



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

1 January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Eight days ago we celebrated the Birth of Jesus Christ, and we read in the Gospel of St Luke that “When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” (Luke 2.21) Today is, therefore, the Eighth Day or Octave of the Birth of the Lord Jesus, and so we commemorate the naming and circumcision of Christ on this day. In fact, for many centuries this liturgical celebration was called “The Circumcision of the Lord and the Octave of the Nativity,” and it is still called that in the Christian East among both Catholics and Orthodox.

In 1969, however, the name and focus of this feast was changed to its present title of “Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.” This change restored the name of the celebration as it had been observed in Rome since at least the seventh century, and in 1974, Blessed Pope Paul VI explained the reason for the change in an encyclical letter called *Marialis Cultus*. Pope Paul wrote that “this celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the holy Mother ... through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life. It is likewise a fitting occasion of renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason ... we have instituted the World Day of Peace.”

So, now we have four titles for one day in the liturgical calendar: the Octave of the Nativity; the Circumcision of the Lord; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; and the World Day of Peace. Each of these titles reveals a different facet of one mystery of faith, and each is worthy of our meditation. The Word became flesh in the womb of a Virgin who was free to choose another path for herself but who surrendered her life in the obedience of faith to the Father’s eternal plan of salvation, and Mary’s act of faith made her both Mother and Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer for this feast, the Church directs our attention to the heart of this mystery:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise, bless, and glorify your name on the Solemnity of the Motherhood of the Blessed ever-Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit she conceived your Only Begotten Son, and without losing the glory of virginity, brought forth into the world the eternal Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him the Angels praise your majesty, Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you. Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim worship together with exultation. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise, as we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 1 January

New Year's Day

7.30 am ✱ Manuel & Emily Rose Gomes
 9.00 am ✱ James T & Florence Mooney
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 2 January

7.00 am ✱ AnnaGrace O'Connor

Tuesday 3 January

7.00 am ✱ Nancy Streff

Wednesday 4 January

7.00 am ✱ Willie Martin

Thursday 5 January

7.00 am ✱ Nelly Restrepo

Friday 6 January

7.00 am ✱ The Norungolo Family

Saturday 7 January

5.00 pm ✱ Lisa Watkins

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 January

New Year's Day

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 2 January

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 3 January

Wednesday 4 January

7.30 am SMS Mom's Bible Study,
 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour
 & Confessions (church)
 6.00 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)
 6.00 pm Religious Education

Thursday 5 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 6 January

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 7 January

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 December

Needed	37,725
Received	48,661
Surplus	+ 10,936

Poor Box 821

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	980,850
Received	1,020,669
Surplus	+ 39,819

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	4,828,491
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December Capital Campaign Donations	208,939
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Christmas Donations	26,593
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Pledge Balance	502,382
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Still to Go	1,433,595
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

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.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this holiday, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

Welcome Newcomers

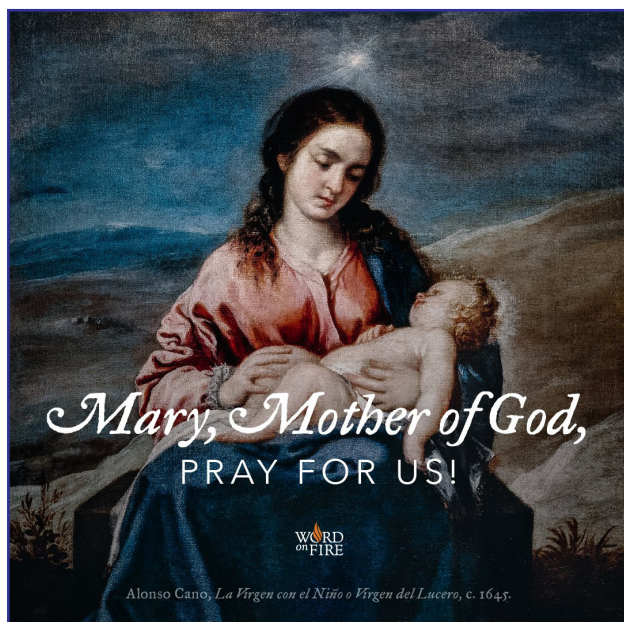
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Javier Garcia Contla, Emily Zanolli, Richard & Nancy Wair, Gabrielle Rodriguez, Frank & Sarah Stangl.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 31 December/1 January

Solemnity of Mary
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 30 December for the New Year holiday and reopen on Tuesday 3 January at 9.00 am.

2022 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2022. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.



St Mary's Religious Education



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

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

7th Grade St. Joe's and Homeschool students

Plan on attending a Confirmation Information meeting on Wednesday, 18 January at 6.30 pm in the 8th grade classroom in Pazdan Hall. You will be joining the 7th Grade parish RE Class for this meeting.

7th Grades Parents of students preparing for Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Information Meeting for parents of students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday 31 January at 2:15 in Pazdan Hall (cafeteria)

OR

Wednesday 1 February at 6:30 pm in Pazdan Hall (cafeteria)

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No Class this week

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

Daily Mass Readings

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

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

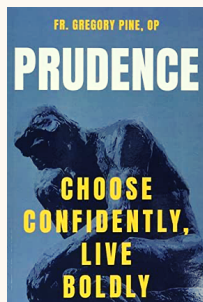
Now is the time

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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Fr. Bill Garrott, OP, entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He has a master's degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations. Fr. Bill has preached nearly 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities on piano and guitar. He has released two CDs. Fr. Bill is available year round for parish missions, retreats and days of recollection. His home base is Washington, DC.

MISSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Bill Garrott will be present at all Sunday Masses January 7 & 8, 2023

Sunday	Jan 8	The Father's Blessing
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Blessing with Oil of St. Joseph from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott
Monday	Jan 9	The Son's Healing
	8:30 AM	Mass
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Eucharistic Procession and Adoration
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott
Tuesday	Jan 10	The Spirit's Power
	5:30 PM	Mass
	7:00 PM	Presentation with Veneration of a First Class Relic of St. John Paul II
	8:00 PM	Confessions - Fr. Garrott

Free Will Offerings Are Mandatory*

* Only kidding. 😊 Free Will Offerings are gratefully accepted. ~ Fr. G

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