ✕ Pavlo Klumenko

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 2 January

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)

### Monday 3 January

**Parish Office Closed**  
 1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery  
 6.30 pm Cub Scouts  
 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday 4 January

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

### Wednesday 5 January

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study  
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour  
 & Confessions (church)  
 6.30 pm Religious Education  
 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism  
 (RCIA)

### Thursday 6 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 7 January

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)  
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)  
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)  
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

### Saturday 8 January

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 25/26 December

Needed	36,625
Received	36,889
Christmas	31,577
Surplus	+ 31,841

Poor Box	1,030
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	952,250
Received	1,006,710
Surplus	+ 54,460

**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	3,904,153
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December Donations	185,405
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Pledge Balance	779,695
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Still to Go	2,130,747
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G - Gallivan Hall      M - McGrady Hall  
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

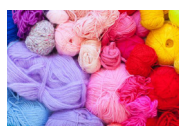
## Prayer Requests

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, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Rose Cain, Joseph M Pazdan, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Mary Jo Falkosky, Sloane Perkins, Annette Marino, Angie Hewitt, and George Cortes.

## Project Host Donation

Project Host thanks the parishioners of St Mary's Catholic Church for their generous donation towards continuing Project Host's mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed. We are so fortunate to have your support in all we do. Happy holidays!

## 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 airmel@aol.com.

## Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for 2022 are almost gone! There are less than 40 Mass intentions available in October-December 2022. The Mass intention schedule for 2023 will not be opened until July of 2022. To schedule a Mass intention (for English Masses), email Sarah Perkins at [sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org).

## Welcome Newcomers

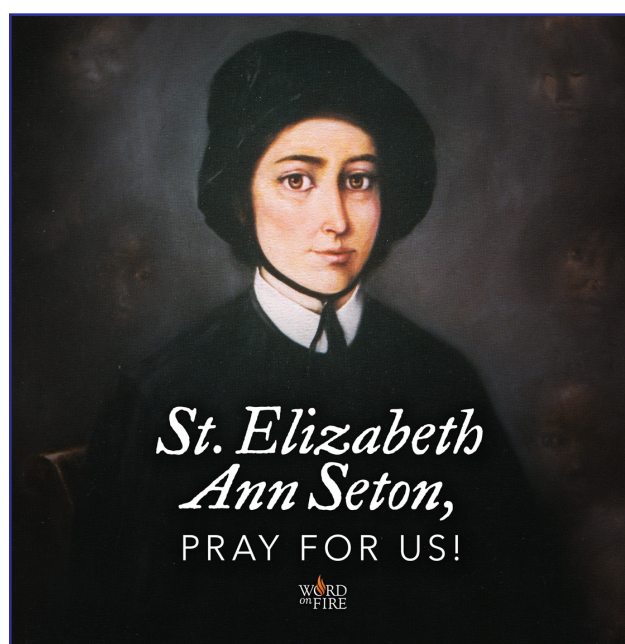
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Chloe Hourigan, Kedric & Maura Chamberlin, Evelyn Silsby.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 1/2 January

Solemnity of Mary  
Support of the Parish

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



## Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 31 December for the New Year holiday and reopen on Tuesday 4 January at 9.00 am.

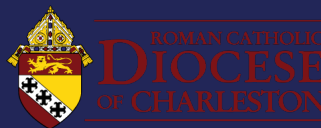
## 2021 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at [jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2021. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

**Tax statements are only mailed upon request.**



# For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission



The worldwide Synod on Synodality began this past October, and this is your opportunity to participate in this first-ever invitation to the laity from around the world to offer input on how well their parish Church is fulfilling its mission to present the Gospel in a concrete way to all the members of its community. This input will be collected by a survey which can be found by following the links below, beginning with the link to the Diocesan website. **The survey can be accessed through 15 January 2022** when the first phase of this process will be complete.

Visit the Diocese of Charleston Synod 2023 page to watch a short video by Bishop Guglielmone.

