



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

20 November 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The new Year of Grace will begin next week with the First Sunday of Advent, and on each of the four Sundays of Advent we will gather at 5 pm to sing the psalms and canticles of Vespers or Evening Prayer. Please join us at 5 pm on each of the Sundays of Advent, and bring a friend to prepare with peaceful prayer for the coming celebration of Christ's birth.

But on this last Sunday of the liturgical year we close the old Year of Grace with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year on this feast, the Church throughout the world acclaims Jesus Christ as King, and describing the Lord Jesus as our true King is, of course, an analogy to a form of earthly authority with which we Americans are not well acquainted. But the true nature of the dominion of the Lord Jesus is revealed through the types and figures of Christ in the Sacred Scriptures rather than in the tortured history of earthly monarchies, and this is true most especially of King David, the simple shepherd who was anointed to lead the children of Israel. On this Solemnity of Christ the King, we should recall that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who protects his flock and seeks out the lost sheep. But we must also remember that the sovereignty of Christ is disputed in every human heart, including ours, and that the Son of Man will exclude from his everlasting kingdom those who neglect the "least of his brethren."

Saint Matthew records in Chapter 25, verses 31-46, that the Lord Jesus commands us to feed the hungry, to welcome the immigrant, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to clothe the naked if we are to be numbered among his flock at the End of Days. These sober words of the Word made flesh should inspire us to find practical ways to shape our lives according to the Gospel and so put flesh on the bones of our profession of faith. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7.21). And in this liberating truth we learn the connection between the priesthood of Christ and the kingship of Christ: to serve is to rule. Let us then resolve to serve one another and all of our brothers and sisters in love, that we may be gathered at the Day of the Lord into the eternal Kingdom of Christ. The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for this Solemnity draws together all of these strands:

"Almighty and eternal God ... you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." Amen. Alleluia!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 20 November

7.30 am Covington Family
 9.00 am William Miros & Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 21 November

7.00 am ✕ The Norungolo Family

Tuesday 22 November

7.00 am ✕ Tuyen Van Pham

Wednesday 23 November

7.00 am ✕ Howard P Hallas

Thursday 24 November

Thanksgiving Day - No Mass,
 Church Closed

Friday 25 November

7.00 am William Miros
 Church Closed After Mass

Saturday 26 November

5.00 pm Ana Maria Restrepo

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 20 November

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P)
 SMS Book Fair: After 9.00 & 11.00 Masses (G)
 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 (M)

Monday 21 November

Tuesday 22 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group
 6.30 pm Confirmation

Wednesday 23 November

Parish Office Closed
 No Holy Hour & Confessions
 No Religious Education Classes

Thursday 24 November

Thanksgiving Day - Parish Office Closed

Friday 25 November

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 26 November

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 12/13 November

Needed	37,725
Received	40,451
Surplus	+ 2,726

Poor Box	828
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	754,500
Received	769,016
Surplus	+ 14,516

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	4,785,582
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Pledge Balance	540,267
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Still to Go	1,674,151
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on
Wednesday 23 November & 28 December

No Confessions on Saturday 24 December

Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday 24 November (Thanksgiving Day) and the church will be closed all day. After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 25 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 22 November and will reopen on Monday 28 November at 9.00 am.

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, Aurelia LaValley and Bonnie Clinbeard.

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 19/20 November

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

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



Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 20 November**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

st mary's catholic church
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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
<https://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.

Confirmation

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. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week.

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 dinner is Saturday 10 December 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!

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.

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.



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SAVE
THE
DATE**

MARVELOUS MYSTERY

THE MASS COMES ALIVE

AGES: Children Ages 4-11

WHERE: St. Mary's Catholic Church

WHEN: June 12-16, 2023 (Monday - Friday)

COST: \$35 per child/Max \$125 per family

CONTACT: Linda Jackson 864.679.411
linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org

REGISTER BEFORE: May 1, 2023

WWW.CATCHAT.CA



St Mary's Religious Education



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

Religious Education Grades 1-8

No Class this week; Wednesday 23 November
Happy Thanksgiving!

Confirmation

Confirmation Practice is Monday 21 November at 6.00 pm
and Confirmation is Tuesday 22 November at 6.30 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

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

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
<https://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: 20
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,
 or use**

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 \$ _____

Women of St. Mary's Christmas Luncheon

All women of the parish are invited
to join the members of the St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
at their annual Christmas Luncheon

Meet new friends as we celebrate the birth of Christ together!

Tuesday, 13 December 2022

Green Valley Country Club

225 Green Valley Drive, Greenville

12:00 pm: Meet and Greet

12:30 - 2:00 pm: Lunch and Fellowship

Menu:

Green Valley Salad, Rolls and Butter

Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Sauteed Vegetables

Dessert, Coffee and Iced Tea

Cash Bar – Wine (\$6.00 glass), Beer (\$5.00 bottle)

Cost: \$25.00 (by check), \$26.00 (by electronic payment)
(Includes lunch, sales tax, and tip)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Tuesday, 6 December 2022

Electronic Payment Link: <https://square.link/u/NLLCPdcd?src=sheet>

Contact: Karoline O'Rourke, 864.630.3462 or karolineorourke@gmail.com



Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Mail coupon below & check to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505 Greenville, SC 29602

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women 2022 Christmas Luncheon

Name: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Number of Lunches: _____ x \$25 each (by check) = Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Are you a St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Member: Yes No (circle one)

Advent Vespers

at

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Sundays at 5:00 PM

November 27

December 4

December 11

December 18

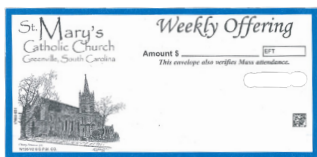
Sung by the Schola Cantorum

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 **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.

A Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
The beginning and end of all things,

You have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and
beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one
body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable
and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one
another's burdens,

And give us the courage to always be friends
of the truth.

May we remain with you always.

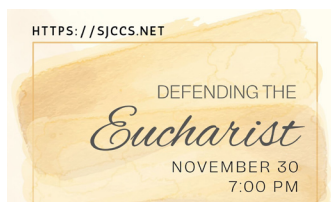
Amen.



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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.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" ~Psalm 122:1

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 9 am & 12 pm

Thursday 1 am* & 12 pm

Friday 8 am

Saturday 12 pm* & 2 pm*



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming
information, visit

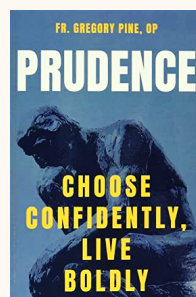
<https://catholicradioinnc.com>

Study with the Sisters

January Book Club and Discernment Nights

For single women age 14-29

Friday, Jan. 6, 13, and 20, 2023 from 7:00-8:30pm
Friday, Jan. 27 from 6:00-8:30 (dinner and adoration)



Book for discussion:

**PRUDENCE:
CHOOSE
CONFIDENTLY,
LIVE BOLDLY**

Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.

Please order your own copy.

RSVP by **January 2** for more details

Sr. Marie Celine, O.P. || greenville@op-tn.org



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Saint Cecilia
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