



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

24 December 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

On every Sunday and most other Solemnities of the Year, the texts for Mass are the same for both the vigil and the day of the celebration. For the celebration of Christmas, however, the Church provides four different Masses, each with its own Scripture readings and proper prayers, and this is testimony to the richness of this great feast. The four Masses for Christmas are the Vigil, Mass during the Night, Mass at Dawn, and Mass during the Day, and you can read all of the different texts for these four Masses in the missalette. Most of us, of course, never hear the readings proclaimed for the Mass at Dawn because we are still tucked warmly in our beds at that hour, but the lessons appointed for that Mass are filled with tender grace and so I encourage you to take time to read quietly and prayerfully the Gospel for the Mass at Dawn (Luke 2.15-20) and the second lesson, taken from Saint Paul's letter to Titus (Titus 3.4-7).

Along with Timothy, Titus was a disciple of and assistant to the Apostle Paul, and he was a Gentile Christian who traveled with Paul from Antioch to the Council of Apostles at Jerusalem and then accompanied Paul on his third missionary journey. Titus also served as the bearer of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, and in Corinth he took up a collection for the Christians in Jerusalem. At length, Titus became the founding Bishop of Crete and was charged by Saint Paul to organize the Church on that island by appointing other bishops and priests. Much of Paul's letter to Titus is a description of the qualities Titus should look for in candidates for the episcopate and presbyterate. Saints Timothy and Titus are venerated together in the sacred liturgy on January 26th.

During the Mass at Dawn, these words from Paul's letter to Titus are proclaimed, and they give voice to the heart of the Gospel: "Beloved, when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Through our Baptism, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are justified and saved by the Lord Jesus as a free and unmerited gift, and as we celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior, we give thanks for the merciful love of God which is our justification and righteousness. The Collect, or Opening Prayer, of the Mass at Dawn expresses this great mystery in these words:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith which illumines our mind may also shine through in our deeds. 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. Amen.

Father Newman



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Holiday Liturgical Schedule

~ Christmas Eve ~

Sunday 24 DECEMBER 2023

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

Sunday 24 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.30 am ✧ Michael Miros
 9.00 am Russell Family
 11.00 am Pro populo
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Christmas Eve

Baum Center

5.00 pm ✧ Patti Waters

Church

5.00 pm ✧ Cynthia Pope
 7.00 pm ✧ Christine Ashmore Smith
 9.00 pm Pro populo

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day

11.00 am Pro populo

Tuesday 26 December

No Mass/Church Closed

Wednesday 27 December

7.00 am Chris Sufczynski

Thursday 28 December

7.00 am Josephine Ada-Raphael
 Custer

Friday 29 December

7.00 am ✧ Geraldine Wheadon

Saturday 30 December

5.00 pm Beatrice Elster

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 24 December

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

Monday 25 December

Christmas Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 26 December

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday 27 December

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 28 December

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 29 December

Parish Office Closes at 12.00 Noon

Saturday 30 December

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 16/17 December

Needed	38,900
Received	43,504
Surplus	+ 4,604

Poor Box	882
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	972,500
Received	998,616
Surplus	+ 26,116

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	6,507,238
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Pledge Balance	343,940
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Still to Go	148,822
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

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.

Lost & Found

As of 1 January 2024, we will be cleaning out the Lost & Found box in the church office and the unclaimed items will be given to charity. If you (or your children) have forgotten any item in the church, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.org with a description of the item(s). We have several books, umbrellas, eyeglasses, and children's clothes in the box, among other items. If you forget something in the church on a weekend, you may ask an usher to look for it in the sacristy, but come Monday morning, please send us an email so we can best locate the item and hold it for you.

