



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

21 May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Scripture tells us that the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of his Father forty days after his Resurrection, and for that reason, the Church traditionally celebrates the Ascension on the Thursday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter — forty days after Easter Sunday. In recent years, however, the liturgical commemoration of the Ascension has been transferred in many places from the proper Thursday to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, and that is why we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ today.

This mystery of faith does not mean that the Lord was merely taken from our sight to continue in space and time as we know them while simply being in another place; rather, Christ the Lord in his Ascension transcended the created universe altogether, including the created realities of time and space. But in transcending the created universe, the Lord Jesus did not abandon his Church or leave us comfortless. Even as Christ gave us the Great Commission to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and celebrate the sacraments for the salvation of souls, he also promised to send the Holy Spirit of truth to be our teacher, guide, and consoler, and the coming of the Spirit was accomplished and manifested 50 days after Christ's Resurrection, a mystery which we will celebrate next week on the great Solemnity of Pentecost. Christ's Ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the very conditions for the possibility of this time of the Church in which we are called to share in the sublime work of bringing the whole human race to know, love and serve the living God, and the Savior remains with us in Word and Sacrament to sustain us in that mission.

In describing the final moments of the Lord Jesus with the Apostles, St Matthew candidly admits that even forty days after the Resurrection, confusion remains: "And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted." These doubts, however, were resolved by the solemn revelation of the divine nature and glory of the Son of Man: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." And twenty centuries later we are still laboring to fulfill the Great Commission, which begins with comprehending the majesty of this sacred mystery of faith. In the Roman Missal, the first Preface of the Ascension speaks to us of the sacred mystery of Christ's Ascension in these words:

"It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens, as the Angels gazed in wonder. Mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 21 May

7.30 am ✱ Carol Burris
 9.00 am Theresa Gevaert
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 22 May

7.00 am Natalie Kompik

Tuesday 23 May

7.00 am ✱ Dianne Krone

Wednesday 24 May

7.00 am ✱ Ava Josephine Marrero

Thursday 25 May

7.00 am Andrew & Hannah Elster

Friday 26 May

7.00 am Braud Family

Saturday 27 May

5.00 pm ✱ Walter & Margaret Saiko

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 21 May

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)
 Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study
 3.00 pm Lay Dominicans
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (M)

Monday 22 May

Tuesday 23 May

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 24 May

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &
 Confessions (church)

Thursday 25 May

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 26 May

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 Diaconal Ordinations (church)
 followed by reception (G)

Saturday 27 May

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 13/14 May

Needed	37,725
Received	38,835
Surplus	+ 1,110

Poor Box	879
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,735,350
Received	1,807,227
Surplus	+ 71,877

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	5,492,848
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Pledge Balance	464,456
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Still to Go	1,042,696
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on 28 June or any Wednesday in July (resumes 2 August).

The church will be closed and locked all weekdays from 3 to 7 July and from 10 to 14 July. During those two weeks, we will not have Mass at 7 am, and no visits to the church will be possible so that we can perform needed maintenance work in the building. Our weekend schedule will remain the same. Please excuse this inconvenience.

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, 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, Lisa Myer, Mike & Sandy Miros.

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 21 May**. 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Rob Tiro, Rachel Curtis, Michael & Amy Chandler, Hector Cruz & Yanet Acevedo, Michele Houmis.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 20/21 May

Catholic Communications
Support of the Parish

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



Church and Parish Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day on Monday 29 May, the church and office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Congratulations to

Carson Grace Alewine, Kennedy Myer Alewine and Veronica Mae Oslin who were baptized last weekend.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 23 & 30 May 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 current and new parishioners to join us for our next Catholic Fellowship Dinner. Please plan to join us Saturday 3 June after the 5.00 pm Mass in Pazdan Hall dining room for fun, food, and fellowship. This program at St Mary's is a great way to meet in community, share a dish for a meal, and cultivate new friendships. We would love to have you!

