



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

4 December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wednesday of this week is the feast of Saint Ambrose of Milan, one of the most remarkable bishops of the early Church. Aurelius Ambrosius was born around the year 340 in the city of Trier, now in Germany but then in the Roman Province of Gaul. Ambrose's father was the praetorian prefect of Gaul, and in that office he governed a vast portion of the empire. The boy followed his father into the Roman imperial service and received the best education available in Rome, becoming the consular prefect of Liguria and Emilia in northern Italy at the age of 32. Ambrose's official residence as prefect was in Milan, now the largest city in Italy and even then a great metropolis of the ancient world.

According to tradition, the Gospel was first preached in Milan by Saint Barnabas, traveling companion and coworker of Saint Paul, and a bishop was resident in Milan from the early third century. By the time Ambrose arrived in Milan in 372, the diocese was deeply divided by the Arian heresy which, though condemned by the Council of Nicaea in 325, was still a powerful force in many parts of the empire. The Bishop of Milan died in 374, and Ambrose went to the basilica where the election of the new bishop was to take place in order to insure that there would be no riots or violence because of the Arians. In the midst of the deliberations, someone in the crowd shouted "Ambrose, bishop," and the people began to chant his name. Ambrose, who was a Christian believer but had never been baptized, fled the assembly and went into hiding, but after a few days, Ambrose was convinced by friends that he had to accept the acclamation of the people and agree to become their bishop. Over the course of one week Ambrose was baptized and ordained to the priesthood, and on 7 December 374, Prefect Ambrose was consecrated to the episcopate and became Bishop Ambrose of Milan, an office he held until his death in 397.

During his 23 year ministry, Bishop Ambrose proved himself to be one of the finest minds and best administrators the Church has ever had in the episcopate. He decisively dealt with the Arian heretics, restored order to his diocese, worked closely with the pope to secure the faith and discipline of the Church, and still found time to be a poet, musician, liturgist and theologian who shaped the Catholic Church in Milan in distinctive ways that endure even now. In 385 a talented but confused young teacher named Aurelius Augustinus moved to Milan and began to attend Mass celebrated by Ambrose because of the bishop's reputation as teacher of the Gospel. Over several months, Ambrose explained the Christian faith to the skeptical teacher, and at the Easter Vigil of 387, Bishop Ambrose baptized, chrismated (or confirmed), and administered first Holy Communion to the man known to us as Saint Augustine of Hippo. Along with Saints Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great, Ambrose is counted one of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church, and on his feast we give thanks for the life, ministry and intercession of Saint Ambrose of Milan.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 4 December

7.30 am ✱ Lois Jean Biondich
 9.00 am Mary E Gevaert
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 5 December

7.00 am ✱ George E Gevaert

Tuesday 6 December

7.00 am ✱ Campbell Martin

Wednesday 7 December

7.00 am Kerri & Chris Borys & Family

Thursday 8 December

Immaculate Conception

7.00 am ✱ Bill and Carol Rogers
 12.00 pm The Wilson Family
 7.00 pm Pro populo

Friday 9 December

7.00 am ✱ Pham Van Chu

Saturday 10 December

5.00 pm ✱ Corinne Henderson

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 4 December

SMCCW Bake Sale/Bazaar: After all Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)
 2.30 pm Lay Dominicans
 5.00 pm Advent Vespers (church)
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 5 December

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery

Tuesday 6 December

Wednesday 7 December

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 8 December

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 9 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 10 December

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd
 abortion clinic
 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
 6.30 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

Financial Report

Weekend of 26/27 November

Needed	37,725
Received	38,314
Surplus	+ 589

Poor Box	441
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	829,950
Received	844,458
Surplus	+ 14,508

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	4,815,033
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Pledge Balance	536,567
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Still to Go	1,648,400
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE **Second Week** OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 4 December

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 5 December

May our prayer of petition
rise before you, we pray, O Lord,
that, with purity unblemished,
we, your servants, may come, as we desire,
to celebrate the great mystery
of the Incarnation of your Only Begotten Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 6 December

O God, who have shown forth your salvation
to all the ends of the earth,
grant, we pray,
that we may look forward in joy
to the glorious Nativity of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 7 December

Almighty God, who command us
to prepare the way for Christ the Lord,
grant in your kindness, we pray,
that no infirmity may weary us
as we long for the comforting presence
of our heavenly physician.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 2

Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Love

Reminds us: Joseph and Mary's Journey

*"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 8 December

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready
the paths of your Only Begotten Son,
that through his coming
we may be found worthy to serve you
with minds made pure.
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 9 December

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God,
may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten
Son,
that as the author of our salvation himself has taught us,
we may hasten alert and with lighted lamps
to meet him when he comes.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 10 December

May the splendor of your glory dawn in our hearts,
we pray, almighty God,
that all shadows of the night may be scattered
and we may be shown to be children of light
by the advent of your Only Begotten 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 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

Immaculate Conception - 8 December *Holy Day of Obligation*

We will celebrate three Masses for the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the Church in the United States, on Thursday 8 December at 7.00 am, 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm.

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, Bonnie Clinbeard and Sheila Garrison.

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

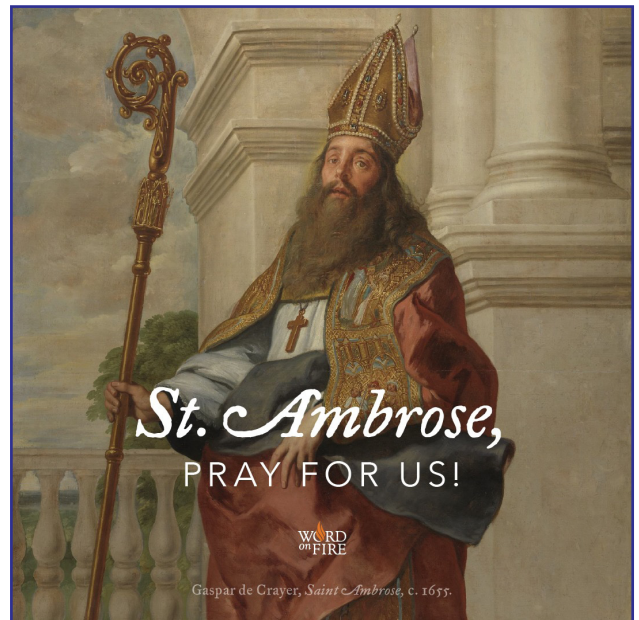
Collection for 3/4 December

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

Collection for 8 December - Immaculate Conception

Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Charlotte Anne Weaver and Scott Matthew Geiger III who were baptized recently.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ariana Ramirez Gonzalez, Gabriel Paluszak, Morgan & Joanne Thurston, Adam & Jenna Beough, Thomas & Kimberly Amadio, Sara Anthony, Dora Perez, Jordan & Jamie Skellie, Jessica Hook, Maria Balderas & Jose Neri.




JOIN US FOR A
Nonprofit
Holiday Market

DECEMBER 8, 5-7PM
AT PROJECT HOST

Buy gifts for family and friends that directly support area nonprofits and their clients.

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>

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.

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 potluck 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!



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>

Knights of Columbus

Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest:

Gabriella Aycock - 1st Place
Alex Gibeau - 2nd Place

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.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

St Anne's Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Come join us! Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airmel@aol.com.



**IBS
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 864.679.4111
linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org
REGISTER BEFORE: May 1, 2023

WWW.CATCHAT.CA

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.

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





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parent Meeting is this week 7 December 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

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>

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

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."
~Alphonsus Liguori

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 1 pm*

Wednesday 12 pm

Thursday 12 pm

Friday 8 am

Saturday 12 pm* & 2 pm*

New Year's Family Retreat

Celebrate the New Year at Heart Ridge with the Family Retreat from Friday 30 December (Feast of the Holy Family) to Sunday 1 January. We will celebrate these great Feast Days of the church, including a family friendly New Year's Eve party with games and a bonfire. The retreat will include lots of free time at this mountain retreat center as well as opportunities for reflections and prayer. Comfortable lodging with all meals provided make this a great mini-vacation for the family. Spaces are limited, so please register soon and learn more at <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/newyearsretreat.html>.

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.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

The retreats in South Carolina are:
December 9-11, 2022—Charleston
March 10-12, 2023-Greenville

For more information or registration

Christy 803 554 6088

Kathy 803 546 6010

Grace4healing@gmail.com

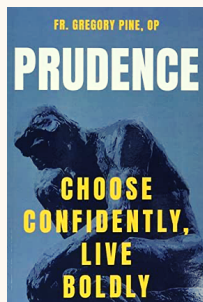
Now is the time

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
Founded in 1860—Nashville

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