PARISH NEWS

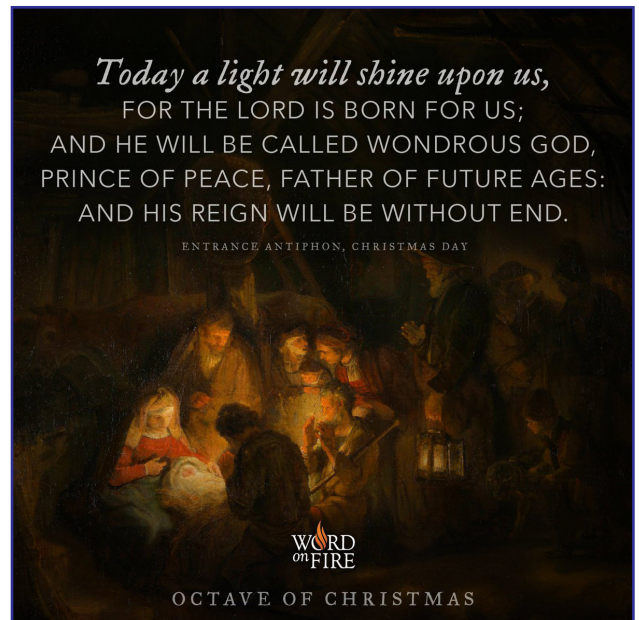
Collection for 23/24 December

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Support of the Parish

Collection for 25 December

Christmas Gift
Support of the Parish

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



Thank You!

Fr Newman, Fr Duncan, and the office staff would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Anthony Washington, Michael & Rhonda Armstrong, Adam & Nicole Bathalter.



House Blessing Kits for Feast of the Epiphany

Epiphany House Blessing Kits will be available at no charge to all families during the weekend of January 6-7 for the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany marks the occasion of the centuries old Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the blessing is simple: With blessed chalk write the following above the entrance of your home or on the front door: 20 + C + M + B + 24 and pray the blessing prayers.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "May Christ bless the house." The + signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "24" at the end mark the current year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless the home and that He stay with those who live there throughout the entire year.

The chalking of the doors is a great practice whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very outset. The inscription over the door can remind us that all who dwell there belong to Christ and it can be an evangelization tool when others come visit.

These kits are a gift to the parishioners of St. Mary's from St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women.

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@smcgv.org

MASS COLLECTS

Advent Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Peace

Reminds us: The message of the angels

Sunday 24 December

O God, who through the child-bearing of the holy Virgin
graciously revealed the radiance of your glory to
the world, grant, we pray,
that we may venerate with integrity of faith
the mystery of so wondrous an Incarnation
and always celebrate it with due reverence.
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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Mass

O God, who gladden us year by year
as we wait in hope for our redemption,
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,
we may also merit to face him confidently
when he comes again as our Judge.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Night

O God, who have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendor of the true light,
grant, we pray, that we,
who have known the mysteries of his light on
earth,
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Day

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of
human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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

Christmas Break - Classes resume 7 January 2024

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 class is Monday 11 March 2024 at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgv1.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@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. 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.

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
- 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

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
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- 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:

- PATRON - \$10,000
- DIAMOND - \$5,000
- PLATINUM - \$3,500
- GOLD - \$2,000
- SILVER - \$1,000
- BRONZE - \$500



BUBBLES
& BOWTIES

MARCH 9, 2024
6:00PM

SPONSOR NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

IF SELECTING PATRON OR DIAMOND, NAME TO APPEAR ON PLAQUE IN GYMNASIUM:

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

Any questions, please email Sarah Ratcliff at gala@smcgv.org or call 404.432.0750

