



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 August 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thirty-five years ago this week, my seminary classmates and I arrived in Rome to begin our studies, and the day we moved into the Pontifical North American College was the Feast of Saint Augustine. So I am especially mindful this week that the sacred liturgy rejoices in two of the most remarkable personalities in Christian history: 27 August is the feast of Saint Monica, and 28 August is the feast of her son, Saint Augustine - although this year his feast will not be kept because the 28th falls on Sunday.

Almost everything we know about Monica comes from the writings of her son, and he offers a clear portrait of his mother. Monica was born in North Africa, probably in the city of Thagaste, in the ancient Berber kingdom of Numidia. By the time of Monica's birth around 331 ad, Numidia (modern day Algeria and Tunisia) was part of the Roman province of North Africa, and so Monica and her son were Roman citizens. Monica's parents were Christians, and from them she received a careful instruction in the truth of the Gospel and the virtues of Christian living. According to the custom of the time, Monica's parents chose her husband for her, and she married a man named Patricius, who seems to have been an agnostic of sorts, neither a true pagan nor a believing Christian.

Augustine was born in Thagaste in 354, the first child of his parents. He was a brilliant student, and from earliest years it was clear that he was capable of extraordinary accomplishment. In part because of his academic potential, his parents did not arrange a marriage for Augustine, and this would later lead him to live for fifteen years with a woman who was not his wife and with whom he had a son. At age 16, Augustine was sent to Carthage to study, and he prepared to be a lawyer but then decided to run his own school, first in Carthage and then in Rome. He became fascinated with the strange and heretical philosophy of Manicheism, and for several years he thought of orthodox Christianity as foolish superstition, suitable only for people who were ignorant and credulous.

After sending his mistress back to Africa, Augustine moved from Rome to Milan in 385, and there he came under the influence of one of the great Christian teachers of all time: Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan. Ambrose taught Augustine the truth of the Gospel and led him to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and at the Easter Vigil of 387, Ambrose baptized Augustine in the Cathedral Church of Milan, thus fulfilling the hopes of his mother Monica who had prayed for that moment for thirty years. After several more months in Italy and Monica's death in the Roman port at Ostia, Augustine returned to North Africa, and in 391 he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Hippo. Four years later, Augustine became the Bishop of Hippo, and for thirty-five years he exercised one of the most remarkable ministries of teaching in the history of the Catholic Church. Saint Augustine's autobiography called "Confessions" is remarkably modern in many ways, and if you want to spend time with two of the great Christian witnesses of all time, read the "Confessions" of Saint Augustine.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 August

7.30 am ✱ Anthony Bamba
 9.00 am The Russell Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 22 August

7.00 am ✱ Jennifer Perkins Kenway

Tuesday 23 August

7.00 am ✱ John Robert Kuebler

Wednesday 24 August

7.00 am ✱ Joseph & Christine Sufczynski

Thursday 25 August

7.00 am ✱ All Souls in Purgatory

Friday 26 August

7.00 am Joan Gevaert

Saturday 27 August

5.00 pm ✱ MacKay Hulsey &
 Kirstin Wright

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 21 August

KofC Breakfast: After Morning Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group
 (Francis Field)

Monday 22 August

6.30 pm Cub Scouts (P)

Tuesday 23 August

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class (G)

Wednesday 24 August

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)

Thursday 25 August

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 26 August

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)
 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)
 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary (G)

Saturday 27 August

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd
 abortion clinic
 10.00 am Coffee & Cake for the Widowed
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 13/14 August

Needed	37,725
Received	46,040
Surplus	+ 8,315

Poor Box	582
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	264,075
Received	271,929
Surplus	+ 7,854

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	4,583,835

Pledge	
Balance	625,673

Still to Go	1,790,492
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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 James Noak (brother of Margaret Noak) and Craig Arnold, 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, 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, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Mark Greenaway, and Anthony Harris.

