



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

28 May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Jewish feast of Passover commemorates the deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt, and from that day of liberation, Moses led the people to the holy mountain where he had seen the living God in the bush which burned without being consumed. There on Mount Horeb Moses received the Ten Commandments from the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and although Scripture does not specify the time between Passover and the giving of the Law, an ancient tradition holds that it was fifty days. Then in Leviticus 23.15-16, the Lord commands the children of Israel to offer a sacrifice of spring wheat exactly seven full weeks from the second day of Passover, meaning the fiftieth day from the feast of Passover. So, the Feast of First Fruits, also called the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot in Hebrew), was kept 50 days after Passover and was a time of great thanksgiving to God for the blessings of freedom and prosperity and for the Law which safeguarded those blessings. This festival was also called Pentecost from the Greek words meaning the fiftieth day.

Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles opens with a mention of the arrival of the day of Pentecost, and this refers, of course, to the Jewish festival celebrated 50 days after Passover. Because of the feast, Jerusalem was filled with Jews visiting from all over the Mediterranean world, and it was to this multitude that St Peter preached the Gospel, leading to the conversion of 3,000 people to saving faith in Jesus Christ. The power of Peter's preaching came not from him but from God the Holy Spirit who was poured out upon the Church on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, thus making Pentecost a festival for both Jews and Christians. To this day, observant Jews celebrate Shavuot in gratitude for the gift of Torah, and Christians celebrate Pentecost in thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the new life of grace which comes by saving faith in Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace. In this concurrence we see fulfilled the teaching of St Paul (Colossians 2.16-17) that the feasts of the Old Covenant are shadows of the good things which come to us in Jesus Christ, to whom all the types and figures of Israel point.

The coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church in Jerusalem led to the miracle of one voice being heard in many languages, an event which is both a symbolic reversal of the scattering of the human race as a result of the pride which built the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9) and a pledge of the Church's mission to gather all nations into the unity of those who worship the one, only, living and true God by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, repenting of sin, being baptized, and living as a new creation in Christ's body, the Church. The events of Pentecost fulfilled the promise of the Lord Jesus to his Apostles: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1.8), and so Pentecost also began the tireless effort of the Church to fulfill the Great Commission by making disciples of all nations. Two millennia later, our contribution to that work of grace is to live as Evangelical Catholics who share the Gospel with others and lead them to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 28 May

7.30 am	* Gregory M & Alice R Hallas
9.00 am	Matthew Gaetano & Family
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 29 May

Memorial Day - No 7.00 am Mass

Tuesday 30 May

7.00 am	* Adolfine Gubo
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Wednesday 31 May

7.00 am	* James T & Florence Mooney
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Thursday 1 June

7.00 am	* John Campbell & Willie Martin
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Friday 2 June

7.00 am	Louis & Mary Braud
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Saturday 3 June

5.00 pm	* Sam Howard
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 28 May

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 29 May

Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 30 May

10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
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Wednesday 31 May

5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
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Thursday 1 June

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 2 June

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 3 June

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 20/21 May

Needed	37,725
Received	35,084
Shortage	- 2,641

Poor Box	585
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,773,075
Received	1,842,311
Surplus	+ 69,236

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 5,508,165

Pledge Balance 464,176

Still to Go 1,027,659

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.

Church Office Summer Hours

2 June through 11 August

Monday - Thursday	9 am - 4 pm
Friday	9 am - 12 noon

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.

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. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafò (late group) at mmunafò1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

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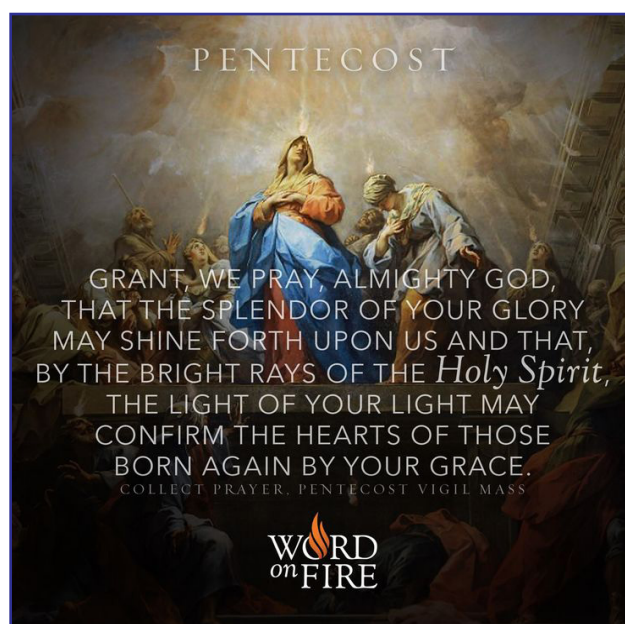
Gray Katherine Goodrich who was baptized last weekend.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 27/28 May

Bishop's Annual Appeal
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>

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Maureen Zamora, Michael & Patricia LaPenna, James & Mary Klass, Alain Duque & Jessyca London, Craig & Ashley MacKenzie.

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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.

Thank you, Karoline O'Rourke

For serving as president of St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women for 3 years through COVID and beyond. Your creativity sparked many new ideas and brought energy to our council meetings. Your smile and generous heart helped comfort many through difficult times. We will always be grateful to you for leading us with grace and humility. With love from your sisters in Christ.

School Office Summer Hours

until 4 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.



Visit our website here!

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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!



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

FOOD DRIVE IN SERVICE OF OUR LADY'S PANTRY

Client Testimonial:

"I hope y'all realize how important you are to a lot of us who struggle hard at times. You give us a reason to smile on days we get to enjoy food, conversation, and prayers from you all!

God Bless You!"



We would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for helping to coordinate this Food Drive in service of Our Lady's Pantry and to the parishioners at St Mary's for their wonderful generosity!

Your donations resulted in receipt of an approximate 675 lbs of goods - including everything from food to hygiene products - and a financial donation of \$2,430. It is truly inspiring and our hearts are filled with so much gratitude!

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 jthrall@charlestondiocese.org

*Thank
you* 

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**.

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

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

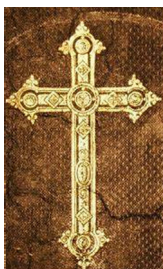
Prince of Peace

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

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!):

Monday 10 am*

Mass for the Unborn



Our Lady of the Rosary Parish will be hosting a Special Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors on Saturday 3 June at 9.00 am in the Upper Church. This will be an opportunity for Sidewalk Advocates and OLR's Respect Life Committee to update everyone on Pro-Life matters and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards (1142 Grove Road). This Mass begins First Saturday Pro-Life Masses each month at Our Lady of the Rosary. Contact 864.772.9020 for more information.

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@charlestandiocese.org or call the parish office at Our Lady of the Rosary at 864.422.1648.

Junior High CLI

The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is a five-day experience for junior high school students across the diocese from 12-16 June. They come together with an adult minister to foster leadership and development to produce Christian leaders for schools, parish youth programs and the communities. Junior High CLI is designed for those entering grades 7-9 who are now or will be in a parish, school or diocesan leadership role. Register at <https://charlestandiocese.configio.com/pd/231/jr-high-cli-2023>. Contact Deacon Jerry White at jwhite@charlestandiocese.org with questions.

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

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.

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