



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

23 July 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Third Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: “The seven Sacraments of the New Covenant are divinely instituted instruments of grace given to the Church as the ordinary means of sanctification for believers. Receiving the Sacraments regularly and worthily is essential to the life of grace, and for this reason, faithful attendance at Sunday Mass every week (serious illness and necessary work aside) and regular Confession of sins are absolutely required for a life of authentic discipleship.”

In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul teaches us that we exist to live for the praise of God’s glory. This is a bold claim! If we exist to praise God, then until we worship Him according to the eternal plan of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ, we are not yet living a whole or a holy human life. In other words, a person who does not give thanks to God each week in the Most Holy Eucharist does not yet fully understand why he exists or how to find his eternal destiny. From the creation of the world, the Seventh Day was set aside for us from ordinary occupations so that we could share in the covenantal worship which completes and perfects our humanity, and the Passover meal of Israel was set by God as a perpetual remembrance of their deliverance from slavery so that they would never return to the condition of slaves. In his passion, death, and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus transformed the Passover of the Old Covenant into the Eucharist of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and for Christians the observance of the Sabbath moved to the Day of Resurrection, the Lord’s Day on which we share each week in the Passover of the Lamb of God. But if all this true, why do so many Catholics not attend Mass every Sunday?

“I don’t get anything out of it. It’s boring. I don’t like the music.” These are among the answers typically offered by non-practicing Catholics when asked why they don’t attend Mass each Sunday. But those answers reveal a much deeper problem. People who don’t attend Mass because “they don’t get anything out of it” are revealing that they are not yet authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus who understand the cost of discipleship. We are not called to Mass to get anything; we are called to Mass to give something. In fact, we are called to give everything. We must offer our whole lives as a sacrifice of praise in and with the sacrifice of Christ, and in so doing we fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus given at the Last Supper: “Do this in remembrance of me.” And when once we have learned to worship God in this fashion, then we find that we do receive something. We receive divine mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the light of the Gospel to illuminate the mysteries of life, the strength to take up our cross and follow Christ, and the nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the pledge of eternal life and the medicine of immortality. And going to Confession whenever needed is Christ’s Easter gift to the Church and an essential preparation for our worthy participation in the Eucharist. Since we exist for the praise of God’s glory, let’s use the tools He himself has given us to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 23 July

7.30 am ✖ Mike Miros
 9.00 am ✖ William Stuart
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Monday 24 July

7.00 am ✖ Willie Martin

Tuesday 25 July

7.00 am ✖ Joe Pazdan II

Wednesday 26 July

7.00 am ✖ All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday 27 July

7.00 am Chelsey Farley

Friday 28 July

7.00 am ✖ Elena Soto

Saturday 29 July

5.00 pm Liliana Nielsen

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 23 July

No Nursery (resumes 13 August)

Monday 24 July

Tuesday 25 July

Wednesday 26 July

No Holy Hour & Confessions
 (resumes 2 August)

Thursday 27 July

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 28 July

Parish Office Closes at Noon

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 July

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 July

Needed	38,900
Received	40,055
Surplus	+ 1,155

Poor Box	948
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	116,700
Received	117,853
Surplus	+ 1,153

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	5,675,906
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Pledge Balance	450,560
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Still to Go	873,534
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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 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, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Richard Stephens.

Daily Mass Readings

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

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.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 22/23 July

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

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



Nationwide Mass Times

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: George & Joanne Macrelli, Darren & Julie Angell.



The Center for Evangelical Catholicism
presents

MATRIMONY Holy & Other



7th Annual Fall Conference
Saturday 30 September 2023

8.30 am to 12 Noon
St Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

What do I say when my son is getting married outside the Church?
I was invited to a co-worker's same-sex wedding, should I go?

These are the types of questions that face us every day. Come hear the priests of St Mary's address your common questions and concerns regarding the Sacrament of Marriage. They will unpack the theological basis for the Church's teaching, but also address the very specific issues of ordinary life that challenge those seeking to live as disciples of Christ in the world today.



Fr Jay Scott Newman
Pastor of St Mary's



Fr Jonathan Duncan
Parochial Vicar of St Mary's

\$25 per person
register online at
www.evangelicalcatholicism.com

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Marian Eucharistic Conference



Featured Speakers



Rev. Don
Calloway, MIC



Very Rev. Thomas
Petri, OP



Rev. John
Bartunek, LC



Jim
Wahlberg



John
Martignoni

Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: \$75
Registration required by OCT. 2 by
mail. Registration after Oct. 2: \$135.
Buffet dinner on Friday and buffet lunch
on Saturday are included. Friday dinner
choice: chicken or fish.

For more information:
MeConferenceSC.net
or call 864-354-7160.

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

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
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if you're interested in
volunteering, donating
or learning more about
any of our programs.



Visit our website here!

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

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An Introduction to Catholicism

Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm
6 September through Easter
McGrady Hall in the Church Undercroft

Free of charge but registration is required.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Then this is the right course for you.

Were you baptized Catholic but never confirmed?

Then this also is the right course for you.

Are you a Catholic in need of a refresher course in Church teachings?

Then this definitely is the right course for you.

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings.** All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church

For more information or to register please email
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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.

National Eucharistic Revival



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Eucharistic Miracles

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.



Eucharistic Miracles At every Mass, does the bread and wine offered by the priest really change into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? Faith tells us YES! The words of Jesus, who cannot deceive or be deceived, tell us YES! And from time to time, God allows eucharistic miracles to bolster and confirm our faith. Read about some of these miracles as compiled by Blessed Carlo Acutis by visiting <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/Liste/list.html>.

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**.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 8 am
Monday 10 am
Tuesday 9 am & 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.



St Clare's Home Volunteers

We need “allies” who will journey with our young mothers as they learn to become wise stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. On Wednesday 9 August we will begin our fall Faith & Finance Class at St Clare’s Home. You do not need to have a financial background to mentor, and training will be provided. This twelve week class seeks to Foster friendships, Grow a supportive community, Learn to make wise financial decisions, Plan for better futures, Place God at the heart of all our efforts, Better our lives and our communities. Each week’s class begins at 9.45 am with a small community meal and ends promptly at 12 noon. Workbooks will be provided. Please contact stantonphyllis6@gmail.com to learn more. Additionally, we have a need for babysitters for the moms in the house that are taking this class. If you want to contribute to this class but you cannot donate your time, we would welcome a benefactor to provide the funds for purchasing the workbooks. The total cost will be about \$200. Please contact stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org if you are interested in helping babysit or to defray some of the cost of the materials. Thank you for prayerfully considering assisting us with this class!

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