



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

24 July 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Prudence is one of the four cardinal virtues, and the others are justice, fortitude, and temperance. These four are called cardinal virtues because they are the hinge or pivotal human virtues around which all other moral virtues are grouped, and when the cardinal virtues become firm and stable dispositions in the soul, then a mature person is able more readily to govern his passions and guide his conduct according to both reason and faith. Following Aristotle, St Thomas Aquinas held that prudence is right reason in action, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “prudence is the virtue that disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (CCC 1806).

Prudence is an essential virtue for leading a peaceful and well ordered life, and like all human virtues, prudence is acquired by education, by repeated good choices, and by perseverance in an ongoing effort to forge a good character that moves us to cooperate with God’s grace in honesty and humility. Growing in the human virtues is difficult because of man’s Fall from grace, but it is not impossible. Moreover, no human virtue is ever a substitute for the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love which are purely the free and unmerited gifts of God and by which alone we are justified by grace. Nevertheless, striving to grow in human virtues is praiseworthy and conducive to happiness, and those who acquire the cardinal virtues by long practice find it easier to maintain emotional balance in their lives, particularly during times of great distress of the sort in which we are now living.

Prudence was known in antiquity as the charioteer of the other virtues because prudence guides our actions by establishing rule and measure in human judgments. For this reason, prudence allows us to apply general moral principles to particular cases and thereby increases the likelihood that we will make wise choices which enhance our own self-mastery even when we are driven by strong emotions like fear or anger.

I write to you today about the cardinal virtues because we are badly in need of their service to find our way through these difficult days of pandemic, economic distress, and political strife. Every day our flickering screens are filled with more shouting, competing truth claims, recrimination, and hatred, and making prudent choices in such circumstances would seem to require wisdom greater even than that granted to Solomon. But it is never too late to begin cultivating the cardinal virtues, and a good place to start is the section of the Catechism which describes both human and theological virtues and connects them to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Read paragraphs 1803 to 1845 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and resolve today to build the virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance in the service of growing in wisdom and understanding of both the human condition and the truth of the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 24 July

7.30 am ✱ Willie Martin
 9.00 am Andrew & Hannah Elster
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 25 July

7.00 am John & Emily Paluszak

Tuesday 26 July

7.00 am US Airforce

Wednesday 27 July

7.00 am ✱ Kitty Deehan

Thursday 28 July

7.00 am ✱ Dewey & Edna Cooper

Friday 29 July

7.00 am Liliana Nielsen

Saturday 30 July

5.00 pm ✱ Marie Ann Stewart

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 24 July

No Nursery (resumes 14 August)

Monday 25 July

Tuesday 26 July

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 27 July

No Holy Hour & Confessions
 (resumes 3 August)

Thursday 28 July

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 29 July

Parish Office Closes at Noon

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)
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 30 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 16/17 July

Needed	37,725
Received	42,671
Surplus	+ 4,946

Poor Box	617
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	113,175
Received	113,329
Surplus	+ 154

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	4,552,852

Pledge	
Balance	629,172

Still to Go	1,817,976
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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.

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, 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, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, Anthony Harris, James Noak and Maureen Griffin.

Senior Companions Needed

With the spreading out of American families, our seniors are sometimes living far from family without anyone to help them with tasks they can no longer do. This is the case with some of our elder parishioners here at St Mary's. Because they can no longer drive, sometimes they need some quick errands run or a ride to the doctor. Sometimes they are lonely and just need someone to sit and talk with over a cup of coffee. Right now, we are in need of a few Senior Companions for some of our homebound elders. If you are willing to be set up with one of our elders to visit with or help them out once every week or two, please contact Deacon John Heuser at 864.679.4113 or john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org. Thank you.

