

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

2 April 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Week begins today and includes the last of the 40 Days of Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. These are the holiest days of the year and the annual celebration of the sacred mysteries through which we are saved from sin and death and restored to the glory of the children of God.

Today, on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the sacred liturgy begins with this instruction from the priest: "Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and life."

On Tuesday of this Holy Week, all the priests in South Carolina will gather with our Bishop at the altar of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Baptist in Charleston. There we will renew the promises of our priestly ordination, and the Bishop will bless the three Holy Oils that are used throughout the year in the celebration of the sacraments.

On Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, we will celebrate a Solemn Mass in the evening to recall Christ's gifts to the Church of the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. Then the Most Blessed Sacrament will be carried to a place of repose and the altar will be stripped — signs of the impending grief to come.

On Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, we will meditate on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus as recorded in the Gospel according to Saint John, and then we will adore the Holy Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.

Then, in the night of Holy Saturday, we will keep the Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord. The whole plan of salvation will be unfolded in Holy Scripture, and the sacraments of Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist will reveal the glory of the Risen Christ in our midst.

Finally, at Mass on Easter Sunday, all the baptized will renew the promises of their Baptism so that we may rededicate ourselves to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross. But all that lies ahead. For now, let us acclaim the Lord Jesus:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest!

Father Newman



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

MONDAY 3 APRIL
TUESDAY 4 APRIL
7.00 am MASS

SPY WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL
7.00 am MASS
5.00 pm HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

* Holy Thursday 6 April *

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.00 pm

Adoration in the church ending at 9.00 pm

★ GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL ★

Passion of Our Lord

3.00 pm (English in the church)

WAY OF THE CROSS

5.00 pm (Spanish in the Baum Center)
6.00 pm (English in the church)

★ Holy Saturday 8 April **★**

VIGIL OF EASTER

7.00 pm

Confessions are not heard on Holy Saturday, and the 5.00 pm Mass is not celebrated.

* Easter Sunday 9 April *

7.30 am (English in the church)
9.00 am (English both in the church and in the Baum Center)

II.00 am (English in the church)

1.00 pm (Spanish in the Baum Center)

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 April

Palm Sunday

7.30 am ♣ Robert Porter

9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

♣ Jacalwyn Barlow Birchfield

Pro populo Spanish Mass

Sunday 2 April

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9.00 am 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) Lenten Vespers (church) 5.00 pm 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 3 April

♣ Norungolo Family 7.00 am

Monday 3 April

St Anne's Stitchery 1.00 pm

Tuesday 4 April Tuesday 4 April

7.00 am ♣ Josephine Plesnik

Wednesday 5 April

Spy Wednesday

7.00 am ♣ AD Pinto & Family

Wednesday 5 April

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9.30 am

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 6 April

Maundy Thursday

No 7 00 am Mass

7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Pro populo

Adoration in the church ending at 9.00 pm

Thursday 6 April

Parish office closes at 12.00 noon

Friday 7 April

Good Friday

No 7.00 am Mass

3.00 pm

Passion of the Lord

Friday 7 April

Parish office closed

6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)

followed by Lenten Dinner (P)

Saturday 8 April

Holy Saturday

Saturday 8 April

No Confessions or 5.00 pm Mass 7.00 pm Vigil of Easter

Pro populo

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd

abortion clinic

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 25/26 March

Needed 37,725 35,571 Received -2,154Shortage

Poor Box 779

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,471,275 Received 1,536,590 Surplus +65,315

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of vour 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 5,289,245

Pledge

476,603 Balance

1,234,152 Still to Go

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



Deadline is today! 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!

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. To learn more, please visit https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/ or https://custodia.org/en.



