



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

8 January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is one of the richest feasts in the Christian liturgy, and for this reason, it is also among the most easily misunderstood. The Greek word which we translate epiphany simply means “appearance” or “manifestation,” and in the Western liturgical tradition the Epiphany is linked most strongly to the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child.

But in the Eastern liturgies, the Epiphany is focused not only on the visit of the Magi but on every early event by which Christ is revealed to the world as the Messiah: His birth, the visit of the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His instruction of the elders in the Temple, His Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding feast in Cana. For this reason, ancient liturgies refer to the Epiphany as a festival of illumination, declaration, and theophany, and in many Eastern Christian Churches (like the Armenian), January 6th is the primary or only celebration of the Birth of Jesus, not December 25th.

This helps us understand the profound link between the feasts of Christmas and Epiphany and why this celebration is the traditional Twelfth Day of Christmas. The revelation of the Son of God to the world begins with His birth, continues with the visit of the Magi, expands with His presentation in the Temple, is intensified at His Baptism, and finds its first miraculous expression at the wedding feast in Cana.

The stained glass window above the main entrance of our church on Washington Street depicts four of these mysteries in sacred images: the birth of Christ, His Presentation in the Temple, His teaching of the elders in the Temple, and the wedding feast at Cana. This window is hard to see from the main floor of the church, but it bears witness to the beauty of all the manifestations of Christ to the human race.

Though separated by thirty years, the events at Bethlehem and Cana are truly but one continuous unfolding of the eternal plan of salvation, and of all these mysteries we can speak with equal force the words of the Preface of the Epiphany from the Roman Missal: “Father ... today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.”

The Epiphany is an older Christian feast than Christmas, and from antiquity it has been kept on January 6th. The first recorded mention of this feast was in 361, and by 385 the Epiphany was celebrated in Jerusalem for eight days, like the present Octaves of Easter and Christmas and the old Octave of Pentecost. All of this points to the supreme importance of the sacred mysteries we celebrate today: by His incarnation and birth, by His revelation to the Magi and His presentation in the Temple, by His Baptism and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana, the Son of Mary is gradually shown to be “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.”

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 8 January

7.30 am	* Roy Christiansen
9.00 am	Gevaert Family Godchildren
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

### Monday 9 January

7.00 am	* Nazareth & Leonizo Gomes
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### Tuesday 10 January

7.00 am	* Jack Coleman
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### Wednesday 11 January

7.00 am	* Peace in Ukraine
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### Thursday 12 January

7.00 am	Therese Gallivan
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### Friday 13 January

7.00 am	* Sam Howard
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### Saturday 14 January

5.00 pm	* Jeffeaux Family
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## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 8 January

Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
Coffee & Doughnuts:	After 9.00 am Mass (P)
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday 9 January

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
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### Tuesday 10 January

6.30 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting
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### Wednesday 11 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 12 January

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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### Friday 13 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)
10.00 am	Friday Morning Bible Study
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary

### Saturday 14 January

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

G - Gallivan Hall      M - McGrady Hall  
P - Pazdan Hall

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

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 31 Dec/1 Jan

Needed	37,725
Received	41,054
Surplus	+ 3,329

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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,018,575
Received	1,061,723
Surplus	+ 43,148

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org).

## *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

<b>Donations</b>	
<b>Received</b>	<b>5,102,656</b>

<b>Pledge</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>502,057</b>

<b>Still to Go</b>	<b>1,395,287</b>
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## Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions  
on Wednesday 8 February

## 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.

## 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 airmamel@aol.com.

## 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.



Please join us for coffee,  
doughnuts & fellowship in  
Pazdan Hall dining room  
after the 9.00 am Mass.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 7/8 January

Forward In Faith Capital Campaign  
Support of the Parish

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



## Nationwide Mass Times

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

## 2022 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at [jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto: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 catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE



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28 January &  
25 February 2023

Call to schedule your  
school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades  
K3-8



 SACS Accredited  
 National Blue  
Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smsgvl.org

## St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **highly-qualified middle school Science teacher.**

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 122 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 322 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching Science to middle school students, and possess a valid teaching certification. Compensation is competitive and dependent upon years of experience. Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:principal@stmarysgvl.org).