Ministry to the Widowed

You are invited! We are hosting another Coffee & Cake gathering for our widowed parishioners on Saturday 27 August at 10.00 am in Sacred Heart Hall. Come for fellowship, comfort, compassion, and spiritual peace. Contact Eileen Scoggins at 864.415.8289 or bescoggins@bellsouth.net with questions.

Disaster Relief Collection

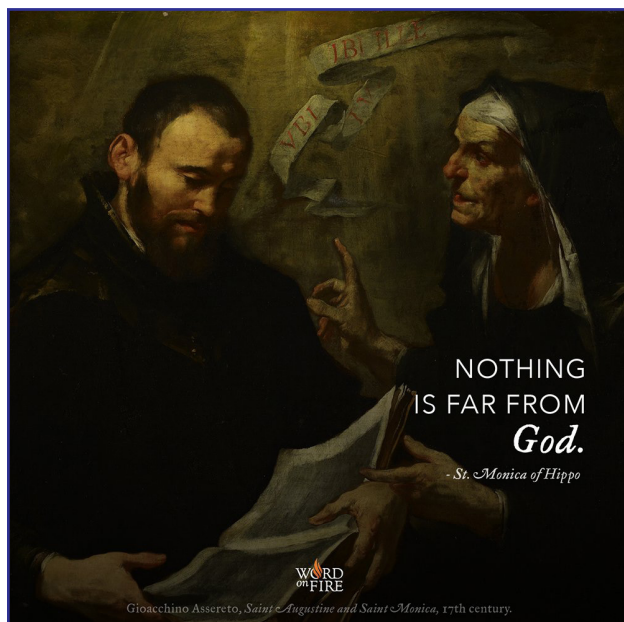
For the past several years, the bishop has authorized a second collection to assist those affected by the devastating impact of hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters. This year's impacts will be long-lasting with the loss of life due to the torrential rains and flooding in Kentucky, in addition to the thousands of homes, businesses, and churches across the country that have been severely damaged or destroyed in other tragedies. Funds collected will become part of the Bishop's Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services. Please offer your prayers for families who have lost loved ones, homes and businesses.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 August

Disaster Relief
Support of the Parish

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



Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group will hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday 21 August at 6.00 pm. All parishioners of high school age who are interested in attending should meet the group at Francis Field. As always, dinner will be provided.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Nicolas Abreu & Azalia Martinez, Benjamin Quattrone, Sugey Carillo Hidalgo, Andres David Roza & Yeny Patricia Ramos, Juan Antonio Gonzalez & Valeria Tinajero Cuevas, Sergio Ruiz & Karen Rios Bermudez, Matthew Lewis, Caitlyn Leggat, Stephen & Caroline Astemborski, Luis Ordonez & Juliette Mazuera, Russell & Christy Herbert, John & Sarah Bonnette.



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

Music at St Mary's

ST MARY'S YOUTH CHOIR



Affectionately referred to as ENYA (Ensemble of Not-Yet Adults), the Youth Choir has resumed its weekly Friday afternoon rehearsals. The choir prepares and presents music by composers of high

quality sacred music - Mozart, Faure, Wesley, Vaughan-Williams and other biggies. In addition to these, their weekly responsibilities at the 9.00 am Mass include singing the propers, responsorial psalm and gospel acclamation, two, sometimes three anthems, descants on the hymns and some Anglican Chant, just for good measure. Their repertoire ranges from music of ancient chant to the modern age. The choir is open to all young people from 3rd grade through high school. Rehearsals are 3.30 - 5.00 pm on Friday afternoons. The key to a successful young peoples' choral program is to challenge them with music of high caliber. Parents who are interested in having their children learn how to sing well, read music and to artistically participate in the sacred liturgy should contact Choirmaster Arlen Clarke at arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org.



JOIN ST MARY'S ADULT CHOIR



A Feast Day will be appointed in your honor.

Contact the Choirmaster at
arlen.clarke@stmarysgvl.org for details.

