



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

10 September 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Saint Helena, who was born around 248 and died around 330, was the mother of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor of Rome, and the end of the persecutions that followed Constantine's conversion made it possible for Christians to worship publicly and without fear throughout the Empire. This new freedom led to two important developments in Christianity: the construction of churches and pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Constantine declared his mother to be Augusta Imperatrix, gave her access to the imperial treasury, and then sent her on a mission to Jerusalem to find and mark all of the places associated with the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Helena left Rome early in 326, and on arriving in Jerusalem she arranged for the construction of new basilicas in Bethlehem and on the Mount of Olives. Then her team began excavations at the site believed to be Golgotha, and on 14 September they discovered three wooden crosses buried at the place of the crucifixion. A woman who was near death was asked to touch these three, and she was completely healed on touching the last one which was then acclaimed as the Holy Cross of Christ. Before leaving Jerusalem, Helena ordered the digging to continue with a view to building churches at the locations of the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. She returned to Rome in 327, taking with her significant portions of the Holy Cross and large quantities of earth from the Holy City, both of which she placed in the chapel of her personal residence, a building that became after her death the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

Excavations continued in Jerusalem until both the place of the crucifixion and the tomb in which the Lord Jesus was laid were clearly identified, at which time construction began of three separate buildings of great magnificence. The Calvarium was built over the spot of Christ's death, the Anastasis was built over the tomb from which the Lord Jesus rose to new life, and between them was built a connecting basilica called the Martyrium. In glorious liturgies over two days in 335, these three places of worship were dedicated to God, and the celebrations concluded on 14 September - the anniversary of the date on which Helena first found the Holy Cross nine years before. From that day to this, 14 September has been kept in the sacred liturgy as the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Those three buildings were destroyed by the Persians in 614, rebuilt in 626, and then destroyed again in 1009 by Muslims. Finally, in 1149 a new Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated (and still stands) which includes under one roof both the place of Christ's death and the place of His Resurrection. This Thursday is 14 September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and all are encouraged to attend Mass. But if you can't make it to Mass, at least pause during the day and give thanks for our salvation with this acclamation: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 10 September

7.30 am	✧ Emily Rose Gomes
9.00 am	✧ Herb & Margaret McGroarty
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 11 September

7.00 am	✧ James McAleavey
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Tuesday 12 September

7.00 am	✧ Skip Swearingen
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Wednesday 13 September

7.00 am	✧ Carlos Jose Restrepo
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Thursday 14 September

7.00 am	Katherine Gevaert
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Friday 15 September

7.00 am	Henry Nielsen
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Saturday 16 September

5.00 pm	✧ Josie Martuscello
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 10 September

Nursery:	During 9.00 am Mass
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)

Monday 11 September

6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Baptism Class

Tuesday 12 September

10.00 am	SMCCW Meeting
6.30 pm	KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 13 September

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 14 September

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 15 September

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 16 September

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 2/3 September

Needed	38,900
Received	42,425
Surplus	+ 3,525

Poor Box	792
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	389,000
Received	392,115
Surplus	+ 3,115

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 **5,810,680**

Pledge Balance **445,625**

Still to Go **743,695**

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.

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.

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.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

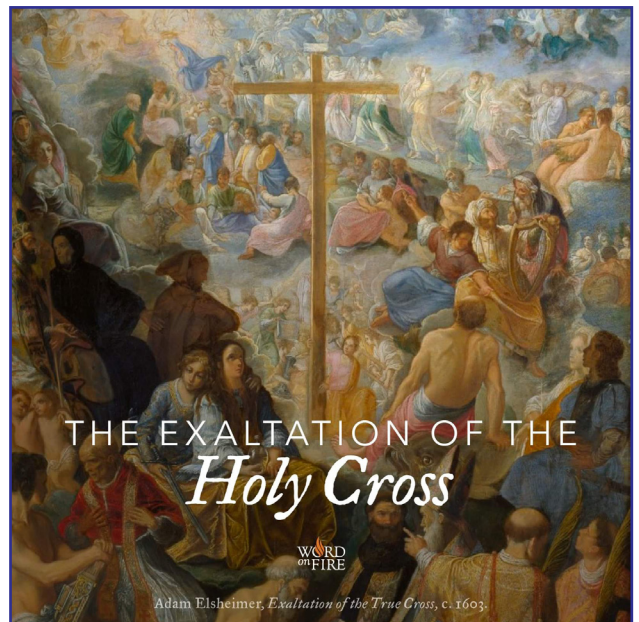
Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. **Pillars (late group) is beginning a study of Acts of the Apostles.** The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation 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 rsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at mmunafa1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 9/10 September

Forward in Faith Capital Campaign
Support of the Parish

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



Daily Mass Readings

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

Congratulations to

Jack Francis Janicke who was baptized last weekend.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Rachel Parise, Micah Gibson & Jessica Rhoads, Osvaldo Lima-Marana, Lillian Rogers, Christian & Erin Navarro, Anna LaMontagne, Luke Spicer, Ryan & Ariel Wallace, Gabino & Giselle Avendaño, Rachel Coonan.



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

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings starting on Monday 11 September from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for details.

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@smcgv.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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

*Cordially invites all ladies of
the parish to our first meeting of
the year!*

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

WE WILL BEGIN WITH ROSARY @ 10:10
IN MSGR. GWYNN ROOM OF SACRED
HEART HALL

BUSINESS MEETING WILL
FOLLOW TO DISCUSS SERVICE AND EVENTS

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS:
SISTER ANNA SOPHIA
ON "GIFTS OF THE ROSARY"

OUR LADY'S PANTRY MONTHLY DONATION: RICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT
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St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Monthly Spotlight

This month our spotlight is on the **Membership Committee** led by Marge Scieszka. We held a **Meet & Greet** after all Masses August 26-27. Women of the parish learned more about our mission and enjoyed refreshments from our St. Mary's Cookbook. 20 women joined our council as new members. **September 12** begins our monthly meetings where we will welcome new members and nourish our spiritual growth through a talk given by Sr. Anna Sophia, *Gifts of the Rosary*.

Interested in joining St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women? Contact Marge at mthwmn.47@gmail.com



St. Mary's Council
of
Catholic Women



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON



FARMWORKERS MINISTRY

Clothing Drive

Join our efforts to help migrant farm workers in South Carolina – the men and women who travel to our state annually for agricultural work.

Donations may be dropped off in boxes located on the first floor hallway of Sacred Heart Hall the weekends of 30 September/1 October & 7/8 October

We're Seeking:

- Long Sleeve T-shirts (men's and women's, S-XLL; all sizes!)
- Baseball caps





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.
Parent's Class this week in Gallivan Hall

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

First Class this week

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 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**.

st. mary's catholic school

TRADITION  VIRTUE  EXCELLENCE





Open House Week
23-27 October

Schedule your school tour
864.679.4117
nelle.palms@smcgv1.org

Grades
K3-8



 Cognia Accredited
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Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601  smcgv1.org

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

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit

The Eucharistic Miracles Traveling Exhibit **will not be at St Mary's this September as stated on the Diocesan website.** Sorry for the confusion! Find out dates for other parishes at <https://charlestdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/eucharisticmiraclestravelexhibit/>.

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.

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@charlestdiocese.org.

Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.



You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:

1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.

2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.

4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.

6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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