



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

25 December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

On every Sunday and most other Solemnities of the Year, the texts for Mass are the same for both the vigil and the day of the celebration. For the celebration of Christmas, however, the Church provides four different Masses, each with its own Scripture readings and proper prayers, and this is testimony to the richness of this great feast. The four Masses for Christmas are the Vigil, Mass during the Night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass during the Day, and you can read all of the different texts for these four Masses in the missalette. Most of us, of course, never hear the readings proclaimed for the Mass at Dawn because we are still tucked warmly in our beds at that hour, but the lessons appointed for that Mass are filled with tender grace and so I encourage you to take time to read quietly and prayerfully the Gospel for the Mass at Dawn (Luke 2.15-20) and the second lesson, taken from Saint Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3.4-7).

Along with Timothy, Titus was a disciple of and assistant to the Apostle Paul, and he was a Gentile Christian who traveled with Paul from Antioch to the Council of Apostles at Jerusalem and then accompanied Paul on his third missionary journey. Titus also served as the bearer of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, and in Corinth he took up a collection for the Christians in Jerusalem. At length, Titus became the founding Bishop of Crete and was charged by Saint Paul to organize the Church on that island by appointing other bishops and priests. Much of Paul's letter to Titus is a description of the qualities Titus should look for in candidates for the episcopate and presbyterate. Saints Timothy and Titus are venerated together in the sacred liturgy on January 26th.

During the Mass at Dawn, these words from Paul's letter to Titus are proclaimed, and they give voice to the heart of the Gospel: "Beloved, when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Through our Baptism, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are justified and saved by the Lord Jesus as a free and unmerited gift, and as we celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior, we give thanks for the merciful love of God which is our justification and righteousness. The Collect, or Opening Prayer, of the Mass at Dawn expresses this great mystery in these words:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith which illumines our mind may also shine through in our deeds. 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. Amen.

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 25 December

Christmas Day

11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 26 December

No Mass/Church Closed

Tuesday 27 December

7.00 am Jason Perkins

Wednesday 28 December

7.00 am Michael Kenway

Thursday 29 December

7.00 am * John Blessing

Friday 30 December

7.00 am * Geraldine Wheadon

Saturday 31 December

New Year's Eve

5.00 pm * Celestino Rael III

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 December

Christmas Day

Monday 26 December

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 27 December

Wednesday 28 December

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 29 December

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 30 December

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon

Saturday 31 December

New Year's Eve

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 December

Needed	37,725
Received	43,240
Surplus	+ 5,515

Poor Box	904
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	943,125
Received	972,008
Surplus	+ 28,883

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	4,866,074
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Pledge Balance	533,797
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Still to Go	1,600,129
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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 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 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.

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>.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 24/25 December

Christmas Gift
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: William & Joan Higgins, Chris Alderson.

Knights of Columbus

Free Throw Championship Winners

The Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship were Brynn Tollefson, Brooke Haase, Matthew Haase, Reynolds Taylor, and Grant Brasington. The players will have the opportunity to compete at the District Level. Congratulations to our players!

Thank you St Mary's Parishioners!

The Knights of Columbus Council 13112 had a very successful year in service to the church and our community. This could not have been done without the wonderful support of our fellow parishioners. With your financial contributions through your attendance at breakfast and purchase of raffle tickets (which are for sale now), we were able to do the following in 2022:

Charitable Monetary Gifts

- St Clare's Home - \$1,000
- Birthright - \$1,000
- Catholic Radio - \$1,000
- 40 Days for Life - \$500
- KofC State Charities – \$910
- Our Lady's Pantry - \$500
- Homeschool graduation - \$285
- Ukraine Solidarity Fund - \$300
- Seminarians (Peter O'Steen & Reyes Palomares) - \$2,000
- St Mary's Youth Group (March for Life) - \$500
- The Washington Center - \$500
- St Mary's Young Adult Group Dance - \$300

Activities

- St Mary's School Father/Daughter Dance
- St Clare's Home Christmas with Santa (provided new tree & ornaments)
- Assisted SMCCW with their spaghetti dinner
- Homeworks
- Essay contest
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Free Throw competition
- Wednesday night security patrol
- Co-sponsored and worked at food drives for Our Lady's Pantry at St Mary's, St Mary's School and Village Anglican Church which netted 4,561 pounds of food, \$976, 109 pairs of shoes and 121 pairs of socks.

I personally want to also thank all my wonderful brothers in Christ that not only helped with all of the breakfasts and other activities, but also made them a joy to be at. Men of the parish, if this sounds like a fraternal group that you would like to be a part of, please contact jpaluszak@bellsouth.net or 864.497.4804.

Merry Christmas, John Paluszak

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.

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.

Thank You!

Fr Newman, Fr Duncan, and the office staff would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

Nationwide Mass Times

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



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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

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25 February 2023

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Grades K3-8



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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

GIVING TREE

BENEFITING ST. CLARE'S HOME

Thank you, St. Mary's parishioners!

Through your love and generosity we were able to provide over \$2,000 in gift cards to the moms and St. Clare's Maternity Home itself to make their Christmas a little brighter. -- With Gratitude,
St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women



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>

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 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

“O Come let us adore Him! Christ, the Lord!” ~from the hymn ‘O Come All Ye Faithful’

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 wmin@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

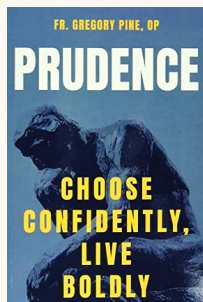
Now is the time

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:
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CONFIDENTLY,
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Fr. Gregory Pine, O.P.

Please order your own copy.

RSVP by **January 2** for more details

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