

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

15 January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The glories of Christmastide are now behind us, and the rigors of the 40 Days don't arrive until Ash Wednesday which falls this year on 22 February. That gives us five weeks before Lent to live in the Thirty-Four Weeks of the Year, also called Ordinary Time, when the Church is clothed with green as a sign of the spiritual growth that continues in all who are made a new creation by Jesus Christ.

In these seven weeks, the sacred liturgy will rejoice in the holiness of the following saints and martyrs: Saint Anthony the Abbot, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Francis de Sales, Saints Timothy and Titus, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco, Saint Agatha, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Scholastica, Saints Cyril and Methodius, and Saint Peter Damian. Drawn from every epoch of the Church's 2000 year history, these men and women lived the consecration of their Holy Baptism with heroic virtue by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and they bear eloquent witness to the beauty of being a new creation - the same destiny to which each of us is called by our Baptism.

During those same five weeks, the Church will keep three feasts of universal importance to all Christians. On 25 January we will celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, on 2 February we will keep the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, on 22 February we will rejoice in the Chair of Saint Peter as the symbol of the authority to teach conferred by Christ the Lord on Simon Peter and his successors, the Bishops of Rome, although this year the Chair of Peter is not observed because Ash Wednesday falls on the 22nd.

On every day of the year, the Church lifts up the entire human race to God the Father through God the Son in God the Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of all creation, and this work takes place first of all in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Every Christian can participate in this ceaseless sacrifice of praise by attending Mass, praying the Hours, reading Holy Scripture, and serving others for the sake of Christ, who is revealed especially in those who suffer and are abandoned. By following this path of discipleship - the Way of the Cross - we strive to live the grace of our Baptism, and in this task we are encouraged and sustained by the great cloud of witnesses, some of whom are mentioned above.

Think of these mysteries every time you read the phrase "Ordinary Time." The drama of salvation history is never ordinary, and everyone who is called by name to follow the Lord Jesus is a player in that sacred drama. On the day of our Baptism, Jesus Christ did call us by name, and He claimed us by the Sign of His Cross. In this way, calling us from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, He made us a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Peter 2:9). There is nothing ordinary about that.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 15 January

7.30 am Ashlie Fortner 9.00 am ♣ Whitney Bourgeois 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

Monday 16 January

7.00 am ♣ Porter Joseph Miros

Tuesday 17 January

7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

Wednesday 18 January

7.00 am ♣ Argemira Palacio

Thursday 19 January

7 00 am ♣ Bogdan Timoshishin

Friday 20 January

7.00 am ♣ Rory Morgan

Saturday 21 January

5.00 pm ♣ Mary King

Sunday 15 January

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) 11.00 am High School Youth Group (M) 6.00 pm

Monday 16 January

Martin Luther King Jr Day -Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 17 January

10.00 am **SMCCW** Sewing Group

Wednesday 18 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)

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 19 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 20 January

Pillars of Christ (early group) 5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) 7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 21 January

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall

Financial Report

Weekend of 7/8 January

37.725 Needed 37,821 Received Surplus +96

599 Poor Box

Offertory Year to Date

1.056.300 Needed 1,099,544 Received Surplus +43,244

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of vour 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 5,125,717

Pledge

Balance 501,057

1,373,226 Still to Go

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

unless a location is listed

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Mass on Tuesday 7 February and No Mass or Holy Hour with Confessions on Wednesday 8 February

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Barilovits, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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, Sheila Garrison and Shelby Gaschler.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not recieve the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

Welcome Newcomers

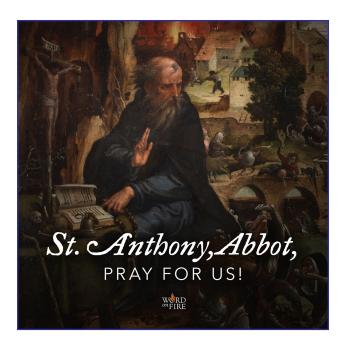
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Connor Wielgus, Luciano Garcia, Jackson & Kiley Smith, Kimberly Garcia, Victor Ruiz & Lourdes Perez, William Vasquez, Nicacio Molina-Lara & Maria Jimenez.

Parish News

Collection for 14/15 January

Miscellany Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 16 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

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.



Sponsorship Opportunities 2023

☐ Platinum

- \$3,500 allows this sponsor premium mobile and online branding
- Sponsor's listing on signage at the event
- Sponsor's logo displayed on screen during event
- Full page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 8 Gala Tickets

☐ Gold

- \$2,000 allows this sponsor listing on signage at the event
- Full page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 6 Gala Tickets

☐ Silver

- \$1000 allows this sponsor listing on signage at the event
- Half page advertisement in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 4 Gala Tickets

☐ Bronze

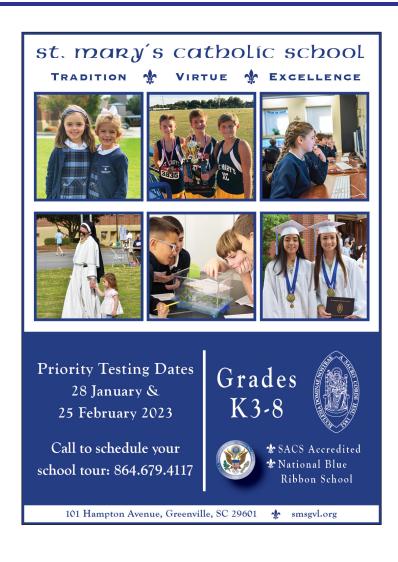
- \$500 allows sponsor listing in St Mary's Gala Program
- Underwriting of one faculty/staff ticket
- 2 Gala Tickets

Company Name:	Phone:
Primary Contact Name:	Email:
Mailing Address:	

Please return to St Mary's School, Fax (864)271-0159, email gala@stmarysgvl.org 101 Hampton Ave, Greenville, SC 29601

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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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 17, 24 & 31 January from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

Daily Mass Readings

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

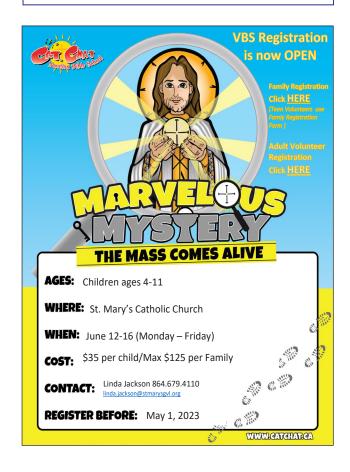
St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>highly-qualified middle</u> 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.





St Mary's Religious Education



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.

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

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 <u>Inactive</u> 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. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or 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.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://charlestondiocese.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**.



Belonging Conference for Women



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.

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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 or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Monday 4 am & 3 pm*
Wednesday 3 pm & 11 pm*
Thursday 12 pm
Friday 8 am
Saturday 12 pm,* 2 pm & 9pm*

Nurses United in Faith



The SC Council of Catholic Nurses will hold its second annual *Nurses United in Faith* on Saturday 28 January from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. The event will include Mass at St Rafka Maronite Church (1215 SC-14, Greer), followed by a reception and lunch, and a presentation by

Dr Peter Bleyer. Registration is \$15 and includes the meal. Please RSVP to sccatholicnurses@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

11 January at 7.00 pm - email NaProNurse@aol.com 19 January at 7.00 pm - email janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

17 January at 6.30 pm at St Andrew (Myrtle Beach) email janetgcrms@gmail.com
18 January at 6.30 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email naprogal@gmail.com or register at
https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

Email to register for the January Introductory Sessions.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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