

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

17 December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" took shape in France in the 17th century, and in the 19th century it was translated into English and set to the beautiful melody we still sing. But the text of the hymn dates from at least the 9th century and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church's daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary's great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St Luke (1.46-55) and called the Magnificat from the first word of the text in Latin. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, these Magnificat antiphons invoke the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. The Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative "O", are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

- ♣ O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth.
- ♣ O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.
- ♣ O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.
- ♣ O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- ♣ O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- ♣ O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.
- ♣ O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE Third WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 17 December

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 18 December

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord, and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts, visit us with the grace of your Son.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 19 December

O God, who through your Only Begotten Son have made us a new creation, look kindly, we pray, on the handiwork of your mercy, and at your Son's coming cleanse us from every stain of the old way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 20 December

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that the coming solemnity of your Son may bestow healing upon us in this present life and bring us the rewards of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 3

Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle
Candle Symbolizes: Joy
Raminds us: Joy the world experienced.

Reminds us: Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

"And the angel said to [the shepherds], 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." - Luke 2.10-11

Thursday 21 December

Unworthy servants that we are, O Lord, grieved by the guilt of our deeds, we pray that you may gladden us by the saving advent of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 22 December

O God, Creator and Redeemer of human nature, who willed that your Word should take flesh in an ever-virgin womb, look with favor on our prayers, that your Only Begotten Son, having taken to himself our humanity, may be pleased to grant us a share in his divinity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 23 December

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who are weighed down from of old by slavery beneath the yoke of sin, may be set free by the newness of the long-awaited Nativity of your Only Begotten Son.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



Saint Mary's Catholic Church Holiday Liturgical Schedule

~ Christmas Eve ~ <u>Sunday 24 December 2023</u>

5.00 pm Mass in the Baum Center for families with children

5.00 pm Sung Mass in the church

7.00 pm Sung Mass in the church

8.40 pm Choir Program in the church (Streamed on Facebook)
9.00 pm Solemn Mass During the Night (Streamed on Facebook)

(The 9.00 pm Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.)

~ Christmas Day ~ Monday 25 December 2023

11.00 am Mass in the church
1.00 pm Spanish Mass in the church

No Mass on Tuesday 26 December

No Holy Hour or Confessions on Wednesday 27 December

~ Solemnity of the Mother of God ~

Monday 1 January 2023

11.00 am *Sung Mass in the church* 5.00 pm *Sung Mass in the church*

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 17 December

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

- ♣ Priscilla Ann Husereau
- ★ Kermit & Helen Wilson Pro populo Spanish Mass

Sunday 17 December

KofC Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) 11.00 am 5.00 pm Advent Vespers (church)

Monday 18 December

7 00 am ♣ Nicholas J Rosales

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6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 19 December

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7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

7.00 am Nathan Harris

Wednesday 20 December

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9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour &

Confessions (church)

Thursday 21 December

7.00 am ♣ Louise Perkins

Thursday 21 December

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 22 December

7.00 am

♣ Barbara Sanfilippo

Friday 22 December

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon

Saturday 23 December

Saturday 23 December

5.00 pm ♣ Dominic Gomes

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 9/10 December

Needed 38,900 Received 41,815 +2.915Surplus

Poor Box 1,092

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 933,600 955,112 Received +21,512Surplus

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

6,415,931 **Donations** Received

382,540 Pledge **Balance**

201,529 Still to Go

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 26 December.

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 27 December.

Parish Office Closures

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 22 December for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Wednesday 27 December at 9.00 am.

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Friday 29 December for the New Year holiday and reopen on Tuesday 2 January at 9.00 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, 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, Caroline Henson, Charles Nichols, Connor Healy.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living

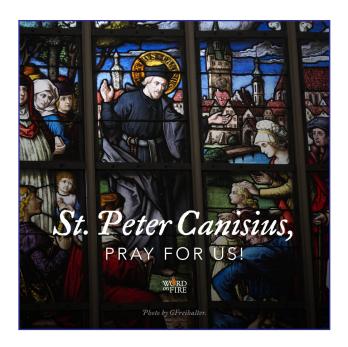
or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). Please print your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday 17 December for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parish News

Collection for 16/17 December

Pastoral Solidarity Fund Church in Africa Support of the Parish

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



Monthly Parish Breakfast



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on Sunday 17 December. For those that go to

Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.



Daily Mass Readings

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

There is a certain poetry in singing.

Oft times we sing with voice stentorian, Or shape a sound phantasmagorian:

> But during Mass, Beneath stained glass,

We'll sing the subtle tunes, Gregorian.

Discover your verse. Join St Mary's Choir.