RSVP by Monday 29 May to Kedric Chamberlin at stmccatholicfellowship@outlook.com. Please bring a dish to share for 12 (main dish, side dish, salad or dessert) and your favorite beverage. There is a free will donation to cover the expenses of paper goods.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

<https://masstimes.org>

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

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.

Pentecost Novena



After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1.14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

This is the origin of the word "novena," traditionally a prayer done over nine days. This year the novena begins on Friday 19 May and runs through Saturday 27 May. Prayers for each day of the novena can be found online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>.



Catholic Radio in South Carolina
WCKI 1300 AM

For programming
information, visit

<https://catholicradioinnc.com>

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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!

National Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Processions



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.

Eucharistic Processions When is the last time you participated in a Eucharistic Procession? What better way to confirm and strengthen your faith in the Real Presence than by publicly witnessing to your faith! In the month of June, you'll find several opportunities to do just that. Make a day of it and involve the whole family. Bring Christ into your community and into your life in a special way! Visit <https://charlestdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/17656-2/> to see the calendar of upcoming processions.

St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for **a full-time K3 teacher** for the 2023-2024 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, organized, passionate for early childhood education, able to communicate well with parents, familiar with the developmental needs and capabilities of 3 and 4-year-old children, with a calm and loving demeanor and the ability to expertly manage many small children at once.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 123 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 319 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.

St Mary's K3 curriculum is fundamentally academic and focuses on fine and gross motor skills, an introduction to letters and their sounds, educational play, listening skills, cooperation, personal responsibility, managing emotions, song, prayer, and the Catholic faith. The lead teacher is supported in the classroom by two full-time aides, and students experience enrichment classes in Art, Music, Spanish, and French with other St Mary's teachers.

Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgv1.org.

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 scheduled class is Monday 11 September. 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**.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Join Father Longenecker and Catholic Bible teacher Steve Ray for a once in a lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 15-24 May 2024. For more information contact dcraft@charlestdiocese.org or call the parish office at Our Lady of the Rosary at 864.422.1648.

Family Honor Greece Pilgrimage



You are invited to join Family Honor on an amazing 12-day pilgrimage to Greece, including a three-night cruise along the Aegean Sea! Visit the sites related to St Paul in

Corinth, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, and Veria. Also visit Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Meteora. You'll participate in daily Mass at holy sites, visit the monastery and cave where St John wrote the Book of Revelation, see the house where the Blessed Mother lived with St John, and explore the ancient city of Athens. In addition, you'll stop by museums with displays of ancient artifacts and savor exquisite Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy the company of a professional Tour Escort and make unforgettable memories, all in the safety and ease of group travel. The group departs the USA on 23 October and returns 3 November. Spiritual Director for the Pilgrimage will be Father Philip Gillespie, pastor of St Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson, SC. For more information, contact Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, at 803.929.0858 or bcerkez@familyhonor.org. For more information, visit <https://www.catholicheritagetours.com/fhbcgr2023>.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prince of Peace

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." ~John 20:19

Share a Holy hour with the Lord! Contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. We are very grateful that all hours are currently covered with at least one guardian. Our goal is two per hour. Please consider becoming a co-adorer for the hour of your choice.

Family Summer Camps



Come to the Mountains! Heart Ridge Retreat Center offers weeklong Catholic family camps. It's like summer camp - but for the whole family. One price includes comfortable AC lodging, food, and all of the activities. Faith sessions based on age are offered daily as well as individual family time, and

Mass. Afternoons are spent doing optional outdoor activities at and near the mountain retreat center. Evenings are full of fun, like skits and games. If you want to grow closer to God and closer as a family, and get out of cooking for a week, this is the vacation for you. Please visit <https://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html> to learn more and register.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

8 June at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) -
email napronurse@aol.com

14 June at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) -
email naprogal@gmail.com or register at
<https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning>

15 June at 7.30 pm at St Philip Neri (Fort Mill) -
email bernapowell97@gmail.com

Virtual Sessions

22 May at 7.30 pm - bernapowell97@gmail.com

1 June at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com

5 June at 6.30 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.

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:
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