



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

1 May 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist. In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 1 May

7.30 am	J Gregory Moody
9.00 am	Blakely Sieber
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 2 May

7.00 am	✱ John Dullea
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### Tuesday 3 May

7.00 am	Nikolae Elster
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### Wednesday 4 May

7.00 am	✱ Danny Kutej
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### Thursday 5 May

7.00 am	✱ Gilbert A DeBor
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### Friday 6 May

7.00 am	✱ Joel Naylor
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### Saturday 7 May

5.00 pm	✱ Matthew Kasun
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 1 May

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday 2 May

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

### Tuesday 3 May

7.00 pm	Spanish Bible Class
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### Wednesday 4 May

9.00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education *LAST class

### Thursday 5 May

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 6 May

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 7 May

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 23/24 April

Needed	36,625
Received	40,599
Surplus	+ 3,974

Poor Box	1,090
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,574,875
Received	1,668,088
Surplus	+ 93,213

**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

<b>Donations</b>	
<b>Received</b>	<b>4,440,210</b>

<b>Pledge</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>652,770</b>

<b>Still to Go</b>	<b>1,907,020</b>
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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, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, 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, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Andrew Buckley, Craig Arnold, Jaxson Rivera, Terry Gurn, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, Anthony Harris and James Noak.

## First Communion

On Saturday and Sunday 7-8 May the children will make their First Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers this week as they receive Jesus for the first time.

### VBS Registration is now OPEN!



**Deadline to register is 13 May**

**St Mary's Vacation Bible School  
13-16 June (Monday - Thursday)  
9.00 am to 12.00 noon**

*Click below to for registration forms*

**Family  
Teen Volunteer  
Adult Volunteer**

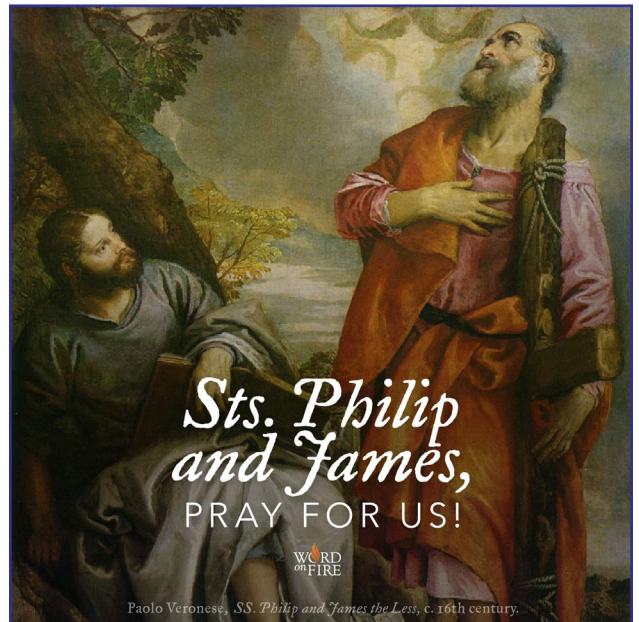
**Contact Linda Jackson with questions  
linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110**

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 30 April/1 May

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign  
Support of the Parish

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



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

## Congratulations to

Derrick Eugene Allen & Nicole Marie Genova who were married last weekend.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family:  
Joshua & Audrey Robinson, Dan & Karla Luers, Michelle Hudson, and Lana Rowe.

## New Senior Life Ministry

St Mary's has a new ministry dedicated primarily to assisting Seniors, but is open to anyone who could benefit from our services, including Resource Information, Home Safety Assessment, Setting up an *In Case of Death or Incapacity* file, Documenting your desired Catholic Funeral Rites, and Homebound Assistance. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon John at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

# NET MINISTRIES®

**ELISE DEVINE**

2022-2023 Missionary  
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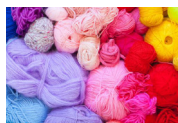


## Support Our Missionary

Elise Devine, a high school senior and life-long parishioner of Saint Mary's, has been invited to serve with the National Evangelization Team or NET which sends out teams of young adults to share their faith with students. NET reaches over 80,000 teens and young adults each year, and Elise needs to raise at least \$8,000 to cover the costs of training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. Elise would be the first member of Saint Mary's to work with the NET, and your support of her missionary service is encouraged. To make a donation, please click the link below, and to learn more about this opportunity, you are welcome to reach out to Elise at [eliserdevine@gmail.com](mailto:eliserdevine@gmail.com).

<https://netusa.org/supportamissionary/>

## 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 [airamel@aol.com](mailto:airamel@aol.com).

## Catholic Fellowship

Want to develop parish community and cultivate friendships? You are invited! The Catholic Fellowship Program at St Mary's provides an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know each other while enjoying a tasty pot-luck dinner. Participants agree that it is a GREAT way to develop community and cultivate friendships. Started in the early 1990s, we are re-igniting this wonderful event (after brief hiatus) on a quarterly basis which is open to all members of the parish...and yes, of course your friend from another parish is also welcome. Our first 2022 dinner is Saturday 21 May at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. If you wish to enjoy a casual evening and share a meal with fellow parishioners, please RSVP to [StMCatholicFellowship@outlook.com](mailto:StMCatholicFellowship@outlook.com) or text 847.313.5710. There is no cost. Just bring a dish to share for 12 and your special beverage. Please join us and let us know you are coming!