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

Knights of Columbus

Poster Contest Winners

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest winners are:

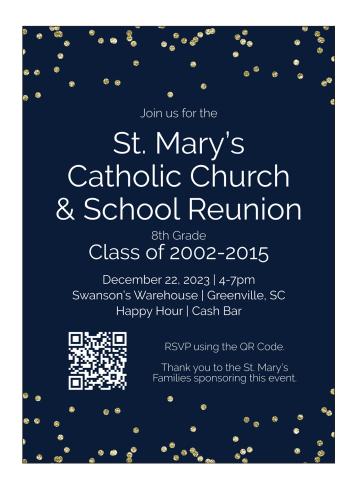
Grade 1/2: Cecilia Ortiz Grade 3/4: Mary Guirao Grade 5/6: Helena Ortiz

Grade 7/8: Lazarus Baumander

Their posters will be sent for District Competition. Congratulations to the winners!

Free Throw Championship Winners

The Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship were Magdalena Russell, Brynn Tollefson, Blaise Kuhlman, Xavier Russell, and Henry Russell. The players will have the opportunity to compete at the District Level. Congratulations to our players!





St. Mary's Annual Gala Sponsorship Opportunities 2024

Patron - \$10,000

- VIP RESERVED TABLE
- EXCLUSIVE BARTENDER SERVICE
- NAME PLAQUE IN NEW GYMNASIUM
- FEATURE IN ANNUAL FUND REPORT
- FEATURE STORY IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUACKER NEWSLETTER

Diamond - \$5,000

- NAME PLAQUE IN NEW GYMNASIUM
- FEATURE IN ANNUAL FUND REPORT
- FEATURE STORY IN ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUACKER NEWSLETTER
- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING

- PREMIUM MOBILE AND ONLINE BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF FOUR FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

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- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF TWO FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

Platinum - \$3,500

- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 8 GALA TICKETS

Gold - \$2,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 6 GALA TICKETS

Silver - \$1,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 4 GALA TICKETS

Bronze - \$500

- SPONSOR LISTING IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
 2 GALA TICKETS

St. Mary's Annual Gala **Sponsorship Form 2024**

We are ever grateful for your support!

Please select one:

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	BRONZE -	\$500
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MARCH 9, 2024 6:00PM

SPONSOR NAME.			
PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:			
EMAIL:	PHONE:		
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IF SELECTING PATRON OR DIAMOND, NAME TO APPEAR ON PLAQUE IN GYMNASIUM:

Please email form to gala@smcgvl.org
Or mail to: St. Mary's School
Attention: Sarah Ratcliff/Gala
101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Christmas Break - Classes resume 3 January 2024
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 March 2024 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.



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.

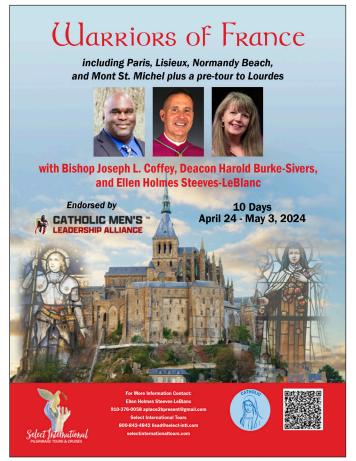
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https://charlestondiocese.org/vocations

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at https://formed.org/signup using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.





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Prince of Peace

"Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling." ~Zechariah 2:13

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 Monday 6 am Thursday 9 am & 5 pm Friday 8 am & 12 pm Saturday 12 pm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ~Mt 23:12

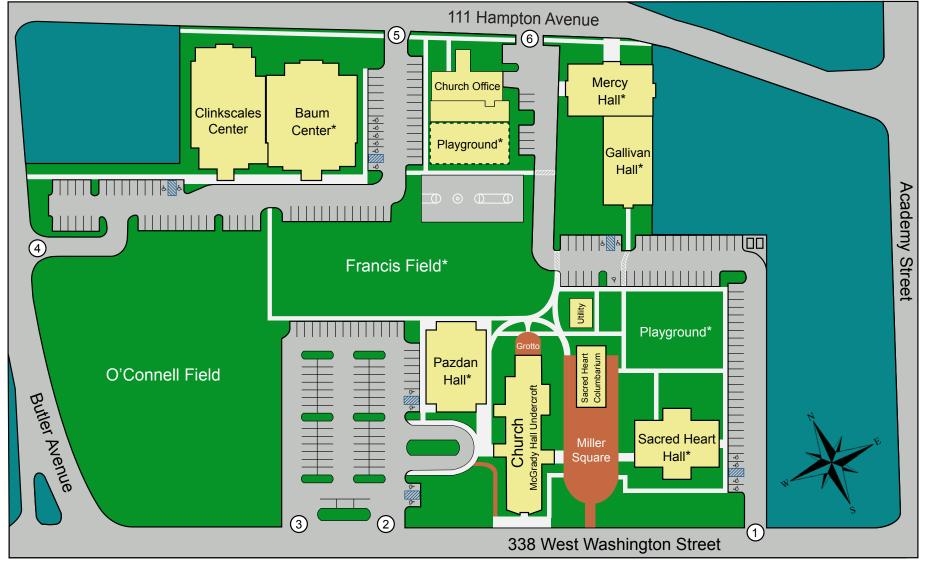
Be humble to one another. Learn how to be the best spouse you can be by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience weekend on 26-28 January at Beach Cove Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Early sign up is recommended. Visit https://scmarriagematters.org for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.



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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