



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

3 March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics use the word “Church” in a variety of ways. In the first sense, we speak of the universal Catholic Church, and we usually indicate this meaning by the use of the capital “C.” This is the worldwide assembly of disciples founded by the Lord Jesus which was found first only in Jerusalem but which had from the beginning a universal mission and scope, and this is the Church we confess in the Creed to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

As the disciples were dispersed from Jerusalem, they organized Christian communities in the various cities where they took refuge, and then in the great missionary journeys of Saint Paul and the other apostles, Christian communities were planted where none had been before. Within the lifetime of the apostles, these local communities were also spoken of as “churches,” and we now call these diocesan churches. These are the gatherings of Catholics presided over by a bishop who is assisted by a group or college of priests and deacons, and it is the diocesan Church that our tradition calls the “particular” or local Church to distinguish it from the universal Church found all over the world. The universal Church comes before all particular Churches in time and being, but in each diocese, the particular Church is the full expression of the universal Church. So, for example, the Catholic Church in South Carolina is the Diocese of Charleston. And to this we must add the Churches of the Christian East which have their own bishops and liturgical Rites, like our Maronite brethren. So the Eparchy (or Diocese) of Saint Maron, to which Saint Rafka belongs, is also a “particular Church.”

All of this is by way of saying that Catholics do not believe that the local congregation is the fundamental unit of the universal Church’s life. Both theologically and canonically, the diocesan Church is the true local Church. Nevertheless, from Christian antiquity every diocese has been organized into parishes, and now I come to my main point. No Catholic is in full communion with the universal Church or with the diocesan Church until and unless he or she is fully living the Catholic faith in one parish church. It is by full participation in the life of one parish church that a Catholic participates fully in the life of the whole Church. To do this requires one to worship each Sunday at one’s proper parish, to share fully in the life of that parish, to contribute to the support of that parish, and - according to present custom - to be registered in that parish. To be a true parishioner of this parish church requires that one come to Mass here each week, be involved in some way in the life of the parish, support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure according to the stewardship guidelines, and be registered here. Truly belonging to the parish is also required of those who seek Baptism or Marriage here or ask for their children to receive sacraments here. We invite everyone who visits Saint Mary’s to become a true parishioner by observing these simple precepts, because only by being truly a member of one parish church are we fully involved in the life of both the diocesan Church and the universal Church.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 3 March	
7.30 am	✱ Joseph Vorlick
9.00 am	David Creely
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass
Monday 4 March	
7.00 am	Frank & Will Fisher
Tuesday 5 March	
7.00 am	Lucia Nielsen
Wednesday 6 March	
7.00 am	Julia Lesley
Thursday 7 March	
7.00 am	Cassandra Gomes
Friday 8 March	
7.00 am	Karen Polce
Saturday 9 March	
5.00 pm	✱ LaValley Family

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 3 March	
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class (G)
5.00 pm	Solemn Vespers (church)
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study
Monday 4 March	
1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
Tuesday 5 March	
Wednesday 6 March	
9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
Thursday 7 March	
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 8 March	
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
6.00 pm	Way of the Cross (church) followed by Lenten Supper (P)
7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary
Saturday 9 March	
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
6.00 pm	SMS Gala

Financial Report

Weekend of 24/25 February

Needed	38,900
Received	39,412
Surplus	+ 512

Poor Box	469
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,322,600
Received	1,407,940
Surplus	+ 46,440

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.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	142,090
Still to Go	857,910

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 24/25 February

5.00 pm	341
7.30 am	326
9.00 am	489
11.00 am	353
1.00 pm	491

Total	2,000
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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, Caroline Henson, Charles Nichols, Frances Waters.

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church
followed by Lenten Supper in Pazdan Hall

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. **Please print your name and the names of those you wish to honor.** Memorial requests must be received no later than **Sunday 24 March** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.



All are invited to enjoy a wonderful spread of doughnuts, bagels and freshly brewed coffee in Pazdan Hall dining room after 9.00 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners for fellowship and refreshments.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 2/3 March

Capital Improvement Fund
Support of the Parish

*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. Currently, we need some more adult help (paid position). 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.

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.

