



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

9 January 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The vast majority of Christians, including almost all Catholics, are baptized when they are infants, and this is most fitting. The sacraments are instruments of God's grace, and even newborn babies need the grace of God. Moreover, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism," and for this reason "The practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church." (CCC 1250, 1252). But along with the indisputable benefits of baptizing infants comes a special danger: those who are baptized before the beginning of memory will have no recollection or understanding of the most important day in their lives, and unless the fact and meaning of their Baptism is explained to them as they grow and receive the Gospel with saving faith, then they will not know that they have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit and have been made children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of the Kingdom.

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord Jesus by his kinsman and herald, John the Baptist. Jesus received the Baptism of John not for the forgiveness of sins (because He had none), but in order to transform a religious ritual washing of the Old Covenant into the first sacrament of the New Covenant. The Baptism of Jesus is also the acceptance of His mission as the Father's suffering servant, and Jesus allows Himself to be numbered among sinners in order to free us from our slavery to sin. In the waters of the Jordan, the Son of Mary is anointed with the Holy Spirit and is thus revealed to be the eternal Son of God and in His sacred humanity to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Finally, by accepting Baptism from John, the Lord Jesus is also accepting and anticipating His own suffering and death. For this reason, each Christian is united to the death of the Lord Jesus through Baptism so that we can live the life of the new creation by grace through faith in Jesus the Christ.

All of this makes our Baptism the single most important event in our entire lives; it is the original sacrament of faith and the beginning of the life of grace. But unless we understand the meaning of this supernatural second birth, we risk misunderstanding the whole of the Christian life. For this reason, parents and godparents have the sacred duty to teach children who are baptized about the day of their Baptism and lead them to mature faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As part of this mission to give the Gospel to all the baptized, I encourage every parishioner to find out when and where and by whom you were baptized. Resolve to keep the anniversary of your Baptism each year as a day of special celebration, and evaluate your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the light of the promises of your Baptism, which we are each asked to renew every year on Easter Sunday. And with St. Paul, I "urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4.1-6)

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 9 January

7.30 am ✱ Teresa Bays
9.00 am ✱ Peggy Louree
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 10 January

7.00 am Anatoliy Popovchak

Tuesday 11 January

7.00 am ✱ Willie Martin

Wednesday 12 January

7.00 am Iana Popovchak

Thursday 13 January

7.00 am John Plowden

Friday 14 January

7.00 am Anatoliy Popovchak

Saturday 15 January

5.00 pm ✱ Matthew Baumgardner

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 9 January

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
5.30 pm Youth Group (M)

Monday 10 January

6.30 pm Cub Scouts
7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

Tuesday 11 January

10.00 am SMCCW Meeting
6.00 pm KofC Meeting (M)
7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 12 January

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
& Confessions (church)
6.30 pm Religious Education
6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism
(RCIA)

Thursday 13 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 14 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 15 January

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 1/2 January

Needed	36,625
Received	42,042
Surplus	+ 5,417

Poor Box	321
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	988,875
Received	1,048,752
Surplus	+ 59,877

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	4,196,937
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Pledge Balance	714,129
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Still to Go	2,088,934
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

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

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Lee Jones (Fr Newman's uncle) who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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, 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, Sloane Perkins, Annette Marino, Angie Hewitt, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, and Samuel Cole.



Please join us for
coffee, doughnuts
& fellowship in
Pazdan Hall dining
room after the
9.00 am Mass.

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.

Welcome Newcomers

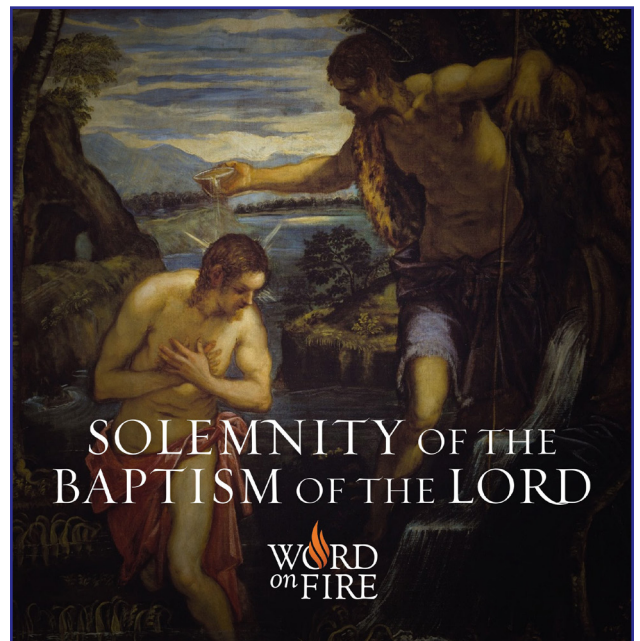
We welcome the following new members to our parish family:
John & Andrea Skrobola, Annie Goswick, Peter & Patricia Carek, Mark & Julie Hryniewicz.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 8/9 January

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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



In Memory

✝ The floral arrangements on the altar this week
are in memory of Lisa Watkins.

2021 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at 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



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 6th 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 6th 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

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 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
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



✦ SACS Accredited
✦ National Blue
Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601 ✦ smsgvl.org



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet this week in Gallivan Hall

Attend Holy Hour as a family Wednesday, 12 January
5:00 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

For More Information

Contact Linda Jackson

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

Contact T.J. Nielsen

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

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.



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.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

"Do whatever he tells you." ~John 2:5

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!):

Wednesday 8 pm

Thursday 8 am & 5 pm

Saturday 6 am* & 4 pm*

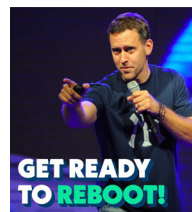
Worldwide Marriage Encounter



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

Free Event ~ Donations are gratefully accepted.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
 WCKI 1300 AM

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

Belonging 2022

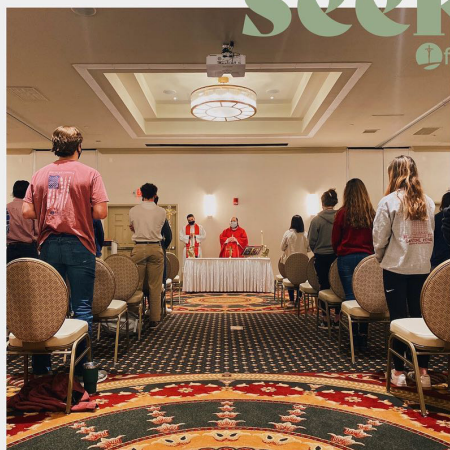
Diocese of Charleston
Catholic Conference 4 Women
 Greenville, SC St. Joseph's Catholic School
www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging

February 26

"... you were created for
 such a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

Keynote by
 author, and
 popular speaker,
 Mary Lenaburg



→ mark your calendars:

February 4-6

THE
 SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL
 OF CATHOLIC NURSES

*Nurses United
 in Faith*

Mass
 Reception & Lunch
 Compassion Fatigue
 Presentation by
 Nourish

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

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