



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

29 May 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter — forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and in Word and Sacrament, the Savior remains with us to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 29 May

7.30 am ✱ Michael Kelly
 9.00 am Matthew Gaetano & Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 30 May

Memorial Day - No 7.00 am Mass

Tuesday 31 May

7.00 am ✱ Alice R Hallas

Wednesday 1 June

7.00 am ✱ John Campbell
 & Willie Martin

Thursday 2 June

7.00 am ✱ Jim Yockey

Friday 3 June

7.00 am Annette Marino

Saturday 4 June

5.00 pm ✱ Ronald Santos

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 29 May

11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M/G)
 6.00 pm Youth Group (M) *Last Meeting

Monday 30 May

Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 31 May

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

Wednesday 1 June

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 2 June

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 3 June

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 4 June

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

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 21/22 May

Needed	36,625
Received	35,347
Shortage	- 1,278

Poor Box	328
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,721,375
Received	1,819,718
Surplus	+ 98,343

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	4,475,951

Pledge	
Balance	647,070

Still to Go	1,876,979
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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.

Missalette Change

For the past twenty years, the missalette in our pews has been called "Today's Missal," but starting on 12 June 2022 that booklet will be replaced by a new publication from the same publisher. The new missalette is called "Unidos en Cristo/ United in Christ," and as the title suggests, this new booklet is completely bi-lingual with the English and Spanish texts on facing pages. The primary change for us will be in the section for weekday Masses, because the new booklet does not include the full text of the responsorial psalm. The response verse is shown, but not the text of the psalm itself. For those who attend weekday Mass and want to be able to read the psalm along with the lector I suggest the monthly publication called Magnificat or some similar resource.

Church Office Summer Hours

10 June through 12 August

Monday - Thursday	9 am - 4 pm
Friday	9 am - 12 noon

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Alex Persichilli, Gabriela Hernandez & Victor Reyes, Joshua & Elizabeth Joseph.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 28/29 May

Catholic Communications
Support of the Parish

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



Church and Parish Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday 30 May, the church and office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.

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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 31 May from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for more information.

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.

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



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time school nurse** for the 2022-2023 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 122 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 321 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 is a practicing Catholic with valid, up-to-date nursing credentials. Prior experience working with children or in a school setting are highly preferred. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the administration, possess a cheerful and welcoming bedside manner, and understand and prioritize student and family confidentiality. Excellent organization, communication, and record-keeping skills, as well as proficiency with technology and the internet are required. 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.

Pentecost Novena



After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1.14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This is the origin of the word

"novena," traditionally a prayer done over nine days. This year the novena begins on Friday 27 May and runs through Saturday 4 June. Prayers for each day of the novena can be found online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>.

Gala Items Still Available!

Remaining from the Gala is (5) First 3 Rides from the CycleBar in Greenville. Their value is \$49 each. CycleBar® Greenville is more than a ride. It's a journey of self-discovery. With indoor cycling rides designed for all fitness levels, we promise to empower, inspire, and elevate you throughout every day. Willing to take \$25 each. Please contact Pat Perkins at pat.perkins@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



Featuring Speakers



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

Saint Mary's Classic

*The Preserve at
Verdae Golf Club*

**Limited space available! 1 twosome
and 2 foursome teams needed!**

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 to sign up.

Thank you for helping support our school!



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

FOOD DRIVE IN SERVICE OF OUR LADY'S PANTRY

Client Testimonial:

"I hope y'all realize how important you are to a lot of us who struggle hard at times. You give us a reason to smile on days we get to enjoy food, conversation, and prayers from you all!

God Bless You!"



We would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for helping to coordinate this Food Drive in service of Our Lady's Pantry and to the parishioners at St Mary's for their wonderful generosity!!

Your donations resulted in receipt of an approximate 1042 lbs of goods - including everything from food to hygiene products - and a financial donation of \$360.

It is truly inspiring and our hearts are filled with so much gratitude!

Thank you for supporting our mission to serve those in need!

For more information about our programs, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Delia Gutierrez at 864.331.2629 or dgutierrez@charlestdiocese.org

*Thank
you* 

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 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.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.