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

Scholarship

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women established this scholarship award in 1998 to support young Catholic women of our parish in their post high school academic endeavors.

BASIC INFORMATION

\$1,000 AWARD

Recipient receives a one time award to be used towards tuition, books, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

Female graduating senior in 2024 and member of St. Mary's parish with plans to continue her education OR female parishioner who is currently in a continuing education program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

April 15, 2024

APPLICATION LINK

[Scholarship Application](https://smcgv1.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholic-women/ScholarshipApplication)

<https://smcgv1.org/who-we-are/st-marys-council-of-catholic-women/>

Questions?

Marge Scieszka, Scholarship Chair
864.421.7569 Call or Text

APPLY TODAY



Fidelis at St Mary's



Fidelis forms girls - heart, mind, body, and soul - into a sisterhood of mature, virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic Women and fun activities.

Fidelis Meetings Regular weekly meetings will begin this fall on Tuesday evenings from 6.00 - 8.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. Meetings will include prayer, dinner, social time, reflections on Sunday's Mass readings, a speaker, and small group sessions. Once a month we will work in conjunction with a parish or community apostolate for our community service project, with emphasis on the incarnation of the particular virtue being studied. Find more information at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/program>.

Other Activities The organization also offers several activities throughout the year. Coming up are a Lenten Pilgrimage to Hanceville, AL. Find more details at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/about-3>. A summer camp in Copperhill, TN with Mass, adoration, confessions, and plenty of fun and challenging outdoor activities will take place before our first chapter meeting, a great kick off event. Find more information and register now at <https://www.fidelisonline.org/inspiretn>.

Join Fidelis as a parent or adult volunteer

1. Email cristinaeortiz@msn.com to be added to the list. Megan Holliday will contact you to complete steps required by the diocese to work with children in the parish.
2. Attend mentor weekly meetings to familiarize yourself with the program and fellow volunteers. Meetings are Tuesdays at the Ortiz residence from 6.00 - 8.00 pm and include dinner, prayer, social time, and program study. Attending all spring meetings is not essential, but it is important to get to know both the program and the women who will be working along side you. It also creates a routine for the fall and gives you an opportunity to share ideas for the program.
3. Attend training day on 6 April. We will have a regional Fidelis representative in town training all volunteers. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to begin at 11.00 am with lunch, chat time, and instruction and ends with Vigil Mass at St Mary's at 5.00 pm.
4. Register with the national Fidelis office in May.

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@smcgv1.org

Please pray for our parish
missionary serving with



Elise Devine



NET Team 5

St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a **full-time kindergarten teacher** 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@smcgv1.org.

REGISTER FOR VBS

10 - 14 June
(Monday - Friday)



Child Participant Registration
(upcoming school year ages K5-Grade 5)
Student Volunteer Registration
(upcoming school year Grade 6-12)
Adult Volunteer Registration

<https://vbspro.events/p/smc-greenville>

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically or mentally ill** including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant or nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



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please join saint mary's
schola cantorum in singing

solemn vespers

sundays during lent
5.00 pm

18 february

25 february

3 march

10 march

17 march

24 march



prayer ✠ plainchant ✠ polyphony



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the Month

RE Families attend the Parish Stations of the Cross as a family on Friday 8 March at 5:00 (Church)

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 **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.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. 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.

Our Lady's Pantry Volunteers Needed



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry is a client choice food pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville) open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm. Over the past few months, we've been seeing double the clientele.

We need volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Assist clients with intake forms
- Assist clients with food shopping
- Stocking shelves
- Data entry onsite
- Food delivery assistance (Monthly on Mondays)

We also provide clothing items and need volunteers to assist clients with clothing selections.

