



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

30 January 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hatch. Match. Dispatch.

Those are the slightly irreverent terms used by clergy to describe baptisms, weddings, and funerals - three of the Church's sacred rituals in which those who practice our faith regularly interact in the pews with those Catholics who seldom if ever participate in divine worship and with those who are not Catholic at all. For practicing Catholics, casual Catholics, and non-Catholics alike, expectations about these rituals - particularly weddings and funerals - are often formed more by popular culture than by Catholic doctrine and discipline, and when those unfounded expectations are mixed with intense emotions like jubilation at weddings and grief at funerals, the results can be explosively inappropriate in the public worship of the Church. And that is why clear and constant catechesis is needed to help everyone understand what these rituals are, what they are not, and what is required by divine precept or ancient discipline for the proper administration of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

While baptisms, weddings, and funerals are deeply personal, they are not private actions in any way. They are all public celebrations of the sacred liturgy of the Church, and so the first point to understand is that these three ways of praying are planned and administered by the ministers of the Church in keeping with liturgical law and local custom. Particularly for weddings and funerals, this means that while the families involved may have requests or preferences, all decisions about the celebration of the sacred liturgy are made by the parish pastor or his representative, and those decisions must be in keeping with the doctrine and discipline of the Catholic Church. Bridal magazines and shows, movies about weddings and funerals, and experiences of the same in non-Catholic settings all contribute to unrealistic expectations about what weddings and funerals should be and how they should be celebrated, and when these impossible expectations collide with the reality of what is possible in the Church, all too often the result is bruised feelings and disappointment.

For example, a funeral Mass is not a celebration of the life of the deceased; it is, rather, a pleading of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the salvation of the immortal soul of the deceased, and for that reason, eulogies about the departed are not possible at Mass. And weddings, while moments of great joy, are not an opportunity for being irreverent in church, and so every part of the sacred liturgy (music, clothing, conduct) must be appropriate to the occasion. To many of you these things will seem self-evident, but the great distance opening in our time between Christianity and the ambient culture makes it necessary to explain over and over again what once needed no explanation. Please bear that in mind as your own families and friends may bump into frustrations surrounding weddings and funerals, and let patience and generosity prevail!

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 30 January

7.30 am ✱ Barbara Virginia Kellems  
 9.00 am ✱ Lisa Watkins  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 31 January

7.00 am Margaret Kelleher & Family

### Tuesday 1 February

7.00 am ✱ James T & Florence Mooney

### Wednesday 2 February

7.00 am ✱ Betty Ann Milan

### Thursday 3 February

7.00 am ✱ Anne Cullinane

### Friday 4 February

7.00 am ✱ John Dullea

### Saturday 5 February

5.00 pm ✱ Josephine Rocco O'Neall

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 30 January

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 (G)  
 5.30 pm Youth Group (M)

### Monday 31 January

6.00 pm Family Honor - Part 2 (G)  
 6.30 pm Cub Scouts  
 7.00 pm Boy Scouts (M)

### Tuesday 1 February

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

### Wednesday 2 February

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study  
 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 3 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 4 February

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 5 February

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 22/23 January

Needed	36,625
Received	36,337
Shortage	- 288
Poor Box	326

### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,098,750
Received	1,153,245
Surplus	+ 54,495

**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	4,267,567
Pledge Balance	708,582
Still to Go	2,023,851

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, Sloane Perkins, Annette Marino, Angie Hewitt, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Samuel Cole and Rodney 'Butch' Artrip.

## Poster Contest Winners



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112  
Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in  
Christmas" Poster Contest Winners are:

Age 8-10: Ava Howard

Age 11-14: Arabella Good

Their posters will be sent for District and State Competition.  
Congratulations to the winners!

## 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](mailto:jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org) to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

## Congratulations to

Daphne Irene Linn who was baptized last weekend.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Thomas Moersen, Luis Fernando Prado & Diana Ruth Marulanda, Ariel Martinez Hernandez & Maribel Moctezuma Perez, Michael & Veronica Mullenix, Carlos Zayas & Rita Pons-Zayas, Ricardo & Saida Banegas, Clayton Hardisty & Courtney Youngs, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco.

