

St Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

5 February 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be still and know that I am God." Thus does the Lord instruct us in Psalm 46, verse 10. The stillness to which we are called in Holy Scripture is a letting go of actions and words that yields silence, both interior and exterior, and such silence is essential for every disciple of the Lord Jesus. We need times of exterior silence in order to cultivate interior silence, and without interior silence we make it very difficult to hear the Word of God. For this reason, silence is indispensable to authentic and mature Christian faith and life.

Our Evangelical Protestant brethren often emphasize the need for a daily "Quiet Time," which is accompanied by reading the Bible and keeping silent. This is nothing other than the ancient Catholic practice of lectio divina, or divine reading, which is a meditative reading of the Scriptures in a quiet place. Divine reading is understood to have four parts: lectio, meditatio, oratio, and contemplatio. Reading leads to meditating on what is read, and our meditation leads to prayer that culminates in the wordless contemplation of the beauty, goodness, and truth of God. Understanding the parts, though, is not essential to the practice of lectio divina: simply set aside time each day, go to a quiet place, open the Sacred Page and read. "Be still and know that I am God."

Exterior and interior silence is also essential in the sacred liturgy. We come to the church from a life filled with action and noise, and when we enter the sacred space of the House of God, we need to be quiet. Conversations should end in the vestibule, so that by the time we reach the pew, we are on the path to being still. Prayerful readings of the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass might be helpful, or perhaps it would be well simply to kneel in silent adoration of the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacle. "Be still and know that I am God."

Once the celebration of Mass begins, the liturgy will be punctuated by several periods of sacred silence: at the penitential rites, as we remember our sins and ask for mercy; during the Liturgy of the Word, to ponder the Scriptures; after the homily, to consider the instruction given; before the end of the Communion Rite, to give thanks for the gift of grace we receive in the Most Holy Eucharist. And at Vespers there are even more and longer spaces of sacred silence. During these times of silence, we are not waiting for the next thing to happen; instead, we are waiting together upon the LORD. "Be still and know that I am God."

When Mass is ended, our need for silence does not end. The church is always a place of prayer, even after the procession leaves the sanctuary. For the sake of those who want to linger in adoration and of those who are arriving for the next Mass and need to prepare in stillness, we should save our conversations until we reach the vestibule or, even better, have walked outside the church, preferably into Miller Square which is designed for fellowship after Mass. With such reverential silence, we can begin to fulfill the precept: "Be still and know that I am God."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 5 February

7.30 am Fr Reynaurd West
9.00 am Christopher Miros
11.00 am Pro populo
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 6 February

7.00 am CJ Sufczynski

Tuesday 7 February

7.00 am ★ Norungolo Family

Wednesday 8 February

7.00 am ★ Mycola Movchan

Thursday 9 February

7.00 am Nicholas Sufczynski

Friday 10 February

7.00 am ★ Frank Deehan

Saturday 11 February

5.00 pm ♣ Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 5 February

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am Sunday Marning Bible Study

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

Monday 6 February

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery

Tuesday 7 February

Wednesday 8 February

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 9 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 10 February

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

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 11 February

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) SMCCW/KofC Spaghetti Supper:

After 5.00 pm Mass (P)

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 28/29 January

 Needed
 37,725

 Received
 38,475

 Surplus
 + 750

Poor Box 517

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,169,475 Received 1,221,774 Surplus + 52,299

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 5,194,076

Pledge

Balance 492,102

Still to Go 1,313,822

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour with Confessions on Wednesday 8 February

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marilyn Motts, Leroy Howard, & Zack McColl, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their families 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 & Barry Garrison, Shelby Gaschler and Andrew Orven.



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

Congratulations to

Thomas David Watters who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: David & Audrey Treussard, Sarah Gibson, Ashley Cosby and Mary Allen.

Parish News

Collection for 4/5 February

Black & Indian Home Missions Support of the Parish

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



Souper Bowl Sunday



We will be collecting monetary donations to help Catholic Charities. Soup kettles will be placed in the vestibules of the church on Super Bowl weekend, 11 & 12 February.

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

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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 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. https://smcgvl.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholic-women/ to download the 2023 applications MUST be postmarked on or before 18 April 2023 to be considered. The recipient is selected via blind review.



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 the first Monday of each month 1.00 - 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home to contribute to projects. Come join us! Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com.

VBS Adult Volunteers Needed



We are in need of some adult volunteers to help out with VBS which runs Monday 12 June through Friday 16 June from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. If you are interested in volunteering please contact

Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@stmarysgvl.org or 864.679.4110 or register at https://form.jotform.com/223305490477053.

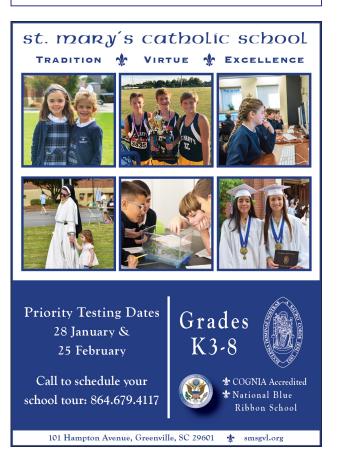
St Mary's School Job Opening



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.

The Monthly Parent Meeting is this week on Wednesday 8 February at 6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

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 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.

${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

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 one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

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

Daily Mass Readings

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



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