

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

7 July 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be still and know that I am God." Thus does the Lord instruct us in Psalm 46, verse 10. The stillness to which we are called in Holy Scripture is a letting go of actions and words that yields silence, both interior and exterior, and such silence is essential for every disciple of the Lord Jesus. We need times of exterior silence in order to cultivate interior silence, and without interior silence we make it very difficult to hear the Word of God. For this reason, silence is indispensable to authentic and mature Christian faith and life.

Our Evangelical Protestant brethren often emphasize the need for a daily "Quiet Time," which is accompanied by reading the Bible and keeping silent. This is nothing other than the ancient Catholic practice of lectio divina, or divine reading, which is a meditative reading of the Scriptures in a quiet place. Divine reading is understood to have four parts: lectio, meditatio, oratio, and contemplatio. Reading leads to meditating on what is read, and our meditation leads to prayer that culminates in the wordless contemplation of the beauty, goodness, and truth of God. Understanding the parts, though, is not essential to the practice of lectio divina: simply set aside time each day, go to a quiet place, open the Sacred Page and read. "Be still and know that I am God."

Exterior and interior silence is also essential in the sacred liturgy. We come to the church from a life filled with action and noise, and when we enter the sacred space of the House of God, we need to be quiet. Conversations should end in the vestibule, so that by the time we reach the pew, we are on the path to being still. Prayerful readings of the Scripture lessons appointed for that Mass might be helpful, or perhaps it would be well simply to kneel in silent adoration of the Lord Jesus present in the tabernacle. "Be still and know that I am God."

Once the celebration of Mass begins, the liturgy will be punctuated by several periods of sacred silence: at the penitential rites, as we remember our sins and ask for mercy; during the Liturgy of the Word, to ponder the Scriptures; after the homily, to consider the instruction given; before the end of the Communion Rite, to give thanks for the gift of grace we receive in the Most Holy Eucharist. And at Vespers there are even more and longer spaces of sacred silence. During these times of silence, we are not waiting for the next thing to happen; instead, we are waiting together upon the LORD. "Be still and know that I am God."

When Mass is ended, our need for silence does not end. The church is always a place of prayer, even after the procession leaves the sanctuary. For the sake of those who want to linger in adoration and of those who are arriving for the next Mass and need to prepare in stillness, we should save our conversations until we reach the vestibule or, even better, have walked outside the church, preferably into Miller Square which is designed for fellowship after Mass. With such reverential silence, we can begin to fulfill the precept: "Be still and know that I am God."

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

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Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Weekend of 29/30 June	
				Needed Received	40,100 41,120
Sunday 7 Ju	ly	Sunday 7 Ju	У	Surplus	+1,020
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Magdalena Russell Matthew Gevaert Pro populo Spanish Mass		nghnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P) ng 9.00 am Mass	Poor Box	804
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				Needed	40,100
Monday 8 July		Monday 8 July		Received	41,120
7.00 am	✤ Phyllis Ford			Surplus	+ 1,020
Tuesday 9 July 7.00 am ✤ Tommy Fechtel		Tuesday 9 July		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.	
Wednesday 10 July		Wednesday 10 July			
7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman		No Holy Hour & Confessions (resumes 7 August)			
7.00 am	✤ Maria Spera	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration	Goal	1,000,000
Friday 12 July		Friday 12 July		Donations Received	372,551
7.00 am	✤ Jo Ann Tindal	5.30-6.30 am 6.30-6.45 am	e Closes at Noon Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Spanish Rosary	Still to Go	627,449
		7.00 pm		Mass Attendance Weekend of 29/30 June	
Saturday 13 July		Saturday 13 July		5.00 pm	314
5.00 pm * Andrew and Susan Saiko		-	-	7.30 am	332
5.00 pm		5.50-4.50 pm	Confessions (church)	9.00 am	416
				11.00 am 1.00 pm	334 440
G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscales Family Center		* All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed		Total	1,836
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Summer Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on any Wednesday in July (resumes 7 August).

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, 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, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown.

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. <u>Pillars will begin a study of the Miracles of the Eucharist beginning Friday 19 July. Please join us.</u> 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.

Congratulations to

Barnes Andersen Molle who was baptized last weekend.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

Daily Mass Readings

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

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 6/7 July

Support of the Parish

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



Church Office Summer Hours 31 May through 16 August

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm Friday 9 am - 12 noon



Please join us for coffee, doughnuts & fellowship in Pazdan Hall dining room after the 9.00 am Mass.

Fidelis at St Mary's

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open! https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/ scstmarysgreenville

Fidelis Inspire Summer Camp

Inspire is the name of the annual adventure retreat where Fidelis Sisters gather from around the country to grow closer to God and each other, through high adventure activities and spiritual reflection and renewal in the mountains of East Tennessee. Any woman or young lady entering grade 6 or above in 2024/2025, including Fidelis Sisters and their mothers, Fraternus sisters, daughters or mothers, and prospective Fidelis Groups. Visit https://www.fidelisonline.org/inspiretn

Please email cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information about Fidelis or with questions.







School Office Summer Hours 10 June through 2 August

Monday - Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm Thursday 9 am - 12 noon

A lot goes into keeping our school buildings beautiful and safe; most of that work takes place over the summer. Before visiting the School Office, please call ahead to ensure that it is open 864.271.3870.



St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2024-25 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8 Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

> 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 Wednesday 4 September. Registration will open in July on the parish website. Please visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more. Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

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 16 September 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.



Sharing the beauty and fullness of the Catholic faith with fellow Catholics and non-Catholics

Christ on Main is pleased to present

Fr Stephen Dyas

The Life of Mary Magdalen and its Significance Today

17 July at 6.00 pm Christ on Main 14 S Main St, Greenville, SC 29601

Capacity limited! Please register at https://forms.office.com/r/JahYf0HFv2



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Prince of Peace

"Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." ~St Maximillian Kolbe

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!):

Monday 6 am Tuesday 4 pm Friday 12 pm Saturday 2 pm* & 8 pm



https://catholicradioinsc.com

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ONE DAY RETREAT

Saturday, July 13, 2024 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Faber Hall -- The Oratory 434 Charlotte Avenue Rock Hill, SC

This Catholic retreat led by Deacon Henry de Mena,

M.A., a grief counselor with over 20 years experience,

offers a safe place to seek peace and comfort.

\$20 Registration Fee Includes Lunch & Materials REGISTER ONLINE: https://bit.ly/WalkwithJesusJuly132024

> FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT Office of Family Life - Christy Brown

cbrown@charlestondiocese.org |803.554.608



Catholic Charities of South Carolina

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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ~Matthew 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 9-11 August at DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta Northlake in Tucker, Georgia. Early sign up is recommended. Please visit https://wwme.org to sign up or to find additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.

Natural Family Planning Classes

In Person Sessions

11 July at 7.00 pm at St Francis Eastside (Greenville) -RSVP to napronurse@aol.com
17 July at 6.00 pm at St Joseph (Columbia) -RSVP to naprogal@gmail.com
23 July at 6.00 pm at Jesus Our Risen Savior (Spartanburg) - monicalara.fertilitycare@gmail.com

Virtual Sessions

8 July at 8.00 pm - register at bit.ly/introwithemma 11 July at 7.00 pm - email lexiesawonik@gmail.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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