



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

5 March 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and these words are an emphatic affirmation that the man who is the son of Mary is also the divine Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity. But the Light which we confess Christ to be is not the created light which sprang forth at the of dawn creation when the Father commanded: Let there be light! No, Christ Jesus in his divine nature is the bearer of the uncreated Light which is the brightness of divine glory, and in the Christian East that is often called Tabor Light as a reference to the holy mystery of Christ’s Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

The Transfiguration is described by Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and every year the Gospel appointed for the Second Sunday of Lent is an account of that event. The Lord Jesus takes the inner circle of the Twelve with him up a high mountain - identified by tradition as Mount Tabor - to prepare them for the tribulation to come, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the significance of the event: “From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master ‘began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed and on the third day be raised.’ Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking ‘of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.’ A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’” (CCC 554)

“For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order ‘to enter into his glory.’ Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant, the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit ... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body. But is also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’” (CCC 555-556)

Standing in the transfigured glory of the Lord Jesus, Peter was filled with both fear and awe. He could scarcely look at the brightness of Christ’s glory, and yet he could not imagine leaving that sacred place. The brightness of the cloud at Tabor and at Christ’s Baptism in the Jordan is the same brightness that blinded Saul on the Damascus Road, that burst forth in the bush which burned before Moses without being consumed, and that filled the Meeting Tent and the Temple as a sign of God’s presence among his people. At this Mass we rejoice to be in the presence of the Light from Light, even as we prepare to go down from the mountain of the sacred liturgy and give witness to Christ by joining him in the Way of the Cross.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 5 March

7.30 am	✠ Ariston Jumaquio
9.00 am	David Creely
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 6 March

7.00 am	Lucia Nielsen
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Tuesday 7 March

7.00 am	Cassandra Gomes
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Wednesday 8 March

7.00 am	✠ Norungolo Family
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Thursday 9 March

7.00 am	✠ Rose M Anderson
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Friday 10 March

7.00 am	Felicity Elster
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Saturday 11 March

5.00 pm	✠ Bill & Ruth Jeffeaux
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 5 March

Coffee & Doughnuts:	After 9.00 am Mass (P)
Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
5.00 pm	Lenten Vespers (church)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 6 March

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
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Tuesday 7 March

Wednesday 8 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 9 March

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 10 March

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

Saturday 11 March

8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
KofC Food Drive:	After 5.00 pm Mass (church)
6.30 pm	SMS Gala

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 February

Needed	37,725
Received	35,575
Shortage	- 2,150

Poor Box	682
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,320,375
Received	1,378,707
Surplus	+ 58,332

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	5,235,654
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Pledge

Balance	488,338
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Still to Go	1,276,008
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

* 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, 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 & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol and Lisa Myer.

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.



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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: James & Jacqueline Turbervill.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 4/5 March

Forward In Faith Capital Campaign
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.

LENTEN VESPERS

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@smcgv1.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, fascia, 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@smcgv1.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 **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.

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://smcgv1.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.

St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



Sharing our gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into hats, shawls, gloves for those in our church and community. We meet the first Monday of the month from 1.00 to 3.00 pm. Can't come or need lessons, patterns or yarn? Contact Judy Lema at 864.884.9853 or airamel@aol.com for more information.

Daily Mass Readings

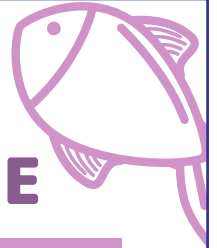
For daily Mass readings, visit <https://bible.usccb.org>

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 rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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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 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
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**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
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

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 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Monthly Parents meeting this week in Gallivan Hall

1st Communion Picture orders and nursery reservation forms due Wednesday 8 March.

10 March (Friday) Attend the Parish Stations of the Cross as a family 6.00 pm 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

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 **Inactive** 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.whelen@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://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**.

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.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him." ~Psalm 95.2

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!):

Sunday 7 pm
Wednesday 11 pm
Thursday 2 am & 12 pm
Friday 8 am & 5 pm

St Patrick's Gala



The 27th Annual St Patrick's Gala is Saturday 18 March from 6.00 to 10.00 pm at St Paul the Apostle Church in the Parish Life Center (290 E Main Street, Spartanburg), featuring Irish dancers for entertainment. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings plus refreshments. This is an adult-only event. Cost is \$20 per person. Reserve tickets by contacting Don Vennegrund at vennergrund@gmail.com or 864.497.4208.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

9 March at 7.00 pm (Greenville) - napronurse@aol.com
15 March at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) -
email naprogal@gmail.com or register at
<https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning>

Virtual Sessions

16 March at 6.30 pm - janelleaprop@gmail.com
22 March at 7.30 pm - bernarpowell97@gmail.com

Email to register for the March Introductory Sessions.



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/pnbwDYYxU>



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