

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

29 October 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

In last week's column, I reviewed the origin and purpose of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and encouraged all Catholics to go to Confession whenever needed, at least once each year and probably not more than once each month to avoid the twin dangers of presumption and scrupulosity. Every time we go to Confession we must name our mortal sins by kind and number and give a general description of our venial sins, but the difference between mortal and venial sins can sometimes be difficult to establish.

The scriptural foundation of this distinction comes from the Apostle and Evangelist Saint John who wrote that "all wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death." (1 John 5:17) Deadly or mortal sin is an offense so grave that the life of the grace is extinguished in us, while venial sin, though still contrary to the law and love of God, does not separate us from the grace given us in Holy Baptism. This distinction is important because worthy participation in the celebration of Holy Mass is for the forgiveness of all venial sin, and so there is no reason to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at Mass if one's unconfessed sins are venial rather than mortal.

Here we should remember that four of the seven sacraments confer the grace of forgiveness of sins, and they are Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and the Most Holy Eucharist. Of these four, the Eucharist is the most important by far since in that sacrament we receive not a gift from God but God himself, and the other three sacraments of mercy are given to us precisely so that we may worthily receive the Body and Blood of Christ. But a mortal sin is a spiritual wound that kills the life of grace in us, and so when we have an unconfessed mortal sin we should not receive Holy Communion because that is like trying to feed a dead body. In that case, we must go to Confession in order to be prepared once again to receive Holy Communion, and that brings us back to the distinction between mortal and venial sin.

For a sin to be deadly or mortal, three equally important conditions must be fulfilled: 1) The action must be gravely wrong, 2) I must know that it is gravely wrong, and 3) I must freely and deliberately choose to do it anyway. If I do something gravely wrong but either don't fully understand the gravity of my sin or am not fully free to say no to the sin because of force, fear, habit, or compulsion, then although the sin is objectively wrong, my culpability is diminished to such a degree that the sin is not mortal for me. Compulsive and habitual sins, though they may be gravely wrong, are seldom truly mortal sins in the life of the penitent, and like all other venial sins they should be confessed during the Sacrament of Penance but should not prevent the reception of Holy Communion at Mass even before the next Confession. For a deeper review of this doctrine, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1846 to 1876.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Financial Report	
Sunday 29 October		Sunday 29 October		Weekend of 21/22 October	
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	 Theresa Jarolin Jerry & Judy Lema Pro populo Spanish Mass 	udy LemaNursery: During 9.00 am Masslo9.00 amSunday Morning Bible Student		Needed Received Shortage	38,900 36,428 - 2,472
				Poor Box	760
Monday 30 October		Monday 30 October		Offertory Year to Date	
7.00 am	✤ Mary Gore	6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)	Needed Received Surplus	661,300 663,774 + 2,474
Tuesday 31 October		Tuesday 31 October		1	,
7.00 am	✤ Lucille Toolan	10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group	Electronic Giv	ing: If you want
Wednesday 1 November		Wednesday 1 November		to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer	
All Saints Day 7.00 am 12.00 pm 7.00 pm	 ✓ - Holy Day of Obligation ✓ James & Florence Mooney ✓ Tabitha Vandergriff Pro populo 	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour & Confessions (church) Religious Education Introduction to Catholicism (M)	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	
Thursday 2 November		Thursday 2 November		contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.	
All Souls Day		7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration		
7.00 am	✤ Nelly Restrepo	-			
Friday 3 November		Friday 3 November		<i>Forward in Faith</i> Capital Campaign	
7.00 am	✤ Peter R Faber	5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am 7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am 7.00 pm	Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary	\$7 Million to Raise	
Saturday 4 November		Saturday 4 November		Donations Received	6,259,177
5.00 pm	✤ Furman Cooper	3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)	Pledge Balance	436,995
				Still to Go	303,828
G - Gallivan I	Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall	* All events in unless a loca	Sacred Heart Hall tion is listed		



Wednesday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 7 am, 12 noon & 7 pm

Thursday 2 November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Mass at 7 am

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, Barbara Dresser, Anna Healy.

All Souls Day Envelopes

Thursday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at St Mary's Parish. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. The deadline is 15 November. For more information and entry form, please contact John McGrath at 864.292.0475.

PARISH NEWS

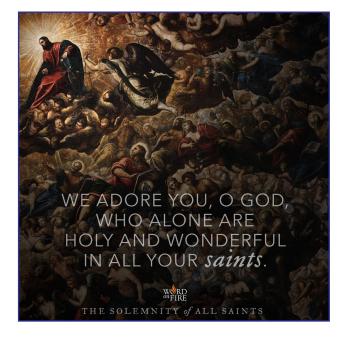
Collection for 28/29 October

Support of the Parish

Collection for 1 November

Solemnity of All Saints

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



Nursery Help Needed

Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Clifford & Delia Lobo, Edicelia Hernandez, Pamela Gustek, Demian & Joana Edwards, CJ Robinson, Genia Carr, Nicholas & Caroline Waldner.



Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 11 November at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Turkey, dressing and gravy will be provided. A potluck side dish or dessert to share is always appreciated. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 with questions.

School Book Fair



Help us grow St Mary's School Library! Shop in person after the 5.00 pm, 7.30 am, 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses on Saturday and Sunday 4-5 November in Gallivan Hall. A percentage of all purchases goes directly to the school library. Visit https://www.scholastic.com/bf/

stmarysschool1 to shop online from 4-19 November. Thank you for supporting our school. Happy reading!

