

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

13 November 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and during Mass at 9 and 11 am our sacred music will be fitting for the sovereign Lord of all creation. Then in two weeks we will begin a new Year of Grace on the First Sunday of Advent, and once again we will celebrate Solemn Vespers at 5 pm on each Sunday of Advent. Please plan now to join us for Advent Vespers and to bring a friend for 30 minutes of beautiful music, peaceful prayer, and sacred silence.

Our Bishop Jacques will be with us on Tuesday 22 November to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to more than 50 young men and women, and the day before he will do the same for a similar group at our mission church of San Sebastian. Pray for these young Christians that they may be bold witnesses to Christ through radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Thursday 8 December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation, and we will celebrate Mass at 7 am, 12 noon and 7 pm on that Thursday. Every Sunday of the year is a holy day of obligation by divine precept, and several other days of the year are holy days of obligation by ecclesiastical precept — meaning that the Church is exercising the binding part of the power of binding and loosing given to the Apostles by the Lord Jesus.

In the United States, these holy days of obligation are: 1 January, the Solemnity of the Mother of God; 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption; 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints; 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and 25 December, the Solemnity of the Birth of the Lord Jesus. The Solemnity of the Ascension is also a holy day of obligation, but in the United States that observance is now transferred from 40 days after Easter to the following Sunday.

All of the above means that in a year when none of the holy days falls on a Sunday, Catholics are expected to attend Mass a minimum of 59 times. Even if you allow an hour of travel time for each Mass, that comes to about 120 hours each year for us to be at Mass or traveling to and from Mass. Most studies show that Americans spend an average of 1500 to 1800 hours each year watching television, and the Church asks us for 120 hours each year to worship the living God in spirit and truth. When we so easily give ourselves to 15 hours of television for each hour spent in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, how is it possible that so many Catholics simply don't bother to accept the invitation of the Lord Jesus to "do this in memory of me"? Resolve now to make every effort in the coming year to attend Mass each Sunday and holy day and help a faltering Catholic return to regular practice of the Faith. And we can begin this work by celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King next week and then keeping a holy Advent.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 13 November

7.30 am Tommy & Cailin Sullivan 9.00 am Anastasia Smith & Family

11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 14 November

7.00 am
♣ Joel Naylor

Tuesday 15 November

7.00 am ♣ Lenore Cole

Wednesday 16 November

7.00 am

★ Erciso Massa

Thursday 17 November

7.00 am ♣ Furman & Lois Cooper

Friday 18 November

7.00 am ★ Margaret Martin

Saturday 19 November

5.00 pm

♣ Jeanne Pfeiffer

Sunday 13 November

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 (G)

Monday 14 November

Tuesday 15 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group 6.30 pm Altar Server Training (church)

Wednesday 16 November

7.30 am SMS Moms' Bible Study9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 17 November

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 18 November

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 19 November

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 5/6 November

 Needed
 37,725

 Received
 40,069

 Surplus
 + 2,344

Poor Box 625

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 716,775

 Received
 728,565

 Surplus
 + 11,790

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 4,781,097

Pledge

Balance 541,242

Still to Go 1,677,661

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on the following Wednesdays

23 November & 28 December

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Samuel Peter Howard Jr, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family 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, 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, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Rodney 'Butch' Artrip, Michael Tierney, Andrew Buckley, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, and Aurelia LaValley.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living

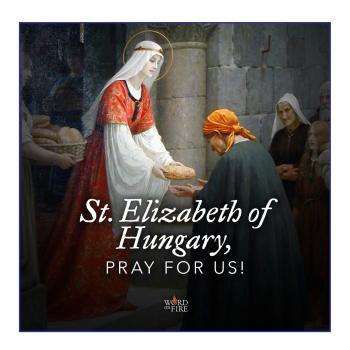
or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). Please print your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday 18 December for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parish News

Collection for 12/13 November

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Paul Christopher O'Steen and Gentry Ann Earle who were married last weekend.

Bernice Elisam Bodjona and Jayden Bodjona who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Bridget Creedon, Scott & Michele Cockerill, Carlos Balderas, Fatima Arey, Laura Signoretti, Peter Janowski, Virgilio & Miriam Lopez, Mary Sobus, Mary Derby, John Heacock, Alec Dohmann & Lacey Blanton.

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An Advent Morning of Recollection

with Fr Jon Polce, SJ

Saturday 3 December 2022

8.30 am Mass in the Church 9.00 am Coffee and Pastries in Gallivan Hall 9.30 to 11.30 am Two Conferences in Gallivan Hall

Free registration is required on the parish website www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/advent



About Father Polce

Father Jon Polce is a priest of the Society of Jesus and is currently the chaplain of Jesuit High School in New Orleans where he also teaches theology. He is a native of Connecticut and went to college at the University of Dallas. He entered the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits in 2011, and he was ordained a priest for the Society of Jesus in 2022. He holds a licentiate in Sacred Scripture from Boston College and a Master of Philosophy from the Institute of Christian Studies at the University of Toronto. He has an interest in St Paul and also in the distinct ways the New Testament authors use the Old Testament in their writings.

Knights of Columbus

Christmas Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at St Mary's Parish. The contest is for boys and girls ages 5-14. Age Divisions are 5-7 (Grade K-2), 8-10 (Grade 3-5), and 11-14 (Grade 6-8). The posters must be 11x17 inches and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. The deadline is 2 December. For more information and entry form, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for Boys and Girls ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/23) at St Mary's Gym on Saturday 10 December at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Holliday and John McGrath. Secondary school

athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. For more information, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

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. <u>Our next dinner is Saturday 10 December at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall.</u> 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!

