



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 April 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

During Eastertide the Church directs our attention to the central place of Holy Baptism in Christian faith and life, and each year on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, all the baptized are asked to renew the promises of their Baptism. So this is the perfect time for us to consider a crucial question in the Church's life: who is eligible to be baptized?

Before answering that question, we must take notice of the fact that for many centuries, the vast majority of people who have been baptized were brought to the font as infants, but this statistical fact should not distract us from the theological truth that the meaning of the Baptism of children is fully revealed only in light of the Baptism of adults who come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus and then ask to be baptized. All seven of the sacred mysteries of the New Covenant are sacraments of faith, and the request of an adult to be baptized presupposes the gift of faith received as a prevenient grace leading to the second birth by water and the Holy Spirit through which one enters the Church as by a door. And no one would ask for Baptism who was not prepared to live the Christian faith by, at a bare minimum, coming to Mass each Sunday to be nourished by the Word of God and the Most Holy Eucharist. In fact, in a certain sense we can say that we are baptized precisely so that we may attend Mass and receive the Body and Blood of the Savior, so those who do not intend to make Sunday Mass the center of their lives have no reason to ask for Baptism. But now we return to the statistical norm of infant Baptism and are immediately confronted with the strange custom of people who were baptized as children, have grown up to have their own children, and now ask to have their children baptized despite the fact that they seldom, if ever, come to Mass. And the same holds true for adults who are not coming to Mass but still ask for permission to serve as godparents or sponsors for the Baptism of a child.

So, who can be baptized? Those adults are eligible for Baptism who are prepared to make their own profession of faith and accept the most serious duty to practice the Catholic faith in every way, including attending Mass each Sunday and holy day of obligation. And those children are eligible for Baptism whose parents meet the same criteria as adults asking for Baptism. If the parents of a child are not practicing the faith by - at a bare minimum - attending Sunday Mass, then there is no founded hope that the child will be instructed in the Gospel and taught to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross, and in that case, the Church cannot consent to baptize the child in question. This is not intended in any way as a punishment for the child or still less for the anguished grandparents who are practicing the faith and want their now grown children to do the same for the sake of the grandchildren, but it is an acknowledgment that the sacraments are not magic. For Holy Baptism to be a true sacrament of faith, there must be in those who request it - whether for themselves or for their children - a genuine intention to follow the Lord Jesus in every way, beginning and ending with the Sunday celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 23 April

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| 7.30 am | ✧ George James Miller |
| 9.00 am | ✧ Lindsey Ann Edwards |
| 11.00 am | Pro populo |
| 1.00 pm | Spanish Mass |

Monday 24 April

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| 7.00 am | ✧ Edmund Nietopski |
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Tuesday 25 April

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| 7.00 am | Matthew & Theresa Gevaert |
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Wednesday 26 April

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| 7.00 am | ✧ Bill & Carol Rogers |
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Thursday 27 April

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| 7.00 am | Joe Sanfilippo |
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Friday 28 April

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| 7.00 am | ✧ Tony & Mabel Lema |
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Saturday 29 April

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| 5.00 pm | ✧ Anthony & Alvina Kasun |
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 23 April

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| 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 |
| 6.00 pm | High School Youth Group (M) |

Monday 24 April

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| 6.30 pm | Baptism Class |
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Tuesday 25 April

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| 10.00 am | SMCCW Sewing Group |
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Wednesday 26 April

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

Thursday 27 April

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| 7.00 pm | Spanish Adoration |
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Friday 28 April

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| 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 |
| 7.00 pm | Spanish Rosary |

Saturday 29 April

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 April

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| Needed | 37,725 |
| Received | 39,559 |
| Surplus | + 1,834 |

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| Poor Box | 1,173 |
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Offertory Year to Date

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| Needed | 1,584,450 |
| Received | 1,656,544 |
| Surplus | + 72,094 |

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 5,433,098

Pledge Balance 470,341

Still to Go 1,096,561

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 Marvin 'Mac' McDaris (father of Marv McDaris), who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his 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.

Congratulations to

Cory Michael & Leah Elsaesser who were married last weekend.

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>.

Welcome Newcomers

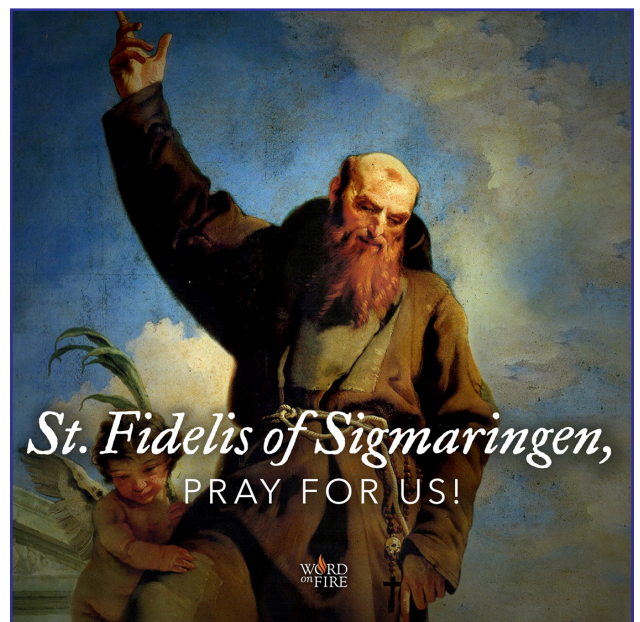
We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ernesto & Peggy Barquet, David & Katelyn Mancini, Patrick & Jennifer Kiley, Arianne Baptiste, Gary & Mary Melvin, Peter & Colette Ozarowski.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 April

Catholic Home Missions
Support of the Parish

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



First Communion

This coming weekend the children will make their First Communion. Please keep our Communicants in your prayers this week as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.
<https://masstimes.org>
<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 25 April 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.