<https://charlestdiocese.org/synod2023/>

Click the 'download the survey' link for a hard copy that can be mailed to:

Diocese of Charleston  
ATTN: Sr Kathy Adamski  
901 Orange Grove Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

Click the link below for the online survey

<https://charlestdiocese.org/synod2023/survey/>

## *Prayer for the Synod*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

*Amen.*



[charlestdiocese.org/synod2023](https://charlestdiocese.org/synod2023)





Providing and promoting a family-centered, Catholic approach to chastity education

#### Parents – Need Help with the Birds and Bees Talk?

Parents: do you need help in speaking with your pre-teen about puberty? Do you want to talk to your son or daughter about purity and the beauty of being created male and female in God's image? Would you like to do all this in an atmosphere that is relaxed, fun, and which respects the dignity of everyone present? If you answered YES to any of these questions and you're the parent of a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, we encourage you to register for the **Changes & Challenges** parent-child chastity education program, to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville, SC on **24 January (parents only) and 31 January 2022 (Parents and children). 6:45 pm – 9:30 pm each night.**

**Changes & Challenges** is a fun and truly unique two session program. Session 1 is for parents only and includes information about chastity, child development, and creating a plan for your emerging teen. No child comes to this session. Session 2 is for you and your 6<sup>th</sup> grader. For that session, your son or daughter comes with you and the groups are separated so that moms and daughters are in one room and dads and sons in another. Topics covered in session 2 include: fertility appreciation, developing as a 'whole person' and fetal development.

Deadline for registering is: **10 January** To register, go to:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/changes-challenges-greenville-sc-tickets-220198057317>

**Changes & Challenges** is presented by Family Honor, Inc., based in Columbia, SC. Family Honor provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family, with a special focus on family-centered chastity programs.

P.O. Box 1414, Columbia SC 29202 ♦ 803.929.0858 ♦ [www.familyhonor.org](http://www.familyhonor.org)

## Saint Mary's School Job Opening for the 2022 - 2023 School Year

Saint Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time first grade teacher** for the 2022-2023 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, passionate for elementary education, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the candidate will mentor under the current first grade teacher who has been with St Mary's for 27 years.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 120 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 322 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:principal@stmarysgvl.org) by Friday 28 January.

## Please Help Support Our School!

Save the date for Saint Mary's School  
2022 Gala on Saturday 5 March



Our annual St Mary's Gala is soon approaching! This event, along with the St Mary's Classic, is one of the most important fundraisers for our school.

We invite you to participate by **becoming a gala sponsor** or **donating auction items**. This is an exceptional way for you to play an important role in our event.

Please contact Pat Perkins at  
[pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org)  
or 864.679.4109.

Thank you for supporting our school!

## st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION VIRTUE EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Dates

29 January

26 February

Grades  
K3-8



Call to schedule your  
school tour: 864.679.4117



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Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✦ [smsgvl.org](http://smsgvl.org)



# St Mary's Religious Education



## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes resume on Wednesday, 5 January 6.30pm.

**Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month.** The next one is scheduled for 12 January.

## Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes resume Sunday, 9 January at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall.

**For More Information**

**Contact Linda Jackson**

[linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4110

## Adult 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**

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[timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4114.

## 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).

## 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.

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### 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.*



**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.**



## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."  
~Luke 3:16*

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto: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!):

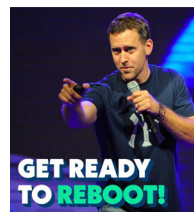
Wednesday 8 pm  
Thursday 8 am & 5 pm  
Saturday 6 am\* & 4 pm\*

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever - take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience from 28-30 January in North Myrtle Beach and 24-26 June in Beaufort. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803.810.9602.

### REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick



REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

The event will feature Catholic author and speaker Chris Stefanick on Wednesday 23 February from 7.00-9.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Church in Simpsonville.

