



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

19 March 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first principle of Evangelical Catholicism says that “the Lord Jesus is the crucified and risen Savior of all mankind, and no human person can fully understand his life or find his dignity and destiny apart from an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus. It is not enough to know who Jesus is; we must know Jesus.” This last distinction is crucial for a life of genuine discipleship. It is possible to know who Jesus is without ever really knowing Jesus, and those who merely know who he is cannot be participants in Christian faith and life; they are spectators only. But how do we come to know him? How can we have an authentic friendship with the Lord Jesus?

The Savior himself gives us the answer to these questions in his teaching recorded in Chapter 15 of the Gospel of John. The scene is the Upper Room at the Last Supper, a setting which gives special urgency to the words of the Lord Jesus: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told everything that I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.” (John 15.9-16)

The Lord Jesus calls us his friends because he has told us everything given to him by his Father. This is the supernatural gift of divine revelation – the Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe. When we receive this sacred teaching with the obedience of faith, then we are strengthened by grace to love one another in the truth and to keep the commandments, not as an effort to earn a place in God’s kingdom but as a consequence of our having been made a new creation by the grace of Baptism, a grace that is renewed every time we go to Confession and worthily receive the Most Holy Eucharist.

As with any friendship, our friendship with Christ deepens over time as we come to know the Holy Scriptures more thoroughly, as we learn to pray more devoutly, as we seek to serve those in need with greater charity, as we acquire a Christian view of the world more completely, and as we surrender ourselves in love to Christ and his Church with greater conviction. During these 40 Days, as we prepare to renew the promises of our Baptism when we celebrate the Passover of the Lord, this deepening of our friendship with the Lord Jesus should be our constant goal and guide, and that, in turn, prepares us to fulfill the eighth principle of Evangelical Catholicism: “All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel.”

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 19 March

7.30 am	Katerina Puig
9.00 am	* Rizalina Paterno
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 20 March

7.00 am	Gabriel Elster
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Tuesday 21 March

7.00 am	* Barbara Taylor
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Wednesday 22 March

7.00 am	Peace in Ukraine
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Thursday 23 March

7.00 am	Greg & Michelle Moody
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Friday 24 March

7.00 am	Jonathan Polce, SJ
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Saturday 25 March

5.00 pm	Elisabeth Hambleton
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 March

KofC Breakfast:	After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (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
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 20 March

Tuesday 21 March

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 22 March

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 23 March

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 24 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 25 March

8.00-9.00 am	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 March

Needed	37,725
Received	40,431
Surplus	+ 2,706

Poor Box	941
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,395,825
Received	1,461,410
Surplus	+ 65,585

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	5,268,271

Pledge	
Balance	484,258

Still to Go	1,247,471
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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.

Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast!

This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 19 March**. For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes. Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Stations of the Cross Dinner

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Thomas & Stefanie Connolly, Cecilia Probst, John & Marilyn Endler, Spencer Keenan, Carley Clapes, Andrew Farrell.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 18/19 March

Catholic Relief Services
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.

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.

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 21 & 28 March 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.

Catholic Fellowship



We warmly invite all parishioners (especially NEW parishioners!) to join us for our Catholic Fellowship Dinner on Saturday 1 April after the 5.00 pm Mass in Pazdan Hall for fun, food, and friendship. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners in community, share a dish for a meal, and cultivate new friendships. Please RSVP by 27 March to

Kedric Chamberlin at stmcatholicfellowship@outlook.com and plan to bring a dish to share for 12 (e.g., main dish, salad, side dish or dessert) as well as your favorite beverage. There will be a free-will donation to cover dinner supply expenses. We hope you can join us!

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>.

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.

St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for teaching assistants in multiple elementary grade levels for the 2023-2024 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 122 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 320 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 with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is necessary.

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

NO RE Classes this week - Spring Break

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

No Preschool today Sunday 19 March

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

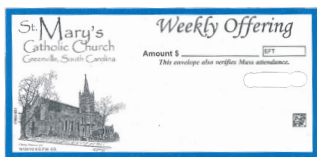
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

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.

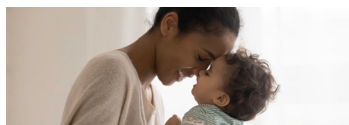
Amen

<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**.

40 Days for Life



February 22 to April 2
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.

The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. 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.

Closing Celebration Join us for prayer, music, food, and fellowship to close the spring campaign on Sunday 2 April (Palm Sunday) from 3.00 to 4.15 pm in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center. Hear personal testimonials by women whose lives were impacted or threatened by abortion, and how Christ has used this darkest of evils for good in their lives and those of others.

ARISE Women's Retreat

Southeastern Women's Retreat
ARISE!
Adore, Restore, Ignite, Serve, Eucharist
Heart Ridge Retreat and Cultural Center, Sunset, SC
April 28-30, 2023



ARISE is an invitation to women of faith across the southeast dioceses to come together for a unique journey of the heart. With extensive experience in healing ministry, Fr Ignatius Mazanowski offers

us a closer look at the practice of mercy and forgiveness and how this makes possible the healing and wholeness that our hearts desire. Here, resting in the Heart of Christ, we can discover together lasting joy and true freedom. The weekend will include opportunities for confession, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Eucharistic Adoration, and time for journaling and quiet reflection. Cost of the retreat includes meals and lodging. Deadline for registration is 25 March, but space is limited to 50 participants. Find more information and register at <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/arise.html>. Email SEWomensRetreat@gmail.com with questions.

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

Daily Mass Readings

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

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

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

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