

## St Mary's Catholic Church

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### Greenville, South Carolina

17 March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

With this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters the final part of Lent: Passiontide. From today until the Vigil of the Resurrection in the night of Holy Saturday, crosses and statues are veiled and the sacred liturgy of each day takes us more deeply into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, as the Church cries out in faith, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."

The veiling of sacred images during Passiontide is a custom with roots in Christian antiquity, and it prepares us for the great sundering of Christ's atoning death. But even in Passiontide, stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross remain visible, and these artistic catechisms can teach us a great deal about the dignity and difficulty of being disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is true in any Catholic church, but it is most especially true here at Saint Mary's where we are blessed with sacred art of great beauty and power.

The sanctuary of the church is dominated by a stained glass window of the Crucifixion and Resurrection which was made in Bavaria in 1904 by the famed studio of Franz Mayer & Company. At the center of the scene is the Lord Jesus on the Cross, to which Saint Mary Magdalene clings at the base. To the left of the Cross are the three Mary's: the Blessed Virgin Mary stands between Mary the mother James and Joses and Mary the wife of Clopas, who was possibly a brother of Saint Joseph. And to the right of the Cross is another group of three: Saint John the Beloved Disciple stands between his mother Salome and the centurion who cried out "Truly, this was the Son of God!" Finally, at the top of the window is an image of the Resurrected Lord Jesus revealed in divine glory as the Eternal Word and God the Son - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Behind all the figures, the Holy City of Jerusalem is visible, the same city into which Jesus was received as a conquering hero only five days before his judicial murder was demanded by a howling mob. How quickly the road paved with palm branches became the Way of the Cross!

At each Mass during the Fifth Week of Lent, the Church prays the first of two prefaces of the Passion of the Lord, and that text reminds us of the cost of our salvation: "For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified."

Running through the nave of our church are the Fourteen Stations of the Cross, a devotion made popular by Saint Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. At a time when Christians could not travel safely to Jerusalem because the Holy City was under Islamic rule, Saint Francis devised a simple method for Christians to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross in their own churches. The fourteen traditional stops or stations on the Via Dolorosa are depicted in works of art that invite pilgrims to pause and pray while meditating on Christ's passion and atoning death on the Cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!



## SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Holy Week Schedule 2024

Monday 25 March Tuesday 26 March 7.00 am Mass Spy Wednesday 27 March 7.00 am Mass 5.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions

### The Paschal Triduum

✤ Maundy Thursday 28 March ✤ Mass of the Lord's Supper

> 7.00 pm Adoration in the church ending at 9.00 pm

### ✤ Good Friday 29 March ✤

PASSION OF THE LORD 3.00 pm (English in the church) WAY OF THE CROSS 5.00 pm (Spanish in the Baum Center)

6.00 pm (English in the church)

✤HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH ✤ VIGIL OF EASTER

7.00 pm

Confessions are not heard on Holy Saturday, and the 5.00 pm Mass is not celebrated.

### ✤ Easter Sunday 31 March ✤

7.30 am (English in the church) 9.00 am (English both in the church and in The Clinkscales Center) 11.00 am (English in the church) 1.00 pm (Spanish in The Clinkscales Center)

## **Calendar of Events**

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Weekend of	9/10 March
				Needed	38,900
Sunday 17 March		Sunday 17 M	arch	Received	36,384
		~		Shortage	- 2,516
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	<ul> <li>✤ Mary O'Connor</li> <li>✤ Argemira Palacio</li> <li>Pro populo</li> <li>Spanish Mass</li> </ul>	Nursery: Duri 9.00 am 11.00 am	<ul> <li>ast: After 7.30 &amp; 9 am Masses (P)</li> <li>ng 9.00 am Mass</li> <li>Sunday Morning Bible Study</li> <li>Spanish Bible Class (G)</li> <li>Solemn Vespers (church)</li> <li>High School Youth Group (P)</li> <li>Women of Grace Bible Study</li> </ul>	Poor Box	1,689
		5.00 pm 6.00 pm 6.00 pm		Offertory Y Needed Received	<u>ear to Date</u> 1,439,300 1,485,636
Monday 18 March		Monday 18 March		Surplus	+ 46,336
7.00 am	✤ Alan Martin	6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)	Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of	
Tuesday 19 March		Tuesday 19 March		your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so	
7.00 am	✤ Peter Pham & Mary Hoang	10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group	through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if	
Wednesday 20 March		Wednesday 20 March		you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at	
7.00 am	✤ Raymond Cheek	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour &	jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.	
		6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Confessions (church) Introduction to Catholicism (M) Religious Education	2024 Capital Improvement Fund	
Thursday 21 March		Thursday 21 March		Goal	1,000,000
7.00 am	✤ Maria Anna Bertrand	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration	Donations	_,,
Friday 22 March		Friday 22 March		Received	161,077
7.00 am	Margaret Sousa	6.30-6.45 am	Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church)	Still to Go	838,923
		7.30-8.30 am 10.00 am	Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study	Mass Att	endance
		6.00 pm	Way of the Cross (church) followed by Lenten Supper (P)		f 9/10 March
		7.00 pm	Spanish Rosary	5.00 pm	429
				7.30 am	225
Saturday 23 March		Saturday 23 March		9.00 am	349
5.00 pm	Sloane Perkins	3 30_4 30 nm	Confessions (church)	11.00 am	417
5.00 pm	Sioune I erkins	5.50-т.50 рш	comessions (enuren)	1.00 pm	487
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall * All events in Sacred Heart Hall P - Pazdan Hall unless a location is listed				Total	1,907