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 29/30 January

Support of the Parish

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



## 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](mailto:sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org).

## 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.**



# Catholic Schools Week 2022 January 30–February 5

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)

#CSW22

## 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).

## 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





# 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 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

## 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](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**

**Contact T.J. Nielsen**

**[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.*



## 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.**

# CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE ITALY JUNE 17-28



**Florence, Padua, Milan, Assisi  
and ending in Rome for the  
World Meeting of Families**

**Papal Audience, Daily Mass, Shrines,  
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**Fr. Fabio Refosco, Chaplain**

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## 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>

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts!" ~Is 6:3*

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!):

Tuesday 8 am\*

Thursday 8 am

Saturday 6 am & 4 pm\*

DR. SCOTT HAHN at

OUR LADY OF GRACE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 PM - 9:40 PM

OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

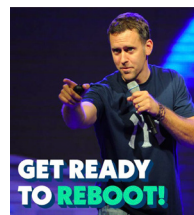
7095 Waxhaw Hwy  
Lancaster, SC 29720  
[www.GraceWePray.org](http://www.GraceWePray.org)

COST OF ADMISSION: FREE  
REGISTRATION & DETAILS AT  
[stpaulcenter.com/lancaster22/](http://stpaulcenter.com/lancaster22/)

\*Registration is required. Spaces are limited.\*



## REBOOT! with Chris Stefanick



GET READY  
TO REBOOT!

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.



## 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.

# EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

*Treasures of the Church*



The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH ON  
**SUNDAY MARCH 20 AT 1:30 PM**  
 See [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist  
 120 Broad St  
 Charleston, SC 29401  
 (843) 724-8395

# Belonging 2022

## Diocese of Charleston Catholic Conference 4 Women

Greenville, SC St. Joseph's Catholic School  
[www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging](http://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

## St Clare's Banquet



Please join us for the First Annual Banquet in support of St Clare's Home on 26 March from 5.30-8.30 pm at Fluor Field Baseball Stadium. We will have

dinner, great presentations - including author and speaker Fr Jeffrey Kirby, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church - plus exciting updates on the women and babies we've helped in the few months the home has been open. Tickets are \$50 a person and dinner includes steak or salmon, and we expect to sell out quickly. Help us create a homerun for generations to come! Purchase tickets at <https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/175/pink-and-blue-banquet>. Visit <https://www.stclareshomesc.org/pink-and-blue-banquet-2022> for more information.

## 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://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/169/diocesan-youth-conference-dyc-2022>.



2022  
SC Catholic Men's Conference

# BUILDING MEN OF GOD

[sccatholicmensconf.org](http://sccatholicmensconf.org)

The S.C. Catholic Men's Conference is sponsored by S.C. Knights of Columbus State Council in support of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Family Life

**DO YOU WANT TO**

- Grow in your Catholic faith?
- Deepen your relationship with Christ?
- Be a better father, son, husband and man?
- Be a spiritual leader in your family, church, work place and community?

**THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU!**

Come and fill your spiritual toolbox with the information you need to build your faith and lead your family.

**MARCH 5, 2022  
8:30 AM - 4 PM**

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL  
2945 ALPINE ROAD  
COLUMBIA, SC

**\$50 Preregistration \$60 at the door**  
Includes light breakfast & lunch

**REGISTRATION**  
Online at [sccatholicmensconf.org](http://sccatholicmensconf.org) or mail check to:

Keith Kingren  
2704 E. Georgia Road  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

**OUR INCREDIBLE SPEAKERS**



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**STEVE WOOD**  
National Speaker, Author, Catholic Apologist, Convert, Founder of St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers



**MOST REV. ROBERT E. GUGLIELMO**  
Bishop of Charleston, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus

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