

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

26 February 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

From today through Pentecost, we will be using the Apostles' Creed at Mass instead of the Nicene Creed. This is a practice suggested by the Roman Missal because the text we call the Apostles' Creed is so directly connected to the sacrament of Holy Baptism, the promises of which we renew every year on Easter Sunday.

The full title for what we call the Apostles' Creed is the Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, and in this case the word "symbol" means the mark of Christian faith summarized in the creed. This text was not written by one of the Apostles, but it does accurately state the essentials of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. In the early Church, many dioceses founded in the Age of the Apostles had their own local profession of faith that was used in the sacred liturgy during the Baptism of adult converts, and that is the origin of this Baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church. It is the ancient profession of faith used in the Diocese of Rome by those being baptized, and we still use this text in a question and answer format at every Baptism in the Roman Rite and during the renewal of our Baptismal Promises on Passover or Easter Sunday.

Because the 40 Days are a preparation for the worthy celebration of the Passover of the Lord and because Mass on Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection always includes the renewal of our baptismal promises, a central purpose of Lent is brought into bright relief. All Christians live in the gap between who they are and who they should be, and who we should be is revealed by the grace of Holy Baptism in which we become children of God, members of Christ, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Striving to close that gap and live according to the dignity of our Baptism is the goal of the 40 Days of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, and closing that gap is first, last and always a work of grace rather than a mere exertion of our wills. Nevertheless, we are called to the obedience of faith — meaning that we must cooperate with God's grace and strive to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, rejecting whatever is contrary to the Gospel.

The text of the Apostles' Creed is found in the missalette on page 148 and it will be printed in our Mass booklet each week, and this is the Profession of Faith we will use at Mass in place of the Nicene Creed starting today and continuing through Pentecost Sunday. On the Day of Resurrection, the priest will introduce the Renewal of Baptismal Promises with words that can guide us through these 40 Days: "Dear Brethren, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church."

# **Calendar of Events**

# **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

# **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 26 February**

7.30 am 
9.00 am 
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Spanish Mass

### **Sunday 26 February**

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 3.00 pm Lay Dominicans

6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

#### **Monday 27 February**

7.00 am Mary-Michelle Moody

#### **Monday 27 February**

#### **Tuesday 28 February**

7.00 am Gomez-Restrepo Family

#### **Tuesday 28 February**

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

#### Wednesday 1 March

7.00 am ♣ Emilio & Mary Ferris

### Wednesday 1 March

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 March**

7.00 am John Matthew Gevaert

#### Thursday 2 March

Friday 3 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

#### Friday 3 March

7.00 am ♣ Patricia O'Leary

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
Way of the Cross (church)
followed by Lenten Dinner (P)

#### Saturday 4 March

5.00 pm ★ AM D-Souza & Family

#### Saturday 4 March

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

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

# **Financial Report**

### Weekend of 18/19 February

Needed	37,725
Received	39,930
Surplus	+ 2,205

Poor Box 706

#### Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 1,282,650

 Received
 1,343,132

 Surplus
 + 60,482

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@smcgvl.org.

# Forward in Faith

Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

**Donations** 

Received 5,233,001

Pledge

**Balance** 488,733

Still to Go 1,278,266

# **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, Juliet Roy, 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, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Shelby Gaschler, Andrew Orven, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet and Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol.

# **Nursery Help Needed**

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

### 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@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110 or register at https://form.jotform.com/223305490477053.

#### **Stations of the Cross Dinner**

Join us for a light dinner each Friday after the Way of the Cross in Pazdan Hall dining room.

# **Congratulations to**

Roland Peterson Larochelle and Cassian Eliot Joseph Nielsen who were baptized last weekend.

#### **Welcome Newcomers**

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: William Weir, Jordan Johnson, Caitlin Kessler.

# Parish News

# Collection for 25/26 February

Central & Eastern Europe Support of the Parish

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



#### **Lenten Devotions**

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church

#### SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

### **2022 Tax Statements**

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.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.



Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Father Jay Scott Newman, Pastor

Sundays in Lent

5:00 P.M.

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

Thirty minutes of beautiful choral music sung by the Schola Cantorum, devotional prayer and meditative silence.

Come pray with us. And bring a friend.

