

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## Greenville, South Carolina

12 February 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Righteous is a word we do not often hear these days except as a form of condemnation when we say that someone is self-righteous, but the concept of righteousness must be a central part of any attempt to describe and lead a life that is truly good rather than wicked and self-absorbed. The word righteous entered the English language in the early 16th century as a way to translate the Greek word dikaios, which appears 74 times in the New Testament, 25 of those being found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Righteous and dikaios mean to act in accord with the eternal law of God, to be free from sin, and to be innocent of wrongdoing. And what the Word of God reveals to us is that righteousness is found only in Jesus Christ and that we become righteous only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Do a word search online or consult a Bible concordance for the words righteous and righteousness to see the many verses of Holy Scripture which describe what righteousness is and how we find it. A life without righteousness is a life without clear meaning, direction, or hope for anything beyond the grave, and a quick glance at the nihilism and chaos in the world provides clear confirmation of what the absence of righteousness does both to individual lives and to entire societies.

We live in a time of unimaginable prosperity and technical mastery over the material world, but we also live in such spiritual and cultural darkness that we can no longer name the differences between boys and girls without breaking laws erected by the dictatorship of relativism. Our machines probe the mysteries of the cosmos, but our souls are so shriveled that death by despair (suicide and overdose) is now so common that our average lifespan has contracted for the first time in a century. Our leaders in every sphere of human activity, including religion, are largely aimless, graceless, and feckless, and their schemes for restoring good order in human affairs are usually pointless. We live in the midst of lawlessness and hopelessness because we live in a time of unrighteousness. So what should we do? What can we do? We can hear and heed the Word of God. We can make a decision for Christ. We can take up our cross and follow the Savior.

"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These words of the Lord Jesus (Mark 1.15) are as urgent for us today as they were when first proclaimed in Galilee two millennia ago. Societies, cultures, and entire civilizations are shaped one life at a time, and that is how disciples of the Lord Jesus are also formed - one at a time. Lent begins this year on 22 February, and we have a new opportunity to decide again to follow the Lord Jesus by repenting of our sins and believing in the Gospel. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1.8-9)

## **Calendar of Events**

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

## **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 12 February**

#### 7.30 am ♣ Patricia Smialek 9.00 am ♣ Robert Fenwick 11.00 am Pro populo Spanish Mass 1.00 pm

#### **Sunday 12 February**

Nursery: Durin	ng 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

## **Financial Report**

## Weekend of 4/5 February

Needed	37,725
Received	40,825
Surplus	+ 3,100

Poor Box 750

#### **Monday 13 February**

7.00 am Nathaniel Sufczynski

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#### **Tuesday 14 February**

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7.00 am ♣ Joel Naylor 10.00 am **SMCCW Meeting** 

### Wednesday 15 February

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7 00 am ♣ James T & Florence Mooney 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 16 February**

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**★** Edwin Tully 7.00 am 7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

## Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,207,200
Received	1,262,599
Surplus	+ 55,399

**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.

## Friday 17 February

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7.00 am	♣ Samuel Howard	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  nm	Spanish Rosary

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## **Saturday 18 February**

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5.00 pm ♣ Frank & Helen Saiko 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

6.00 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

## Forward in Faith

**Capital Campaign** \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

**Donations** 

Received 5,204,238

Pledge

**Balance** 491,987

1,303,775 Still to Go

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

<sup>\*</sup> All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

## **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, Marie-Therese Isidore, 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, Andrew Orven and Richard Murtaugh.

## **Project Host Service Day**



Are you looking for an opportunity to give to others during Lent? Sunday 5 March from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm has been set aside by the Project Host soup kitchen as a day for St Mary's parishioners to prepare and serve the

afternoon meal to those in need in our community. This is a great opportunity to give something to our community early in your Lenten journey. Children will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have reached the age of 14 due to the inherent dangers of working in a kitchen. If you are interested in joining us for this service day, or to be notified of other volunteer opportunities in our community, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@stmarysgvl.org.