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as powerful for us all, beautiful in its application to life, engaging for those searching, and fun and captivating for all ages, including our youth. Do not miss the opportunity to hear one of the most sought-after voices of our time. Register for \$39 at <https://reallifecatholic.com/events/rebootsimpsonville>. Group rates are available.

## Grief & Loss

OF THOSE WE CHERISH

### *A Transformation of Mourning*

Beginning **Monday, Nov. 22 at 7 PM**, join us for a *virtual journey* that explores grief through the eyes of those who have in-depth experience assisting others in this tender transition.



**JOIN US EVERY MONDAY AT 7 PM  
THROUGH JAN. 10, 2022**

#### CONTACTS

Mary: [maryfgerber@outlook.com](mailto:maryfgerber@outlook.com)  
or Kathy: [familylife@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestdiocese.org)  
Zoom link will be emailed after registration.

### Engaged Encounter Weekend Retreats



St Mary Magdalene  
(Simpsonville):  
26-27 February  
23-24 April  
20-21 August  
12-13 November

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

### Young Adult Spring Retreat

Register now for the Young Adult Spring Retreat at Camp St Christopher (Johns Island) from 6-8 May. Open to all young adults ages 18-35, this will be a weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship. You will be able to encounter God through the Sacraments, in prayer, in nature, and through other young adults as we share our journey of faith. We would love to see you there, and don't forget to invite a friend! Register for \$80 at <https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/146/young-adult-spring-retreat-2022>. Contact Cara Lawley at [clawley@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:clawley@charlestdiocese.org) or 843.670.2586 with questions.





## MR. KYLE CLEMENT, SMD

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

**JAN 10 – 14 2022**

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1200 CORNELIA ROAD  
ANDERSON, SC 29621

864-225-5341 ~WWW.SJCCS.NET

Kyle Clement returns to St. Joseph Catholic Church to present a 5 Day Parish Mission on living our Catholic faith. 9 Unique Presentations.

Mr. Clement instructs the lay faithful with practical information on different aspects of Christian life. He is an acclaimed speaker for Liber Christo.

Join Us For This Inspiring and Informative Event.

### MISSION SCHEDULE

Jan 10 Mon	9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>Topic: What is Catholic Identity</b>
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b>Topic: Domestic Church</b>
Jan 11 Tue	9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>Topic: Tools of the Trade - Prayer</b>
	5:30 PM	<i>Evening Mass</i>
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b>Topic: Cleaning Out Your Knapsack</b>
Jan 12 Wed	8:30 AM	<i>Morning Mass</i>
	9:15 - 10:15 AM	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>Topic: Balanced Relationship with the Trinity</b>
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b>Topic: Liturgical Seasons and Natural Seasons</b>
Jan 13 Thu	9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>Topic: Sacraments: Reconciliation with God the Father</b>
	5:30 PM	<i>Evening Mass</i>
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	<b>Topic: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass</b>
Jan 14 Fri	8:30 AM	<i>Morning Mass</i>
	9:15 - 10:15 AM	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
	9:30 - 11:00 AM	<b>Topic: Demons Go Where They Are Not Resisted ~ Angels Go Where They Are Invited</b>

Free Event ~ Donations are gratefully accepted.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina

WCKI 1300 AM

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

## Is God calling you?

Men's Discernment Retreat

Ages 18-49

January 7-9, 2022

Cost: \$25

Heart Ridge Retreat Center, Sunset, SC

To register or for more information:  
[vocations@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@charlestondiocese.org)



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**FEBRUARY 26-27, 2022**  
**THE DATE**  
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CONVENTION  
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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL  
OF CATHOLIC NURSES

*Nurses United  
in Faith*

Mass  
Reception & Lunch  
Compassion Fatigue  
Presentation by



1.29.2022 | 11:00 AM  
Cardinal Newman School  
2945 Alpine Rd  
Columbia, SC 29223  
Registration fee (includes  
lunch) \$15

RSVP by January 8th  
[nursesunitedinfaith.rsvpify.com](https://nursesunitedinfaith.rsvpify.com)



## **The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church**

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