

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

16 July 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Second Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is divine revelation, not human wisdom, and the Gospel is given to us in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition which together constitute a single divine deposit of faith transmitted authentically and authoritatively by the Bishops in full communion with the Bishop of Rome. We must surrender our private judgments in all matters of faith and morals to the sacred teaching authority of the Church's Magisterium if we are to receive the whole Gospel."

Suspicion of authority is one of the hallmarks of our time, and the rejection of all authority except for one's own thoughts and feelings is usually considered an essential condition of intellectual maturity and personal autonomy. Moreover, when this skepticism is married to the cynicism that now suffuses our entire culture, then people despair of the very possibility of a truth we can know with certainty and by which we can shape our lives without irony. But into this chaos the Lord Jesus speaks a divine word of saving truth: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

In the First Principle of Evangelical Catholicism, we saw that saying "Jesus Christ is Lord" changes our lives in every way, and this Second Principle shows one of the most fundamental ways in which Christians are different from all others. We do not live in radical doubt of the fundamental truths about the origin and purpose of human life because the God who made us from nothing has shown Himself to us and explained His plan for our lives. He began this revelation through Israel and her inspired writings, and He completed this revelation in the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ a sure and certain guide that frees us from the skepticism and cynicism that lead so many people into the despair of nihilism. And we receive this Gospel with complete certainty of its truth only in the Catholic Church, in which the Bishops who stand in apostolic succession bear in its fullness the authority of the Savior to teach: "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." (Luke 10:16) Jesus gave His messianic authority to the Apostles, who were thus made authentic and authoritative teachers of the Gospel, and the Bishops who succeed the Apostles in every age do not teach from their own authority, learning, or wisdom. Rather, they teach only in the name of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this is why we can surrender our private judgments about all matters of faith and morals to the teaching of the Church without any loss of our legitimate autonomy and intellectual maturity: the Gospel transmitted in and by the Church is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.



July 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our diocese has a strong history of dedicated men that have offered a lifetime of service to the Catholic Faithful here in South Carolina. Even before the inception of our diocese in 1820, groups of faithful and dedicated priests have served our local region. Today, that tradition of service continues. A primary goal of our diocese is to properly care for and support the priests of our diocese should they become sick or be stricken with a life altering health condition.

I write to ask for your support for our priests who are ill. Sometimes, health insurance does not cover all medical costs and in severe cases, the expenses are monumental.

Please be generous to our collection for *Infirm Priests*. These priests have spent their lives caring for others and helping those most in need. I am confident that we will continue to do our best to care for them.

In Christ's love,

laques to bre laura

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS Bishop of Charleston

This collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Charleston on July 15-16

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Financial Report	
Sunday 16 July		Sunday 16 July		Weekend of 8/9 July	
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	✗ Robert & Barbara Kellems Monks of Norcia, OSB Pro populo Spanish Mass		esumes 13 August) at: After morning Masses (P)	Needed Received Surplus	38,900 39,232 + 332
				Poor Box	805
Monday 17 July		Monday 17 July		Offertory Year to Date	
7.00 am	Norungolo Family			Needed Received Shortage	77,800 77,798 - 2
Tuesday 18 July		Tuesday 18 July			
7.00 am	✤ Dorothy Shamieh				
Wednesday 19 J		Wednesday 19 July No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 2 August)		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	
Thursday 20 July 7.00 am Kristen Nietopski & Family		Thursday 20 Julyon the homepage of our we For more information of you have any questions p contact Jennifer Anderso jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.or7.00 pmSpanish Adoration		ormation or if questions please r Anderson at	
Friday 21 July		Friday 21 July			
7.00 am	Juan Carlos Gomez	Parish Office (5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am 7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Closes at Noon Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary	<i>Forward in Faith</i> Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023	
Saturday 22 July		Saturday 22 July		Donations Received	5,659,697
5.00 pm	Margaret Burnos	8.00-9.00 am 3.30-4.30 pm	Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic Confessions (church)	Received Pledge Balance	451,775
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

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

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, Sandy Miros, and Terry Gurn.

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 16 July**. 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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 15/16 July

Infirm Priests Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Lucy Rose Beaugh & Mary Pearl Hutson who were baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Christian Rodriguez & Diana Dugarte, Rebecca Marigliano, Michael & Laura Nelson, Anna Provido, Marie Pirochta, Sarah Viebrock, Roberto & Gloria Roman.





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education 2023-2024 - Grades 1-8 NEEDS YOUR HELP

Volunteer Opportunities Available: We are looking for Catechists and helpers for our Religious Education Program for grades 1-8 for the upcoming year 2023-2024. If you are interested in serving the Parish in a very rewarding way, join our wonderful group of Catechists. Classes meet Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 pm September - April. Please call or email with questions. We would love to talk to you. Training and education will be provided.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110



Support Our Missionary

This past school year, Saint Mary's parishioner Elise Devine served as a missionary with the National Evangelization Team (NET), which sends out teams of young adults to share the Gospel with students across the USA. Together with her team, Elise traveled over 27,000 miles, served in 17 states, and reached over 6,000 teens and young adults. After this successful year, Elise has decided to go back to NET and serve for a second year starting in August. In order to fulfill this call, she needs to raise \$10,000 to cover the costs of training, healthcare, transportation, equipment, and a small monthly stipend. Elise has been the first member of Saint Mary's to work with NET, and she is currently the only missionary coming from the Diocese of Charleston. Saint Mary's Church invites everyone to support Elise's missionary service. To make a donation please click the link below, and to learn more about this opportunity, you are welcome to reach out to Elise at eliserdevine@gmail.com.

Support Elise by visiting https://netusa.org/supportamissionary/ and select 'Elise Devine' under missionaries.

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 scheduled class is Monday 11 September. 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**.



GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER 1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC 29607

Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit

The Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit is traveling to several parishes in the Diocese of Charleston this summer! This exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Find dates and parishes at https://charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/ eucharisticmiraclestravelexhibit/.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions 19 July at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-familyplanning 25 July at 6.30 pm at St Andrew (Myrtle Beach) email janetgcrms@gmail.com

Virtual Sessions

19 July at 6.30 pm - elenabfcp@gmail.com20 July at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com20 July at 8.00 pm - register at bit.ly/introwithemma

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.

National Eucharistic Revival





Adoration

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://charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/. Choose any of the several topics listed at the bottom of the page.

Adoration Opportunities If someone is our friend, we naturally want to spend time with them, to share experiences, to look to them for advice and direction. If Jesus is not only our Lord and God, but also our friend and brother, it should be no different. To come to the understanding that he is really present in our churches and in our lives, we must spend time with him, sharing and listening. Check out different opportunities to do just that all around our state. Get in touch - stay in touch! To learn more, visit https://charlestondiocese.org/our-relationship-with-the-eucharist/.



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.

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Prince of Peace

"Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth!" "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!"

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

Sunday 8 am Monday 10 am & 1 pm Tuesday 8 pm*

Novena to Saints Anne & Joachim



Join us for nine consecutive nights from 18-26 July as we seek the intercession of Saints Anne & Joachim (parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus) for Couples Struggling with Infertility. Pious tradition tells us that they spent most

of their life together as childless couple, thus they are the patron saints for infertility and also for grandparents. Every night, prayers will be said including specific intentions and a brief story of Saints Anne & Joachim. Register in advance and submit prayer intentions when you sign up at https:// tinyurl.com/NFPNovena or join us via Natural Family Planning - Diocese of Charleston Facebook Page.



The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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