



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

27 November 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was December, and another Christmas was at our throats. That was the dim view of all things Yule taken by the English humorist P.G. Wodehouse, and it is a sentiment most of us can readily understand. To avoid the frenzy which induces that feeling, we need to grasp what the Grinch perceived with wonder from the summit of Mount Crumpit: That Christmas “came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.” And the very best way to arrive at this insight is to keep a holy Advent.

The twin peaks of the liturgical year are Easter and Christmas, and both of these celebrations are preceded by a period of preparation. The purple of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ’s Birth and Resurrection, and this is where the cultural and secular observance of Christmas can get in the way of a good Advent. On the radio and at the mall, Christmas has already been at our throats for some time, but today is just the first Sunday of Advent. And on December 26th when the Church is only beginning to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas, evergreen trees will begin to pile up on the curb and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will disappear until next Halloween. Let’s just say STOP!

We now have four weeks in which to ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he did come to suffer and die for us. In the present he does come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. All three of these “advents” are part of this beautiful season of the liturgy, and if we attend to the Church’s rhythm of prayer, penance and preparation, then when Christmas Eve arrives, we will not be exhausted; we will be elated.

So, how to do this? 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day. 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm here in the church. 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day. 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone’s name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need. 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy.

December is at hand, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare to celebrate the Birth of the Messiah with a worthy Advent.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 27 November

7.30 am	* Willie and Elizabeth Hall
9.00 am	The Lema Family
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 28 November

7.00 am	* Danny Kutej
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Tuesday 29 November

7.00 am	* Hoang Thi Chat
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Wednesday 30 November

7.00 am	Michael & Patricia Sechrist
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Thursday 1 December

7.00 am	* Manuel Jose Soto
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Friday 2 December

7.00 am	Karen & Stephen Polce & Family
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Saturday 3 December

5.00 pm	* John & Ella Mae Blessing
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 November

5.00 pm	Advent Vespers (church)
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Monday 28 November

Tuesday 29 November

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 30 November

7.30 am	SMS Moms' Bible Study
9.30 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 1 December

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 2 December

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 3 December

8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
9.00 am	Advent Day of Recollection (G)
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
SMCCW Bake Sale & Bazaar: After 5.00 pm Mass (P)	

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 November

Needed	37,725
Received	37,128
Shortage	- 597

Poor Box	519
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	792,225
Received	806,144
Surplus	+ 13,919

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	4,802,288
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Pledge Balance	537,992
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Still to Go	1,659,720
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MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 27 November

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 28 November

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
so that, when he comes and knocks,
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 29 November

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,
that, consoled by the presence of your Son,
whose coming we now await,
we may be tainted no longer
by the corruption of former ways.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 30 November

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power,
so that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Hope

Reminds us: Jesus is coming

*“Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises
to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.’”*

Romans 15.12

Thursday 1 December

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength,
that what our sins impede
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 2 December

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,
that with you to protect us,
we may find rescue
from the pressing dangers of our sins,
and with you to set us free,
we may be found worthy of salvation.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 3 December

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world
to free the human race from its ancient enslavement,
bestow on those who devoutly await him
the grace of your compassion from on high,
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 27 November and 4, 11 & 18 December at 5 pm.

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Confessions on Saturday 24 December

No Holy Hour and Confessions on
Wednesday 28 December

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.

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.

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 26/27 November

Guatemalan Mission
Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Louis Caswell Devine and Lucie McCann Creely who were baptized last weekend.

Matthew Ehren Mumaugh and Maria Angelina Spears who were married last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Jacob Hofferth, Frank & Trena Plavan, Sarah Joyce, Marco & Tamika Lang, Bart Canfield.

Daily Mass Readings

For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 29 November from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

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.

St Mary's GIVING TREE

benefiting St Clare's Home



Come to our parish Bake Sale & Bazaar 3-4 December after Mass and choose one or more gift tags off our Giving Tree. Return your unwrapped gift to Sacred Heart Hall 10-11 or 17-18 December.

St Clare's Home is a maternity home in the Upstate sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston for women facing crisis pregnancies.
<https://stelareshomesc.org>

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Bake Sale & Bazaar

CHRISTMAS Bake Sale

AND BAZAAR

THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL ENGLISH MASSES
PAZDAN HALL

All Proceeds Benefit Our Parish and Catholic Charitable Organizations

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>

st mary's catholic church
presents

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://smcgv1.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.

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 \$ _____



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

NO CLASS THIS WEEK 27 November

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
<https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism>

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

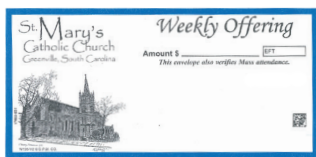
Sung by the Schola Cantorum

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.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.

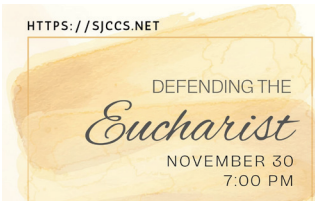
Amen

<https://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**.

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 wmin@proton.me or 864.412.7101.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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://catholicradioinsc.com>

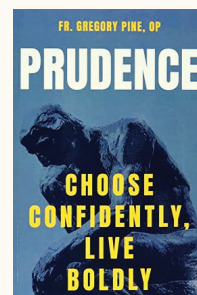
Study with the Sisters

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. | greenvilleeop-tn.org



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