

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

22 January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Wednesday, 25 January, is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Church's annual celebration of the day when Saul of Tarsus met the Lord Jesus on the Damascus Road, an event that changed Saul's life and the history of the world. 25 January is also each year the final day in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an observance that begins on 18 January, the date in the old liturgical calendar which was the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. So, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was devised to run between the twin feasts of the symbol of Peter's authority to teach and Paul's conversion to Christ, and this placement in the liturgical calendar shows us how Christian unity is to be found: through continuing conversion to the truth of the Gospel proclaimed authentically and authoritatively by the apostolic office of the Church.

In praying for Christian unity, we are asking God to restore full ecclesial communion to our separated brethren (both Orthodox and Protestant) in the one, true Church. But the restoration of that unity will be a world-historical event brought about only by the action of the Holy Spirit, and there is little that any of us can do to contribute directly to that lofty goal. There is, however, another dimension of Christian unity to which we can contribute personally, and it is both utterly simple and extremely difficult: we can each live in full communion with the Lord Jesus and his holy Church and do our best to show others how to do the same. This we do by radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

+ Do I believe and profess everything the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? Do I believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God and contain no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do I believe that the Catechism of the Catholic Church is an authentic compendium of the saving doctrine of the Lord Jesus and a faithful statement of Catholic teaching in full keeping with Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition? Do I surrender my intellect and will in the obedience of faith to the Gospel transmitted in and by the Catholic Church?

+ Do I live according to the saving truth of the Gospel? Do I attend Mass every Sunday and holy day of obligation? Do I confess my sins regularly in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I bear witness to Christ by my manner of life and my behavior, both personal and professional? If married, am I married in the Catholic Church, or if not, do I refrain from receiving the sacraments? Do I make decisions, especially difficult decisions, according to the mind of Christ or simply according to my own wisdom? Do I live according to the Ten Commandments and Christ's Law of Love?

Believing and behaving lead to belonging. If I want to belong to Christ and his Church fully and faithfully, then I must believe the truth of God's Word and behave according to the truth of the Gospel by grace through faith. As the Church concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this Wednesday, let us be guided by Peter's faith and Paul's conversion to be committed Catholics and true witnesses to Christ.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions	Meetings & Events *			
Sunday 22 January	Sunday 22 January		Financial Report	
7.30 am★ Joseph Pazdan9.00 am★ Frederick S Mertz11.00 amPro populo1.00 pmSpanish Mass	Nursery: Duri 9.00 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm 6.00 pm	ing 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) Lay Dominicans Women of Grace Bible Study	Weekend of 14/15 JanuaryNeeded37,725Received43,799Surplus+ 6,074	
Monday 23 January	Monday 23 January		Poor Box 788	
7.00 am Restrepo Family			Offertory Year to DateNeeded1,094,025Received1,143,343	
Tuesday 24 January	Tuesday 24 J	anuary	Surplus + 49,318	
7.00 am Karen Sufczynski	10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group		
Wednesday 25 January 7.00 am	Wednesday 2 9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	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	
Thursday 26 January	Thursday 26 January		jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org.	
7.00 am ♣ Carl Carrano	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration		
Friday 27 January 7.00 am ★ Annette Marino	Friday 27 Ja 5.30-6.30 am	nuary Pillars of Christ (early group)	<i>Forward in Faith</i> Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise	
	6.30-6.45 am 7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary		
Saturday 28 January	Saturday 28 January			
5.00 pm ➡ Deceased Saiko Family	8.00-9.00 am 3.30-4.30 pm	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic Confessions (church)	Pledge Balance 497,642	
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hal P - Pazdan Hall		in Sacred Heart Hall cation is listed	Still to Go 1,361,802	

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour with Confessions on Wednesday 8 February

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bonnie Clinbeard, 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, 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

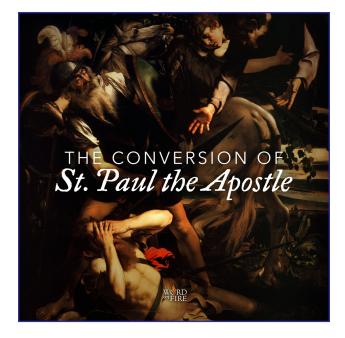
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Matthew Voorhis & Marissa Darr, Juan Martinez & Mariana Montes, Michael Maloney & Maria Quinones, Alexandria Schaffer, Cheri Phyfer, Edwin Rodriguez & Sindy Santamaria.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 21/22 January

Latin America 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 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 Church 111 Hampton Avenue Greenville, SC 29601

Dear St. Mary's Catholic Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$40,497 made throughout 2022. It will go far in helping us continue to serve our mission to use food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed.