Ministry to the Widowed

Consider attending this free seminar! 2022 Grief Seminar is Thursday 8 September from 6.45-8.30 pm at Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Pl, Simpsonville). Register online at <https://thomasmcabee.com/2022-grief-seminar/>. Contact Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 or bescoggins@bellsouth.net with questions.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 23/24 July

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

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



Church Office Summer Hours

10 June through 12 August

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

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at <https://masstimes.org>

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Laurie King, Aline Natalino, Gregory & Nicole Lemon, Davis & Shannon Goodrich, Cayetano Enrique & Amalia Manuel, Brent Henderson, Jorge & Angelica Francisco, and Dahlila Corriette.

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.

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. The dinner is open to all members of the parish...and yes, of course your friend from another parish is also welcome. Our next 2022 dinner is Saturday 20 August 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. 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!

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

The Pillars (late group) has begun a 10 week study by Ascension Press: *Exodus - Called to Freedom*. Contact Mike Munafo at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356 for more information. The Pillars late group meets in McGrady Hall each week after mass beginning at 7.30 am. All are welcome.

If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at resulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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

JOIN SAINT MARY'S CHOIR



A Feast Day will be appointed in your honor.
Contact the Choirmaster at
arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org for details.



St Mary's Religious Education



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Linda Jackson
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Religious Education Registration Grades 1-8

(Deadline is 26 August)

It's time to register for Religious Education classes. Classes will meet on Wednesday's 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Classes begin 7 September 2022. Only one form per family is needed. Electronic registration is available [HERE](#)

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

(Deadline is August 26)

It's time to register for Sunday morning Preschool. This is for 3 & 4 year olds whose birthdates fall between 1 June 2018 - 1 June 2019. Class will meet on Sundays during the 9.00am Mass and is only for families attending the 9.00am Mass. Space is limited. Electronic Registration is available [HERE](#)

Home School and St Joseph's Students of St. Mary's

(Deadline is August 26)

Registration forms for Homeschoolers (Grades 1-8) and St Joe's families are now available. It is important that you register your children with the Religious Education Office. This is especially important for Sacramental preparations. Electronic Registration is available [HERE](#)

Volunteers Needed!



Religious Education Volunteers

St Mary's Religious Education is looking for additional volunteers to help with the Wednesday Night program for Grade 1-8. All teacher positions are filled but can use some additional assistants, subs, and ancillary help on these evenings. Classes run Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30 pm September through April. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110.

Sunday Morning Preschool Volunteers

St Mary's Sunday Morning Preschool program for children 3 & 4 years is looking for volunteers to help once a month from September through April during the 9.00 am Mass. We need teachers and teen helpers. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110.

Register to volunteer at the link below!
<https://form.jotform.com/210974563283158>

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**.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his presence continually!" ~Psalms 105.4

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*

Saturday 7 am & 10 am

St Clare's Home Needs

- ◆ St Clare's Home is looking for dedicated volunteers to help tutor mothers in their current educational studies. This is a wonderful opportunity for retired and former teachers to share their gifts and talents. Please contact stclareshome@charlestondiocese.org.
- ◆ Do you or someone you know have a functional vehicle you are looking to donate? St Clare's needs reliable used vehicles for mothers to be able to drive to school and work. For more information, please email us at stclareshome@charlestondiocese.org. Visit stclareshomesc.org.

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>.



Novena to St Anne & St Joachim



Continue praying the Novena with us at 7.00 pm each night through 26 July as we seek the intercession of St Anne & St Joachim (parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus) for couples struggling with infertility. Pious tradition tells us that they spent most of their life together as a childless couple, thus they are the patron saints for infertility and also for grandparents. Every night prayers will be said including specific intentions and a brief story of St Anne & St Joachim. Please submit prayer intentions when you register at <https://tinyurl.com/NovenaNFPRosary> or email them to jecc8477@yahoo.com. On 26 July, Feast of St Anne & St Joachim, we will say the NFP Rosary and we ask grandparents to join us, as this is also designated as Grandparents Day! Please use the same link to join via Zoom or join us via Natural Family Planning Diocese of Charleston Facebook page.

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