**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, 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. <u>Please</u> <u>print your name and the names of those</u> 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.

### **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 March. 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. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net with questions.

## PARISH NEWS

### Collection for 16/17 March

Support of the Parish

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



### Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Amy Dixon, Aditya Dalvi & Lisa Torrico, Ronald & Marivic Pearson, Ronalf & Laurie Marksberry, Donald Hale, Javier & Minerva Cespedes, Stephen & Brittany Chryst, Robert Fuller, Concepcion Hernandez & Maria Martinez, Michael & Elizabeth Wuhrman, Robert & Carley Victor.

#### **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.

# St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

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

Questions? Marge Scieszka, Scholarship Chair 864.421.7569 Call or Text

APPLY TODAY

Thank You!!

Thank you to our parish family for supporting our **3rd Annual Mamma Mia Spaghetti Supper**. It was a fabulous evening of delicious food and community building! We so appreciate your attendance and financial contributions.

Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers. From the kitchen crew to the decorations committee to the St. Mary's Youth Group servers and dishwashers and everyone in between. The evening wouldn't have been possible without you!

> St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women & St. Mary's Knights of Columbus



#### 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@smcgvl.org

### **Nationwide Mass Times**

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

### St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time kindergarten</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.





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18 Febraary 25 Febraary 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 Class this week 13 March

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 17 June 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.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs.



Visit our website here!

### **Our Lady's Pantry Donations Needed**



Catholic Charities' Our Lady's Food Pantry needs food pantry and hygiene items, especially the following items:

• Grains - cereal, oatmeal, flour, pasta

• Canned goods - fruit, corn, green beans, diced tomato, tuna

• Hygiene - toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion

Donated items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday from 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. If you have any questions or need to arrange for a different drop off time, please contact lisa.woodard@charlestondiocese.org.

### **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.

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#### **Prince of Peace**

*"Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* ~*Phil 2:11* 

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 Wednesday 8 pm Thursday 12 am\* & 1 am Friday 3 am\* & 12 pm Saturday 12 pm & 8 pm\*



#### **Natural Family Planning Training**

Become part of a team of Natural Family Planning practitioners in our Diocese. The FertilityCare Services Limited Education Programs will host the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program for those interested in teaching others how to use the method at St Francis Bon Secours Emergency Center (Simpsonville) in April and October. Contact Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE, Program Director, at 402.320.9268 or mphoward.cfce@protonmail.com to apply by 20 March.



### **ARISE! Southeast Women's Retreat**



Join us for the 2024 ARISE! women's retreat *Spiritual Warfare, Securing a Battle Plan with a Winning Strategy* 26-28 April at the Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, NC. The retreat includes daily opportunities for Mass,

confession, adoration and the keynote speaker is Fr Glenn Sudano, CFR, co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and exorcist for the Archdiocese of Newark. Register at https://forms.gle/7WEH3ZReBJoXJzdSA. Contact sewomensretreat@gmail.com with questions.

### 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. **Closing Celebration** is Sunday 24 March at 2.00 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Guadalupe Hall (3710 Augusta Road). Pastor Mark Wills, Pastors for Life, will give the opening prayer and lead the music with the For Life Praise Band. Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign. Celebrate life with some of our former moms and their little ones, enjoy refreshments and a door prizes drawing. Deacon Bob Connor will close our gathering with uplifting, encouraging words, lead the prayer for life, and send us off with a blessing. Join us!





### 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.

#### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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