# Social Ministries at St Mary's

### **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@smcgvl.org.

### St Clare's Service Day



St Clare's Home of Hope, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, is

a home for women who are in a crisis pregnancy situation and desire to bless their babies with life. One of their most pressing needs is a place to store donated items. To meet this immediate need, on Saturday 18 March from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm St Mary's is sponsoring a day to perform repairs to an outbuilding and to close in a carport. We need volunteers for this effort. There are several ways you can help.

**Workers:** Whether you have experience in building and carpentry or not, everyone can help in some manner. We will be putting on Hardy board siding, facia, soffits, framing, painting, etc.

**Donations:** We need to purchase materials for this and future projects at the Home. If you would like to donate to this effort, please include a check along with your regular church donation and put "St Clare Home" in the memo line.

**Lunch:** Our workers will need to eat. You can support their work effort by arranging lunch.

**Prayers:** St Clare's Home was built on a strong foundation of prayer and is dedicated to the patronage of Our Lady of Joyful Hope. We cannot do this without your prayers.

If you would like to participate in this service day in any of these ways or if you would like more information about this or any future volunteer workdays sponsored by St Mary's, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org. Visit https://stclareshomesc.org to learn more about St Clare's Home.

# 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.

# **Support St Mary's School**

# The Gala is Saturday 11 March!

Buy tickets now at https://SMSgala2023.givesmart.com



Our annual St Mary's Gala is soon approaching! This event, along with the St Mary's Classic, is one of the most important fundraisers for our school. We invite you to

participate by purchasing tickets to join us for a fun evening including dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions and dancing. If you're not able to attend, register to participate in the Silent Auction online or make a donation at the link above. Thank you for supporting our school! Contact gala@stmarysgvl.org with questions.

# 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 28 February 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.

# **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.

#### **Nationwide Mass Times**

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org
https://www.catholicdirectory.com









# FOR LENT

With rising costs of groceries, we have seen an increase of people who come to our pantry for help.

We strive to have nutritious options for people of all walks of life, including canned alternatives for folks that don't have the luxury of preparing fresh food.

These are some of the items that are most needed.

One can of food = one less hungry belly!





Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you to participate in a food drive in service of Our Lady's Pantry as part of your Lenten journey.

Reflect on the nature of God through the spirit of your sacrifice. "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

# Suggested Non-Perishables

CANNED MEAT chicken, tuna, salmon, sardines, Spam

CANNED VEGETABLES peas, carrots, potatoes, corn, mixed

CANNED FRUIT
1-5 LB WHITE RICE
1-5 LB DRY BEANS
COOKING OIL
CEREAL
INSTANT RAMEN
JAM/JELLY
PASTA SAUCE

Drop off food before Masses on Sat & Sun 11-12 March at Our Lady's Pantry blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to Catholic Charities. Please note OLP Greenville on the memo line.



# St Mary's Religious Education



### Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Monthly Parent meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month

1st Communion students retreat is this weekend Sunday 26 February at 10.15 am in Pazdan Hall.

### Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Class meets Sunday at 9.00 am in the K4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.org.

# **Spiritual Direction**

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgvl.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**.

# **40 Days for Life**



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, of public vigil at abortion facilities, and of community outreach for the purpose of ending

abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 22 February to 2 April. The need for prayer now is greater than ever. With the failure to approve prolife laws in both the SC legislature and the SC Supreme Court, abortion is legal up to 22 weeks in our state, and the number of abortions performed at the Greenville Women's Clinic has greatly increased. Out-of-state traffic is at record levels. God tells us to deliver the helpless from destruction. "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter." ~Proverbs 24:11

The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. Be the ONE to make this a priority in your life and join us. Help spread the word to others about this important lifesaving effort. Visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville or contact Judy Masterson 864.506.0964 or Ingrid Ireland 864.329.0044.

**Sidewalk Counseling Training** Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson at info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

# **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.

# ${\cal P}$ 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 Wednesday 11 pm Thursday 2 am & 12 pm Friday 8 am & 5 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 toast-worthy 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.





Inviting all persons to experience the fullness of Christ in the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Catholic faith. Fulfilling the Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations."

The Veritas Catholic Information Center is pleased to present:

#### Caleb Payne

"Take It To the Street"

Caleb will share his incredible faith journey that led him to China and then as team leader in NY State for St Paul Street Evangelization.

March 16, 2023, 7:00 PM
Parish House
Prince of Peace Catholic Church
Taylors, SC
http://evite.me/pnbnwDYYxU





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