THE LITURGICAL ARTS

There is more to church music than preparing, rehearsing, and presenting music for the weekly liturgy. Growing tomorrow's artists is an important part of the music ministry. It involves encouraging young adults in their first glimmers of interest in the liturgical arts. These four St Mary's young men are examples. Max Feltes is a fine pianist and has added composition to his musical interests. Florian Covington has expanded his piano skills to the pipe organ. Edmund Covington and Matthew Buckley are both budding composers of sacred music. All except Buckley, whose recent music is suitable for Lent, have contributed to the sacred liturgy by having the fruits of their labor presented at Mass. Their music is of a high caliber and worthy to be used at St Mary's.





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

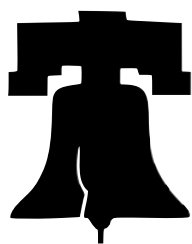
(Deadline is August 26)

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](#)

St Mary's Catholic Church &
 The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
present

The Roots of American Order

A four week course with Dr Daniel Sundahl



October 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 6.30 pm

St Mary's Catholic Church – McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Join us on the Thursday evenings of October for a joyful romp through the ideas that led to the American Founding. This course is organized around the works of the great American intellectual historian Russel Kirk, and especially his book, *The Roots of American Order*. You will not want to miss this. And if you have a child in high school, do them a favor and make them come too! You will thank us later.



Daniel James Sundahl is Emeritus Professor in American Studies and English at Hillsdale College where he taught for over 35 years. His graduate degrees, MA and Ph.D in United States Intellectual History, are both from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He and his wife have lived in the Upstate since April 2015 and attend Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

To Register Contact TJ Nielsen at tjnielsen@evangelicalcatholicism.com

Limited Space is Available - Registration Closes 14 September

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

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

"You have approached Mount Zion, and the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering." ~Heb 12.22

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 12 am,* 1 am* & 2 am*

Saturday 7 am & 10 am

Catholic Charities Donations Needed

Catholic Charities Upstate (2300 Old Buncombe Rd) is currently operating its Clothing Closet on Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and Mobile Clean of Heart (shower ministry for the unhoused) two Saturdays a month from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. If you are moved to donate, we are gratefully accepting donations of the following: underwear for men and women (all sizes) and new or gently used walking shoes for men and women (all sizes). For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Delia Gutierrez at dgutierrez@charlestandiocese.org or 864.331.2629.

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>.




10th Marian Eucharistic Conference
October 28 - 29, 2022

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist








Hilton Hotel
 45 West Orchard Park Drive,
 Greenville, SC 29615
General Admission: \$105
Youth: \$ 65
Dinner on Fri. and buffet lunch on Sat. are included All are required to register by October 15




Friday, Oct. 28
 Doors open: 2:00 pm
 Confessions,
 Holy Hour: 3:30 pm
 Mass: 5:00 pm
 Dinner: 6 pm
 Talks



Saturday, Oct. 29
 Doors open: 7:40 am
 Talks,
 Lunch,
 Sunday Vigil Mass:
 4:10 pm,

For more information,
 please go to www.meconferencesc.net
 Registration after Oct. 15, \$ 115
 There is NO registration at the door

Lay Carmelites

What does it mean to be a Lay Carmelite? If you have ever wondered about this, The Servants of Mary and Joseph Lay Carmelite Community would like to invite you to a brief 30 minute introduction to the Lay Carmelite life at St Mary Magdalene on Tuesday 13 September at 10.00 am in the Parish Life Center (room 107) or Thursday 15 September at 8.00 pm in the Conner Ministry building (room 206).

Many people want a deeper prayer life that truly connects them to our Lord. Did you know there are three stages of prayer that people typically pass through? Did you know St Teresa of Avila recommends determination as a trait for progress? The Carmelite charism is PRAYER! It has been studied! There is a path! Come hear more -- no commitment, just information!

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

Monday 22 August at 7.00 pm at St Mary Magdalene (Simpsonville) - milesbmaggie@gmail.com

Email to register for the August Creighton Model NFP Introductory Sessions. For information about all NFP methods please contact jflorendo@charlestandiocese.org.

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