



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

12 March 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics use the word “Church” in a variety of ways. In the first sense, we speak of the universal Catholic Church, and we usually indicate this meaning by the use of the capital “C.” This is the worldwide assembly of disciples founded by the Lord Jesus which was found first only in Jerusalem but which had from the beginning a universal mission and scope, and this is the Church we confess in the Creed to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

As the disciples were dispersed from Jerusalem, they organized Christian communities in the various cities where they took refuge, and then in the great missionary journeys of Saint Paul and the other apostles, Christian communities were planted where none had been before. Within the lifetime of the apostles, these local communities were also spoken of as “churches,” and we now call these diocesan churches. These are the gatherings of Catholics presided over by a bishop who is assisted by a group or college of priests and deacons, and it is the diocesan Church that our tradition calls the “particular” or local Church to distinguish it from the universal Church found all over the world. The universal Church comes before all particular Churches in time and being, but in each diocese, the particular Church is the full expression of the universal Church. So, for example, the Catholic Church in South Carolina is the Diocese of Charleston. And to this we must add the Churches of the Christian East which have their own bishops and liturgical Rites, like our Maronite brethren. So the Eparchy (or Diocese) of Saint Maron, to which Saint Rafka belongs, is also a “particular Church.”

All of this is by way of saying that Catholics do not believe that the local congregation is the fundamental unit of the universal Church’s life. Both theologically and canonically, the diocesan Church is the true local Church. Nevertheless, from Christian antiquity every diocese has been organized into parishes, and now I come to my main point. No Catholic is in full communion with the universal Church or with the diocesan Church until and unless he or she is fully living the Catholic faith in one parish church. It is by full participation in the life of one parish church that a Catholic participates fully in the life of the whole Church. To do this requires one to worship each Sunday at one’s proper parish, to share fully in the life of that parish, to contribute to the support of that parish, and - according to present custom - to be registered in that parish. To be a true parishioner of this parish church requires that one come to Mass here each week, be involved in some way in the life of the parish, support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure according to the stewardship guidelines, and be registered here. Truly belonging to the parish is also required of those who seek Baptism or Marriage here or ask for their children to receive sacraments here. We invite everyone who visits Saint Mary’s to become a true parishioner by observing these simple precepts, because only by being truly a member of one parish church are we fully involved in the life of both the diocesan Church and the universal Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 12 March

7.30 am	✠ Aquilina Fombuena
9.00 am	✠ Manuel Jose Soto
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 13 March

7.00 am	✠ Patricia Mullen
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Tuesday 14 March

7.00 am	Peace in Colombia, SA
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Wednesday 15 March

7.00 am	✠ Tuyen Van Pham
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Thursday 16 March

7.00 am	✠ Argemira Palacio
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Friday 17 March

7.00 am	✠ Mary O'Connor
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Saturday 18 March

5.00 pm	✠ Ashley Smith
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 12 March

Daylight Savings Time Begins	
KofC Food Drive: Drop off after all Masses	
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	High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 13 March

Tuesday 14 March

10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 15 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 16 March

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 17 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 18 March

8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
7.30 pm	Young Adults Dance (G)

Financial Report

Weekend of 4/5 March

Needed	37,725
Received	42,272
Surplus	+ 4,547

Poor Box	1,027
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,358,100
Received	1,420,979
Surplus	+ 62,879

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@smcgv1.org.

Forward in Faith **Capital Campaign** **\$7 Million to Raise** **2019 to 2023**

Donations	
Received	5,259,913

Pledge	
Balance	485,738

Still to Go	1,254,349
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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 Orben, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Joshua Ballew, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol and Lisa Myer.

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. **Please print your name and the names of those you wish to honor.** Memorial requests must be received no later than **Sunday 2 April** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.

Time Change Reminder



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday 12 March. Remember to *spring* your clocks forward 1 hour.

St Patrick's Day Dispensation

As the feast day of St Patrick falls during Lent on Friday 17 March, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has dispensed all the faithful in the diocese from abstaining from meat. "May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen."

Stations of the Cross Dinner

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 11/12 March

Bishop's Annual Appeal
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.



**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 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 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.

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@smcgv1.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 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.

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.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 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@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@smcgv1.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. The next class is Monday 24 April at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.org for class registration.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has two certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whelen@smcgv1.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**.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Wednesday 11 pm

Thursday 2 am*

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 Venngrund at vennergrund@gmail.com or 864.497.4208.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

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 - janellenapro@gmail.com
22 March at 7.30 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com

Email to register for the March Introductory Sessions.

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

*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.*

Melissa Ohden

Tickets on sale now! Cash bar.
StClaresHomeSC.org/pink-blue-gala

Contact Maura Chamberlin
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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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