Your donation contributes to Project Host's ability to prepare over 40,000 hot, nutritious meals in our Soup Kitchen this past year. Each meal is valued at \$1.25, which resulted in you feeding over 32,000 guests. These meals are served six days a week out of our main location on South Academy Street and are also distributed in communities in need throughout Greenville County. Currently, Project Host has partnerships with community centers and churches in the following areas: Nicholtown, Overbrook (David Hellams), New Washington Heights, and Sans Souci. These partnerships do more than just the immediate work of feeding people in need. They open the door to grassroots action, support, and change in neighborhoods that are home to the most vulnerable in our community. As Alan Mitchell, President of the Nicholtown Neighborhood Association, put it:

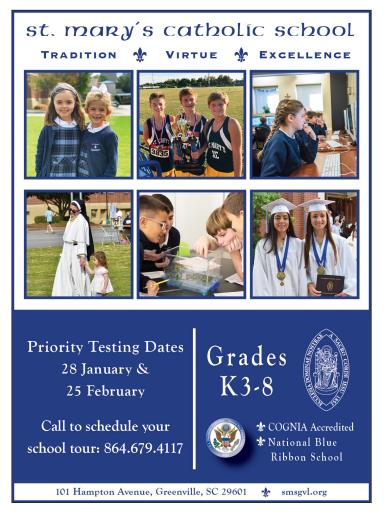
"Since our partnership started in March 2020, Project Host has been a tremendous blessing to the Nicholtown Neighborhood residents. Many households have been assisted with this weekly distribution and the impetus of the Project Host program has helped the Nicholtown Neighborhood Association, Inc. to garner additional partners for distribution of safety masks, fresh produce, and other necessary items and services. A seed was planted by Project Host, and that seed has grown into a tremendous outpouring of support."

Your gift is an important part of what makes these partnerships and this essential support to adults and families possible.

Sincerely,

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Tobin Simpson, Chief Executive Officer



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

2023 SMCCW \$1,000 Scholarship Award

Established in 1998 to support Catholic women of the parish in their academic endeavors, the members of the SMCCW are proud to continue this award, now in its 25th year! This award is available for both high school graduating female parishioners planning to attend an institution of higher education or female parishioners who are currently enrolled in a continuing education program. Visit https:// smcgvl.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholicwomen/ to download the 2023 application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. <u>Applications MUST</u> <u>be postmarked on or before 18 April 2023 to be considered</u>. The recipient is selected via blind review.

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.

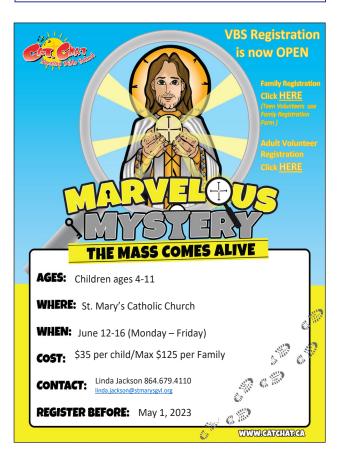
St Mary's School Job Opening



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

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.





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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St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8 Classes meet on Wednesday_from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

First Communion Students Church Tour - Children preparing for 1st Communion will have a Church tour on Wednesday, *25 January at 6.30 pm*. Parents are encouraged to join the students for the tour. *Meet in the Church.*

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Class meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

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**.



MARCH 25

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IN SUPPORT OF

St. Clare's Home

6:00-9:00 pm

BALLROOM-GREENVILLE

CONVENTION CENTER

Greenville, South Carolina

1 Exposition Drive



Melissa Chden

St. Clare's Home is proud to welcome author and speaker **Melissa Ohden**, survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion, but like every survivor, Melissa is so much more. She is a Masters-level prepared social worker and author of *You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir*.

Melissa is the founder and director of the only healing and advocacy organization for abortion survivors worldwide, the Abortion Survivors Network, and the Education and Policy Center, which impacts policy issues related to abortion and its survivors.



Tickets on sale now! Cash bar. **StClaresHomeSC.org/pink-blue-gala**

Contact Maura Chamberlin 847-828-6053 | maurajo57@gmail.com





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

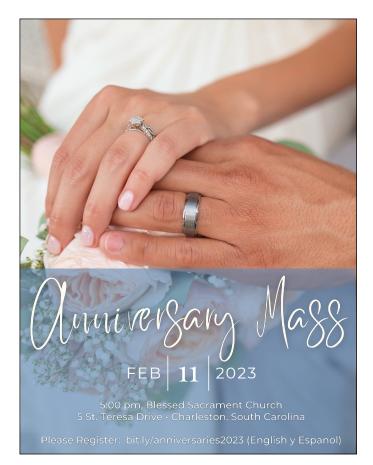
"I am the living bread which has come down from Heaven." ~John 6:51

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



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com



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