



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

26 March 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

With this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters the final part of Lent: Passiontide. From today until the Vigil of the Resurrection in the night of Holy Saturday, crosses and statues are veiled and the sacred liturgy of each day takes us more deeply into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, as the Church cries out in faith, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."

The veiling of sacred images during Passiontide is a custom with roots in Christian antiquity, and it prepares us for the great sundering of Christ's atoning death. But even in Passiontide, stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross remain visible, and these artistic catechisms can teach us a great deal about the dignity and difficulty of being disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is true in any Catholic church, but it is most especially true here at Saint Mary's where we are blessed with sacred art of great beauty and power.

The sanctuary of the church is dominated by a stained glass window of the Crucifixion and Resurrection which was made in Bavaria in 1904 by the famed studio of Franz Mayer & Company. At the center of the scene is the Lord Jesus on the Cross, to which Saint Mary Magdalene clings at the base. To the left of the Cross are the three Mary's: the Blessed Virgin Mary stands between Mary the mother James and Joses and Mary the wife of Clopas, who was possibly a brother of Saint Joseph. And to the right of the Cross is another group of three: Saint John the Beloved Disciple stands between his mother Salome and the centurion who cried out "Truly, this was the Son of God!" Finally, at the top of the window is an image of the Resurrected Lord Jesus revealed in divine glory as the Eternal Word and God the Son - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Behind all the figures, the Holy City of Jerusalem is visible, the same city into which Jesus was received as a conquering hero only five days before his judicial murder was demanded by a howling mob. How quickly the road paved with palm branches became the Way of the Cross!

At each Mass during the Fifth Week of Lent, the Church prays the first of two prefaces of the Passion of the Lord, and that text reminds us of the cost of our salvation: "For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified."

Running through the nave of our church are the Fourteen Stations of the Cross, a devotion made popular by Saint Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. At a time when Christians could not travel safely to Jerusalem because the Holy City was under Islamic rule, Saint Francis devised a simple method for Christians to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross in their own churches. The fourteen traditional stops or stations on the Via Dolorosa are depicted in works of art that invite pilgrims to pause and pray while meditating on Christ's passion and atoning death on the Cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Father Newman

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 26 March

7.30 am ✕ Mary Oslos  
9.00 am ✕ Emily Gushue  
11.00 am Pro populo  
1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 27 March

7.00 am ✕ Campbell Martin

### Tuesday 28 March

7.00 am ✕ Joel Naylor

### Wednesday 29 March

7.00 am ✕ Elena Soto

### Thursday 30 March

7.00 am ✕ All Souls in Purgatory

### Friday 31 March

7.00 am ✕ Molly Dumphy

### Saturday 1 April

5.00 pm Altar Servers

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 26 March

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  
5.00 pm Lenten Vespers (church)  
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

### Monday 27 March

### Tuesday 28 March

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

### Wednesday 29 March

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

### Thursday 30 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 31 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 1 April

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd  
abortion clinic  
3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)  
6.00 pm Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 18/19 March

Needed 37,725  
Received 39,609  
Surplus + 1,884

Poor Box 829

### Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,433,550  
Received 1,501,019  
Surplus + 67,469

**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](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org).

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

**Donations**  
Received 5,280,592

**Pledge**  
Balance 476,998

**Still to Go** 1,242,410

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

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Cain, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

## Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## 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, 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.

## 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: Cristina Coldebella, Carlos Rodriguez, Gabriel Thompson.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 25/26 March

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](mailto: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.**

## 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://smcgv.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 March from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or [judyh75@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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@smcgv.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv.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 [rsulli42@gmail.com](mailto:rsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at [mmunafo1950@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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@smcgvl.org](mailto:joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.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@smcgvl.org](mailto: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.

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### 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.

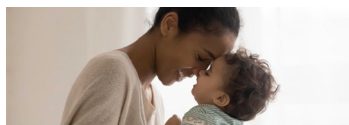
*Amen*

<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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!):

Tuesday 8 pm

Wednesday 11 pm

Thursday 2 am\* & 4 am\*

Friday 8 am & 5 pm

## Women's Discernment Retreat

Participate in a day of reflection for women ages 18-35 who are interested in or considering consecrated religious life on 1 April at St Joseph's (Columbia). The Sisters of Life and the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia (Nashville) will share treasured moments from discernment and their encounters with Christ. Register at <https://forms.gle/QCdXkkAujx4ytn2V6> or contact [vocations@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:vocations@charlestandiocese.org).

## Responding Together Seminar



You are invited to Bon Secours St Francis Health System's 5th Annual Seminar on Human Trafficking on Tuesday 4 April at Bon Secours Wellness Arena or

Virtually from 8.00 am to 12.30 pm. Please join us for a half day of presentations by internationally recognized experts on human trafficking to learn what role you can play in our community's response to this humanitarian crisis. This impactful and educational seminar is a must attend event for anyone who may come into contact with victims of sex or labor trafficking in their daily work. The event is free to attend and open to the public, and continuing education credits are available. Doors open at 7.00 am and the event begins at 8.00 am. For in person registration visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bon-secours-st-francis-5th-annual-seminar-on-human-trafficking-tickets-558123411147>. Virtual registration is at [https://bsmh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bp94Ng4dQ3qkBWFU3nOC3A](https://bsmh.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bp94Ng4dQ3qkBWFU3nOC3A).



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