



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

18 December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” took shape in France in the 17th century, and in the 19th century it was translated into English and set to the beautiful melody we still sing. But the text of the hymn dates from at least the 9th century and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church’s daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary’s great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St Luke (1.46-55) and called the Magnificat from the first word of the text in Latin. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, these Magnificat antiphons invoke the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. The Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative “O”, are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

✧ O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth.

✧ O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.

✧ O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.

✧ O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

✧ O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

✧ O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.

✧ O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Father Newman



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Holiday Liturgical Schedule

~ Christmas Eve ~

Saturday 24 DECEMBER 2022

No Saturday Confessions

5.00 pm *Mass in the Baum Center for families with children*

5.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church*

7.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church*

8.40 pm *Choir Program in the church (Streamed on Facebook)*

9.00 pm *Solemn Mass During the Night (Streamed on Facebook)*

(The 9.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.)

~ Christmas Day ~

Sunday 25 DECEMBER 2022

11.00 am *Mass in the church*

1.00 pm *Spanish Mass in the church*

No Holy Hour or Confessions on Wednesday 28 December

~ Solemnity of the Mother of God ~

Saturday 31 DECEMBER 2022

3.30 - 4.30 pm *Confessions*

5.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church*

Sunday 1 JANUARY 2022

Normal Sunday liturgical schedule

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 18 December

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| 7.30 am | Peace in Colombia, SA |
| 9.00 am | Fr Richard & Ruth Ballard |
| 11.00 am | Pro populo |
| 1.00 pm | Spanish Mass |

Monday 19 December

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| 7.00 am | Fr Jay Scott Newman |
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Tuesday 20 December

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| 7.00 am | Gomez-Restrepo Family |
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Wednesday 21 December

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| 7.00 am | * Louise Perkins |
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Thursday 22 December

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| 7.00 am | * Barbara Sanfilippo |
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Friday 23 December

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| 7.00 am | * Patti Waters |
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Saturday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Baum Center

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| 5.00 pm | * Gene Gallivan |
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Church

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| 5.00 pm | * Dennis Garvey |
| 7.00 pm | * Dorothy Menze |
| 9.00 pm | Pro populo |

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 18 December

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| KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P) | |
| Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass | |
| 9.00 am | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| 11.00 am | Spanish Bible Class (G) |
| 5.00 pm | Advent Vespers (church) |
| 6.00 pm | High School Youth Group (M) |

Monday 19 December

Tuesday 20 December

Wednesday 21 December

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| 9.30 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study |
| 5.00-6.00 pm | Holy Hour & Confessions (church) |

Thursday 22 December

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| 7.00 pm | Spanish Adoration |
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Friday 23 December

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon

Saturday 24 December

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| 8.00-9.00 am | Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic |
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Financial Report

Weekend of 10/11 December

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| Needed | 37,725 |
| Received | 42,259 |
| Surplus | + 4,534 |

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| Poor Box | 866 |
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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 905,400 |
| Received | 928,768 |
| Surplus | + 23,368 |

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

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| Received | 4,849,354 |
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Pledge

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| Balance | 534,257 |
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| Still to Go | 1,616,389 |
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall
P - Pazdan Hall unless a location is listed



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE Fourth WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Sunday 18 December

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to the world, grant, we pray, that we may venerate with integrity of faith the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation and always celebrate it with due reverence. 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 19 December

O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. 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.

Tuesday 20 December

Hear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life. 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 21 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray, that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Thursday 22 December

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Peace

Reminds us: The message of the angels

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will'" - Luke 2.10-11

Friday 23 December

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass Collects for the Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Night

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Day

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. 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 18 December at 5 pm.

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Confessions on Saturday 24 December

No Holy Hour and Confessions on
Wednesday 28 December

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Martin, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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 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, Sheila Garrison and Shelby Gaschler.

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.

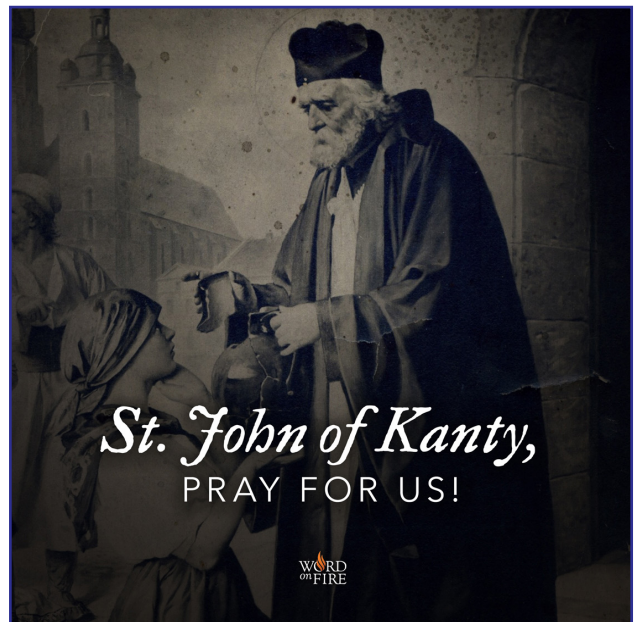
If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). **Please print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. **Memorial requests must be submitted to the 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 17/18 December

Pastoral Solidarity Fund Church in Africa
Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closures

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 23 December for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Tuesday 27 December at 9.00 am.

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 30 December for the New Year holiday and reopen on Tuesday 3 January at 9.00 am.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Gregory & Kimberly Yellman.

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.

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 18 December**. 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.

Lost and Found




As of 1 January 2023, we will be cleaning out the Lost and Found box in the church office and the unclaimed items will be given to charity. If you (or your children) have forgotten any item in the church, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@stmarysgvl.org with a description of the item(s). We have several books, umbrellas, eyeglasses, and children's clothes in the box, among other items. If you forget something in the church on a weekend, you may ask an usher to look for it in the sacristy, but come Monday morning, please send us an email so we can best locate the item and hold it for you.

Christmas Television Special



Join us in celebrating with a 30 minute variety show featuring music from St Anthony of Padua Catholic School choir, cooking, a Christmas message from Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston. Father Jay Scott Newman has a special gift for everyone and so does Father Michael Okere (St

Martin de Porres Church). Watch on 25 December at 10.30 pm on Fox Carolina WHNS (channel 21) in the Upstate and statewide online at <https://www.youtube.com/DioceseChas>.



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



Thank you, St. Mary's Parishioners



Because of your generosity at our Bake Sale & Bazaar, you will enable our women's council to support our parish & other Catholic organizations.

Some of the organizations we support: St. Mary's Parish, St. Mary's Catholic School, St. Mary's Homeschool Assoc., St. Clare's Maternity Home, Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services, Net Ministries, and the Monastery of St. Clare.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

No RE Classes 21 and 28 December
Classes Resume Wednesday 4 January 2023

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO Classes 25 December of 1 January
Classes resume 8 January 2023

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>

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**.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC 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!):

Wednesday 3 pm

Thursday 12 pm

Friday 8 am

Saturday 7am, 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

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Grace4healing@gmail.com

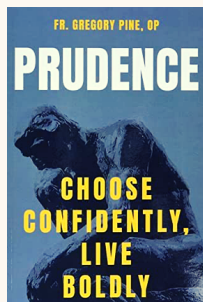
Now is the time

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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