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Sunday 8 am

Monday 6 am

Thursday 9 am

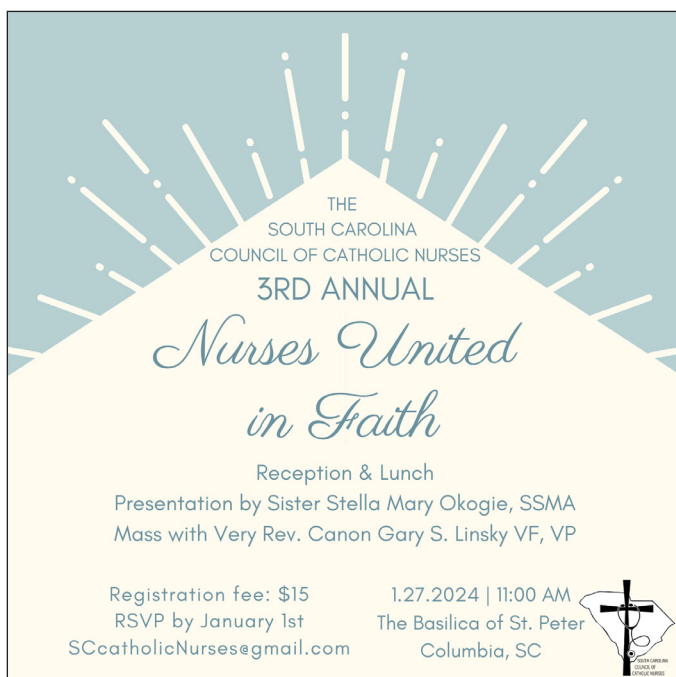
Friday 8 am & 12 pm

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://scmarriage matters.org> for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.



THE
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC NURSES
3RD ANNUAL
*Nurses United
in Faith*
Reception & Lunch
Presentation by Sister Stella Mary Okogie, SSMA
Mass with Very Rev. Canon Gary S. Linsky VF, VP

Registration fee: \$15
RSVP by January 1st
SCcatholicNurses@gmail.com

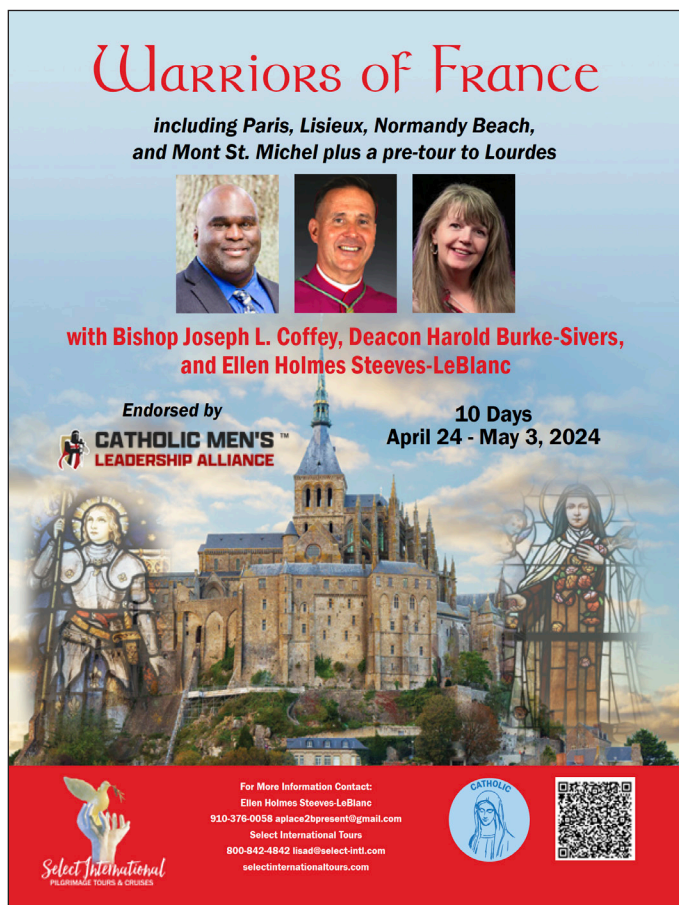
1.27.2024 | 11:00 AM
The Basilica of St. Peter
Columbia, SC



Is God calling you?


Men's Discernment Retreat
Ages 18-49
January 12-14, 2024
Cost: \$25 (Scholarships available)
Camp Gravatt, Aiken, SC

To register or for more information:
vocations@charlestdiocese.org




WARRIORS OF FRANCE


including Paris, Lisieux, Normandy Beach,
and Mont St. Michel plus a pre-tour to Lourdes






with Bishop Joseph L. Coffey, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers,
and Ellen Holmes Steeves-LeBlanc

Endorsed by
 CATHOLIC MEN'S
LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

