

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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## Greenville, South Carolina

28 January 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas was forty days ago this Friday, and that is why 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a liturgical observance that began in Jerusalem in the fourth century. According to Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every Jewish woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer, commonly forty days after her child's birth. Saint Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who were always there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple - the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on the Feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed for use at the altar because Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," and from the connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles, this feast in the sacred liturgy is also called Candlemas. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts love for the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the unbounded light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of this great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Finally, in 1997 Saint Pope John Paul the Great began a yearly Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. By living the grace of their Baptism in the most radical way, Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are imitating both the holy witnesses of Israel, Simeon and Anna, and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at Saint Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Father Newman



January 4, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The USCCB is asking our diocese to take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given us an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean islands. The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are — in a geographical sense and culturally. The Gospel is unchanging, and we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds.

Latin American countries have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. The Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders, and in Peru, missionaries to the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Indigenous Ashaninka and Matsigenka tribes of about 60,000 people.

Such encounters and engagement are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all people. You can learn more about the Church in Latin America and the many projects you have helped to fund at <u>usccb.org/latin-america</u>.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of **Jan. 27-28** this year. I thank you in advance for your generosity. Your support truly makes a difference.

In Christ's love,

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Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS *Bishop of Charleston* 

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**Financial Report** 

### **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.

#### Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. <u>All closings due to inclement weather will be</u> <u>announced through Flocknote emails/texts.</u> If you do not recieve the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

### **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. 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.

### **Welcome Newcomers**

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Jordan Morgan, Rachel Reed, Camilla Wisor, Omar Sanchez & Yissel Echeverría, Catherine Corker, Ernesto & Tiffany Dorado, Vicente Bonilla & Vanessa Acevedo, Ruth Kaup, David & Leah Diez.

## PARISH NEWS

### **Collection for 27/28 January**

Latin America Support of the Parish

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



### **Nationwide Mass Times**

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

### **2023 Tax Statements**

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2023. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

Tax statements are only mailed upon request.

### Fidelis at St Mary's



Growing in relationship with Christ, family, Church, and community through the beauty, goodness and truth found in our femininity. This group is meant to bring together women aged 11 to 105 in a shared experience of what it means to be a woman in Christ. Taking from the weekly Mass readings, focusing

on particular virtues each week, and sharing a meal with each other and our weekly guest speaker, our meetings will provide a place for women of all ages to grow in relationship with Christ, with each other, and with the community which surrounds us. The group will also work closely with as many of our established parish apostolates in community service projects, putting into practice the virtues we discuss and incarnating the beauty of the feminine complement of God's plan for us. Mothers, daughters, aunts, grandmas, cousins, sisters, religious, consecrated, whatever your state in life, you are a part of God's plan and we would love to have you be a part of this multi-generational effort to safeguard femininity and awaken in our youth a desire to be what God has called them to be. If you would like to join the small start-up committee and help get the St Mary's Fidelis Chapter up and running, please call Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172. Our group of women and young adults already praying for the apostolate and studying the program are excited to welcome some more prayer warriors, as well as people who can help with some of the logistics. We will host a Meet and Greet Q&A in early March. Please be on the lookout for that event at St Mary's. Paratum cor meum Deus, paratum cor meum. My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.

### 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





### Please pray for our parish missionary serving with **NET MINISTRIES**\* www.netusa.org



**Elise Devine** 



NET Team 5

### St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time third grade</u> <u>teacher</u> for the 2024-2025 school year. The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary

education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 124 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 318 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgvl.org.



### **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

## St. Mary's Annual Gala **Sponsorship Opportunities 2024**

### 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**



PRIMARY CONTACT NAME:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	PHONE:

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

### 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

### Platinum - \$3,500

- PREMIUM ONLINE & SOCIAL BRANDING
- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT

### Gold - \$2,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM

## Silver - \$1,000

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
- HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM

## Bronze - \$500

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

- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- 4 GALA TICKETS

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

- SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT
  - SPONSOR'S LOGO DISPLAYED ON SCREEN DURING EVENT

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UNDERWRITING OF FOUR FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS

TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM

PREMIUM MOBILE AND ONLINE BRANDING

SPONSOR'S LISTING ON SIGNAGE AT EVENT

TWO-PAGE SPREAD IN GALA PROGRAM

- UNDERWRITING OF TWO FACULTY/STAFF TICKETS
- 8 GALA TICKETS

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- FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN GALA PROGRAM
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 8 GALA TICKETS
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT OUT
- UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET
- 6 GALA TICKETS

UNDERWRITING OF ONE FACULTY/STAFF TICKET



## St Mary's Religious Education



### Parent Confirmation Information Meeting 31 January at 6.30 pm

Parents of 7th grade students preparing for Confirmation (in the 8th grade year) need to plan on attending this very important meeting. Meet in Gallivan Hall. There will be another meeting on Tuesday 6 February at 2.15 pm in the cafeteria. Please report to the school office to get a visitors pass if you plan on attending this meeting that takes place during school hours.

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

## **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.

Amen

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.



### $\mathcal{P}_{ ext{erpetual}}$ $\mathcal{E}_{ ext{ucharistic}} \mathcal{A}_{ ext{doration}}$

#### **Prince of Peace**

"A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'... 'I do will it. Be made clean.'" ~Mark 1:40-41

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 12am\* & 8 am Tuesday 4 pm Thursday 12 am\* Friday 12 pm Saturday 12 pm





### **Natural Family Planning Classes**

In Person Sessions 6 February at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) \*Spanish Session\* - email Monica Lara at monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com

8 February at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) - email napronurse@aol.com

21 February at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) email Sally Zaleki at naprogal@gmail.com or visit https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/natural-family-planning

27 February at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) - email Monica Lara at monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com

<u>Virtual Sessions</u> 1 February at 7.00 pm - lexiesawonik@gmail.com 5 February at 8.00 pm - bit.ly/introwithemma

## HEALING AFTER CONTRACEPTION

"The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3











forgiven, man of faith

Men's Retreat At Heart Ridge Retreat Center March 2-3, 2024

### 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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