

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

27 August 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Seventh Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "Being a follower of Christ requires moving from being a Church member by convention to a Christian disciple by conviction. This transformation demands that we consciously accept the Gospel as the measure of our entire lives, rather than attempting to measure the Gospel by our experience. Personal knowledge of and devotion to Sacred Scripture is necessary for this transformation to occur through the obedience of faith, and there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Do you read the Bible at home? Do you consult a Bible dictionary or commentary to help guide your reading? Do you set aside time even once each week to pray with Holy Scripture? Can you recite any verses of Scripture from memory? Do you know that the Catholic Church teaches that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and contains no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do you believe this to be true? If not, do you understand that you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church? These questions help focus our attention on some of the practical consequences of the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism. Even those who desire to surrender their entire lives to the Lord Jesus in the obedience of faith cannot do this unless they read, believe, and reverence the Bible, because as St Jerome (who first translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin) teaches us: Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council devoted one of its sixteen documents to the subject of divine revelation, and it explores the relationships among Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church. This document is called *Dei Verbum* (Latin for "The Word of God") and is known in English as *The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Dei Verbum* is only a few pages in length and is available online. I heartily encourage all Catholics to study *Dei Verbum* as a means to understanding why there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16) "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) The devout reading of Holy Scripture does much more than teach us; it changes us. Reading Holy Scripture changes us in a way that no other form of reading can because when we open the Sacred Page with faith, the Lord speaks to us a word of grace and power unto repentance, conversion, and everlasting life. Immerse yourself in Holy Scripture, and in the Word of God you will come to know, love, and serve ever more perfectly the Word Made Flesh: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 27 August

7.30 am ♣ MacKav Hulsev & Kirstin Wright 9.00 am Joan Gevaert 11.00 am Pro populo

Spanish Mass

Sunday 27 August

SMCCW Meet & Greet: After all Masses (P) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass Spanish Bible Class (G) 11.00 am

Financial Report

Weekend of 19/20 August

Needed 38,900 38,752 Received - 148 Shortage

Poor Box 565

Monday 28 August

1.00 pm

7.00 am Jackie Beauchemin

Monday 28 August

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 311,200 312,452 Received Surplus 1,252

Tuesday 29 August

7.00 am JohnParker Wilmeth

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10.00 am **SMCCW Sewing Group**

Wednesday 30 August

♣ Jim Sullivan 7.00 am

Wednesday 30 August

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)

Thursday 31 August

7.00 am ♣ Jennifer Perkins Kenway

Thursday 31 August

Friday 1 September

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

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.

Friday 1 September

7.00 am Liz Whitmore

Pillars of Christ (early group) 5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study 10.00 am

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 2 September

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5.00 pm ♣ Deceased Roman Family 8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall

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

Forward in Faith

Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

5,795,389 **Donations** Received

446,790 Pledge **Balance**

757,821 Still to Go

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Slattery (uncle of Rob Latham), 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, 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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

If you have never participated in a Bible Study, now is the time to do it. The Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes Sunday 10 September at 9.00 am in the Msgr Gwynn Room of Sacred Heart Hall. We will cover the Gospel of Matthew. What better way to begin unlocking the mysteries of the Bible than to start at the beginning of the New Testament and meet the Lord Jesus by hearing his own words. Contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com with questions.

Altar Server Training

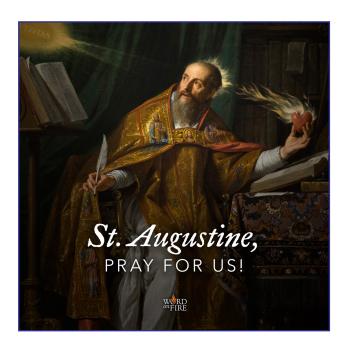
A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for Thursday 7 September at 5.30 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

Parish News

Collection for 26/27 August

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 Labor Day on Monday 4 September the church and parish office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Maria Capuano, John Merlino, Stephen Gerrits, Richard Ewanick, Jovani & Yessenia Velazquez, William & Leslie Driscoll.





The Center for Evangelical Catholicism

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.





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

Fr Jay Scott Newman Pastor of St Mary's Parochial Vicar of St Mary's

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

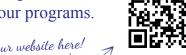
The group will meet Tuesday 29 August from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

Daily Mass Readings

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



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



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WOMEN OF THE PARISH

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women will host a Meet & Greet after all Masses THIS weekend 26-27 August in Pazdan Hall.

All women of the parish are cordially invited to join St Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Our 90 members strive to be the women God calls us to be. We serve our parish and the greater community through our volunteer work and our prayers. We grow in our spirituality and form lasting friendships. All new paid members (\$15) will receive a free previous year St Mary's Christmas ornament.

Come Join Us!



St Mary's Religious Education



For More Information Contact Linda Jackson linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110

REGISTRATION OPENS 1 August 2023

Registration for the 2023-24 year is now open. ALL children of the parish (Grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St Joe's Middle School Students.

<u>Link to Grades 1-8 Registration Form</u>
<u>Link to Homeschool and St Joe's Registration Form</u>
Link to Sunday Morning Preschool Registration Form

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes begin 6 September 2023

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Classes begin 10 September 2023

Adult Christian Formation

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.

For more information or to register please email timothy.nielsen@smcgvl.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 <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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be you." Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage taking part in Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends will

be 10-12 November and 26-28 January 2024 at Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Early signup is recommended. This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day, rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married, and join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Please visit https://scmarriagematters.org for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.



${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

Prince of Peace

"O God, You are my God whom I seek, my soul thirsts for you!" ~Ps 63:1

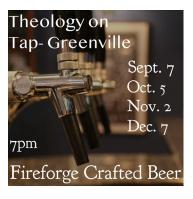
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Sunday 8 am
Tuesday 3 pm & 4 pm
Thursday 2 am* & 1 pm
Friday 12 pm

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

Theology on Tap



All Greenville/Upstate Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol) are invited to our Fall Theology on Tap series at Fireforge Crafted Beer. Join us at 7.00 pm as we discuss faith, share some fellowship, and order a drink or food if you like! This fall we'll have a 4-part

series *Communion* about the 4 parts of consecration and the Eucharistic feast - Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given. It's heavily inspired by Eucharistic revival and devotion, specifically from the Catechism, and the purpose is to reorient our everyday worship and conform to His heart in this way. "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking" (CCC, 1327). Invite a coworker, bring a friend, or just show up and meet some new people. This is a great way to learn more about our faith in a relaxing environment.

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