



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

3 July 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you are in the habit of leaving the church immediately after receiving Holy Communion at Mass, then I beg you to replace that habit with a new one: receive Holy Communion reverently and devoutly, and then return to your seat in the pew to give thanks to God for the miracle of being nourished unto everlasting life by the Body and Blood of Christ. Giving thanks for the gift of Holy Communion is a small but essential sign of the faith that we confessed two weeks ago on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. And there are other small signs that are equally important for us to preserve, protect, and defend our reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and to transmit it to others by our words and deeds.

Remote preparation for worthy participation in Mass begins at home and continues in the car on the trip to the church. What am I thinking and talking about? Am I aware of what I'm about to do? Is participating in the Holy Mass something I do willingly, reverently, and devoutly? Or is it something I do grudgingly, sullenly, and apathetically? Remote preparation also includes keeping the Eucharistic fast (no food for a least an hour before receiving Holy Communion), and it requires the most important preparation of all: examining my conscience and going to Confession whenever needed so that I do not eat and drink my own condemnation by making a sacrament into a sacrilege through an unworthy reception of Holy Communion.

Proximate preparation for participating in Mass begins when we arrive at the church. Am I aware that I approach the House of God? Do I leave behind in the car anything that could distract my attention from the glory of the Lord? Do I enter the sacred precincts of the temple with the proper dispositions? Do I use the holy water in the font at the door to remind me of my Baptism? Do I genuflect (or bow if the knee no longer easily bends) towards Christ present in the tabernacle? Do I prepare to hear the Word of God proclaimed by reading the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass? Do I quiet my heart and mind and voice and approach the Throne of Grace in prayer so that I will be ready to approach the altar in the Communion procession?

Then comes the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the time for us to join in that privileged act of worship. Do I say or sing all of the parts of the liturgy that are proper for me? Do I offer genuine contrition for my sins in the Penitential Rite? Do I listen attentively to the reading of Holy Scripture? Do I lift up my heart to the Lord as the priest offers the preface to the Eucharist prayer? Do I sincerely join with my brothers and sisters when we pray to Our Father as the Savior taught us? And, finally, do I approach the altar to receive Holy Communion or a blessing with genuine faith in and love for the Lord Jesus Christ? If so, that is why I would never leave the church without first returning to my pew to give thanks for the medicine of immortality in the Bread that came down from Heaven.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 3 July

7.30 am ✱ Joel Naylor
 9.00 am ✱ Carlos Jose Restrepo
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 4 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Tuesday 5 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Wednesday 6 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Thursday 7 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Friday 8 July

7.00 am **No Mass**

Saturday 9 July

5.00 pm Matthew Gevaert

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 3 July

No Nursery (resumes 14 August)
 Coffee & Doughnuts: After 7.30 am &
 9.00 am Masses (P)

Monday 4 July

**Independence Day - Parish Office Closed
 Church Closed for Maintenance**

Tuesday 5 July

Church Closed for Maintenance

Wednesday 6 July

Church Closed for Maintenance
 No Holy Hour & Confessions
 (resumes 3 August)

Thursday 7 July

Church Closed for Maintenance

Friday 8 July

**Church Closed for Maintenance
 Parish Office Closes at Noon**
 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 9 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 June

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| Needed | 36,625 |
| Received | 34,744 |
| Shortage | - 1,881 |

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| Poor Box | 551 |
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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 1,904,500 |
| Received | 2,001,577 |
| Surplus | + 97,077 |

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

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| Donations Received | 4,516,892 |
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| Pledge Balance | 633,729 |
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| Still to Go | 1,849,379 |
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions
any Wednesday in July.

The church will be closed Monday 4 July - Friday 8 July
and Monday 11 July - Friday 15 July. No 7.00 am Masses
will be celebrated and the church will remain locked all day.

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, James Noak and Maureen Griffin.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Saturday 9 July at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our July luncheon. This will be a salad and sandwich luncheon, so bring a salad or sandwich to share. Dessert will be provided (ice cream and a variety of toppings). Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Dalton Summers, Elise Eginton, Joshua & Rachel Futch, William & Allison Berkemeier, Sandra Halter, Jennifer Kouba, Glennon Donohue.

Congratulations to

Madeline Elizabeth Paxton who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 2/3 July

Support of the Parish

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



Church Office Summer Hours

10 June through 12 August

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

Church and Parish Office Closure

In observance of Independence Day on Monday 4 July the church and office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.



Please join us for coffee,
doughnuts & fellowship in
Pazdan Hall dining room after
the 7.30 & 9.00 am Masses.

School Office Summer Hours until 5 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

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.

St Mary's School - AmazonSmile



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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!

Organ Scholars at St Mary's

A few years ago, Emma Devine, a former youth and adult choir singer, thought it might be wise to invest some time and effort in extending her piano skills into learning how to play the pipe organ. Her work paid off by being offered a piano/organ scholarship at USC.

The torch has been passed to Florian Covington, a talented tenor in the schola and adult choir. He is likewise a very good pianist. He, too, thought that learning the basics of playing the organ might serve him well. In his last year prior to packing off to college, he has been dedicated to his work and practice at the organ bench. A snapshot of his efforts may be heard at the postlude for all the masses on the weekend of 9-10 and 16-17 July. If you want a treat, stay for a bit after the mass is ended and listen to Florian's fine playing.

Sex, Gender & Personal Identity

6th Annual Fall Conference



Saturday 24 September 2022

8.30 am to 12 Noon

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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

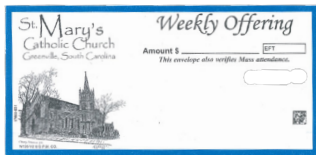


Fr Jonathan Duncan

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

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 two 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**.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

Thursday 7 July at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com
Thursday 14 July at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

Wednesday 13 July at 6.30 pm at
St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com
Thursday 14 July at 7.00 pm at
St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com

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

Diocesan Work Camp



The Matthew 25 Project is a new diocesan initiative that invites youth to partake in serving their local community in a more intentional way while learning about the role of service and social justice in our response as disciples of Christ. Each morning teens will be given the opportunity to share their gifts at a specific worksite while taking the time in the afternoon

to learn about Church teachings then ending the night with time for prayer and personal reflection. Register at <https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/191/work-camp-2022-matthew-25-project>.

World Meeting of Families

This summer, Rome is hosting the World Meeting of Families, a conference and celebration put on every three years. Celebrate your own Family Fun Day with a Family Fun Box, which will be shipped right to your door and has everything you need to have some time for Faith & Fun. Order your box by 11 July at <https://charlestdiocese.configio.com/pd/186/family-fun-box-world-meeting-of-families>.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

*“YOU are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you; You are the eternal
Father: All creation worships you.” ~Te Deum*

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 & 11 pm*

Thursday 2 am*

Friday 3 am*

Saturday 10 am

St Kateri Tekakwitha Celebration

The Office of Native American Ministry invites you to celebrate the feast day of St Kateri Tekakwitha with prayers, traditions and music on 14 July at 7.00 pm. The focus will be healing and a better understanding of the need for truth, reconciliation and forgiveness associated with American Indians and the Residential School experience. Presenters include: Deacon Larry Deschaine; Chief Mary Louise Worthy, Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation; Sister Trina McCormick, OP; and Sister Anita Braganza, IBVM. For information, contact Native American Ministry at 864.331.2633. Register at <https://bit.ly/saintkateri2022>.

Miracle Hill Kids Ninja Challenge



Miracle Hill's Annual Kids Ninja Challenge is a family friendly fundraising event for children ages 4 to 12 on Saturday 27 August. 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/kidsninjachallenge>.

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