

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

24 March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Holy Week begins today and includes the last of the 40 Days of Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. These are the holiest days of the year and the annual celebration of the sacred mysteries through which we are saved from sin and death and restored to the glory of the children of God.

Today, on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the sacred liturgy begins with this instruction from the priest: "Dear brethren, since the beginning of Lent until now, we have prepared our hearts by penance and charitable works. Today we gather together to herald with the whole Church the beginning of the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery, that is to say, of his Passion and Resurrection. For it was to accomplish this mystery that he entered his own city of Jerusalem. Therefore, with all faith and devotion, let us commemorate the Lord's entry into the city for our salvation, following in his footsteps, so that, being made by his grace partakers of the Cross, we may have a share also in his Resurrection and life."

On Tuesday of this Holy Week, all the priests in South Carolina will gather with our Bishop at the altar of the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Baptist in Charleston. There we will renew the promises of our priestly ordination, and the Bishop will bless the three Holy Oils that are used throughout the year in the celebration of the sacraments.

On Maundy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, we will celebrate a Solemn Mass in the evening to recall Christ's gifts to the Church of the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. Then the Most Blessed Sacrament will be carried to a place of repose and the altar will be stripped — signs of the impending grief to come.

On Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, we will meditate on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus as recorded in the Gospel according to Saint John, and then we will adore the Holy Cross on which hung the salvation of the world.

Then, in the night of Holy Saturday, we will keep the Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord. The whole plan of salvation will be unfolded in Holy Scripture, and the sacraments of Holy Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist will reveal the glory of the Risen Christ in our midst.

Finally, at Mass on Easter Sunday, all the baptized will renew the promises of their Baptism so that we may rededicate ourselves to follow Christ in the Way of the Cross. But all that lies ahead. For now, let us acclaim the Lord Jesus:

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest!

Father Newman



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)



March 8, 2024

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has asked our diocese to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection on March 29. It assists Christians in the Holy Land, and your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve sacred shrines.

As we conclude our Lenten season, it is a time for us to reflect on our own sacrifices and unite with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who face many struggles. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church, dating back to the 14th century. It is an opportunity for us to follow in the footsteps of Christ by offering help and hope to our brothers and sisters.

All donations directly impact the lives of Christians living in the Holy Land, where they face challenges such as warfare, poverty, limited access to education and healthcare, and experience discrimination. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of those still living in the land where the Church was born, especially in this time of tribulation, violence and human injustices.

We become instruments of peace with each contribution. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday. Join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

In Christ's love,

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

Calendar of Events

P - Pazdan Hall

Sunday 24 March		Sunday 24 March	
9.00 am Fr . 11.00 am Pro	man Family Jonathon Polce, SJ 9 populo	9.00 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	ng 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class (G) Lay Dominicans
1.00 pm Spa	nnish Mass	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Solemn Vespers (church) High School Youth Group (P)
Monday 25 March		Monday 25 March	
	phen G & Lynn Courchaine	6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
Tuesday 26 March		Tuesday 26 March	
7.00 am Eliz	zabeth Nietopski	10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
Wednesday 27 March		Wednesday 27 March	
Spy Wednesday 7.00 am ★ Ele	ena Soto	-	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
		6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M) Religious Education
Thursday 28 March		Thursday 28 March	
Maundy Thursday No 7.00 am Mass		Parish office	closes at 12.00 noon
7.00 pm Ma Pro	ss of the Lord's Supper populo		
Adoration in the churc	ch ending at 9.00 pm		
Friday 29 March		Friday 29 Ma	urch
Good Friday		Parish office	
No 7.00 am Mass 3.00 pm Pas	sion of the Lord	6.00 pm	Way of the Cross (church) followed by Lenten Supper (P)
Saturday 30 March		Saturday 30 March	
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unless a location is listed

Financial Report

	Weekend of 16/17 March			
	Needed	38,900		
	Received	40,373		
	Surplus	+1,473		
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	Offertory Year to Date			
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	Received	1,526,009		
	Surplus	+47,809		
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sm (M)	2024 Capital Improvement Fund			
	Goal	1,000,000		

Donations Received	171,779
Still to Go	828,221

Mass Attendance Weekend of 16/17 March			
5.00 pm	335		
7.30 am	309		
9.00 am	405		
11.00 am	409		
1.00 pm	492		
Total	1,950		

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

Deadline is today! 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 print</u> 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.

Parish Office Closure

The parish office will close for Easter at noon on Thursday 28 March and reopen on Tuesday 2 April.

Daily Mass Readings

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 23/24 March -Palm Sunday

Support of the Parish

Collection for 28 March -Maundy Thursday

Seminaries

Collection for 29 March -Good Friday

Holy Land

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



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

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. 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.







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

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

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings. All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins in September. Registration for the 2024 - 2025 class will open in July. Visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more.

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.



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Pray the Chaplet on Your Rosary Beads





1. Make the Sign of the Cross

2. Pray the Opening Prayers

After making the Sign of the Cross, pray the following opening prayers:

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!" (three times)

3. Pray the Our Father

- 4. Pray the Hail Mary
- 5. Say the Apostles' Creed

6. Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father"

On the Our Father bead before each decade, pray the following prayer:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."

7. Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times

On each of the Hail Mary beads in each decade, pray the following prayer:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

8. Repeat Steps 6 and 7

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion").

9. Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times

After you have prayed all five decades of the Chaplet, pray the following prayer:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (*three times*)

10. Pray the Closing Prayer

After the doxology, pray the following final prayer:

"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen."



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.



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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*



For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com

The Divine Mercy Novena

The Feast of Divine Mercy is preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday. Each day of the novena, the prayer of the day for the intention of different souls is said followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The different souls prayed for are:

- Day 1 All mankind, especially sinners
- Day 2 Souls of priests and religious
- Day 3 All devout and faithful souls
- Day 4 Those who do not believe in Jesus & those who do not know Him yet
- Day 5 Souls of separated brethren
- Day 6 Meek & humble souls & souls of children
- Day 7 Souls who especially venerate & glorify Jesus' mercy
- Day 8 Souls who are detained in purgatory
- Day 9 Souls who have become lukewarm

The daily prayers can be found at https://www.ewtn.com/ catholicism/devotions/novena-13366



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. 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.

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! Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions. Visit https:// www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville for more details.





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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