Altar Server Training

A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for Tuesday 15 November at 6.30 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

School Book Fair

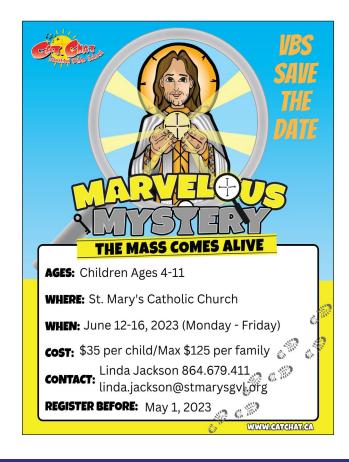


Help us grow St Mary's School Library! Shop in person after the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses on Sunday 20 November in Gallivan Hall

from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. A percentage of all purchases go directly to the school library. Visit https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stmarysschoolgvl to shop online from 14-27 November. Thank you for supporting our school!

Altar Guild Ministry

This ministry is currently recruiting members. The ladies meet on Friday mornings at 9.00 am. Members of the Altar Guild care for the implements of divine worship, including cleaning the sacred vessels used in the celebration of Mass. Please contact Nancy Criss at 864.834.1849 or 210.386.8970 or email nancycriss@msn.com if interested.





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parent Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm
7 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

For more Information or to Register please visit www.smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism

Introducing the St. Mary's 2022 Window Ornament:

"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary"

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC

Ornament Description

Front:

top: St. Mary's Catholic Church bottom: Greenville, South Carolina

left side: right side: 22

Back: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Size: 1.67" W x 4.4" H

Purchase and Pick Up

- A. Pre-order and reserve your ornament, pick up at date below, or
- B. Purchase and pick up on -

Saturday and Sunday 3 & 4 December 2022 Dining Room of Pazdan Hall

Contact for questions - Cathy Spitzmiller, 864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com

Cost: \$20.00 (by check), \$21.00 (by electronic payment)

Pre-orders, paying by check, use coupon below,

Electronic Payment link:

https://square.link/u/UroTOhxb?src=sheet





Sponsored by the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Each Catholic woman can help build the church community by participating in a council of Catholic women. We are fortunate to have such an organization here at St. Mary's Church. There are opportunities for every woman to participate and meet new friends! We invite you to join us! For information contact:

President Karoline O'Rourke, karolineorourke@gmail.com, 864.630.3462

If paying by check:

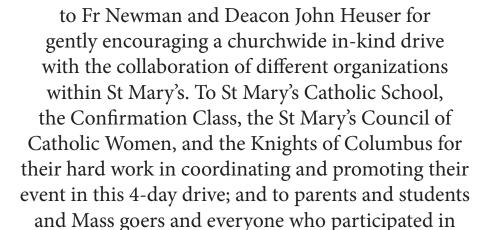
Complete form below and make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Mail both to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

SMCCW 2022 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:			
Name			
Address			
E-Mail Address		Phone	
Number of Ornaments	x \$20.00 (if check) each	Total Enclosed \$	



Our Lady's Pantry staff and volunteers would like to extend a huuuuuge

THANK YOU!



Your donations resulted in receipt of approximately 3100 lbs of goods including everything from hygiene products to baby needs, to the shelf stable food products most needed at the pantry - and a financial donation of \$485. We are truly moved and our little hearts are filled with so much gratitude. Thank you for supporting our mission to serve those in need!

any capacity for their incredible generosity!

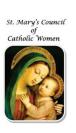












Our Lady's Pantry serves approximately 150+ families a month!

Advent Vespers

at

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



November 27

December 4

December 11

December 18

Sung by the Schola Cantorum

Arlen Clarke, Choirmaster

Emily Cortes, Organist

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 <u>Inactive</u> 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.whalen@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://charlestondiocese.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**.

Steve Ray at St Joseph's



St Joseph Church (Anderson) welcomes Steve Ray, host of the popular, award-winning film series on salvation history *The Footprints of God* and author of the best-

selling books *Crossing the Tiber* and *St John's Gospel*, on Wednesday 30 November at 7.00 pm to speak on Defending the Eucharist. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Visit https://sjccs.net for more information.

Mom's Advent Retreat



Young Moms! This is an Advent Retreat for you! Taking some time away to spend with Our Lord in the beauty of nature and in the company of other moms can be one of the best things you can do for not only yourself, but also your family. This simple, short retreat is tailored for the

busy mom who'd like some time away to pray, reflect, engage in friendly conversations, and be pampered just a little. The retreat runs from Friday evening 2 December through Saturday evening 3 December at Heart Ridge Catholic Retreat Center (Sunset). Nursing infants are welcome. Visit https://www.heartridgeministries.com/momsretreat.html to learn more and register.

Walking With Moms In Need

Our Lady of the Rosary's new outreach Walking with Moms in Need will assist moms, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering our support for the concerns and questions she has as she decides what she'll need to provide for herself and her growing baby. Once a mom contacts us, we can invite her to meet with us where she can receive comfort and a confidential, listening ear. Whether it's applying for Medicaid, finding a food bank, clothing closet, looking into prenatal care, delivery options or planning for childcare after delivery, WWMIN is there to help each mom navigate the support that is all around us. If you feel called to this important outreach for moms and can provide a couple of hours (once a week or bi-weekly), please contact wwmin@proton.me or 864.412.7101.

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Prince of Peace

"Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!" ~1 Chronicles 16.11 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!):

Sunday 8 pm*
Tuesday 1 pm*
Wednesday 7 am, 9 am & 12 pm
Thursday 1 am* & 12 pm
Friday 8 am
Saturday 12 pm

Natural Family Planning Classes

<u>Virtual</u> - 17 November at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com <u>In Person</u> - 16 November at 6.30 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

Email to register for the November Introductory Sessions.



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