*Our Lady's  
Pantry*



**Knights of Columbus  
CHARITIES**  
*United in Charity.*

### Client testimonial:

"I work in construction and work is scarce often for a variety of reasons. Most of the income made is automatically applied to rent. We're grateful to you all - if we visit the pantry, it's because we're struggling this month. Bless you all for this help."



**Our Lady's  
Pantry  
serves**

**approximately  
75-100 families  
a month!**

## FOOD DRIVE IN SERVICE OF

### OUR LADY'S PANTRY

**drop off before Masses on  
Saturday & Sunday 21-22 May**

### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME**

(Many of these items can be found in bulk at warehouse clubs and can be purchased at low cost at Aldi and Lidl)

**We are gratefully accepting  
donations of the following:**

**CEREAL  
RICE  
CANNED VEGETABLE  
CANNED FRUITS  
CANNED MEATS  
TOOTHPASTE  
DEODERANT  
TOILET PAPER**

If you are moved to make a monetary donation, checks can be made out to CATHOLIC CHARITIES; please note "OLP GREENVILLE" in the memo line.



# Saint Mary's Classic

*The Preserve at  
Verdae Golf Club*

GOLF



## You Are Invited!

*Please join us to support St Mary's School at  
our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament,  
which is open to all parishioners.*

*Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on 3 June!*

Several sponsorship levels are available for teams.  
Please contact Pat Perkins at 864.679.4109  
or [pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:pat.perkins@stmarysgvl.org) to sign up.

Thank you for helping support our school!



# St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information  
Contact Linda Jackson**  
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or 864.679.4110

## **Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

**Last Class for the school year is this week on 4 May**

**1st Communion Practice Thursday, 5 May. Meet in  
Gallivan Hall at 4:30 pm.**

**1st Communion is Saturday, 7 May at 9:30 am**

## **Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds**

Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in  
Sacred Heart Hall September - April. Registration for the  
2022-23 school year begins in August 2022.

# 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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## 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 TJ Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or [timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org).

## Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at [thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:thomas.whelen@stmarysgvl.org).

## 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.*



### Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

*Amen*

<https://charlestdiocese.org/vocations>

## 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**.



## The Catholicism of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings"

May 10, 2022,  
at 7 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
Parish Life Building

Join us for an enlightening  
evening as we dive into popular  
Tolkien literature and reacquaint  
ourselves with Bilbo and Frodo.

Discover how, at the heart of an  
epic journey and a daunting task,  
lies the story of growth in wisdom  
and virtue as well as Divine  
Providence.

Joseph  
Pearce



There is no charge for this event.

Sponsored by Divine Mercy Scholars



St. Mary Magdalene  
Catholic Church  
2252 Woodruff Rd.  
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## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

"Behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age."  
~Matthew 28:20

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!):

Monday 10 am, 1 pm & 5 pm  
Tuesday 12 am\*  
Wednesday 6 am  
Thursday 2 am\*  
Friday 3 am\*  
Saturday 9 am & 10 am

## Relics of St Bernadette



The relics of Saint Bernadette, currently on tour of the United States for the first time, will visit Our Lady of Lourdes (Greenwood) from 4-8 May. See the full schedule at [https://olol.org/documents/2022/4/relics\\_schedule.pdf](https://olol.org/documents/2022/4/relics_schedule.pdf). Visit <https://olol.org> for more details.

## Bishop Ordination



With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston joyfully announces the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, as 14th Bishop of Charleston, Friday 13 May at 2.00 pm. Watch online at the links below!

YouTube - <https://youtu.be/iUxPAbfdTTQ>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/events/475163664399387>

### Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

June 6-11, 2022

St. Rafka Catholic Church  
Greenville, South Carolina



Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Virgin Mary icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon.

Your tuition fee of \$690 includes all materials including boards, pigments and brushes.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website

[www.theodoreicons.com/sc](http://www.theodoreicons.com/sc)

or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at:

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## Natural Family Planning Classes

### Virtual Sessions

Thursday 12 May at 7.00 pm - [lexiesawonik@gmail.com](mailto:lexiesawonik@gmail.com)  
Thursday 19 May at 6.30 pm - [janellenapro@gmail.com](mailto:janellenapro@gmail.com)  
Saturday 28 May at 10.00 am - [bernarpowell97@gmail.com](mailto:bernarpowell97@gmail.com)

### In Person Sessions

Tuesday 17 May at 6.30 pm at  
St Andrew (Myrtle Beach) - [janetgcrms@gmail.com](mailto:janetgcrms@gmail.com)  
Wednesday 18 May at 6.30 pm at  
St Joseph (Columbia) - [naprogal@gmail.com](mailto:naprogal@gmail.com)  
Thursday 19 May at 7.00 pm at St Francis  
Eastside (Greenville) - [napronurse@aol.com](mailto:napronurse@aol.com)

Email to register for the May Creighton Model NFP  
Introductory Sessions.



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