## 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>

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?**

*Then this is the right course for you.*

**Were you baptized Catholic but never confirmed?**

*Then this also is the right course for you.*

**Are you a Catholic in need of a refresher course in Church teachings?**

*Then this definitely is the right course for you.*

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings. All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

VBS Registration  
is now OPEN



Family Registration

Click [HERE](#)

(Then parents can  
Family Registration  
Form)

Adult Volunteer

Registration

Click [HERE](#)

**MARVELOUS  
MYSTERY**

**THE MASS COMES ALIVE**

**AGES:** Children ages 4-11

**WHERE:** St. Mary's Catholic Church

**WHEN:** June 12-16 (Monday – Friday)

**COST:** \$35 per child/Max \$125 per Family

**CONTACT:** Linda Jackson 864.679.4110  
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**REGISTER BEFORE:** May 1, 2023

[WWW.CATCHAT.CA](http://WWW.CATCHAT.CA)



# St Mary's Religious Education



## Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

**Monthly Parent Meeting this week 11 January 6.30 pm**

**RE Family Holy Hour - Please join the Parish RE family for Holy Hour this week on Wednesday 11 January at 5.00 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**

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## Deacon John's Corner

### Catholic Podcasts



This month's Catholic Podcast comes to us from Father Mike Schmitz. If you've struggled to read and understand the Bible - this podcast is for you!

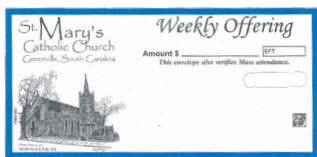
Father Mike is a well-known Catholic speaker, author, podcaster, and YouTuber. Father Mike's podcast **The Bible in a Year** walks you through the Bible in 365 episodes, providing listeners with a daily reading, commentary, reflection, and prayer. Rather than reading from cover to cover, which can be confusing, Father Mike has chosen to follow The Great Adventure Bible Timeline developed by Catholic theologian Jeff Cavins. This reading plan was developed to help people not just read the Bible, but to understand how it all comes together in salvation

history. This podcast was so well received that for a time it was the number one listened to podcast in the country. What a great way to spend your commute to work.

More information on Father Mike and The Bible in a Year podcast can be found at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>, including the downloadable reading plan.

Please contact Deacon John at [john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org) if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for Catholic Podcasts.

## 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](mailto: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. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or [joe.sanfilippo@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:joe.sanfilippo@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](mailto: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.

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### 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

*"This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary."  
~from the hymn 'What Child is This'*

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto: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 & 11 pm\*

Thursday 12 pm

Friday 8 am

Saturday 12 pm,\* 2 pm & 9pm\*

## 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](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com)

Now is the time

## Belonging Conference for Women



**Calling All Women!**  
Draw near to Him

The Diocese of Charleston  
**Belonging**  
Catholic Conference for Women  
Saturday, February 25  
Greenville, SC

Keynote Speaker:  
Rachel Balducci,  
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20 Workshops, Dozens of  
Vendors, Catered Lunch,  
Adoration, Mass and more!

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[www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging](http://www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging)

Calling All Women! The Belonging Conference for Women is Saturday 25 February at St Joseph's Catholic School in Greenville. Open to all women, this event will not only be a great time of fellowship and laughter, but also a time of prayer, inspiration and encouragement. The keynote speaker is the funny, grace-filled and glamorous Rachel Balducci. This year we will have more workshops to attend, more vendors and artisans, and more opportunities for prayer (Mass, Confession, Adoration, and Live Worship Music). One price covers everything including a delicious buffet catered lunch. Bring a friend, sister, daughter, mother. Sign up now at <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/belonging.html>.

## PARISH MISSION iMERCY: THE DIVINE HOTSPOT Fr. Bill Garrett, OP JAN 8 - JAN 10, 2023

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1200 CORNELIA ROAD  
ANDERSON, SC 29621

864-225-5341 ~ [WWW.SJCCS.NET](http://WWW.SJCCS.NET)



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

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

Free Will Offerings Are Mandatory\*

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

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