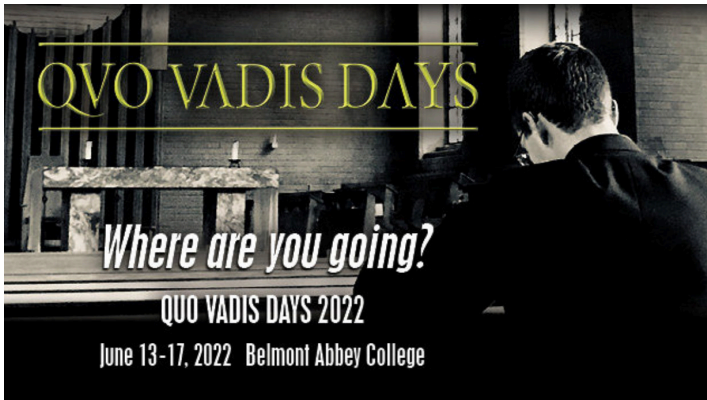
Amen

<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**.

Vocations Camps in North Carolina



Quo Vadis Days is a five-day vocations discernment camp for young men at Belmont Abbey College. The camp includes talks by local priests, seminarians, and others on the vocations to the priesthood, marriage, and fatherhood. Ultimately, the goal of our Quo Vadis Days is to challenge young men to ask the fundamental question "quo vadis" or "where are you going?", while equipping them with the tools and opportunity to discern God's will for their life. Register at <https://charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days/>.



The five-day Duc In Altum event - part summer camp, part retreat - focuses on forming young women in authentic femininity after the role model of Mary. Through talks and time spent in prayer and worship, the hope is that young women will open their hearts to responding to vocations as wives and mothers, consecrated religious or consecrated lay faithful. Additionally, we wish to help them cultivate and maintain a firmly rooted spiritual life of prayer and receptivity to the grace of God. Register at <https://charlottediocese.org/vocations/duc-in-altum/>.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Young Adult Olympics

You're invited to the third Young Adult Olympics for diocesan YA Ministry! Join us on 4 June from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Dreher Island State Park for field day with your favorite mock-Olympic activities and enjoy a little friendly competition with our friends from across South Carolina. Bring sunscreen and your friends because you won't want to miss this. Cost is \$10, and lunch is included. Contact Cara Lawley at clawley@charlestandiocese.org.

Mass of the Neophytes

Bishop emeritus Robert E Guglielmone will preside over the Mass of the Neophytes on 5 June at 11.15 am at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist (Charleston). All are invited. Please RSVP no later than 30 May to Cathy Roche at cathy@charlestandiocese.org or register at <https://charlestandiocese.org/catechesis-and-christian-initiation/mass-of-the-neophytes/>.



Dr Scott Hahn Lecture

Don't miss Dr Scott Hahn and the St Paul Center on 6 June at 7.00 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic School. Study Scripture from the heart of the Church with one of today's most respected scholars. There will be a lecture along with a question-and-answer session. Go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith. Cost is \$20. Register at <https://stpaulcenter.com/greenville2022>.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 2 June at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com
Thursday 16 June at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

Thursday 9 June at 7.00 pm at St Francis
Eastside (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com
Wednesday 15 June at 6.30 pm at
St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

Email to register for the May Creighton Model NFP Introductory Sessions. We have available instructors for Natural Family Planning International, Couple to Couple League and Marquette Method upon request. Please contact jflorendo@charlestdiocese.org for more information.

St Clare's Home Needs

◆ St Clare's Home is an upstate maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and are in need of shelter, safety, and security. We are in search of the right candidate who has a heart for our mission. We are looking for a great team player to fill our position as Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Valerie Baronkin at vbaronkin@charlestdiocese.org.

◆ St Clare's Home needs more volunteers who support our mission! Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at stclaresvolunteer@charlestdiocese.org for the many ways you can get involved. Please donate to support our mission for St Clare's Home at <https://www.stclareshomesc.org/donate> or visit our Amazon wish list at <https://www.stclareshomesc.org/wish-list>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late, take time for your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience from 24-26 June in Beaufort and 27-29 January 2023 in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

Daily Mass Readings

Visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

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

Tuesday 12 am

Thursday 2 am*

Saturday 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 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 or contact Ms Aziza Stansberry at: Stansberry.aziza@gmail.com phone number: 8645061924

Miracle Hill Kids Ninja Challenge



Miracle Hill's Annual Kids Ninja Challenge is a family-friendly fundraising event for children ages 4 to 12. Kids are given the opportunity to become a Ninja for the day and challenge themselves to 10+ obstacles on a .75 mile course. Leading up to the event, participants are encouraged to raise money for hurting children and adults who are experiencing homelessness in Miracle Hill's shelters and programs. Kids will receive a fundraising map in the mail and create an online fundraising page during registration. There will be fundraising prizes at various levels and top fundraisers will receive grand prizes! Learn more about the Ninja Challenge and sign up at <https://runsignup.com/kidsninchallenge>.

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