



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

16 January 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The glories of Christmastide are now behind us, and the rigors of the 40 Days don't arrive until Ash Wednesday which falls this year on 2 March. That gives us seven weeks before Lent to live in the Thirty-Four Weeks of the Year, also called Ordinary Time, when the Church is clothed with green as a sign of the spiritual growth that continues in all who are made a new creation by Jesus Christ.

In these seven weeks, the sacred liturgy will rejoice in the holiness of the following saints and martyrs: Saint Anthony the Abbot, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Francis de Sales, Saints Timothy and Titus, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco, Saint Agatha, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Scholastica, Saints Cyril and Methodius, Saint Peter Damian, and Saint Polycarp. Drawn from every epoch of the Church's 2000 year history, these men and women lived the consecration of their Holy Baptism with heroic virtue by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and they bear eloquent witness to the beauty of being a new creation - the same destiny to which each of us is called by our Baptism.

During those same seven weeks, the Church will keep three feasts of universal importance to all Christians. On 25 January we will celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, on 2 February we will keep the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, on 22 February we will rejoice in the Chair of Saint Peter as the symbol of the authority to teach conferred by Christ the Lord on Simon Peter and his successors, the Bishops of Rome.

On every day of the year, the Church lifts up the entire human race to God the Father through God the Son in God the Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of all creation, and this work takes place first of all in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Every Christian can participate in this ceaseless sacrifice of praise by attending Mass, praying the Hours, reading Holy Scripture, and serving others for the sake of Christ, who is revealed especially in those who suffer and are abandoned. By following this path of discipleship - the Way of the Cross - we strive to live the grace of our Baptism, and in this task we are encouraged and sustained by the great cloud of witnesses, some of whom are mentioned above.

Think of these mysteries every time you read the phrase "Ordinary Time." The drama of salvation history is never ordinary, and everyone who is called by name to follow the Lord Jesus is a player in that sacred drama. On the day of our Baptism, Jesus Christ did call us by name, and He claimed us by the Sign of His Cross. In this way, calling us from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, He made us a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Peter 2:9). There is nothing ordinary about that.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 16 January

7.30 am ✧ Ashley Smith
 9.00 am ✧ Tony Scachetti
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 17 January

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

Tuesday 18 January

7.00 am Tocik Popovchak

Wednesday 19 January

7.00 am Sophia Popovchak

Thursday 20 January

7.00 am ✧ John G deGrouchy

Friday 21 January

7.00 am Darya Popovchak

Saturday 22 January

5.00 pm Mary Caroline Babb

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 16 January

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
 2.00 pm SMCCW Deanery Meeting
 5.30 pm Youth Group (M)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 17 January

**Martin Luther King Jr Day -
 Parish Office Closed**

Tuesday 18 January

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 19 January

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Religious Education
 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism
 (RCIA)

Thursday 20 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 21 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)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 22 January

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 8/9 January

Needed	36,625
Received	33,852
Shortage	- 2,773
Poor Box	345

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,025,500
Received	1,082,604
Surplus	+ 57,104

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@stmmarysgvl.org.

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received	4,216,105
Pledge Balance	712,912
Still to Go	2,070,983

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 Veronica Cecilia Fowler (Christine Layton's mother) 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 Tancress, 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.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Congratulations to

Hayes Charles Thomason who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

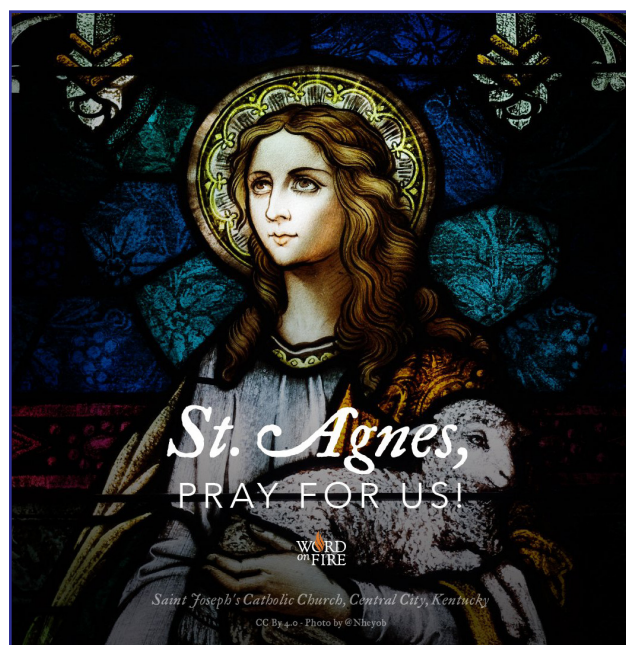
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Michaelangelo & Idalmis Vivar, Andres Alvarez & Clara Felix, Korby & Maria Gawron, Edilberto Alvarez & Marleny Gaitan, Jessica Bosak, Michael Olivieri, Deise Hodecker & Jadiel Bar Cardoso, Juan & Marisol Ortiz, and Helena Aarts.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 15/16 January

Miscellany
Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 17 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

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.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions for 2022 are almost gone! There are only 5 left. The Mass intention schedule for 2023 will not open until July 2022. To schedule a Mass intention (for English Masses), email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org.

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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 18 January & Thursday 27 January from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall (Msgr Gwynn room). Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for more information.

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



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

7th Grade St. Joe's and Homeschool students

Plan on attending a Confirmation Information meeting on Wednesday, 19 January in the 7th grade classroom in Pazdan Hall. You will be joining the 7th Grade RE Class for this meeting.

7th Grades Parents of students preparing for Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Information Meeting for parents of students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation **Tuesday 1 February at 2:15 in Pazdan Hall (cafeteria)**

OR

Wednesday 2 February at 6:30 pm in Gallivan Hall

**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson**

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g or 864.679.4110**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No Class this week

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

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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.**

DR. SCOTT HAHN at
OUR LADY OF GRACE
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 6:30 PM - 9:40 PM



OUR LADY OF GRACE
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 7095 Waxhaw Hwy
 Lancaster, SC 29720
 www.GraceWePray.org

COST OF ADMISSION: FREE
 REGISTRATION & DETAILS AT
stpaulcenter.com/lancaster22/
 Registration is required. Spaces are limited.

**PERPETUAL
 EUCHARISTIC 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!):

- Tuesday 8 am*
- Wednesday 8 pm
- Thursday 8 am
- Saturday 6 am* & 4 pm*

Nationwide Mass Times

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

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://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/146/young-adult-spring-retreat-2022>. Contact Cara Lawley at clawley@charlestondiocese.org or 843.670.2586 with questions.

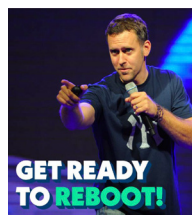
Worldwide Marriage Encounter



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.



Diocesan High School Youth Conference

Join Catholic youth and adults from around the Diocese on 26-27 February at the Columbia Convention Center for the 31st Annual DYC. The theme for this year is “Restored!” Register online at <https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/169/diocesan-youth-conference-dyc-2022>.



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

seek²²
focus

→ 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 Small Group

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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