



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

31 July 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe an extraordinary event near the end of the public ministry of the Lord Jesus which is customarily called the Transfiguration in the Christian West and the Metamorphosis in the Christian East. This event is also mentioned in the Second Letter of Peter and perhaps in the Prologue of the Gospel of John. Sacred Scripture does not tell us exactly where and when the Transfiguration took place, but ancient traditions identify the location at Mount Tabor in Galilee and the time as forty days before Good Friday.

What the Gospels teach with certainty is that the Lord Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him up a high mountain to prepare for his coming passion and death, and while Jesus was absorbed in prayer he was joined by Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets, who were sent to help him accomplish his passover in Jerusalem by speaking with him about the suffering he would endure. And in that moment, the uncreated light of divine glory which belongs by nature to God the Son was unveiled through his human flesh for a fleeting moment as the voice of God the Father was heard, and the three Apostles who would soon accompany Christ in the garden of Gethsemane beheld the radiant glory of God in the Lord Jesus. This combination of suffering and glory reveals the paradox at the heart of the Gospel and spoken of by the Lord Jesus just before His Transfiguration: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (Luke 9.23-24)

The oldest known liturgical celebration of this feast was in the Armenian Church, and the 7th century Armenian Bishop Gregory Arsharuni wrote that the feast was placed in the calendar by Saint Gregory the Illuminator in the early 4th century. In the Orthodox Church, the Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, and it is both preceded by a fast and celebrated with a Vigil and an Octave, in the way Latin Rite Catholics celebrate Christmas and Easter. These liturgical observances underscore the importance of the sacred truths revealed to us by the Transfiguration of the Lord.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, which from antiquity has been kept on 6 August, gradually entered the liturgical life of the Western Church through our monasteries, and by the tenth century this feast was observed in many of the dioceses of England, France and Germany. But despite the importance and widespread celebration of this feast, it was not placed by the pope on the universal calendar of the Roman Rite until the 15th century. The Feast of the Transfiguration is one of the few liturgical celebrations in our calendar that are kept even on Sundays, but this year the feast falls on Saturday. Take time on 6 August to read the account of the Transfiguration in one or more of the Gospels, and give thanks for the glory of God revealed in the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 31 July

7.30 am ✧ Marvin R Robertson  
 9.00 am ✧ Caleb & Heather Hulsey  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 1 August

7.00 am ✧ John Robert Kuebler

### Tuesday 2 August

7.00 am ✧ Terry Kiefer

### Wednesday 3 August

7.00 am Brooks Anthony Perkins

### Thursday 4 August

7.00 am Ana Lucia Cordova  
& Family

### Friday 5 August

7.00 am Luci Banks Sieber

### Saturday 6 August

5.00 pm Fr Jay Scott Newman

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 31 July

No Nursery (resumes 14 August)

### Monday 1 August

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery

### Tuesday 2 August

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class (G)

### Wednesday 3 August

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour  
& Confessions (church)

### Thursday 4 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 5 August

#### 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 6 August

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 23/24 July

Needed	37,725
Received	33,207
Shortage	- 4,518

Poor Box	446
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	150,900
Received	146,536
Shortage	- 4,364

**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

Donations Received	4,557,007
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Pledge Balance	628,722
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Still to Go	1,814,271
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G - Gallivan Hall      M - McGrady Hall  
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia O'Leary and Mary 'Maureen' Griffin, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families and friends.

## Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## 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, 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, and James Noak.

## 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](mailto:john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org). Thank you.

## Ministry to the Widowed

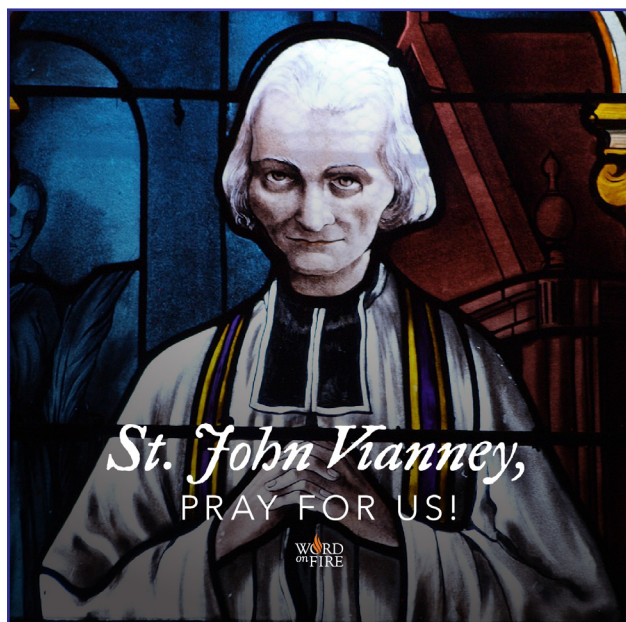
Consider attending this free seminar! 2022 Grief Seminar is Thursday 8 September from 6.45-8.30 pm at Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Pl, Simpsonville). Register at <https://thomasmcafee.com/2022-grief-seminar/>. Contact Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 or [bescoggins@bellsouth.net](mailto:bescoggins@bellsouth.net)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