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

Parish News

Collection for 1/2 April - Palm Sunday

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign Support of the Parish

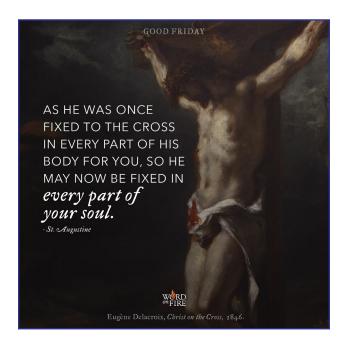
Collection for 6 April - Maundy Thursday

St Mary's Seminarians

Collection for 7 April - Good Friday

Holy Land

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed for Easter at noon on Thursday 6 April and reopen on Tuesday 11 April.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church followed by a light dinner in Pazdan Hall dining room

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

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.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 15 April at 12.00 noon



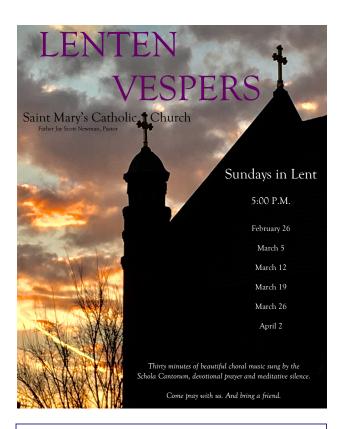
Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our potluck luncheon. Bring a main dish or dessert to share. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

The Divine Mercy Novena

The Feast of Divine Mercy is preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday. Each day of the novena, the prayer of the day for the intention of different souls is said followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The different souls prayed for are:

- Day 1 All mankind, especially sinners
- Day 2 Souls of priests and religious
- Day 3 All devout and faithful souls
- Day 4 Those who do not believe in Jesus & those who do not know Him yet
- Day 5 Souls of separated brethren
- Day 6 Meek & humble souls & souls of children
- Day 7 Souls who especially venerate & glorify Jesus' mercy
- Day 8 Souls who are detained in purgatory
- Day 9 Souls who have become lukewarm

The daily prayers can be found at https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-13366



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.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pray the Chaplet on Your Rosary Beads





1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Pray the Opening Prayers

After making the Sign of the Cross, pray the following opening prayers:

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!" (three times)

- 3. Pray the Our Father
- 4. Pray the Hail Mary
- 5. Say the Apostles' Creed
- 6. Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father"

On the Our Father bead before each decade, pray the following prayer:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."

7. Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times

On each of the Hail Mary beads in each decade, pray the following prayer:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion").

9. Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times

After you have prayed all five decades of the Chaplet, pray the following prayer:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (three times)

10. Pray the Closing Prayer

After the doxology, pray the following final prayer:

"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen."



would like to extend



to the Knights of Columbus #13112 for helping to coordinate this Lenten Food Drive in service of Our Lady's Pantry and to the parishioners at St Mary's for their incredible generosity!!

Your donations resulted in receipt of an approximate 2220 lbs of goods and a financial donation of \$120. Our food pantry shelves are full of nutritious choices.

Thank you for supporting our mission to serve those in need!



For more information about our programs, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jessica Thrall at 864.331.2626 or jthrall@charlestondiocese.org







St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Monthly Parent meeting is this Wednesday 5 April at** 6:30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

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 <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. 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 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.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. 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.

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.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

13 April at 7 pm at St Francis Eastside - napronurse@aol.com 19 April at 6 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

Virtual Sessions

3 April at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 17 April at 6.30 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com

Icon Painting Workshop St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting June 26-July 1, 2023 St. Rafka Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece. This Saint Gabriel icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine leonography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are professional, this workshop offers the opportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon. Your tuition fee of \$700 includes most materials including boards pigments etc. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. For enrollment and more information, visit the website https://theodoreicons.com/sc or contact Mrs Aziza Stansberry at: stansberryazizax@gmail.com phone: 864-506-1924

${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

Prince of Peace

"The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal." ~From the Easter sequence, Victimae Paschali Laude

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 one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Thursday 2 am & 4 am* Friday 8 am & 5 pm Saturday 6 am

Mother Daughter Retreat

If you have a tween daughter, don't miss this opportunity to build friendship and communication so important in the upcoming teen years at the mother and tween daughter *Arise and Shine* overnight retreat on 22-23 April at Heart Ridge (Sunset). Moms and daughters will do crafts, play games, hike, and spend time in communication and discussion activities. Price is all inclusive. Register at https://www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter.

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.

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