Please consider volunteering weekly, biweekly, or monthly anytime on Monday - Thursday between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm. If interested in volunteering, contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You

are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 14 February through 24 March. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"You who fear the Lord, praise him!" ~Ps 22:23

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 12am* & 8 am
Thursday 12 am* & 1 am
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 12 pm & 8 pm*

Family Honor Retreats



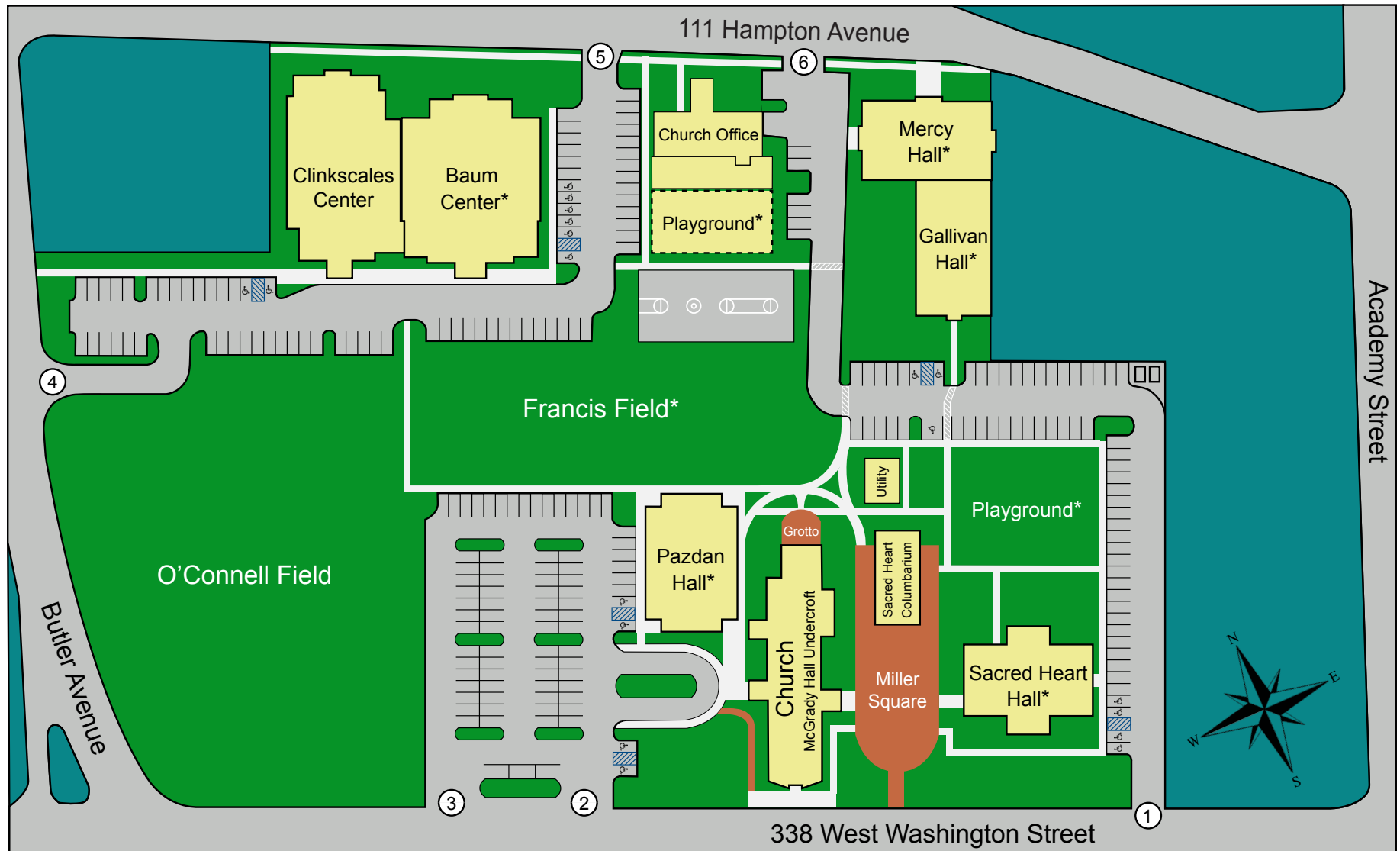
Do you need help in talking to your child about purity, love, dating, and other important topics in a way that is relaxed and fun, and where you can spend time with other families who share your values?

Register for the Family Honor *Changes & Challenges* program from 22-23 March (for parents with your 5th or 6th grader) at Our Lady of the Rosary. Family Honor was created in 1988 to provide a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Visit <https://familyhonor.org/chastity-programs-near-me/> for more information and registration. Contact info@familyhonor.org or 803.929.0858 with questions.

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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