



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

29 January 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas was forty days ago this Thursday, and that is why 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a liturgical observance that began in Jerusalem in the fourth century. According to Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every Jewish woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer, commonly forty days after her child's birth. Saint Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who were always there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple - the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on the Feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed for use at the altar because Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," and from the connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles, this feast in the sacred liturgy is also called Candlemas. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts love for the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the unbounded light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of today's great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Finally, in 1997 Saint Pope John Paul the Great began a yearly Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. By living the grace of their Baptism in the most radical way, Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are imitating both the holy witnesses of Israel, Simeon and Anna, and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at Saint Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 29 January

7.30 am ✱ Benjamin M Grafton Jr
 9.00 am Margaret Kelleher & Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 30 January

7.00 am ✱ Rosalia Sanfilippo

Tuesday 31 January

7.00 am ✱ George E Gevaert

Wednesday 1 February

7.00 am ✱ Stephania & Mycola Seniuk

Thursday 2 February

7.00 am ✱ Joseph Pazdan

Friday 3 February

7.00 am ✱ Walter M Patterson III

Saturday 4 February

5.00 pm ✱ Deceased Kasun Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 29 January

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

Monday 30 January

Tuesday 31 January

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 1 February

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 2 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 3 February

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 4 February

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 21/22 January

Needed	37,725
Received	39,956
Surplus	+ 2,231

Poor Box	367
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,131,750
Received	1,183,299
Surplus	+ 51,549

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	5,166,570
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Pledge Balance	492,647
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Still to Go	1,340,783
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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 Holy Hour with 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, Sheila & Barry Garrison and Shelby Gaschler.

Congratulations to

Beatrice Drea Fay Elster who was baptized last weekend.

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 receive 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!

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Welcome Newcomers

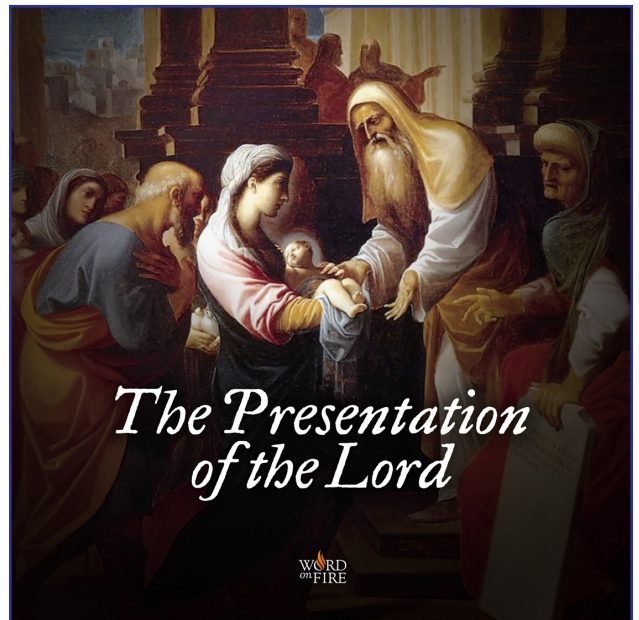
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Gene & Lori White, Joseph & Mandy Mazzawi, Kirk & Diane Dillon, Megan Schneider, Julio Davila & Tania Jarquin.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 28/29 January

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.



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

st mary's



church & school
greenville, sc

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE



Priority Testing Dates
28 January &
25 February

Call to schedule your
school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades
K3-8



COGNIA 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.


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-catholic-women/> to download the 2023 application which contains the eligibility requirements and rules. Applications MUST be postmarked on or before 18 April 2023 to be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.



VBS Registration is now OPEN



Family Registration
Click [HERE](#)
(New members use 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
linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org

REGISTER BEFORE: May 1, 2023

WWW.GATCHAT.ORG



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 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

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>



pink & blue gala

Saturday

**MARCH
25**

6:00-9:00 pm



IN SUPPORT OF
St. Clare's Home

**BALLROOM-GREENVILLE
CONVENTION CENTER**
*1 Exposition Drive
Greenville, South Carolina*



Melissa Ohden

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 world-wide, 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
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OF GREER***
PRESENTING SPONSOR

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. 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.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**.




It is my great joy to welcome the first Together in Holiness conference to the Diocese of Charleston. I strongly encourage that all married and engaged couples join me at this event, where spouses can spend a day in prayer and conversation with the Lord and one another. Since this conference is taking place during the year of the Eucharistic Revival, we will have a theme of creating Eucharistic Marriages. By partaking in this Sacramental mystery, we can all grow in communion within our own families.
Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

FEBRUARY 11, 2023 | 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHARLESTON, SC

PRESENTED BY
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

CELEBRANT & SPEAKERS



Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS



Charlotte Sacco



Gregory Schutte

A CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE THAT INSPIRES SPOUSES AND EMPOWERS PARENTS

WHAT TO EXPECT
 Together in Holiness provides an opportunity for quality time with your spouse and includes dynamic and inspiring presentations from national speakers, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, on-site childcare, and more!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
 Catholic married and engaged couples throughout the Diocese of Charleston and beyond who desire to grow together in holiness and learn to form their children in the Catholic faith.

VENUE
 Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
 5 St. Teresa Drive | Charleston, SC 29407

REGISTRATION
 Early Bird Couple \$54 | Early Bird Individual \$35
 Early Bird discount available through January 9
 Couple \$64 | Individual \$40
 On-site Childcare \$5/child
 Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire

For more information, contact Conference Coordinator **Cameron Kelly** at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org or 832-779-1070.

Or visit togetherinholiness.org and select the Diocese of Charleston location.

CLICK TO REGISTER

Together in Holiness™ is an initiative of the St. John Paul II Foundation

TOGETHERINHOLINESS.ORG

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

- Monday 10 am* & 3 pm*
- Wednesday 3 pm & 11 pm*
- Thursday 2 am* & 12 pm
- Friday 8 am
- Saturday 12 pm

Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual Sessions

2 February at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com

In Person Sessions

- 9 February at 7.00 pm (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com
- 15 February at 6.30 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) - email naprogal@gmail.com or register at <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning>
- 16 February at 6.30 pm at Immaculate Conception Church (Goose Creek) - janelleapro@gmail.com

Email to register for the February Introductory Sessions.

Daily Mass Readings

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



Anniversary Mass

February 11, 2023
 5pm Blessed Sacrament Church,
 Charleston, SC

Please register: bit.ly/anniversaries2023

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

www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Belonging



Keynote Speaker:
 Rachel Balducci,
 TV Host and Author

20 Workshops, Dozens of Vendors, Catered Lunch, Adoration, Mass and more!

Group and Early-Bird Discount

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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