

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

3 September 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Eighth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "All the baptized are sent in the Great Commission to be witnesses of Christ to others and must be equipped by the Church to teach the Gospel in word and deed. An essential dimension of true discipleship is the willingness to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and the readiness to explain his Gospel."

As he returned to his Father's glory, the Lord Jesus gave these last instructions to his Church: "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) This command is known as the Great Commission, and all who fulfill this task are missionaries. But we must not think of missionaries only as priests and religious who travel to distant lands to preach the Gospel to those who have never heard of the Lord Jesus. The mission field is everywhere, and everyone baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ is a missionary. Your home, your family, your neighborhood, your school, your work place, your clubs and circles of friends, your political activities, your places of play and recreation: all of these are mission territory, and you are a missionary.

Compared to our Protestant brethren, Catholics have historically been considered very quiet Christians; most of us would rather live our religion than talk about it, and the idea of actually explaining our faith to others and then inviting them to follow the Lord Jesus in the Catholic Church is something that usually provokes either nervous laughter or blind terror. But this odd reticence to talk about the Gospel is not of the Church's design or making; it is in part an unintended consequence of the division of labor in the Church, with clergy and religious on one side of the divide and the lay faithful on the other. But the Great Commission is given to all who are baptized, not just to priests and religious, and so the privilege and duty of making disciples of all nations falls to every Christian of every age without a single exception. You are a missionary.

In the first seven principles of Evangelical Catholicism, we have seen that our lives must be Christ-centered and that this is possible only when we live in the Church, sustained by her sacraments and nourished by her teaching. Now in this eighth and final principle we see that the life of grace is not given to us for our own sake, but for the sake of those to whom we are sent as witnesses. To be a disciple of Christ demands that we be willing at all times to invite others to follow the Lord Jesus and be ready to explain his Gospel. At our Baptism, the Lord Jesus called each of us by name to follow him in the Way of the Cross. May we heed that call by living as Evangelical Catholics who bear witness to the Savior through radical conversion, deep fidelity, joyful discipleship, and courageous evangelism.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 3 September

Monday 4 September

7.30 am ♣ Dennis Williams 9.00 am Devereaux Family 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday 3 September

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G)

Monday 4 September

Labor Day - No 7.00 am Mass Labor Day - Parish Office & Church Closed

Tuesday 5 September Tuesday 5 September

7.00 am John Paul Braud

Wednesday 6 September

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7.00 am ♣ Norungolo Family 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church) 6.30 pm Religious Education

Introduction to Catholicism (M) 6.30 pm

Thursday 7 September **Thursday 7 September**

7.00 am ♣ Dorothy Kopelakis 5.30 pm Altar Server Training (church)

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 8 September

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7.00 am Maria Josè 5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group) Gonzalez Ruiz Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 6.30-6.45 am

7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study 10.00 am

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 9 September

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5.00 pm

♣ Deceased Griffiths

& Nielsen Families

8.00-9.00 am Rosary - Grove Rd abortion clinic

Confessions (church) 3.30-4.30 pm

G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall

P - Pazdan Hall

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 26/27 August

Needed 38,900 Received 37,238 - 1,662 Shortage

Poor Box 870

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 350,100 349,690 Received Shortage - 410

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

5,807,348 **Donations** Received

446,305 Pledge **Balance**

746,347 Still to Go

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, Barbara Dresser.

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. Pillars (late group) is beginning a study of Acts of the Apostles. 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 rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

Church League Basketball

The Basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. Registration deadline is Friday 22 September. Visit the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/ for the link to registration and details.

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 2/3 September

Catholic University of America 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.



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.





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

Envelope Delays

We are experiencing delayed arrivals of envelopes. If you have not received yours yet, please use the envelopes in the pews or a plain white envelope with your name printed clearly on the front. Thank you.

Women of Grace Bible Study

The Women of Grace Bible Study resumes Sunday 17 September at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We will study *The Psalms: The School of Prayer*, offered by Ascension Press. New and returning members are welcome. For more information please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgvl.org.

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.







St Mary's Religious Education



RE Classes Begin This Week

Religious Education Grades 1-8 (Starting 6 September)
Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds (Starting 10 September)
Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in
Sacred Heart Hall

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

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 Bring the you." peace of Christ into your marriage taking part in Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends

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

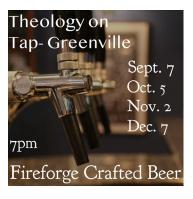
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

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

Mid-Autumn Festival

Join Our Lady of La Vang Church (2020 Gibbs Shoals Road, Greer) for a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on 17 September from 2 pm to 9.30 pm. Expect games, music, and lots of food! Contact the parish at 864.395.0202 or visit https://www.lavangsc.org/ for more information.

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.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Catholic Charities is in need of food pantry items, especially any kind of grain items (pasta, flour, oatmeal, grits, rice, cereal, etc), canned fruit or fruit cups, canned vegetables, and hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toilet paper, etc). Donated items can be dropped off when the pantry is open Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, or if you need to come at a different day/time please contact jthrall@charlestondiocese.org.





Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit

The Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit is traveling to several parishes in the Diocese of Charleston this fall! This exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history. It is based on the work of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This version of the exhibit features an audio-visual guide to walk you through the tour. Be sure to bring a mobile device and headphones to access the guide. The display panels are in both English and Spanish and the AV guide is in English with Spanish subtitles. Find out dates and parishes at https://charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharisticmiraclestravelexhibit/.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

14 September at 7 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - email napronurse@aol.com 20 September at 6 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email naprogal@gmail.com or register at https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

Virtual Sessions

7 September at 7 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 12 September at 8 pm - register at bit.ly/introwithemma 21 September at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

Email to register for the Introductory Sessions.



The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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