SMCCW Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 31 October 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.



Your Finest Hour

Singing in the Choir Sundays at 11.00



Contact the Choirmaster for details arlen.clarke@smcgvl.org

Social Ministries at St Mary's VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

St Mary's Office of Social Ministry periodically organizes volunteer events to help those in our community in need. This is a good way to get to know your fellow parishioners, make new friends, and most importantly - to serve those in need. Notifications of upcoming events are sent out several weeks ahead of an event. There is no expectations or commitment, just sign up when you are available. We have done home repairs and painting, clean up projects, service at Project Host soup kitchen, and yard work/remodeling/repairs for St Clare's Home.

If you would like to be notified of when our projects take place, please email Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org and you'll be added to the distribution list.

If you are interested in taking more of a regular roll in volunteer service but don't know where to go, please contact Deacon John to set up a date to discuss the many opportunities to serve in our church and community. There is always something available for anyone who wants to serve our Lord through serving others!



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 studying the 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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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



Daily Mass Readings

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



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ.

The Seven Sisters of St. Mary's is in need of women to sit at the feet of our Eucharistic Lord for the priests of St. Mary's. Please consider if the Lord is calling you to serve through this prayer ministry. Volunteers are urgently needed for Thursdays and Saturdays.

For more information email: sevensistersofstmarys@gmail.com

sevensistersapostolate.org

Introducing the St. Mary's 2023 Window Ornament: **"Our Lady of Good Counsel"**



ORNAMENT DESCRIPTION:

Front: top: St. Mary's Catholic Church bottom: Greenville, South Carolina left side: 20 right side: 23
Back: Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pray for Us Size: 1.95" W x 3.71" H

COST:

\$20.00 (by check), \$21.00 (by electronic payment)

Paying by check, use coupon below

Electronic Payment:



PRE-ORDER NOW AND PICK-UP:

St. Mary's Annual Bake Sale Saturday and Sunday 2 & 3 December 2023 Pazdan Hall

Questions - Cathy Spitzmiller, 864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com

If paying by check:

Complete form below and make check payable to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women **Mail both to:** St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602

SMCCW 2023 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name_

Address

E-Mail Address

Phone

 Number of Ornaments
 x \$20.00 (if check) each
 Total Enclosed \$______



St Mary's Religious Education



ALL SAINTS DAY 1 November

RE Classes will not meet this week Wednesday 1 November. Attend Mass as a family.

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

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds 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 class is Monday 11 December at 6.30 pm. Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three 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.



https://catholicradioinsc.com

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



Theology on Tap

Upstate Young adults 18-35 (21+ to drink alcohol) Theology on Tap series is 2 November at 7.00 pm at Fireforge Crafted Beer. Join us as we discuss faith, share some fellowship, and order a drink or food if you like!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be with you." Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage by taking part in a 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.

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Prince of Peace

"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another." ~ 2 Corinthians 3:18

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 & 11 am Thursday 2 am,* 9 am & 5 pm Friday 3 am,* 8 am,* 12 pm & 3 pm Saturday 12 pm

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.

40 Days for Life

You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local effort 27 September through 5 November. See all events at https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville or contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044.

Closing Celebration - Friday 3 November at 7.00 pm at Piedmont Women's Center parking lot (1143 Grove Road). Guest speaker Attorney Matt Britton (General Counsel to 40 Days for Life), door prizes, refreshments and more.

Rosaries for Life - Pray the rosary during the 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestondiocese.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:

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.

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.

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.

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.

Review and discuss the websites yourchild 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.

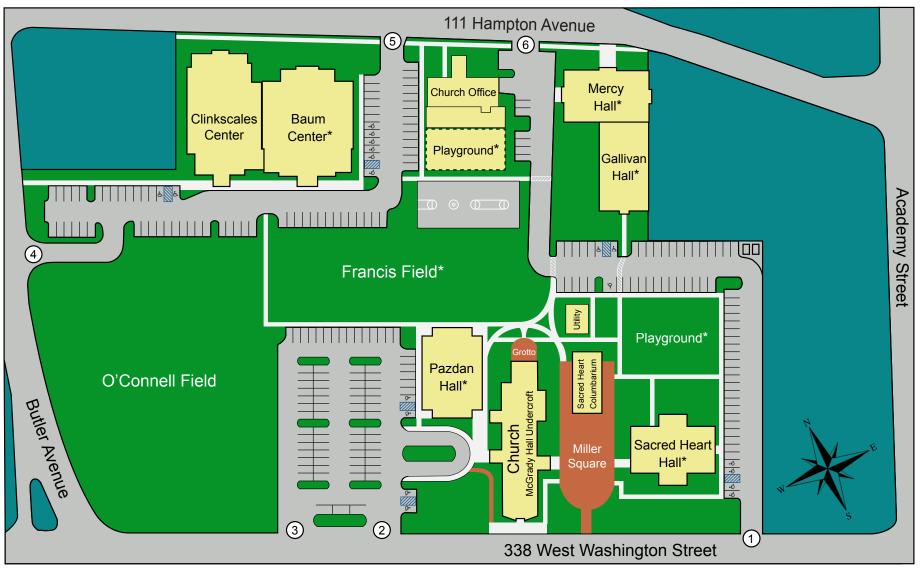
Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited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



SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

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