## **Catholic Fellowship**

Want to develop parish community and cultivate friendships? You are invited! The Catholic Fellowship Program at St Mary's provides an opportunity for parishioners to meet and get to know each other while enjoying a tasty pot-luck dinner. Participants agree that it is a GREAT way to develop community and cultivate friendships. The dinner is open to all members of the parish...and yes, of course your friend from another parish is also welcome. Our next dinner is Saturday 18 February at 6.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. If you wish to enjoy a casual evening and share a meal with fellow parishioners, please RSVP to StMCatholicFellowship@outlook.com. There is no cost. Just bring a dish to share for 12 and your special beverage. Please join us and let us know you are coming!

## **Congratulations to**

Rosemary June Black who was baptized last weekend.

## Parish News

## **Collection for 11/12 February**

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign 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

Company Name:	Phone:
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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 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.

## **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. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. We take as our foundation the Proverb: "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

### **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!

### 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.

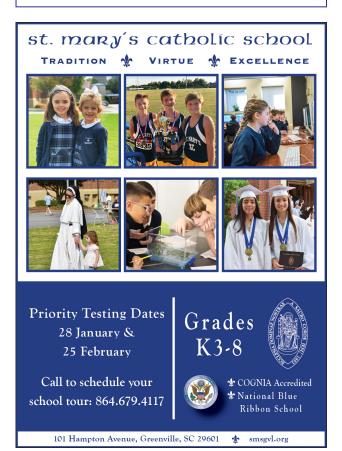
## St Mary's School Job Opening



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. Monthly Parent meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month

## 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**.



#### **Discalced Carmelite Secular Order**

The Order of Carmelites Discalced Secular (OCDS) in Columbia would like to invite anyone interested in considering a vocation to the Discalced Carmelite Secular Order to begin visiting our community. Community meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at St Joseph's Catholic Church (Columbia). Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to inquire about our community, please contact Nancy Cendrowski, OCDS, Formation Director at goodshepherdocds@gmail.com or 864.787.1443.

## **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 bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." ~John 6.35

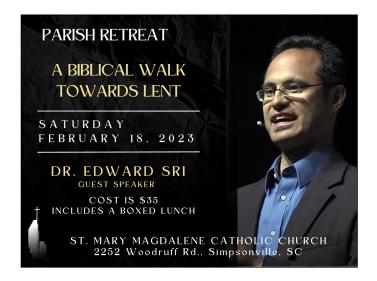
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (\*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 7 pm\*
Monday 3 pm\*
Wednesday 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





## **Luck of the Irish Casino Night Benefit**

Do you feel lucky? St Patrick's Day is just around the corner, and we hear everyone is Irish all week! So even if you don't have the *Luck of the Irish* you are sure to have a great time on Saturday 11 March from 6-10 pm at Cannon Center (Greer). Enjoy casino games, auctions and a chance to win prizes! Heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary signature cocktails, beer, wine, and toastworthy non-alcoholic libations will be served. All of this for just \$50/per person. Proceeds benefit Birthright of Greenville, a 501(c)(3) non-profit pregnancy resource center, dedicated to life and to loving and helping the mother and baby not just through the pregnancy, but for as long as we are needed. Visit https://www.birthrightgvl.org/event-details/luck-of-the-irish-2023 or contact 864.281.7677 for tickets.

## **Immersive Study**

This Lent, spend some time being encouraged in your faith by getting to know The Church Fathers with expert author, teacher and storyteller Michael Aquilina at Heart Ridge Retreat Center (Sunset) from 3-5 March. You've probably seen or heard him on EWTN and many Catholic podcasts and radio shows. He's written over 50 books. Michael will be spending a weekend with us giving an overall understanding of some of the greatest Church Fathers, as well as some interesting facts and unknown stories about others. Get a better understanding of our church's foundation. The weekend will include short lectures with discussions and questions, time for personal study and prayer, stimulating conversations with other retreatants, and free time for relaxing or hiking. Learn more and register at https://www. heartridgeministries.com/immersivestudy.html.





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