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 30/31 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

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

## Project Host Donation

Project Host thanks the parishioners of St Mary's Catholic Church for their generous donation towards continuing Project Host's mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed. We are so fortunate to have your support in all we do!

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Chase & Rebecca Kasper, Shaun & Joan Blake.



## 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](mailto: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!

*Be who God meant  
you to be and you  
will set the world  
on fire.*  
-St. Catherine of Siena

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women is a sisterhood of women striving to be the women God calls us to be. We serve our parish and greater community through our volunteer work and our prayers. We grow in our spirituality and form lasting friendships. For membership information, contact Judy Lema at [airamel@aol.com](mailto:airamel@aol.com).

COME JOIN US!



Catholic Radio in South Carolina  
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming  
information, visit  
<https://catholicradioinsec.com>

## 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](http://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](mailto:arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org) for details.



# An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm  
7 September through Easter  
Sacred Heart Hall

*Free of charge but registration is required.*

## **Are you interested in becoming Catholic?**

*Then this is the right course for you.*

## **Were you baptized Catholic but never confirmed?**

*Then this also is the right course for you.*

## **Are you a Catholic in need of a refresher course in Church teachings?**

*Then this definitely is the right course for you.*

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *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. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** 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 or to Register please visit  
[www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism](http://www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism)





# St Mary's Religious Education



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Contact Linda Jackson**  
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864.679.4110

## **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**

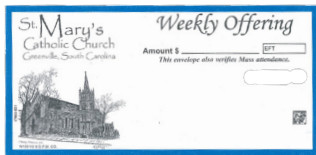
St Mary's Religious Education is looking for additional volunteers to help with the Wednesday Night program for Grade 1-8. All teacher positions are filled but can use some additional assistants, subs, and ancillary help on these evenings. Classes run Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30 pm September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

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### 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**.

SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC NURSES

# Living the Faith as a Catholic Nurse

AUGUST 13TH AT 11:00

Mass  
Reception & Lunch  
Presentation by Kathy Schmugge

Cardinal Newman School  
2945 Alpine Rd  
Columbia, SC 29223  
Registration fee (includes lunch) \$15

RSVP by August 1st  
forms.gle/SDiEMf9fsy98wxmw9  
scCatholicNurses@gmail.com



## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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](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!):

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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:stclareshome@charlestandioocese.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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:stclareshome@charlestandioocese.org). Visit [stclareshomesc.org](http://stclareshomesc.org).

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Christ said “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage with the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on 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](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803.810.9602.

### Natural Family Planning Classes

#### Virtual Sessions

Thursday 4 August at 7.00 pm - [lexiesawonik@gmail.com](mailto:lexiesawonik@gmail.com)  
Thursday 18 August at 6.30 pm - [janellenapro@gmail.com](mailto:janellenapro@gmail.com)

#### In Person Sessions

Thursday 11 August at 7.00 pm at  
St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - [napronurse@aol.com](mailto:napronurse@aol.com)  
Wednesday 17 August at 6.30 pm at  
St Joseph (Columbia) - [naprogal@gmail.com](mailto:naprogal@gmail.com)  
Monday 22 August at 7.00 pm at St Mary  
Magdalene (Simpsonville) - [milesbmaggie@gmail.com](mailto:milesbmaggie@gmail.com)

Email to register for the August Creighton Model NFP Introductory Sessions. Instructors are available for Natural Family Planning International, Couple to Couple League, Billings (Spanish) and Marquette Method upon request. Please contact [jflorendo@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:jflorendo@charlestandioocese.org) for more information.

### 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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