10 Days
April 24 - May 3, 2024



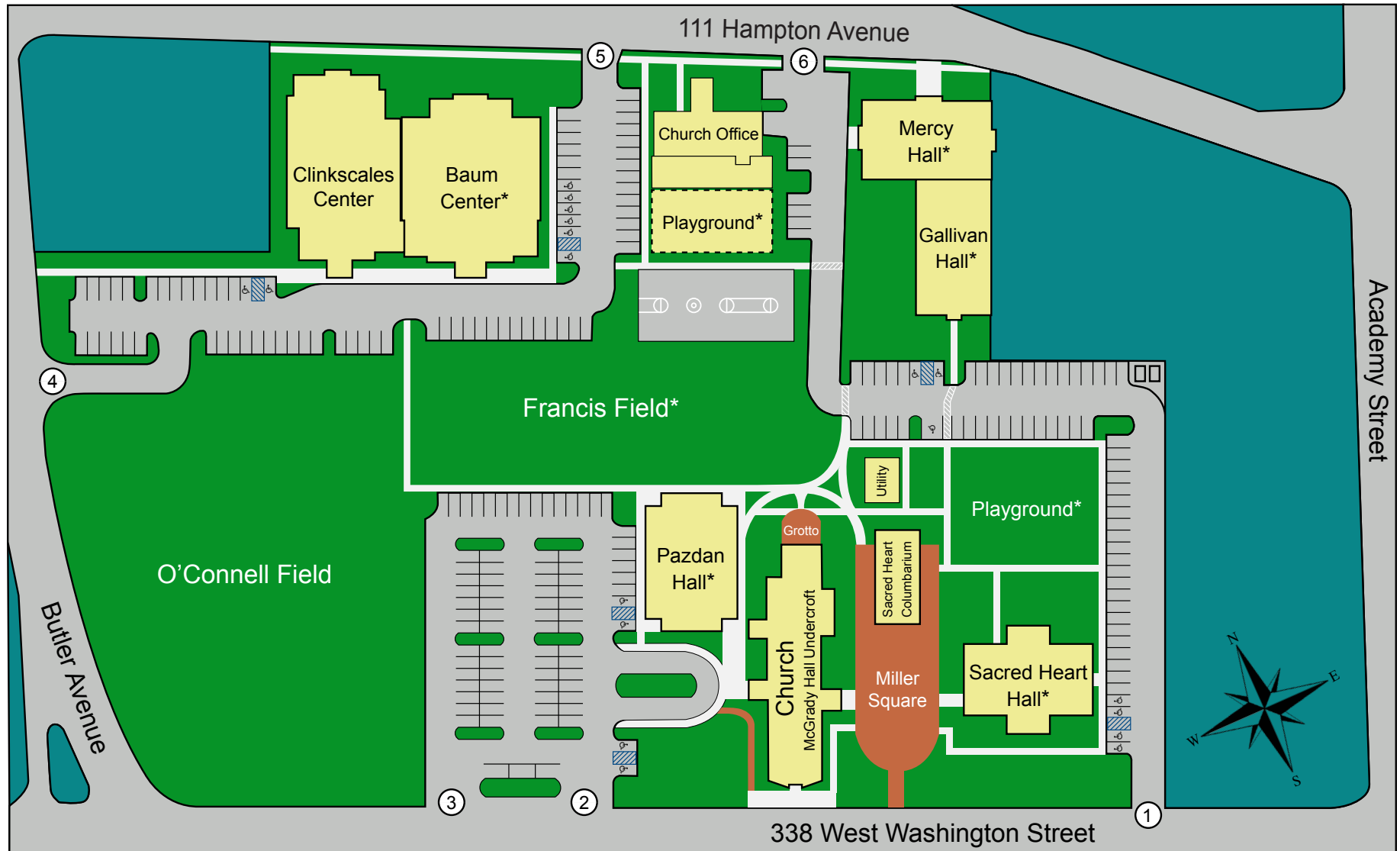
For More Information Contact:
Ellen Holmes Steeves-LeBlanc
910-376-0058 aplac2bpresent@gmail.com
Select International Tours
800-842-4842 liaad@select-intl.com
selectinternationaltours.com



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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