

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

8 May 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the Scripture readings and Mass prayers appointed for this day in the sacred liturgy. Today's Communion Antiphon, for example, proclaims that "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia." The Latin word for shepherd is pastor, and this reveals why the Church asks us to pray for more priests on Good Shepherd Sunday. The call to the priesthood comes from God, and the Lord has promised always to provide shepherds for his people. Through the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord promised Israel: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart." (Jeremiah 3.15) But he also asks us to seek the gift of pastors in prayer: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9.37-38)

In Africa, in South America, and in Oceania, the number of young men offering themselves for priestly formation is on the rise, in some cases a dramatic rise. As you know already, however, this is not the case in Europe and in North America - the "developed" world - and the disparity points to one of the chief difficulties for the young men among us who are being called today: sometimes the call is not heard because of the noise in which we live. This cultural noise takes many shapes (e.g. desire for a lucrative career, fear of loneliness, the presence of so many options that making any choice is difficult, etc), but whatever the source of the noise, if the man being called never hears the call, we may assume he'll never find his place and purpose in life.

The priesthood is not a life for extraordinary men; it is an ordinary Christian way of life for ordinary Christian men. But the key to hearing and answering the call is that the man must understand what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. The radical thing is not forsaking marriage and giving one's life to the Church; the radical thing is being baptized and giving one's life to Jesus Christ, knowing that this means following him in the Way of the Cross. When young men grow up in a vibrant Christian community in which the truth of the Catholic faith is a cause for rejoicing and the beauty of the sacred liturgy is lived day in and day out as the source and summit of the Christian life, then those who are being called will have no difficulty hearing the summons of the Savior to serve his flock as priests, as shepherds, as pastors.

Finally, for a man to know that he is called to the priesthood it is not necessary to search the heavens for mysterious signs of some inscrutable divine plan. There are really only three basic questions to be answered: 1) Do I want to be a priest? 2) Am I willing to sacrifice what must be sacrificed to be a priest? and 3) Do I have all the gifts of nature and grace needed to be a priest? Only the man can answer the first two questions, and only the Church can answer the third.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *			
				Financial Report	
Sunday 8 May		Sunday 8 May		Weekend of 30 April/1 May	
Mother's Da	•		ng 9.00 am Mass	Needed	36,625
7.30 am 9.00 am	All Mothers George M Gevaert	9.00 am 11.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (M/G)	Received	39,305
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Monday 9 May		Monday 9 May			
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7.00 am	✤ Patricia Diehl	6.30 pm	Cub Scouts	Needed	1,611,500
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Tuesday 10 May		Tuesday 10 May			
7.00 am	Sr Anna Sophia, OP	6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)	Electronic Giv	v ing: If you want
	1 /	7.00 pm	Spanish Bible Class		management of
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Wednesday 11 May		Wednesday 11 May		online, you can now do so	
		through the "Make a G			
7.00 am	✤ Beckett Weinert	7.30 am 9.00 am	SMS Mom's Bible Study Wednesday Morning Bible Study		e of our website.
		5.00-6.00 pm			ormation or if questions please
		F	& Confessions (church)		er Anderson at
		6.30 pm	CEC Faith & Reason Lecture (M)		a@stmarysgvl.org.
Thursday 12 May		Thursday 12 May			
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				Capital (Campaign
Friday 13 May		Friday 13 May		\$7 Million to Raise	
7.00 am	¥ Caleb Hulsey	5 30-6 30 am	Pillars of Christ (early group)	2019 1	to 2023
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Saturday 14 May		Saturday 14 May			
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5.00 pm	✤ Steve Soete	8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic	Balance	652,214
		3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)		
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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.

Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is <u>12</u> days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni at jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org.



Visit https://bible.usccb.org



lick below to for registration forms Family Teen Volunteer Adult Volunteer

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

Congratulations to

James Sanford Zubia who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Anna Potash, Monica Witcher.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 7/8 May

Catholic Charities Support of the Parish

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



New Ministry for the Widowed

St Mary's has a new outreach ministry for our parish widowed to provide spiritual, emotional and social support. We need volunteers. Please contact Eileen Scoggins at bescoggins@bellsouth.net or 864.415.8289 for more information.

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.



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.

https://netusa.org/supportamissionary/

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

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Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as

your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237

Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

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 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!



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 <u>open to all parishioners.</u>

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 to sign up.

Thank you for helping support our school!

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



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time K5</u> <u>teaching assistant</u> for the 2022-2023 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 121 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.

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@stmarysgvl.org.

Sex, Gender & Personal Identity 6th Annual Fall Conference

Saturday 24 September 2022

8.30 am to 12 Noon St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC



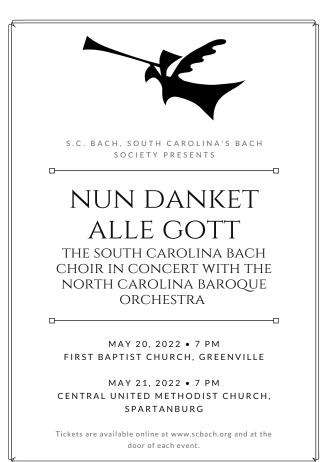
Mary Rice Hasson

Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. Co-Founder and Director of the Person and Identity Project Leader of the Catholic Women's Forum

Fr Jonathan Duncan

Director of Spiritual Care at Bon Secours St Francis Health Catholic Chaplain at Furman University & St Joseph's Catholic School Parochial Vicar at St Mary's Catholic Church

\$25 per person | register online at www.evangelicalcatholicism.com



Veritas Catholic Information Center Monthly Series

"SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER"

The Challenge of Ephesians 5 in the Age of Wokeism

Thursday, May 19, 2022 7:00-8:30 pm

Prince of Peace Catholic Church – Parish Hall 1209 Brushy Creek Road Taylors, SC 29687

Laryn Weaver will talk honestly about her journey in receiving St. Paul's beautiful yet controversial teaching in Ephesians 5:21-33, and the even greater call for all of us to live out this passage in light of the current Wokeism culture. Should wives be submissive to their husbands? How should husbands best love their wives? In a "woke" society in which everyone wants to be right, and no one wants to offend, the answer to these questions brings us directly into the call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."



Laryn Weaver is both a cradle Catholic and a product of RCIA. Laryn has a Master's in Organizational Leadership, is a leadership development trainer with the John Maxwell Group, and is the CEO of Plumbgate, LLC which offers business coaching and tools togrow small business.

Admission is free. Please register with Evite http://evite.me/r4nmQU2FcE or by phone: 864-630-3036









St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm September - April Registration for 2022-23 will open in July 2022

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.

> 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 <u>Inactive</u> 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 TJ Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or 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.whalen@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://charlestondiocese.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 Tolkein 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.





St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 2252 Woodruff Rd. Simpsonville, SC 29681

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Christ said "Receive the Holy Spirit." Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage with the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on 24-26 June (Bluffton) and 27-29 January (North Myrtle Beach). Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit https://SCMarriageMatters.org or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.



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

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

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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 or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

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

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 Vrigin 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 apportunity 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 or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at: Stansberry.azizax @gmail.com phone number: 8645061924

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 12 May at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com Thursday 19 May at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com Saturday 28 May at 10.00 am - bernapowell97@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

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

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

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