Greenville Deanery Meeting

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women will host the Greenville Deanery of the SC Council of Catholic Women meeting on Sunday 30 April in Pazdan Hall at 2.00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for a light meal and to learn more about how you can become involved in the St Mary's Council of Catholic Women and the Greenville Deanery. We would be delighted for you to join us as we grow in our faith and help our community. Please contact Karoline O'Rourke at karolineorourke@gmail.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw

The Monsignor Charles J Baum Council 13112 winner of our Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is Brynn Tollefson. She also won the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship for her age group. Congratulations to Brynn!

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 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.

Saint Mary's Classic

*The Preserve at
Verdae Golf Club*

GOLF



You Are Invited!

*Please join us to support St Mary's School at
our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament,
which is open to all parishioners.*

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on 2 June!

All packages include four playing spots in classic, player gifts, reception/equipment pick up, breakfast and lunch at golf course. Several sponsorship levels are available for teams. Please contact golf@stmarysgvl.org to sign up. Thank you for helping support our school!

Women of St. Mary's

SPRING LUNCHEON 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

All women of the parish are invited to join the members of St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women as we celebrate our year of spirituality, leadership and service to the church and community. Meet new friends and learn more about our council activities!

Tuesday, 9 May 2023

**Poinsett Club
807 E. Washington Street, Greenville**

Poinsett Room: Front Entrance, First Room on Left
(There is also a ground level entrance to avoid stairs.)

11:30 a.m. - Meet and Greet
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch, Awards, and Officer Installation

Entrée:

Herb Grilled Chicken
with Champagne Cream Sauce,
Rice Pilaf, Buttered Green Beans, Corn Sticks

Dessert

Beverages

For electronic invoice, please e-mail: karolineorourke@gmail.com

*Make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women
Mail coupon below with check to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602*

*****RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, 1 May 2023*****

Cut and return coupon with your check -- Please Print Clearly

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women 2023 Spring Luncheon

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Names of Additional Guests: _____

Total Guests _____ x \$25.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

National Eucharistic Revival



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

EUCHARISTIC MISSION NIGHTS

As we journey through the process of the National Eucharistic Revival, join two dynamic national Eucharistic preachers for an evening of prayer and inspiration that will send us forth to proclaim the Good News we encounter in the Eucharist. All are welcome. Registration not required.

27 APRIL 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Fr. Dorantes @ St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville
Fr. LoCoco @ St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton

28 APRIL 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Fr. Dorantes @ St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken
Fr. LoCoco @ St. Philip Neri Parish, Fort Mill

29 APRIL 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Fr. Dorantes @ St. James the Greater, Conway
Fr. LoCoco @ Basilica of St. Peter, Columbia

Contact the Office of Catechesis & Christian Initiation for more information:
Catechesis@charlestdiocese.org or 843.261.0504

What are Mission Nights?

Mission Nights is a calendar of when two of the national Eucharistic preachers will be speaking in several parishes throughout South Carolina. Fr Manuel Dorantes will be in Greenville at St Mary Magdalene parish on Thursday 27 April at 6.30 pm to give a bilingual one night mission. It will be a night of preaching, prayer, and inspiration that will renew and strengthen your faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. As similar events are scheduled, we'll keep you informed so that you can take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for you and your family to grow in your faith. Learn more at <https://charlestdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharistic-mission-nights>.

What is the Revival? The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the United States to the divine invitation of re-centering our lives on the Real Presence of the Eucharist. In South Carolina, this movement seeks to ignite fervor for the Most Blessed Sacrament in the hearts of faithful through teaching, practice and evangelization. Learn more at <https://charlestdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/>. Choose any of the several topics listed at the bottom of the page.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

1st Communion Practice is Thursday 27 April . Meet in Gallivan Hall at 4:30 pm. This practice is only for the children, no parents. Parents can pick the children up in Gallivan Hall at 5:30.

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@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110

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@smcgv.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@smcgv.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@smcgv.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

"Speak, Lord, for Thy Servant heareth." ~1 Samuel 3:9

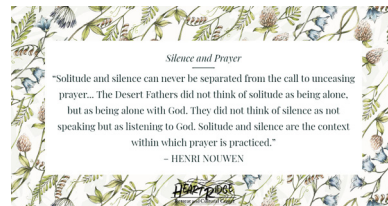
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeace.taylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Thursday 2 am & 4 am*

Friday 5 pm

Saturday 6 am

Ignatian Silent Retreat



Ignatian Silent Retreat lead by Fr William Frei is 5-7 May at the Heart Ridge Retreat Center (Sunset). There will be sessions

led by Fr Frei as well as Mass and Confession, but most of the time will be spent in silence so that the retreatants can spend time discerning, praying, and resting in God's care. All food and comfortable lodging provided at the beautiful mountain retreat center. Find more details and register at <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html>.

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. Find more details and register at <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter>.

Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year Podcast* with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Join us as we journey through it together on Fridays from noon to 1.00 pm.
Contact cathy@charlestandiocese.org to receive the Zoom invite.



By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

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- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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Young Adult Spring Retreat

Join us on a weekend retreat from 5-7 May to rest, pray and have the spiritual support to help you discern well. The retreat will be held at Camp St Christopher on Johns Island (Charleston). Featured speaker Robert Fedducia will share the Gospel message and unpack the challenges and rewards of trusting God in everything. Contact Mike Sylvester at msylvester@charlestandiocese.org with questions. Register at <https://bit.ly/ya-spring-2023>.

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 Iconography. 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 beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great 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



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